



Trinity

NEWS

FRIDAY 2ND MAY, 2025

Mrs Wright's Weekly Update

Warm Weather - Whole School

I hope you have all enjoyed making the most of the sunny weather. Thank you for making sure your children look splendid in sun hats, are shiny with suncream and arrive carrying enough water to last them a week (some of the water bottles are huge!)

Easter Bingo - Whole School

Thank you to Trinity PFA for organising a fabulous night at the Easter Bingo. Karen and the team work tirelessly in organising events to raise funds for our school and enable all sorts of extras to be funded for your children, especially subsidising the cost of our educational visits. Their next event will be our Summer Fair on Sunday 7th July. Please do consider volunteering now to help on the day so that we can all enjoy a fantastic event. Contact the PFA at trinitybuckshawpfa@gmail.com

SATS - Year 6

Well done to Year 6 who have been practising sitting tests in the hall this week in preparation for week commencing Monday 12th May. I am looking forward to enjoying breakfast with them and celebrating the incredible progress they have all made during their time with us. I know sunny weather can mean we don't all stick to our normal bedtimes but, please can Year 6 parents ensure the children are getting lots of sleep to enable them to be ready for action. With a good night's sleep and a lovely breakfast we will be giving them the best chance of success. Thank you!



What's on?



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Info
Monday 5th May	May Day Closure	Whole school
Wednesday 7th May	Club letters for Summer 2 sent home in bookbags	Whole school
Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May	Y6 SATS	SATS breakfast 8:15am each morning in the Hall
Thursday 22nd May	Y3 Roman Day	
Friday 23rd May	Ugly Bug Ball	Reception classes - more info to follow
	School closes for May Half Term	School closes at 3:10 - UP and 3:25 - BW
Monday 2 nd June	INSET DAY	School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 rd June	Start of Summer Term 2	Pupils return to school

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISCORD

AGE RATING
13+

Servers and channels marked as NSFW require users to be 18 or older to join.

Discord is a free app which allows users to communicate in real time via text, video or voice chat. Available on desktop and mobile devices, it was originally designed to help gamers cooperate – but has evolved into a more general networking platform for a range of online communities, discussing topics like TV series, music, Web3 and more. Discord is organised around closed groups, referred to as 'servers'. To join a server, users must be invited or provided with a unique link. It's a space for users to interact with friends, meet others with shared interests and collaborate privately online – but it's also a place where young people can be exposed to risks if the right precautions aren't taken.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CYBERBULLYING

Discord's easy accessibility and connectivity, unfortunately, makes it an ideal place for cyberbullying to occur – especially as audio and video streams disappear once they've ended, meaning that bullying could take place without leaving any evidence. Closed groups can also be created, giving young people the opportunity to exclude their peers or send cruel messages without adult oversight.

DIFFICULT TO MODERATE

Like many private communication apps, Discord's real-time messaging can be difficult to control. The system enables content moderation through each individual server – so different groups can set their own rules for what's acceptable, and some groups may not monitor for unsuitable content. Anything that happens in an audio or video stream is also virtually untraceable once the stream has concluded.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Discord mainly hosts private groups, making it easier for unsuitable or explicit content to be shared on channels. Pornography, racism and inappropriate language can be found in some groups. Server owners are required to add an age-restriction gate to channels where 18+ content is being shared – but this solution isn't foolproof, as the platform doesn't always verify users' ages when they sign up.

ACCESSIBLE TO PREDATORS

On many chat platforms, users can lie about their age or true identity – and Discord is no exception. Predators have attempted to abuse the platform by using it to contact and communicate with underage users – by initially chatting with a child on an age-appropriate channel, for example. While Discord has improved its safety settings, some users will still try to bypass them for malicious reasons.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Discord does have strict Terms of Service and Community Guidelines to protect its users – but, sadly, not everyone adheres to them. Criminal activity including grooming, hate speech, harassment, exploitative content, doxing and extremist or violent material have all been found on Discord servers over the last two years. In 2020, Discord received almost 27,000 reports of illegal activity on the platform.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SAFETY SETTINGS

Discord has a series of safety settings, enabling users to choose who can direct message them or send them friend requests. Your child's experience on Discord will be much safer if the app's privacy and safety settings are configured to only allow messages or friend requests from server members. This will minimise the chances of potential predators from outside the group contacting them.

EXPLAIN AGE FILTERING

While Discord requires users to be at least 13 to sign up, many servers geared towards older users are flagged as NSFW (not safe for work), which indicates they probably contain material that's inappropriate for children. It can be easy to click through settings without properly reviewing them, so ensure your child understands why age filtering is important and that it's there to protect them.

SCREEN OUT EXPLICIT CONTENT

In the privacy and safety settings, Discord users are offered the ability to filter direct messages for inappropriate content: a setting that should be enabled if your child uses the platform. Discord automatically tries to flag images that are explicit, but the setting must be manually enabled for text. If a young user is sent explicit content in a direct message, Discord will scan and (if necessary) delete it.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

It's wise to regularly review your child's activity on Discord. This can include checking their safety settings to ensure they're correctly enabled, talking about which servers they've joined and reviewing some of their friends and direct messages. Ask if anything has made them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Things can change quickly online, so plan routine check-ins and follow up frequently.

DISCUSS GOOD ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

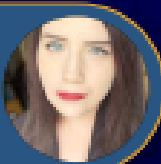
The anonymity offered by the internet often leads people to communicate more openly online and behave differently than they would at school or home. It's crucial to bear in mind, though, that every internet user is still a real person. Talk to your child about the severe and lasting consequences that cyberbullying or exchanging inappropriate material online can have in the real world.

HAVE CANDID CONVERSATIONS

It can sometimes be awkward to discuss topics like grooming, pornography, racism or explicit content with your child – but it's important to ensure they're aware of the harms these things can pose. Talking openly about these subjects is a great way to help your child feel more comfortable about coming to you if they experience an unwanted encounter on Discord (or anywhere else online).

Meet Our Expert

Coral Cripps is a Canadian-born, London-based tech journalist at grw3.com: a website specialising in all things Web3, gaming and XR (extended reality). With a focus on brands and culture, she researches and writes about the ways that our current innovations – including the metaverse and Web3 – are impacting people, places and things.



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*Samba drumming workshop,
samba dance class, and head
dress making.*

Sat 31st may 11.30am - 3.30pm

FAMILY FUN DAY

Buckshaw village community centre
Unity Pl, Buckshaw Village, Chorley PR7 7HZ

*Free Entry book your
place with Caroline on
07856886030*



Big questions – Summer 1

HOW DOES
GOD SHOW
HIS LOVE TO
US?

WHAT DOES THE
PHRASE 'GIVE US
THIS DAY OUR
DAILY BREAD'
MEAN?

Each half term we focus on our Big Questions during our class worships. We discuss them with our friends and share our ideas together. You could talk about these at home too.



ARE YOUR APP NOTIFICATIONS TURNED ON?

To help school reduce the increasing costs of messaging, we are now going to send more app notifications instead of SMS.

The only text messages you will receive will be in relation to absence or medical.

All other contact from school will be via app notifications.

Please contact the office if you have not yet registered with the app.

Type of message	Delivery method
Absence & Medical	SMS
Awards / Clubs / Other	App notification

Don't miss out! Turn on your app notifications!



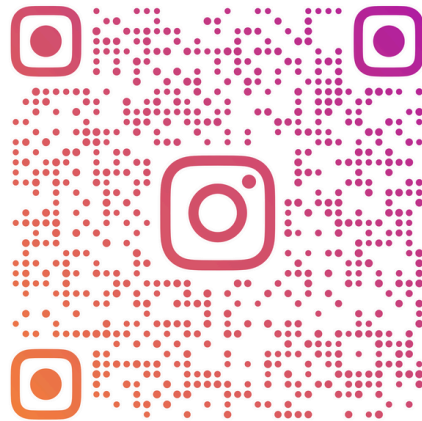
Not on the app? Let us know and download now to stay in the loop!

The Parentapps Connect mobile app enables you to keep up with messages and updates from school, plus much more. Scan the code below to download the app and contact the school office as **you will need an invitation to register.**

Search for 'Parentapps Connect' or scan the below



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all the exciting learning
that your child is doing
at Trinity!**