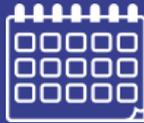




NEWSLETTER

Dates for Your

DIARY



School Events

**Energisers – Year 6– Every Tuesday,
Wednesday and Thursday morning—8.10-
8.40am**

Parents Consultations - 25th & 26th March

INSET Day—28th March

**Y1-Florence Nightingale workshop-
31/03/25**

**Years 5 & 6—Stewards Production: Disco
Inferno**

Y5—Tower of London Trip - 25/04/2025

Y6 - East Mersea 9th –11th June 2025

**Years 1&2 - Walton On The Naze -
27/06/2025**

Reception—Hertfordshire Zoo 02/07/25

Sports day—04/07/25

A message from the Head of Academy



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the close of a busy and eventful Spring term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements and milestones our pupils have reached. It has been a term filled with learning, growth, and excitement, and I am so proud of the dedication and enthusiasm shown by our pupils.

From the wonderful class projects to our extracurricular activities, every child has contributed to making this term memorable. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible staff, whose hard work and passion continue to shape our school community.

During the month of March, we have had many activities including World Book Day which the children (and staff!) thoroughly enjoy every year. Year 5 showed great resilience when taking part in Bikeability sessions and our dedicated PTA organised PJ parties which were enjoyed by all.

Years 5 and 6 have taken part in PSHE workshops whilst all classes have visited the local library and immersed themselves in books. Year 6 have also attended Crucial Crew where they took part in many workshops and learnt valuable life skills in preparation for their transition to secondary school. Comic Relief was also supported in school and we have discovered that we have many comedians at Kingsmoor! Year 2 also had much fun taking part in a Great Fire of London workshop which further strengthened their knowledge.

As we look forward to the summer term, there are even more opportunities for our pupils to learn, explore, and thrive. In the meantime, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable break, when it gets here and I look forward to seeing you all in the next term.

Warm regards

Mrs Angie Skinner

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX



Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has genuine friends who they play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with others safely in the digital world.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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We are so proud to announce that Mrs Roles has been nominated by one of our parents for the Unsung Hero nomination as part of the Pearson National Teaching Awards:

Mrs Roles is an amazing teacher! She reminds me of Miss Honey from Matilda! My daughter is autistic, and she helped her flourish. She always has time for her and her sister who she now teaches. She also helped me when I needed it so extends her compassion out to families also. She's very understanding and will always go the extra mile. I can't say enough about this teacher.



Wishing you a pot of gold and all the joy your heart can hold





On Friday 21st March we supported Comic Relief! We brought in a voluntary donation of £1 to wear a piece of red clothing and red noses! Miss Osmond held a special assembly the day before, telling us about the importance of Red Nose Day. She also talked about who to and where our money would be going to help support those whose need it most. This year's theme was 'Do something for funny for money' for Comic Relief's 40th anniversary. Along with completing various fun activities throughout the day, we also joined up with another class and shared our jokes. The winners all received a certificate and 5 minutes extra playtime as their prize.

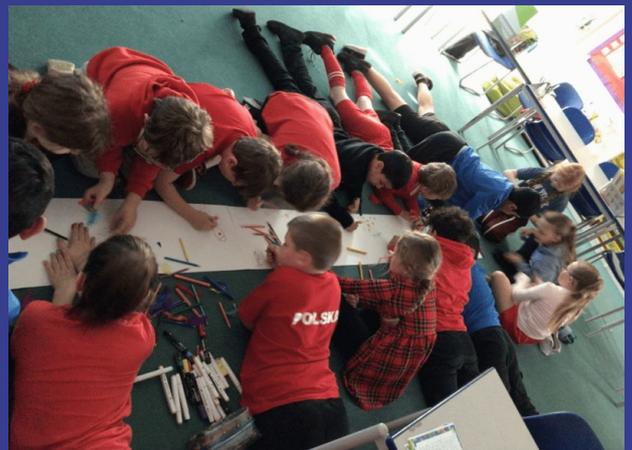
Some of the winning jokes are below:

Why was the strawberry crying? Because he was in a Jam - Laura Year 3 Cuba

What did the cow say to the other cow ? MOOOOVE over - Leiani Year 2 Egypt

Why did Spurs leave the stadium? Because it was an arsenal match -Riley 6 Australia

Why did the children eat their homework? Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake- Scarlette Reception France





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Safeguarding

Information from the National College:

The social media network formerly known as Twitter has undergone numerous alterations since its change of ownership and rebranding as X – and many of these recent developments have proved controversial. With any user now simply able to pay a fee for account verification, for example, the once-reliable ‘blue tick’ system has become largely meaningless.

It’s just one of several changes that have set the social media giant on what many consider a concerning path in online safety terms. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide provides a run-down of the most significant tweaks made to X; their potential safeguarding implications; and how to help ensure young people minimise the risks while they continue to use the service.

We remind our children to be SMART online

Online Safety

Follow the SMART rules to help stay safe online.

Safe

S

Stay **safe** online by not sharing your personal information.



Meet

M

Do not **meet** anyone who you have only become friends with online.



Accept

A

Do not **accept** messages and friend requests from people you do not know.



Reliable

R

Not everything online is **reliable**. People online are strangers and you can't always trust everything they say.



Tell

T

Tell an adult you trust if anything happens online that you do not like.



Be careful what you share online!

Stop and think before you share information online. Don't say or do anything that you wouldn't do in the real world!



Health Information

Head lice can be difficult to spot, even when the head is closely inspected. They're very small whitish or grey-brown insects that range from the size of a pinhead to the size of a sesame seed.

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is to find a live louse by combing their hair with a special fine toothed comb. This is called detection combing. Treatments to get rid of head lice are available to buy from pharmacies, supermarkets and online.

You don't usually need to see your GP. The main treatments are:

lotions or sprays that kill head lice –these can be very effective, but some aren't suitable for pregnant or breastfeeding women, or for children under two.

Removing head lice with a specially designed comb – this is suitable for everyone and relatively inexpensive, but needs to be repeated several times and can take a long time to do thoroughly

A pharmacist can advise you about the treatments available if you're not sure which is best for you or your child.

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters!

Did you know...?

In a school year, if your child is late every day by...

Your child would have lost approximately...

or they would have missed approximately...

5 minutes	3.5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

Please encourage punctuality to maintain attendance

Attendance

This term

Year 1 Ghana: 95%

Year 1 Italy: 94%

Year 2 Poland: 98%

Year 2 Egypt: 97%

Year 3 Cuba: 81%

Year 3 India: 84%

Year 4 China: 96%

Year 4 Brazil: 98%

Year 5 Japan: 96%

Year 6 Kenya: 93%

Year 6 Australia: 99%

