



FRIDAY NEWS

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The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



POPPY APPEAL

After half term, we will be selling Poppy Appeal merchandise to raise money for the Royal British Legion. Merchandise will include pencils, keyrings and wristbands.

Poppies are available to buy for a small donation (usually between 20p and 50p).

More information will be available after the half term.

HALF TERM

We've reached the end of our first half term and we hope all our pupils, staff and families have a well-deserved, relaxing and safe half term.

School will re-open on Monday 6th November at the usual time of 8:40am.

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Class 1 - Betty R
- Class 2 - Chester ME
- Class 3 - Freddie W
- Class 4 - Dominic K
- Class 5 - Bobbi-Raye B
- Class 6 - Ronnie B
- Class 7 - Ashton B
- Class 8 - Jaxon T
- Class 9 - Summer-Leigh J
- Class 10 - Luke B
- Class 11 - All of CL11

GOLD SCROLL

Jessica C, Isaac W,
Henry W, Poppie B,
Lincoln B, Luke B,
Morgan B,
Ruby-River P,
Ashton B,
Sienna-Rose T,
Sophia B, Kelsey J,
Hope A

CHRISTIAN VALUE

Our Christian value this half term
is **Respect**.

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Honor one another above yourselves.' **Romans 12:10**



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to all our parents/carers involved with this week's consultation phone calls. We know that sometimes these calls are not always long enough, but please be assured that the school offers an open-door policy. Parents can request to speak to their child's class teacher at any time throughout the year if they have any concerns or would like more information about their progress in learning.

Our next parent consultation meeting will be a face-to-face meeting in the Spring term.

THINGS COMING UP

Monday 6th November

School re-opens

Wednesday 8th November

LKS2 Ancient Greece Day

UKS2 at Bolton Parish Church for trust service.

Friday 10th November

Class 11 Remembrance assembly.

ATTENDANCE

OUR TARGET IS 96%

Whole School	91.6%
Class 1	90.0%
Class 2	80.6%
Class 3	88.3%
Class 4	88.5%
Class 5	96.9%
Class 6	94.6%
Class 7	91.4%
Class 8	91.7%
Class 9	90.1%
Class 10	93.2%
Class 11	96.7%

Green: 100% - 95%

Yellow: 94.9% - 90%

Red: Below 90%

Don't forget that you can find lots of information on our website:

www.st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk or follow us on



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Five Nights at Freddy's is a series of indie point-and-click horror games whose word-of-mouth success and widespread spin-off content on YouTube have helped each of the nine instalments so far to sell almost five million copies on Steam (the PC gaming platform) alone. Set in various deserted locations at night, with creepy animatronic characters suddenly coming to life, the games are rated PEGI 12 for disturbing/violent content, mild profanity and horror themes.

FRIGHTENING THEMES

Five Nights at Freddy's (FNaF for short) doesn't feature bloodshed like many horror games – but it does build tension and use jump scares, which may be too intense for young players. The sinister animatronic characters and the sensation of being trapped and defenceless could be particularly unsettling, as could the inclusion of disturbing elements such as murder or possession by evil spirits.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As a result of FNaF's popularity, a sizeable YouTube community based on fan-made content has developed around the game. While the majority of this material is still child friendly, there are a number of channels which are geared more towards mature audiences: they contain adult and disturbing themes, for example, and (in some cases) age-inappropriate language.

STRESSFUL SITUATIONS

Due to FNaF's suspenseful atmosphere, it can be extremely stressful for players. Constantly checking that one's surroundings are safe is a crucial part of the gameplay and could create residual stress or even obsessive-compulsive behaviours. Several media reports have suggested that some younger children have experienced severe nightmares or sleep anxiety after playing games from the series.

PLAYING IN ISOLATION

Many parents will be relieved to learn that Five Nights at Freddy's is a single-player game which doesn't include any online chat functionality. Conversely, however, this could also make playing FNaF quite an isolating experience – especially if your child is spending a lot of time investigating the game's spooky, shadowy environments alone in their room, for example.

IN-GAME SPENDING

FNaF doesn't foreground in-game purchasing as strongly as many other well-known games, but some titles in the series do offer additional content that promises to enhance the experience. Five Nights at Freddy's: Help Wanted, for instance, is complemented by a Halloween-themed expansion pack called 'Curse of Dreadbear' (costing £8.99), which unlocks new levels and mini-games.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't have conventional parental controls. However, if you're concerned about the potential impacts of the game's themes and content, you can simply choose not to let your child play it. If they use an Android or iOS device for gaming, you can adjust Apple and Google's built-in parental controls to restrict your child's access to certain content.

TRY IT YOURSELF

Every child is different, of course, so it could be worth playing Five Nights at Freddy's yourself for a while to gauge how your young gamer might cope with the series' more frightening and disturbing aspects. If they're old enough, you could spend some time playing it together – after all, it usually only takes between two and ten minutes to complete a level.

LIMIT SPENDING

Unlike many popular titles, Five Night's at Freddy's doesn't bombard players with tempting in-game purchase offers. It's worth noting, however, that some instalments in the series do provide the option for players to spend real-world money. With that in mind, it's important to either keep a close eye on your child's expenditure or limit their access to digital payment options.

SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on Five Night's at Freddy's, or you're worried that the game's scary themes are taking a toll, watch out for warning signs. Young people may start to prioritise gaming over everyday essentials like schoolwork or sleep; irritability or a lack of concentration could also indicate that their gaming sessions are going on too long.

TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

Before you allow your child to play Five Nights at Freddy's, it's wise to have a conversation about the game so that they're aware of the potential risks. Ensure that your child understands that the series is purposely designed to be tense and unsettling, and that they should stop or take a break if the intensity of the gameplay is making them feel uncomfortable or putting them on edge.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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