

# Glebe Newsletter



**Friday 28th February 2025**

## **Parent Teacher Discussions 06/03/25 & 12/03/25**

The booking system for PTDs will remain open until 10am on the 6<sup>th</sup> March please check your email and follow the link to book your appointment.

## **Reminder**

We have had instances of children arriving at school for Breakfast Club without booking on to the system. Please do not bring your child to Breakfast Club unless they are booked in as they are not guaranteed a place. Any problems booking them in please contact the office on 01773 811304. Thank you.

## **SchoolApp**

We have recently had a new MIS system installed. This has caused a little disruption in the school messaging service. Please contact the school office via [info@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk) or on 01773 811304 if you no longer have access to the school app. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Exiting opportunities...**

### **Junior Bake Off**

We have been contacted by an Assistant Producer at Love Productions; the production company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down. Applications are open for the 11<sup>th</sup> series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

Filming would take place from July 2025, but the applications close on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**. Please see the attached flyer. Interested bakers can apply online at – [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)

### **Poppet and Pearl**

We are looking for young performers age 7-15 to join our cast, to play the roles of.... Evan Goldman, Patrice, Lucy, Kendra, Brett and many more. In our upcoming production of '13 Junior', performance dates 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July at David Nieper Theatre in Alfreton, Derbyshire.

We would like to invite anyone interested to attend our audition on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March** for an open workshop. There will be no charge for this workshop, we simply want to see how everyone performs together and have fun! To attend the workshop on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March this online form will need to be completed <https://form.jotform.com/220162856757058>

## **Week Commencing: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**

**Monday 3<sup>Rd</sup> March**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**Y4 Swimming**

**RNLI Water Safety Presentation**

**Author Visit: poetry and story-telling workshops**

**Dance- Y4 3.25 – 4.30pm**

**World Book Day Dress up as a book character**

**Theme Dinner Day World Book Day**

**Parent Teacher Discussions 3.40 – 6.30pm**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Design a book character Competition deadline

### **Extended Day**

We still have places available for Breakfast Club if you need to get to work early, Monday to Friday 7:30–8:45am each morning at a cost of £3.50 per session for Glebe children. You do not need to attend the whole week, just the days you require. Please book places in advance by Thursday the week before through SchoolMoney. Breakfast items such as toast, croissants, cereal, waffles, pancakes, yoghurts and fruit juice all available.

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### **After-School Club**

After school club run by JPAC, every day, 3:30 to 6pm. JPAC Club contact number: 07971957839 To book, please visit [jpac.ipalbookings.com](http://jpac.ipalbookings.com)

### **Online Safety**

We will be sharing a weekly online safety resource from the National College as part of the #WakeUpWednesday initiative. See the school website under Parents tab, Online Safety

### **Help & Support**

#### **Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead contact details**

Headteacher: Steve Watson Tel 01773 811304 [headteacher@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk) or [safeguarding@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk)

- **Children's Carers Support Group**

Useful information regarding the Children's Carers Support Group is posted on the school website under the News and Events tab, Letters Home.

- **Starting Point and Call Derbyshire**

Tel 01629 5330190 24/7, 365 days Derbyshire contact and referral service for concerns that a child is suffering or at risk of significant harm.

- **DCC Child Protection and Safeguarding Team**

Tel 01629 535353 If you require any professional advice or have any questions at all relating to a safeguarding issue.

- **Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline 08000198668**

Free online mental health and wellbeing support, 7 days a week, for parents & carers of children & young people who live in derby & Derbyshire.

- **The Sleep Charity Helpline**

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

**You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>**

- **Free School Meals**

Derbyshire County Council website has a link that can provide an instant eligibility check for Free School Meals.

- **Is This Ok?**

Is This Ok? is a free, anonymous, and confidential service, bringing trained professionals together to provide support to young people through a chat service.

Young people don't need to provide their name and we don't need to know their address- which we know is important for them. [www.isthisok.org.uk](http://www.isthisok.org.uk)

### **Derby and Derbyshire Emotional Health and Wellbeing**

This site provides a wealth of information for both professionals and families.

Please find the link below to the community updates.

[Derby & Derbyshire - Emotional Health & Wellbeing](http://Derby & Derbyshire - Emotional Health & Wellbeing)

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### **INSET DAYS 2024/2025**

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025. One more date to be confirmed.

### **Diary Dates**

10.03.25 – 13.03.25 book fair after school in the hall

10.03.2025 Science Week

12.03.2025 Parent Teacher Discussions 3.40 – 6.30pm

20.03.25 – 21.03.25 Lea Green Residential Year 4

21.03.2025 Comic Relief Red Nose Day

25.03.2025 Year 6 Eyam Trip – see letter

31.03.2025 Ukulele Concerts Year 3

02.04.2025 DAaRT Graduation Year 6

04.04.2025 Last day of term

22.04.2025 INSET day

05.05.2025 May Bank Holiday

12.05.2025 SATS week – Year 6 - please ensure your child is in school

19.05.2025 Arts & Cultures Week

23.05.2025 Last day of term

02.06.2025 Back to school

09.06.2025 Assessment Week

16.06.2025 Class Photographs

17.06.2025 Sports Day Years 5/6

18.06.2025 Sports Day Years 3/4

24.06.2025 Year 3 Bluebell Farm Trip

26.06.2025 Y4 Viking Man

27.06.2025 Y4 Viking Man

30.06.2025 – 02.07.2025 Mount Cook Residential Year 6

03.07.2025 FGS Transition Evening 6pm-7.30pm

04.07.2025 Maths Day

10.07.2025 Glebe Summer Gala

15.07.2025 Year 6 Performance – Postmill

16.07.2025 Transition Day

24.07.2025 Last day of term



**JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!**

**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES  
9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING  
SERIES!

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH**

**APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK**



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS



ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

### IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

### VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

### FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



### FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

### MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



### DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.



### Meet Our Expert

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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. The UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging, but for the time being, this controversial feature remains.

## EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency' – plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

## CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user they want to message. Therefore, if a child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that the child might be added to a group chat or community (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people they don't know.

## FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allow news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

## CHAT LOCK AND SECRET CODES

In 2023, WhatsApp introduced a feature that lets users keep their chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind their phone's passcode, fingerprint or face ID. There is an additional feature – 'Secret Code' – where users set a unique password for locked chats. Unfortunately, this creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of.

## VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate material or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't reopen them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this disappearing content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing protection of privacy.

## VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's Live Location feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child is safe while out, for example. However, anyone in a user's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

### ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. You can give permission to My Contacts or My Contacts Except... Additionally, if a child needs to use Live Location, emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

### CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Check in with the child about how they're using WhatsApp, making sure they know you only have their safety at heart. If you spot a Locked Chats folder, you might want to talk about the sort of content they've stored in there, who they're talking to, and why they want to keep these chats hidden. Also, if children send any View Once content, it could be helpful to ask them why.

### DISCUSS GROUP CHATS

Make children aware that there could be members of a group that they don't know well and that words can be misinterpreted. Encourage them to leave a good impression, to avoid joining in if conversations turn towards bullying, and to respond to such situations in an appropriate way. Make sure they know that it's OK to leave a group chat if it makes them uncomfortable – or for any reason, in fact.

### THINK BEFORE SHARING

Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content that a user posts to be shared more widely, even publicly on social media. Encourage children to consider how an impulsive message or forwarding might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

### Meet Our Expert

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