

# Weekly News

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## A Message from Mr Spink and Mrs Wathen

Good afternoon everyone.

Welcome back to school following our Half-term holiday. We are now in the second half of the Spring term which means we are now over half way through this academic year. The children have settled straight back in to school life and the school has been a calm and purposeful place all week.

Next week starts with World book Day assemblies. Miss McKail will be talking to us all about the plans for World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Throughout the week, all classes will be working with the road safety team to help us remember how important it is to be careful when we are near roads and when we are trying to cross roads. Being an inner-city school, we encounter some quite busy roads on our way to and from school so it is vitally important that we are all clear on how to do this safely.

On Friday, all our children will be watching an exciting science show in the school hall.

Have a marvellous weekend everyone.

*Mr Spink & Mrs Wathen*

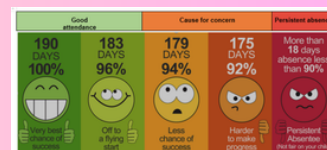
<b>N - 93%</b>	<b>RBT - 95%</b>	<b>RDO - 95%</b>
<b>1AD - 98%</b>	<b>1MM - 98%</b>	<b>2HW - 97%</b>
<b>2RK - 94%</b>	<b>3JH - 98%</b>	<b>3NB - 97%</b>
<b>4MG - 98%</b>	<b>4RA - 99%</b>	<b>5CS - 95%</b>
<b>5HW - 99%</b>	<b>6DD - 93%</b>	<b>6LB - 95%</b>

**Whole School attendance this week is 96%.**

**Our target is 96% or above.**

**Biscuit Bears: 1AD, 1MM, 4RA & 5HW**  
**Extra Play (97%+): 1AD, 1MM, 2HW, 3JH, 3NB, 4MG, 4RA & 5HW**

**Pizza Party (100%): -**



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# DIARY DATES 25/26

- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026** - Road Safety Team in school  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - Zoolab in EYFS  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - World Book Day  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - Science shows in school  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - Water Safety talk (Y5&6)  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - Y1 trip to Temple Newsam  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - Y2 trip to Temple Newsam  
**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026** - Easter Discos  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026** - School closes for Easter  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026** - School reopens  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026** - Class Photographs  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026** - School closed for May Day  
**11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026** - KS2 SATs Assessments for Y6  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026** - School closes for Spring Bank  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026** - School reopens



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## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# ROBLOX



### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

#### ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

#### ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

#### MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

#### RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

#### IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

#### SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

#### PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

#### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

#### TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

#### Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGbible.



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10AM - 1PM

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# World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

## DRESSING UP

On the day, your child may dress up as their favourite character from a book OR they may come in their cosy pyjamas. Please ensure they are appropriate for wearing all day at school.





THURSDAY  
5TH MARCH



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3.20PM - 4.00PM

# big bedtime read



COME ALONG WITH AN ADULT TO THE SCHOOL HALL TO SHARE SOME BEDTIME STORIES, DRINKS AND BISCUITS.

YOU CAN CHANGE INTO YOUR PYJAMAS BEFORE THE EVENT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO.

ENTRANCE THROUGH THE HALL DOORS AFTER YEAR 5 AND 6 HAVE LEFT. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.



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