

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another fantastic week in school; the children had photographs, individually and with siblings. We will send home the order form, when the photographers send it all over.

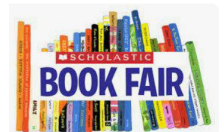
**Year 6** led our remembrance service on Thursday, paying respect to those that have fought or lost lives in war. They worked hard to prepare for this and spoke so confidently. We thoroughly enjoyed the poem they had rehearsed and performed. Every class laid hand-made poppies down by our remembrance tree.



There are lots of important upcoming dates for this term on the second page of our newsletter so please take a look and add the dates to your diaries!

### Book Fair

It was great to see some parents and children at our first book fair event on Thursday; there are some great stories, both non-fiction and fiction to choose from. Lots of the books with red stickers have sale prices so please come along and take a look! Come and join us on **Tuesday 14th November** after school at the **front office** if you did not get a chance this week!



### Fun Run

Some children in Years 4, 5 and 6 travelled to Abington Park and took part in a Fun Run. They had lots of fun and the weather was on their side. They returned to school with huge smiles and have shared that they thoroughly enjoyed it!



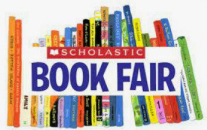
### Curriculum

**Year 1**—This week year 1 went on a trip! We toured Northampton in the minibus looking at the special landmarks we have! We saw places like the river Nene, the lift tower and both stadiums. The children had lots of fun and enjoyed the lift tower the most.

**Year 4**—have been doing our sewing practice patches in DT and some children have even been practising their skills at home!

**Year 6**—This week, while some of Year 6 went on the fun run, the rest of the class investigated fractions of amounts, to work out the mass of each ingredient in a cookie recipe. They were fantastic at multiplying to find common denominators and as a result the cookies tasted fantastic!

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Year Group	Event
<b>Tuesday 14th November</b> <b>(from 3:15pm)</b>	Whole School	<b>Book Fair</b> held in the school library. Please come along. 
<b>Friday 1st December</b>	Whole School	<b>First Mufti Day</b> to collect donations for Christmas Fayre
<b>Tuesday 5th December</b>	Year 5	Space Centre Trip <b>Leaving school 8:30am</b>
<b>Thursday 7th December</b>	Whole School	<b>Christmas Jumper/ Christmas outfit day</b> —raising money for 'Save the Children' (voted by parents)
<b>Tuesday 12th December</b> <b>3:30-5:30pm</b>	Whole School	Mufti Day to collect donations for Christmas Fayre <b>Christmas Fayre after school</b>
<b>Wednesday 13th December</b>	YR-Y2	<b>Nativity performance to parents</b>
<b>Wednesday 20th December</b> <b>9am</b>	Whole School led by Year 5	<b>Christingle Service</b> —Year 5 parents welcome

### Messages from Mrs Llewelyn (our Family Support Worker and DSL)



- Coffee afternoon, with a theme around Young Carers but everyone welcome. Please contact the school office if you are interested, alternatively see Sam on the playground.
- Homework support sessions Wednesday after school 3:30pm 4:30pm—parents will need to stay with their children.



*Mrs. Turner—Deputy Headteacher*

*Mrs. Williams—Executive Headteacher*

**Friday 10th November 2023**

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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

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### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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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.

### 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.

## 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 you 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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