

**CALENDAR DATES 2024**

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| 14 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024                     | PTA SUMMER BAKE OFF<br>See leaflet below   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024<br>3pm to 5pm       | PTA SUMMER FAIR  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024                     | YEAR 3 CHURCH TRAIL<br>Details emailed 7.5.24 – please complete your consent form ASAP thank you                       |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024                     | YEAR 4 CHURCH TRAIL<br>Details emailed 7.5.24 – please complete your consent form ASAP thank you                       |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024                     | YEAR 2 MILTON KEYNES MUSEUM VISIT<br>Details emailed 23.5.24 – please complete your consent form ASAP thank you        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> JULY 2024    | YEAR 4 TRANSITION DAYS TO MIDDLE SCHOOL<br>Details to follow   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> JULY 2024                      | EVERYBODY UP DAY   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> JULY 2024<br>5pm               | PTA AGM MEETING<br>Details to follow   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> JULY 2024   | YEAR 2 FIRE SERVICE VISIT  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> JULY 2024<br>3:00pm to 3:30pm | MEET THE TEACHER<br>Details to follow  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> JULY 2024<br>2pm & 6pm        | YEAR 4 PERFORMANCE<br>Year 4 Parents/Carers invited in   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> JULY 2024<br>9am to 10am      | YEAR 4 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY<br>Year 4 Parents/Carers invited in  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> JULY 2024<br>1pm to 1:30pm    | FANTASTIC FINISH! - Parents/carers invited to come and see the children's learning then the children can be taken home |

**Leighton Buzzard Garden Centre**

A **big thank you** to our local garden centre for donating 2 big bags of compost for our science garden this week!

Don't forget to support our local family-run business, that offers a wide range of products from plants, trees, shrubs, tools to decorations for your home and garden!

**Thank you!**



# Challenge Champions 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024



**BOBCAT: Whole Class**

**2O: Cooper**

**3J: Nancy**

**4P: Whole Class**

**LYNX: Whole Class**

**2M: Amelia**

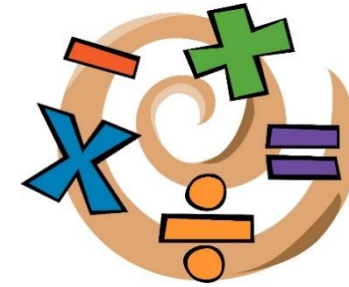
**3T: Olivia R**

**4G: Whole Class**



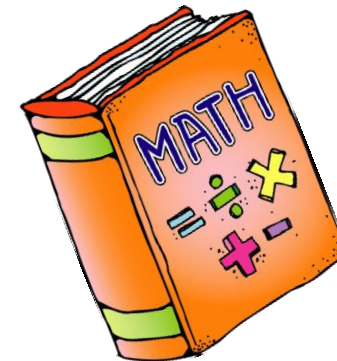
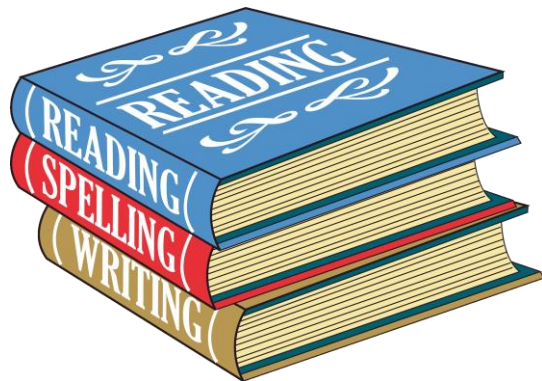
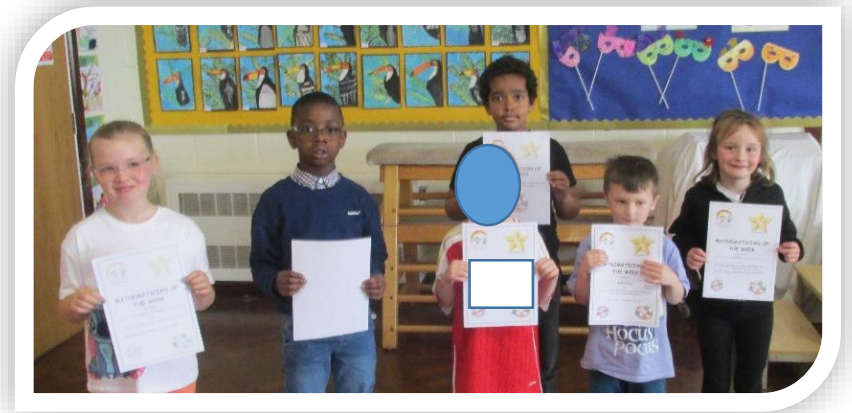
**Well done to Evelyn & Brogan for achieving 1<sup>st</sup> Place!!**

**Excellent Work!**



**English Champion of the Week**  
**24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Maths Champion of the Week**  
**24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**







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## 2024





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# Beaudesert Summer Bake Off

Bring your masterpiece to school on

**Friday 14th of June**  
to be judged.

Include name, category (Junior or Adult) and contact number

Baked goods will be sold at the  
Summer Fair (3-5pm).

*3 prizes to  
be won!*

Junior and Adult  
entries welcome

**NO NUTS PLEASE**



# The Summer Fair is back!



**Friday 14th June**

3-5pm on the school field

*Save  
THE  
Date*





**£100 CASH**



# WIN LOTS OF PRIZES!

**FREE VALET**

**Hamper by  
TESCO**

**WHIPSNADE  
ZOO**  
a ZSL conservation zoo  
**tickets**



**and many  
more!**

**Mead Open  
farm ticket**

The logo for Mead Open Farm, featuring a cow and the text 'Mead Open Farm The Family Farm'.

# £1 tickets

**VOUCHERS FOR**

The logo for DJ's, featuring a rainbow and the text 'DJ's'.

Help boost PTA fundraising  
Lots of prizes to be won! (more to be added)  
<https://bit.ly/beaudesertsummerraffle24>



# Remember to log your activity and collect sponsorship for our active challenge



DID YOU WALK, SCOOT OR RIDE TO SCHOOL?

HAVE YOU BEEN SWIMMING, PLAYED  
FOOTBALL OR EXPLORED IN THE WOODS?

DON'T FORGET TO LOG YOUR ACTIVITY AND  
ASK YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND  
NEIGHBOURS TO SPONSOR YOU TO HELP US  
RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOOL.



DONATE AT  
[BIT.LY/BEAUDESERTFUNDRAISER](https://bit.ly/beaudesertfundraiser)





# Bedfordshire

## Fire & Rescue Service

 [bedsfire.gov.uk](http://bedsfire.gov.uk)  
 Southfields Road  
Kempston, Bedford  
MK42 7NR  
 [bedsfirealert.co.uk](http://bedsfirealert.co.uk)  
   @bedsfire

### Water Safety - Quarries

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we are approaching the summer months following a particularly wet winter, I would like to provide some information and support in relation to water safety. Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service along with our partners including the Police and Local Authorities have recently been contacted by residents and business owners who are concerned for the safety of young people who are accessing quarries for leisure activities.

Unfortunately, accidental drownings happen all too frequently and even the strongest swimmers can find themselves in difficulties. There are also concerns for young and vulnerable people who may not be aware of the danger and risks that water poses.

Quarry water is normally far colder than river or sea water, and it can send your body into cold water shock or leave you too exhausted to swim within minutes of jumping in. The water is also often extremely deep, with steep drop offs, and shallow water can change to deep water quickly. Quarry water can also contain hazards such as entrapments, weeds, rubbish, drains, broken bottles and pollution.

The fire service is unable to stop people swimming outside or in open water, but if you have concerns of anti-social behavior, please report this to the Police non-emergency number on 101.

If someone is in trouble in the water and needs help in an emergency, please call 999.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Kind Regards

Lauren McEvoy  
Community Safety Officer  
Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service



 EVERY CONTACT COUNTS

 WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK

 WE DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

 WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about PALWORLD

In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called 'Pals'. In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft: fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### MATURE CONTENT

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CENSORED

While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild swear word. There are also minor references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you. While the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

### VIOLENCE

Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and with good reason. As the game progresses, Pals can be given firearms, explosives and other weapons, allowing them to fight by the player's side. There are several moments where cute animals use these guns to kill other Pals or fight against bosses. The violence is cartoonish and bloodless, but it's present.

### SUGGESTIVE WRITING

Some of the Pals' descriptions – found in the game menu – can be very suggestive and adult in nature. The game makes a joke of balancing on the line between age-appropriate and mature content: playing on the contrast between the two while never being outright explicit. While it's possible that younger players won't notice this content, it's just as conceivable that they will.

### ONLINE PLAY

Palworld can be played with other people online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can share in the same game, playing in a large online world, and these players may not necessarily be known to the host beforehand. It can be quite complicated to set up these servers. However, it can be quite complicated to set up these servers (online worlds) and they cost money to keep active.

### DIFFICULTY

Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game in places: defeating bosses, catching Pals and exploring the environment can all be very tricky. It takes a lot of skill – or working together with a friend – to be successful, which could be off-putting or even aggravating to a player expecting something more like Minecraft or Pokémon.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### WATCH GAMEPLAY

Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of gathering information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing this game off to the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

### LEND A HAND

By learning the basics of the game – Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base – you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

### SET CONTENT LIMITS

As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person isn't allowed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow users to install Palworld.

### PLAY TOGETHER

By playing Palworld yourself, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that you don't think is suitable for children, as well as getting an idea of how violence is presented in the game. The conflict is cartoonish in nature – until players and Pals unlock the ability to use guns, at which point it can become more intense. It's likely best for you to give it a look and form your own opinion.

### PLACE BOUNDARIES

Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to cooperate with friends through the game's multiplayer option, much like Xbox users. Just because they have the option to run a dedicated server that's open to anyone doesn't mean they need to take it. The risks of interacting with strangers can be significantly lowered or even eliminated entirely by playing on servers which are restricted to friends only.

## Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including iGN and TechRadar.





## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# POP-UP ADS

## WARNING!

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pop-up advertisements have been a staple of the internet since they were first introduced in the late 1990s. This form of advertising causes a small window or banner to appear in the foreground while someone is browsing a website. Although these adverts are merely irritating for most people, pop-ups can present more severe risks to younger users.

### DECEPTIVE TACTICS

Children sometimes don't understand that adverts (including pop-ups) are designed to sell a product – and can't distinguish between a legitimate feature of a site and an advertisement. Video games, for example, can be full of pop-up ads that tempt users into spending money, yet they might take the form of a mini-game or extra level.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While some adverts are targeted based on a user's interests and activity online, that isn't always the case. This means that children may unfortunately be exposed to ads for age-inappropriate goods or services such as tobacco products, alcohol and gambling sites.

### MALWARE RISK

Most pop-ups from reputable advertisers are safe. However, in some cases, pop-ups can trick you into downloading malware – whereby cybercriminals install software on your device, allowing them to access your sensitive data. It can be difficult to know if malware has been installed on your device, so your best option is to avoid engaging with these pop-ups altogether. Be wary of sites that suddenly bombard you with ads or try to prevent you from leaving.

### PRIVACY RISK

Many app and game developers will collect their users' personal data, such as their name, address, email address, geolocation information, unique numerical identifiers, photos and payment information. If a child clicks on an illegitimate pop-up laced with malware, all this information could be put at risk.

### RACKING UP BILLS

If a child has access to a payment card on their device – be it a smartphone, laptop, or tablet – they could very quickly rack up a massive bill by interacting with pop-up adverts and buying products shown to them. Try to keep a close eye on their spending.

### BEHAVIOURAL IMPACT

Research has found that pop-up ads can even have an impact on children's behaviour. Some of these adverts use manipulative tactics that take advantage of children's developmental vulnerabilities, intentionally or otherwise. This approach may cause a child's mood to shift: becoming more stubborn, for example, if they begin wanting their parents to buy a specific product for them.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### START A CONVERSATION

It's important to have regular conversations with children about online advertising so that they understand the risks of interacting with pop-ups. For example, if a child asks for a product which has been advertised to them online, ask them why they want it and how they found it: this will present an opportunity to talk youngsters through the tactics used in online marketing.

### SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child may be following pop-up ads to make online purchases or viewing content that could be harmful, it's important to be able to spot the signs. Due to the often-manipulative nature of these adverts, children who interact with them regularly may show signs of distraction, stubbornness and an increasingly materialistic worldview.

### MONITOR CONTENT

It can often be difficult to spot when a pop-up advert is malicious – even more so for impressionable younger users. It's important to monitor the content they're consuming to prevent them from clicking on something dangerous. If a pop-up ad seems too good to be true – promising a free iPad, for example – it probably is.

### PRIVACY SETTINGS

Most modern devices have privacy settings that let you limit the amount of advertising a child is subjected to while using apps or browsing the internet. You may also want to speak to teachers about avoiding sites and apps with advertising, as well as adjusting digital privacy settings on any education technology they use.

### LIMIT SPENDING

Try to stay aware of what children are spending and ensure that payment details aren't linked to or saved on the gaming platform that they use. Most video games and internet-enabled devices have settings that can help you manage what children can or cannot purchase online.

### CUT DOWN ON SCREEN TIME

Given the prevalence of pop-up ads (which can appear on everything from smartphones and tablets to internet-connected toys and games), it might be beneficial to limit the time children spend on digital devices to curb their exposure to digital advertising.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology writer with more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, she is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant who writes for *Forbes*, *TechRadar* and *Wired*, among others.



## #WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/pop-ups>



# REMINDERS

Thank you to all parents/carers who continue to show (reciprocated) courtesy and kindness in their interactions with school staff.  
This notice is a reminder that any aggressive, rude or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated. Whether in person or on the phone, contact will be terminated immediately.

## Start & Finish Times for September 2023- July 2024

| Year        | Start time | Finish time |
|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Years 3 & 4 | 8.40am     | 3.00pm      |
| Years 1 & 2 | 8.40am     | 3.00pm      |
| Reception   | 8:40am     | 3:00pm      |

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE WAY SYSTEM AROUND THE SCHOOL, EVEN IF THIS MEANS YOU WALKING BACK AROUND THE BUILDING FOR A 2<sup>ND</sup> LAP.**



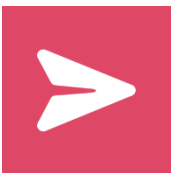
### **Change of contact details/address**

If you have changed your address or phone number recently, please let the school office know your new details. Thank you.



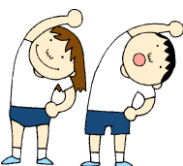
### **Absences/lateness**

***Can all parents ensure that all absences are reported to the School Office by 9.30am on the day of absence.*** It is also very important for the school to know if your child is sick, or if they have a medical appointment. If your child arrives into school late (after 8.45am), Parents are asked to please bring their child to the school office.



### **School App**

We now have a new school app. It is available to download free from the App Store on any mobile device. Search for '**reach more parents by weduc**'. Please be sure to download the app onto your phone as it will be our main method of communicating via text with Parents.



### **PE Kit**

**September 2023** – Please can all children bring in their PE kits at the beginning of the week so they can change into them during school time on their nominated days.





### **School Lunches**

Ordering and paying for school lunches is now done on [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). Parents should have received letters that features login details. Please order all school lunches by Thursday for the following week. If you have any queries, please call 01908 615705. **Beauesert has a strict 'No Nuts' policy, and we ask parents to not send in food items such as peanut butter, cakes or biscuits that may contain nuts!**

### **Breakfast Club and After School Club**

Advance bookings for **both the Breakfast club and After School Club** need to be made online at <https://www.kidzzoneclub.com/>. For same day bookings please can parents email [hello@kidzzoneclub.com](mailto:hello@kidzzoneclub.com) or call the office on 01525 591036 (between 9am and 3pm). Please note a parent/guardian must complete a 'Kidz Zone' child registration form either online via the website or with a member of the Kidz Zone team for the booking to be accepted – this information is required to meet Ofsted regulations.



### **Bikes and Scooters**

**Please can everyone remember to dismount bikes and scooters whilst on the school grounds, as accidents can occur on pathways at busy times.**



### **Car Parking**

Just a reminder for some parents when parking outside of the School that it is very important to park as considerately as possible. Parents and carers dropping their children off at school should not be parking on pavements. Car number plates may be reported to the Police if this continues to happen. **Can parents also remember that parking in the Staff car park or the Kitchen car park is also not permitted. Thank you.**