

St John's CE First School

Newsletter

Friday 21st March 2025

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## DIARY DATES 2024-2025

Wed 26th March	Saplings Class trip to Blists Hill
Thurs 3rd April	Parent's Evening. Sign up via dojo
Fri 4th April	Easter Bonnet Competition entries due in. £2.50 per bonnet.
Wed 9th April	Easter Service 2pm St John's Church
Thurs 10th April	Art Attack Day
Fri 11th April	World Parkinson's Day—Details to follow.
	Easter Crafts and Trail families welcome from 2pm
Wed 14th May	Class and Leaver's photos
Fri 6th June	Oaks EKO Camp out
Sat 21st June	Summer Fete
Wed 2nd July	Transition day for all
Sat 12th July	Village Hall 60th Anniversary celebration 12pm onwards. More details to follow
Thurs 17th July	Leavers Service 10.30am St John's Church

**St John's First School**  
**Christian value**  
**for this half term is: Courage**



**Child of the Week**

Well done to the following children, week ending 13th March 2025

Acorn	Ted
Saplings	Reuben
	Sophia D
Oaks	Polly
	James W

**Child of the Week**

Well done to the following children, week ending 20th March 2025

Acorn	Orlo
Saplings	Sebby
	Chris
Oaks	Alyssa
	Ellie

**Good as Gold**

Well done to the following children, week ending 13th March 2025

Acorns	Lexi
Saplings	Sam
Oaks	Betty

**Good as Gold**

Well done to the following children, week ending 20th March 2025

Acorns	Michelle
Saplings	Freddie
Oaks	Ralph

**Attendance**

Well done to the following classes for the week ending 13th March 2025

Acorns	100%
Year 1	87%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	100%
	Year to date
	93.72%
	Target 96%

**Attendance**

Well done to the following classes for the week ending 20th March 2025

Acorns	100%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	94%
	Year to date
	93.80%
	Target 96%



If your child is absent from school you need to contact us each day by 9am. If you do not contact us we will be contacting the Education Welfare Officer who will make a home visit.

We have a duty of care to ensure your child is safe.

As per our attendance policy.

For our new parents—if your child has a sickness or stomach bug they must remain off school, until they have been 48 hours clear.

If your child uses an inhaler please supply school with one, in a box with a named prescription label on the box.

We can only issue children under six years old, with prescribed Medication. Children over six can be given medicines such as Piriton or Calpol, but it must be provided by the parent.

All medication must be handed in at the office, where you will be required to fill in a consent form.

### **Year 4 Transition Dates**

#### **Brewood Middle**

Tuesday 10th June 5.30 open evening and uniform shop

Wednesday 11th June Year 4 Sports Morning, wear PE Kit come to St Johns as normal, transport arranged.

Tuesday 17th June Meet the Teachers for children and parents at St John's.

Wednesday 2nd July Transition day for all.

#### **Penkrige Middle**

Our trust transition day is pencilled in for 02.07.25 when Y4 will get the opportunity to visit PMS and have their first experience of middle school.

On the evening a presentation will be made to parents and carers. Full details confirming these plans will be shared in the summer term once places have been allocated to families.

## **Easter Bonnet Competition**



£2.50 per entry. Payable on Parent Pay.

All entries must be handed in to the office by Friday 4th April.

Please name your entries., and write the year group!

Winners picked in each year group, judged by Cathy from Church. Prizes given after the Easter Service. Cathy will judge the bonnets based on the children's age.

### **Easter Trail and activities on 11th April organised by the PTA**

We invite parents and carers in for the afternoon from 2pm onwards to spend some quality time together whilst tracking down the Easter Bunny!

The Dance Club will also be making a scheduled appearance to perform their Shrek number for all to watch.

**The PTA will be running a cake and coffee stand, please support them by bringing donations of cakes or biscuits to sell on the day.**

**Donations can be dropped off at the office on he morning of 11th April.**



### **Saturday 21st June**

**If anyone is interested in running a stall at the summer fete please contact**

**Abi Woodhall 07792 722221 or the office.**

**Parent meeting on Friday 28th March, straight after collection, if you can help in any way shape or form please attend, or contact Abi.**





Please donate via:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd25-st-johns-cofe-first-school>







Mr Ahmed from Wolgarston High School came into school to talk to the children in Oaks class about what his life is like as a Muslim.

The children came up with interesting questions to ask, they particularly wanted to know how Muslims observe Ramadan. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing all about Mr Ahmed's life and have asked if he can come again. A huge thank you to Mr Ahmed for coming to talk to us. Mr Ahmed has extended an invitation to us all to a special Iftaar dinner, see below.



# Unity Iftaar

SHARING THE GOODNESS

We are delighted to invite you to a special Iftaar dinner, celebrating the Holy month of Ramadan. Join us as we break our fast in an evening dedicated to reflection, gratitude and community

**DUNSTALL HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

DUNSTALL AVENUE  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
WV6 0NH

SUNDAY, 23rd MARCH 2025  
TIME: 5:30PM

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The Sports Pavilion - Church Eaton - ST20 0AG

Sign up at - [ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/churcheaton](http://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/churcheaton)

Start Date: Friday, 9th May 2025 Time: 6pm-7pm 🕒

Duration: 8 weeks 📅 Cost: £50 per child 💷

What's Included: Personalised t-shirt 👕 with your child's name Backpack 🎒

Cricket bat 🏏️ Cricket ball 🏏️

[www.churcheatoncricketclub.co.uk](http://www.churcheatoncricketclub.co.uk)

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Pavilion: 01785 538013 - leave a message



Date for the diaries:

Easter Service

2pm

Wednesday 9th April

All welcome



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# ROBLOX

AGE RESTRICTION  
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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.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### 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 dating and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 behaviour, 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.

### 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

Don Upcombe 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 GAMINGGALAXY.



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## EKO Easter Holiday Club

at Weston Park, Weston-under-Lizard, TF11 8LE

**EKO is all about having fun outdoors whatever the weather!**

We have our own dedicated EKO Forest School site and Shelter, as well as use of the extensive grounds at Weston Park.

We are SEND friendly but If your child has SEND needs requiring a 1:1 place, please contact us BEFORE making a booking. We can only offer ONE 1:1 place each day.

**Years 1 to 8**  
 Tuesday 22nd to Friday 25th April 2025  
 10:30am - 4:00pm - £38 / HAF FREE  
 9:00am - 4:00pm - £44

**NEW Years 9 to 11**  
 Thursday 24th & Friday 25th April 2025  
 10:30am - 4:00pm - £38 / HAF FREE  
 9:00am - 4:00pm - £44

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