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Dates for Next Week

Monday 10th November Odd Socks Day

Join us on Monday for Odd Socks Day, a fun way to celebrate individuality and promote kindness as part of Anti-Bullying Week. See below for further information.

Tuesday 11th November

Remembrance Morning

Children will take part in a
Remembrance Morning to
mark The Royal British Legion's
Remembrance Day. They will
have the opportunity to learn
about the importance of
remembrance, reflect on the
bravery and sacrifice of those
who have served, and take part
in activities to honour their
memory. This special morning
helps children understand the
significance of peace,
gratitude, and respect for

Monday 10th November Parents Evening, Face to Face

Tuesday 11th November Parents Evening, Telephone

Parents' Evening will take place from 3:40pm to 6:00pm. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers, discuss their progress, and ask any questions you may have. Bookings should have been made via SchoolSpider and further information provided from your child's class teacher.

Wednesday 12th November

Year 6 Football Competition

We will be taking children to Macclesfield Football Stadium after school on Wednesday. Parents will be required to transfer children to the event. All participating children have been notified independently and the event is due to finish at approximately 5:45pm. Please remember to bring football kits to school.

Wednesday 12th November and Thursday 13th November

Parkour Workshops Year 1-6

Children will be taking part in exciting parkour workshops with the same company who came to do beatboxing with us - Creative urban activities. You will receive more information via SeeSaw as to which day your child will be taking part. Please remember to send all children into school in their PE kits read ready to jump, climb, and have fun!

Friday 14th November

Children in Need

On Friday 14th November, we will be supporting Children in Need, and children are welcome to come to school wearing Pudsey or Children in Need-themed items. See below for further information.

Odd Socks Day Monday 10th November

Join us on Monday for Odd Socks Day! Wearing odd socks to school is a fun and simple way to celebrate what makes each of us unique. The day is part of Anti-Bullying Week and encourages everyone to embrace individuality and show that it's okay to be different. By wearing mismatched socks, students can express their personalities, spread kindness, and remind each other that our differences make school a more colourful and accepting place. It's a small act with a big message — to respect and celebrate diversity every day.





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Children in Need Friday 14th November

On Friday 14th November, we will be supporting Children in Need! Children are welcome to come to school wearing Pudsey-related or Children in Need-themed items to show their support for this wonderful cause.

Clarification Regarding Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

Following a review, we have decided not to take part in Operation Christmas Child this year. While we fully support the idea of helping children in need, we are not confident that the approach or messaging of the charity that runs the project, Samaritan's Purse, is fully in keeping with our school's inclusive values and commitment to respect for all faiths and backgrounds. We will instead look to support a charitable initiative that reflects our shared ethos of kindness, equality and compassion. If you have a shoe box or items ready to be sent into school we will still accept these and distribute to a charity fully aligned with our



Thank you for all of your donations

The Storehouse, New Life Church's Foodbank have sent their thanks to us for all of our donations.



SEND Coffee Morning with Visyon – Wednesday 26th November



Join us for a special Coffee Morning with Visyon, who will lead a relaxed, informative workshop on supporting children with anxiety.

It's a great chance for parents and carers to learn practical strategies, ask questions, and connect with others. Everyone is welcome!

Please let us know you'll be attending by filling out this form: https://forms.gle/EM7mth6GM5PDYNm
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lantern-making Workshops for Town Light Swtich-on

Get creative this November with Congleton Community Projects' free lantern-making workshops for the Christmas Lights Switch-On!
Drop-in workshops: Saturdays 8th, 15th & 22nd November, 10:30am-3:30pm at Electric Picture House, Spindle Mill, Congleton. Making a lantern takes 1.5 hours, or stay longer to get extra creative! All ages welcome, no skills needed, and materials are provided. A small donation of £1.50 is appreciated. Families work together—these are not drop-off sessions.

Your lantern will shine in the Grand Lantern Parade at the Christmas Lights Switch-On on Friday 28th November, 4–8pm, Congleton Town Centre.
Accessible workshop: Tuesday 18th November, 5–7pm at St Mary's Hall.
Booking required:
jo@congletoncommunityprojects.org or 07833 742200.

Join the Fun at Congleton Youth Orchestra!

Congleton Youth Orchestra welcomes young musicians to be part of something amazing! Whether they are just starting out or already play their instrument with confidence, the orchestra offers a place to have fun, make friends, and bring music to life. Members get to play a variety of pieces—from classical favourites to modern tunes—perform in exciting concerts, and learn from friendly, supportive teachers who are passionate about music. Rehearsals are full of energy, creativity, and laughter, helping children build confidence, teamwork skills, and memories that will last a lifetime. Congleton Youth Orchestra is where music, friendship, and fun come together.





Dance Classes After School



BALLET AND CREATIVE DANCE CLASS



Creative Dance for Early Years is an innovative dance syllabus, created by Rambert Grades. Each dance class will take the children on an imaginative journey with endless themes. An energetic warm up is followed by physical skills development as the children learn structured movement material. Creative intuition is encouraged with a closing creative exploration to dive deep into their imagination. Swimming with whales, flying rockets to the moon or adventuring through the desert- every class is different!

Each session will explore movement in a new way and help to develop physical skills, harness musicality and empower confidence in young children.

Each child will have the opportunity to work towards taking a Rambert Grades Creative Movers exam, which are a celebration of each student's progress at the end of each grade. Each child is rewarded with a bright fabric badge and a certificate.





My Ballet class is an inspiring, creative and imaginative Ballet class for young children. This class aims to introduce young dancers to basic Classical Ballet technique using imaginative methods and ideas. The dancers will also explore creative skills, experience mime, and replicate choreography.



WHERE? The Quinta Primary School.

WHEN? 11th November – 16th December, 15:20-16:10 every TUESDAY.

WHO? The club is open to reception and years 1 & 2.

<u>HOW MUCH?</u> The six-week course is £30 per student (£5 per class). This payment will be made in full, upfront, for the duration of the full course. (In the circumstance of an absence, no refunds will be made) **SPACES ARE LIMITED!**

To secure your place and process your payment, or for further information, please email sophiemoores37@gmail.com



Dance Classes





BALLET AND CREATIVE DANCE CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP







During my Ballet and Creative Dance Christmas workshop, the children will enhance their imaginative skills as we fly through the sky in Santa's sleigh, throw snowballs, and drink hot chocolate by the fire; every second is a new adventure!

DANCE, ARTS AND CRAFTS, MOVEMENT GAMES AND CREATIVE TASKS

The workshop will introduce the dancers to the foundation of Ballet and Contemporary dance technique through the use of movement games and imaginative tasks. Moreover, the young dancer will delve into some fun arts and crafts activities and experience some choreographic work in groups; testing their teamwork skills.

WHERE? Mossley Old School, 122 Leek Road, Congleton, CW12 3HX

WHEN? Sunday 14th December, 10am-12pm.

WHO? Reception, years 1, 2, 3 and 4!

<u>HOW MUCH?</u> The cost of the workshop is £16.00 per child (In the circumstance of absence, no refunds will be made) **SPACES ARE LIMITED!**

To secure your place for the workshop and process your payment, please email Sophie Moores sophiemoores37@gmail.com







Staying Safe Online

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climbted change. Formerly delivered by attoinal Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

FORTNITE

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

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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 emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Pest seasons have introduced characters and references from

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, RlayStatian, Nintenda 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

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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

car of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing rossovers with other popular franchises, anging from films and TV shows like Power tangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to somic book characters including Batman. Other soliaborations with series, artists, and filteneers may expose children to music, anguage, or ideas that are more suitable for idder 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 carms and follow. What keeper 2 you might be used tached them a thing as 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

Meet Our Expert

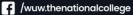
Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including 16N, TechRadar, and plenty more.





The National College











Staying Safe Online





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New School Menu Friday meal updated from Friday 14th November





QUINTA KITCHEN



MONDAY

Tomato and chorizo pasta with a cheesy garlic doughball (v) and sweetcorn | Vegetarian option, Macaroni cheese with a cheesy garlic doughball (v) | Vegan macaroni cheese with slice of toast (v/ve/df).

Mini doughnuts | Cookies (v/ve/df)



TUESDAY

Crispy chicken strips with sauté potatoes and beans | Meadowvale vegan strips sauté potatoes and beans (v/ve/df).

Vanilla cake and custard (v/ve/df available).



WEDNESDAY

Lasagne with garlic bread and carrots | Vegan lasagne with garlic bread and carrots (v/ve/df).

Brownie (v/ve/df available).



THURSDAY

Katsu chicken curry with white rice mixed sweetcorn and carrots | Katsu Vegetable curry with white rice and mixed sweetcorn and carrots (v/ve/df).

Cookies (v/ve/df available).



FRIDAY

Fish fingers, chips and peas | Vegan fingers chips and peas (v/ve/df).

Variety of ice creams tubs (v/ve/df available).





AVAILABLE EVERY DAY







SCOPAY CODES

Main - R Vegetarian - O Vegan - Y Jacket Potato (DF/VE)- G Ham Bap (DF) - H Cheese Bap (V) - C Tuna Mayonnaise Bap (DF/V) - F Cold Pasta Salad (DF/VE) - P Hot Mascarpone Pasta (V) - B DF = Dairy Free VE = Vegan V = Vegetarian

Dairy free desserts are available.



New School Menu





We have a wide selection of yummy and healthy ingredients for children to create their very own exciting pasta salad each day.

COLD SELECTION













Ham

Tuna Mayo

Cheese

Sweetcorn

Cucumber

Tomatoes



HOT SELECTION

Hot pasta with tomato and mascarpone sauce. (V)

ORDER ON SCOPAY

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Important Dates And Events

November

10/11/25 - 14/11/25 Anti-bullying week

10/11/25 - Odd Socks Day

10/11/25 - Flu nasal spray for children - postponed by imms service to 17/12/25

10/11/25 - 3:40pm - 6:00pm Face to face parents evening

11/11/25 - Whole school Remembrance experience morning (History)

11/11/25 - 3:40pm - 6:00pm Telephone parents evening

12/11/25 - Parkour workshops whole school

14/11/25 - Big Fat Quiz of Quinta - FOQ - cancelled

14/11/25 - Children in Need (whole school)

18/11/25 and 19/11/25 - Year 5 bikeability

21/11/25 - FOQ Merry Market AND dress down day in exchange for a Merry Market

27/11/25 - Year 5 Clonter Performance

December

03/12/25 - FOQ Elfridges

03/12/25 - KS1 Nativity at 1:30pm

04/12/25 - KS1 Nativity 6pm

08/12/25 – 9/12/25 – 1 night stay at Standon Bowers Year 2

11/12/25 - KS2 carol service, Astbury Church, 6pm. Year 3 and 4 children compulsory, Year 5 and 6 opt in to participate.

12/12/25 - Pre-school Christmas sing along - watched by Reception and extra family members. 2pm.

15/12/25 - Pre-school Christmas sing along - watched by parents and carers. 2pm.

17/12/25 - Flu nasal spray immunisation

19/12/25 - Last day of term | Christmas experience morning | Christmas dinner day

20/12/25 - 04/01/26 - Christmas Holiday

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20/04/26 - Reception and Year 6 Photographs

15/05/26 - Year 6 Water Sports at Astbury Mere

22/06/26 - Year 3 Water Sports at Astbury Mere

29/06/26 - Year 5 Water Sports at Astbury Mere

06/07/26 - Year 4 Water Sports at Astbury Mere

Taking Holiday in Term Time

"Here at The Quinta we are passionate about providing your child with the best learning experience. We understand on some instances it is essential to take your child out of school but please be aware of the new fining structure."

If you wish to view the attendance policy including penalty notice fining structure this can be found on our <u>website here</u>



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19 August 2024.

Penalty Notices will be issued for

Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.

However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds.

Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.



School Communications and Applications

Seesaw

Seesaw is the application that we use within school to document your child's learning journey. If you require further information regarding this please see below. SeeSaw Info for Families.

It might help you to print out the QR code and keep this as once you log out of your child's account you will need the code to log back in again. If you are having difficulties please see your child's class teacher.

School Spider

School Spider is The Quinta Primary School's main form of communication. If you are new to the school or are having problems using the application please follow the steps below.

For new parents To create an account with School Spider

- Download the FREE School Spider App
- Select our school
- Click Parent Login
- Click 'Create Account'
- Input the email address we have on file for your child/children
- Follow the steps in the email you receive. Please note, your username is NOT your email address

For existing parents

If you have used School Spider before but you cannot remember your login details:

- Make sure you have the latest version of School Spider App
- Select our school
- Click Parent Login
- Click Forgot Password
- Enter your email address and it will send you a reset password link and username. Please note, your username is NOT your email address

Parent App Guide.pdf

