



Thursfield News

27th October 2023

Class of the week– KS1
For their fantastic Harvest performance

- Dates for the Diary**
- School will re-open to pupils Tuesday 7th November
 - Reception Open Evening Event for Sept 24 Wed 8th November 5.30pm
 - Year 6—Last date for applications to high school 31st October 2023.
 - Year 5/6 Bikeability—12th & 13th December

Thank you to the PTFA for organising the 'Thursfield Pumpkin Patch'. The event was a huge success! It was fabulous to see so many families attending. Everyone at Thursfield is very grateful for your support.



Harvest Assembly

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Harvest assembly. It was lovely to see you all and we hope you enjoyed our thanksgiving ceremony and celebration.



Harvest Collection

Thank you for all of your very kind donations to the harvest collection. The Food Bank have collected the items and are thrilled with how much we have collected and we're sure it will help out a lot of local families. Well done Team Thursfield!



Children may purchase a poppy to wear on their uniform to support the national poppy appeal. We also have a small selection of wristbands, snapbands and zip pulls.

On Friday 10th November If your child attends a uniformed group eg Beavers, Brownies or Cubs they are welcome to come to school in their group uniform.

Clubs will start W/C 13/11/23

We hope you have a lovely half term break.

Congratulations to Annie-May Cooper for winning the Good to be Green for this week.



Golden Book Winners for Reading

RB—Reggie B	3/4P— Georgia P
RKT— Charlotte B	4T— Theo S
1/2M—Lenny K	5M— Ellie B
1/2R— Isabelle F	5/6B—
2O— Emmie N	5/6R— Tommy E
3RT— Rossi H	

Whole School Attendance — 96%

RRB— 98%	RKT—98%	1/2M— 94%	1/2R— 100%	2O— 94%	
3RT—99%	3/4P—93%	4T—96%	5M—97%	5/6B—98%	5/6R— 90%

Last week's winners: 1/2R

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI
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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.

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.

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 Nights 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 Nights 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

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To support Children in Need the School Council would like children to come to school dressed in spots for the day or in Children in Need outfits on Friday 17th November.

£1 donations will be available to make on Arbor.

Cake donations: The school council would like to hold a cake sale during the week. If you would like to donate any cakes please can they be in school by Tuesday 14th November for the cake sale to take place on Wednesday 15th November.

Please note that if you are baking homemade cakes a list of ingredients will need to be provided due to Natasha's Law

Thank you for your continued support.

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CREATIVITY
FRIENDSHIPS

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