



Y6 Leavers' Service

Our Y6 leavers' Service will take place at St Oswald's on Monday 19th July at 2pm. Y6 parents should have received their tickets and church will be open from 1:30pm.

Face coverings must be worn inside the church.



Reading Books

Over the summer, we would like to audit our reading books so please could we ask that all books are returned to school by Monday 19th July.

Read Write Inc reading books will be available via Showbie should parents like to continue regular reading over the summer (it really does help!).



Bear Festival

Thank you everyone who brought in a bear for our display!



There are over 135 bears to be found around Brereton but can you find them all?



Programmes will be on sale from 10 July, price £5

Brereton - St Oswald's Church, The Bear's Head, Pear Tree Farm Shop and houses where there is a sign.

Sandbach - Brooks Butchers

Congleton - RJ & J Moore Greengrocers



Dates

Monday 19 th July	Move up day
Monday 19 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service 2pm
Tuesday 20 th July	Last day of term
Wednesday 21 st July	New Starter visits
Monday 26th July—Friday 6th August	Brereton Bears Holiday Club running
Monday 9th - 20th August	Multiflex holiday club running
Wednesday 1st September	New Starter visits
Thursday 2nd September	All pupils return



Musical Success!

A huge well done to Izzy (Y3) who passed her grade 5 flute exam last week, with 117 marks!




Sports Day




Keep an eye out for photographs and videos of sports day on the website over the course of the weekend.





We've got 'Back to School' sorted!

- Qualified shoe fitters (Society of Shoe Fitters)
- School shoe sizes up to adult UK 10.
- 10% off trainers when purchased with school shoes.
- Rucksack, lunch bag & water-bottle offers.

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Brereton Bears Holiday Club

We will be running our first holiday club this summer! Bears will be open Monday 26th July-Friday 6th August. Drop-off will be between 8-8:30am and the pick-up will be from 3:30-4pm. The club will be based in the school hall and children will be taking part in crafts, baking, forest school sessions and games. Healthy snacks will be available throughout the day. Children will need to bring a packed lunch and wear clothing suitable for outdoor activities. A booking form can be found on the Brereton Bears page of our website and must be returned to school by July 16th.

Multiflex Summer Holiday Club

Multiflex will be running a holiday club from the 9th-20th August. Bookings can be made on-line [here](http://www.multiflex-sports.co.uk).



Summer Holiday Club

There will be opportunities for free play, crafts, forest school exploration and group games each day. Please note, themes are subject to change.



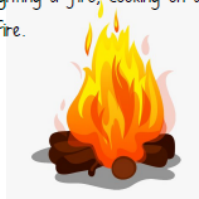
Tuesday 27th July
CIRCUS DAY!

Activities include: circus skills and face painting.



Wednesday 28th July
SURVIVORS DAY!

Activities include: Den building, lighting a fire, cooking on a fire.

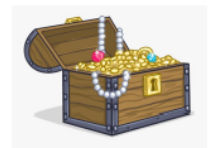


Thursday 29th July
SEASIDE DAY!

Activities include: Building sandcastles and making ice cream sundaes.

Friday 30th July
PIRATE DAY

Activities include: A treasure hunt, making maps and pirate games.



Monday 26th July
WIZARDS!

Activities include: making wands, mini broomsticks and mixing potions.



Monday 2nd August
OLYMPICS!

Activities include: making clay medals, trying different sports, Japanese crafts.

Tuesday 3rd August
POPSTAR DAY!

Activities include: A talent show, using a range of musical instruments, nail bar, glitter tattoos/face paint.



Wednesday 4th August
LET'S GO ON HOLIDAY!

Activities include: Pizza making, crafts and games from other countries and cultures.



Thursday 5th August
DRAGONS, WIZARDS & KNIGHTS

Activities include: Making swords and shields, building towers.

Friday 6th August
BUG DAY!

Activities include: Going on a bug hunt, making clay minibeasts, making bug houses.



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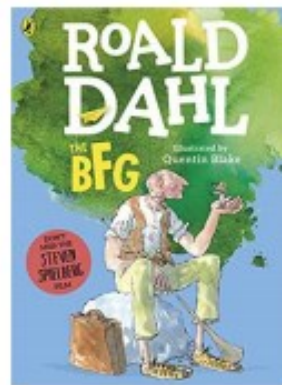




Year 4 parents recommend...

Some of the parents in Y4 have enjoyed reading the following books with their children. Please add your own recommendations to the PTA Facebook page. You can find more recommendations here:

<https://childrensbooksdaily.com/podcast/>



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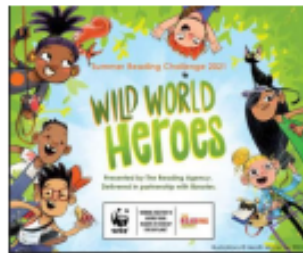
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Get Reading Over Summer 3 Challenges in 1!

We now have some wonderful book reviews from the children on our website – [please take a look!](#) There are lots of ways to encourage children to keep reading over the Summer holiday.



1. Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Visit your local library to sign your child / children up for the Summer Reading Challenge, earn stickers and a medal.

Pssst...the libraries also have some great free activities going on over the Summer holidays too...

2. Complete a book review on their favourite summer story

Ask your child to choose their favourite book that they've read over the summer (it can be a book from home or from the library) and upload a book review to the Patron of Reading folder on Showbie – either a video or written review is fine.

PRIZE ALERT! Children who complete a book review during each of the six school holidays will be entered into a prize draw to win an Amazon voucher.



3. Take part in the Accelerated Reader 10-point challenge!

Children can access Accelerated Reader from home – [click here for instructions](#). Your child can search for the books they've read, complete quizzes and earn points. Why not see if they can earn 10 points over the holiday?

To find out more about Accelerated Reader, please visit [this page](#) on the school website which includes a short video from Mrs. McLean explaining how it works and the benefits of the scheme.

Looking for bookspiration!

You can help your child to find books they might enjoy by asking your class teacher, visiting the library, asking for recommendations from friends or try <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/> and www.booksfortopics.com



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one game of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about VALORANT

AGE RATING

PEGI 16

Valorant is one of the hottest first-person shooters on the market. Developed by Riot Games (makers of the hugely popular League of Legends) its gameplay is similar to titles like Overwatch and Counter-Strike: Global Offensive. Players choose a character and face off in teams of five against five opponents. Currently available only on PC through the Riot Games site, Valorant requires quick reflexes and dedication to progress. However, between dealing with other players, navigating the online store and avoiding possible addiction, there's plenty for parents and carers to consider before allowing children to play.

Violence & weapons

The violence in Valorant isn't gory, but players nevertheless use weapons like guns, knives and explosives to kill opponents and win a round. The selection of guns that can be bought and used ranges from fairly authentic (looking to brightly coloured and cartoonish). The game's PEGI 16 rating should give parents and carers a useful indication of the intensity and realism of the combat.

In-game purchases

Valorant is free to download, only requiring an account on the Riot Games site. There is, however, a built-in digital store where real money can be exchanged for points. Valorant's in-game currency, which can be spent on weapons. Bundles of points cost between £4.99 and £39.99 – so if a card or PayPal account is linked to the game, children could easily rack up a large bill without realising it.

Risk of addiction

Games with a high skill ceiling – which require dedication and repetition to master – can quickly become addictive. Developers design games like Valorant to hook players and keep them coming back every day; this practice has seen online shooters cultivate vast user-bases over the last decade. Children are particularly susceptible to these tactics, which can unfortunately lead to obsession and eventual addiction.

Other Players

When millions of gamers from around the world discover a new title, it's sadly inevitable that some will harbour more sinister aims than winning games and having fun. In Valorant, teams audio chat via headsets – potentially exposing children to hazards such as name calling, harassment, inappropriate language and grooming. Players could also befriend each other online and then communicate outside the game via third-party apps like Discord or Teamspeak.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Watch for signs of addiction

If you're concerned that a child is becoming addicted to a game, it's important to step in. Warning signs include irritability when not playing, hiding the extent of their game time, an inability to stop when asked and a lack of interest in other hobbies. Encourage a healthy mix of activities and perhaps agree a set amount of gaming time each day. Seek expert help if the symptoms worsen: it's better to have all safeguarding options on the table than let an addiction go too far.

Remove payment methods

The simplest way to prevent children accidentally (or deliberately) spending money on in-game purchases is to remove their ability to. If there is a bank card or PayPal account linked to any online games your child plays, the safest option is to disconnect them. Valorant supports prepaid gift cards, so you could consider purchasing these as an alternative which gives you more control.

Report problem players

If another player becomes a problem, your child could mute them or report them to the game's developers. From the 'Career' tab on the main menu, they can view previous matches and should select the match featuring the abusive player. Highlight that player, and the option to report is in the dropdown menu. To mute other players in a game, go to the scoreboard and either mute or drag the volume slider of that player all the way down.

Try it yourself!

Games like Valorant can seem overwhelming to start with, but they are designed to be easy to pick up and play – with a level of depth for those who want it. If you have another computer, you could download a second copy of the game and play alongside your child. It's an enjoyable way to bond over something they're already interested in, while also keeping an eye on them online.

Give eSports a chance

As a popular eSports title, Valorant has many professional players who compete in tournaments for sizeable prize pots. Watching a high-octane competitive game with professional shoutcasters (commentators) on platforms like YouTube and Twitch can be exciting. You could find out when live games are being played and watch them with your child, just like you might with football or rugby.

Meet Our Expert

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