

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

14/03/2025



'Let your light shine'

It's that time of year again, where we support Comic Relief. On 21st March, all our children from Nursery to Year 6, are being invited to dress up in anything red, with a donation of £1.

This year celebrates 40 years of the incredible Comic Relief Charity, which has raised millions to support poor and disadvantaged people all over the world; so, children are voting for their favourite sporting activity to take part in, then next Friday all our classes will take part together... it's going to be so much fun! We didn't have the results of the vote when I wrote this newsletter, so it will be shared on Class Dojo later...

It's almost time for our **Spring Concert** which will take place at **6pm** on **Thursday 27th March**. All our children in KS2 will be performing in the show, which is a fantastic opportunity for them to showcase their musical talents and the skills they have been learning in music lessons this year. There will be singing, dancing and music played on a range of instruments. It's going to be an amazing evening... tickets are **FREE** and available to collect from the school office. We have reserved 2 tickets for every family with children in KS2, then if there are any spares, we will allocate them to families who request extra tickets. Doors open at 5:30pm and refreshments and raffle tickets will be sold on the night. We look forward to seeing you there.

This week we also say goodbye to Mr Timmis, one of our school governors, who is retiring from his post after 40 years' of service to the children of St Barnabas. As well as being a school governor, Mr Timmis has volunteered regularly in school, listening to children read and encouraging a love of books and I know he will be sadly missed by all in our school community. On behalf of children, staff and governors, past and present, I would like to thank Mr Timmis for everything he has done to support and encourage our children to 'let their light shine' and be the best they can be. We wish him a long, happy and fulfilling retirement.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Hodgkinson

HERE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS OUR AMAZING CHILDREN HAVE 'LET THEIR LIGHT SHINE' THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL...



Local Authority Attendance Update

The Local Authority will now be issuing fines (fixed term penalty notices) for parents who take children on holidays during term time. The link below will take you to the LA webpage containing information about penalty notices:

[School attendance | warrington.gov.uk](https://www.warrington.gov.uk/school-attendance)

BE ON TIME!

School starts: 8:40am

Children must be in before 8:50 or they will be marked LATE.

Starting Reception Class

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, they are due to start reception class in September 2025.

You will need to apply for a place here:

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions>

Places in St Barnabas Nursery Available

We have places available in our nursery for 2, 3 and 4-year-olds. Please ask the school office for an application form or to make an appointment to look around.

We can also assist with 2-year-old and 15 hours funding applications.

Meet and Greet

Don't forget, if you have any issues in the morning or at the end of the day, a member of staff will be outside for you! We have staff available every morning and afternoon at each entrance gate – we can help you with any issues you may have, no matter how small. Please come for a chat if you need to.

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Creativity'

"Creativity takes courage."

Henri Matisse

This week we pray for those living in places affected by war. We pray for peace to return soon.

This week's big question is:

Is everything and everyone creative?

Attending school on time every day is the best way to ensure your children's future success. Children with good attendance achieve much better in school and go on to get better jobs than those with poor attendance. The government expects all children's attendance to be **at least 96%**.

Here is our class and whole school attendance for last week:

Class	Attendance
YR	97%
Y1	95%
Y2	94%
Y3	94%
Y4	94%
Y5	98%
Y6	96%
Whole School	95%

A great week for Reception, Y5 and Y6 with excellent attendance. Our overall school attendance last week was 95%, which means too much lost learning time.

School Uniform

Trainers should only be worn on PE days.

Black school shoes should be worn on all other days with school uniform. Thank you for your support.

St Barnabas CE Primary School **'Golden Ticket' Easter Raffle**

Friday 28th March 2025

Tickets £1 each and are on sale now

1st Prize Warrington Wolves Season Tickets (Adult + Child)

2nd Prize Massive Pokémon Hamper

3rd Prize £25 Just Eat Voucher

And another 32 other prizes including...

• Easter Treats Hamper * Huge Pikachu Soft Toy * Giant Nursery Toy Bundle * Lego Rabbit and Cuddly Toy * Stitch Backpack and Soft Toy * Basketball Hoop * Karaoke Set * Handbag Bundle * Puppy Cuddly Toy * Power Ranger and Money Box * Craft Hamper * 2 x Children's Headphones * Children's Headphone and Party Light * Children's Headphones and Plush toy * Lantern, Candle and Scarf * Fuzzy Duck Toiletries * Toy truck and car sets * Lynx Set and Braces * Pink Bear * Blue Plush toy * Purple Plush toy * Dragonball figurines * 10 further prizes of Pokémon Landorus, Thundurus & Tornadus Card Sets *



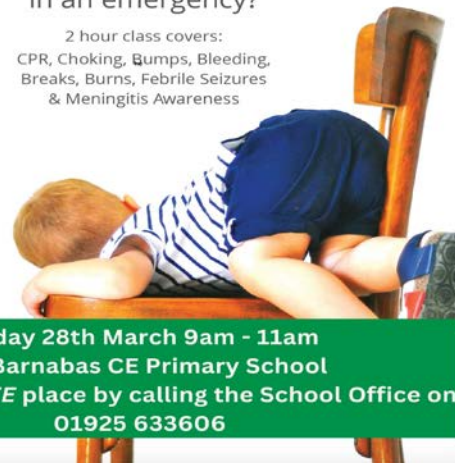
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Baby & Child First Aid

Would you know what to do in an emergency?

2 hour class covers:
CPR, Choking, Bumps, Bleeding, Breaks, Burns, Febrile Seizures & Meningitis Awareness



Friday 28th March 9am - 11am
St Barnabas CE Primary School
Book your **FREE** place by calling the School Office on
01925 633606

Staying Safe Online

Our focus this week turns again to Roblox. Although, it can be a great platform to socialise with friends, its multiplayer facility can allow exposure to strangers. Also, people can play anonymously, which can lead to bullying or harassment. There are also the possibilities of in game purchases and scams. This guide offers some expert advice on how to support children to have a safe and enjoyable experience on the Roblox platform.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

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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 dates 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 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.

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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Dates for your Diary	
14.3.25	Y3/4 Rugby Session
21.3.25	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
21.3.25	Y3/4 Rugby Session
27.3.25	6pm Spring Concert - Y3, 4, 5 & 6 taking part
1.4.25	Primary Arts Network - Performance at the Parr Hall - Y4 & 5 taking part
3.4.35	Y4 trip to Quarry Bank Mill
4.4.25	8:45 Parent Coffee Morning
4.4.25	Reception trip to Chester Zoo
7.4.25	Starbooks Easter Cafe
8.4.25	Nursery and Reception Easter Stay and Play Session
9.4.25	10am Whole School Spring Service at St Barnabas Church – all families welcome
10.4.25	Nursery Easter Stay and Play Session
11.4.25	Learn to ride – Y3/4 bikeability Session
11.4.25	School closes for Easter break
15.4.25	10am – 2pm Easter Holiday Club
16.4.25	10am – 2pm Easter Holiday Club
17.4.25	10am – 2pm Easter Holiday Club
18.4.25	10am – 2pm Easter Holiday Club
22.4.25	School opens for Summer Term

School Term Dates 2024 - 2025	
Monday 24 th February	School opens
Friday 11 th April	School closes for Easter break
Tuesday 22 nd April	School opens
Monday 5 th May	Bank holiday – School Closed
Friday 23 rd May	School closes for half term
Monday 9 th June	School opens
Friday 27 th June	Warrington Walking Day – School Closed
Friday 18 th July	School closes for Summer break

 **Colour Run**
Sunday 11th May 2025
From 1pm
Adults - £15
Children - £12

Take part in a colourful 3km dash through **Walton Hall & Gardens**

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or contact us using the details below:
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Events@stroccos.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 511592
www.stroccos.org.uk

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Holiday Activities and Food

Are your children on benefit related free school meals?

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If yes, they can attend up to four fully funded holiday activities this Easter. Browse now at warrington.gov.uk. Bookings open 9am on Monday 10 March. Email haf@warrington.gov.uk to find out more.

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10am to 2pm.