

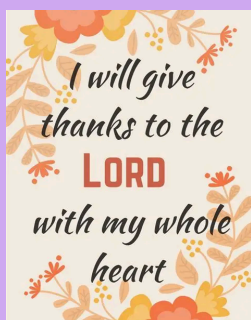


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Hapton's Weekly News

23rd October 2026



Our Christian Value this half term:

Thankfulness

Thank you!

As a school, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Roberts for all her hard work over the last half term as Acting Head Teacher. Mrs Roberts has worked tirelessly to ensure that both the children and staff have had a positive and successful start to the year.

We are incredibly grateful for everything Mrs Roberts has done and for the positive impact she has had during her time in this role. We know you will join us in thanking her for her hard work, commitment and kindness. Thank you, Mrs Roberts, your dedication has been greatly appreciated by us all.

Dates for the diary!

- Monday 26th October - Friday 30th - HALF TERM!
- Monday 2nd November - Whole School Firework Assembly at 2.15pm with the Community Support Officer.
- Thursday 12th November - Year 2 and 6 Fire Safety session.
- Friday 13th November - Children in Need Day- wear something yellow! £1 donation.

From Tuesday, 3rd November 2026 Burnley Music Centre will be offering drum lessons with Joanne Woodhouse between 4pm and 8pm on Tuesday evenings during term time.

Should any students be interested please victoria.fletcher@lancashire.gov.uk and she will get back to you.

School Photographs!



On Wednesday 18th November, Tempest Photography will be coming into school to take the children's photographs.

Parents who would like their children to have photographs taken with siblings who do not attend Hapton should bring all children to the school office at 8.15am. All other children will have their photographs taken individually and with their siblings in school, once they have been registered.

These photographs make wonderful presents!



Achievements!

	Star	Star	Value
Class 1	Phoebe	George	Reuben
Class 2	George	Willow	Lilith
Class 3	Scarlett	Pippa	Bradley
Class 4	Annabelle	Oakley	Ella-Mai

Attendance winners- Class 3 , well done!! 🏆



Congratulations to our 'Above and Beyond' children!

Isabelle, Hlelo, Betsy and Katie!

As a special reward for consistently going above and beyond, these children enjoyed a McDonald's lunch on Thursday. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, positive attitudes, and excellent behaviour. Well done, everyone!



Menu

School dinners for week commencing 2nd November are:

Monday- Vegetarian Sausage roll, Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta or Jacket Potato

Tuesday- Pulled Pork Burrito, Mac'n' Cheese or Jacket Potato

Wednesday- Roast Chicken, Loaded Potato Wedges or Sandwiches

Thursday- Burger, Pasta & Tomato Sauce or Jacket Potato

Friday- Fish, Pizza or Sandwiches.

Year 6 High School Applications

Please remember to complete and submit your high school application online by **31 October 2026**.

If you have already submitted your application, thank you and please disregard this reminder.

Our spare uniform shop is open to everyone — please feel free to take what you need, whenever you need it. We would also be very grateful for any donations of good-quality uniform to help support other families.



You will also find our food bank at the top of the stairs in the entrance. This is here for all families — please don't hesitate to use it. As a school, we believe in sharing and supporting each other, and there is absolutely no shame in reaching out. Families are welcome to choose up to 6 items each week, or speak to us at the hatch if you need anything more. Brown bags are available to take items home, and if these can be reused, we would really appreciate it.



Thank you for being such a supportive and caring community. ❤️

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often "gone when they're gone".

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emoticons. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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We hope you have a lovely half term, see you all on Monday 2nd November!

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121 v 1-2