

Newsletter



Friday 17th July 2026

Reminder about upcoming events:

Tuesday 21st July - Year 6 leavers party 5.30pm - 8 pm

Wednesday 22nd July - Year 6 leavers assembly - Year 6 parents only - 9.30am Last day of term

Staff News

I am writing to let you know that Emma Mitchell will no longer be working at the school .

Many of you will have had contact with Emma during her time with us . We thank Emma for her contribution to the school and wish her well for the future.

This week, we recruited two new Early Years Practitioners for our Reception Class. Mrs Kasia Watkins will work full time and Mrs Elena Knight will work every morning. Both practitioners are very experienced and are looking forward to joining our team. They join Miss Harper in September.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming a part of everyday life. Whilst it has many benefits, it can also be misused – including by those who use it to make, manipulate and share nude, semi-nude or sexual images and videos of children. This is child sexual abuse material (or 'CSAM') and, under UK law, is illegal.

Hearing about this as a parent or carer can feel alarming, but you are not alone. It's important to know that there are steps you can take, many of which you may already be doing, to help better protect your child.

This guide from the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the National Crime Agency (NCA) is here to support you. It will help you to understand more about how AI can be misused, why it matters and what steps you can take to feel confident and help keep your child safer

online.<https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/>

Subject: ➡  Discover Wellbeing Tools for Your Child –
Download the myHappymind Parent App!

We are delighted to share that our school uses myHappymind to support your child's wellbeing and resilience, and now you can be part of this at home too.

By downloading the myHappymind Parent App, you will have access to a range of supportive and engaging resources, including:

- **myHappymind Places** – a personalised self-regulation tool
- **Happy Breathing** visuals and audio, with over 40 options to explore
- **Mini Masterclasses for parents**, covering Separation Anxiety, Building Self Esteem, Supporting Emotionally Based School Avoidance, Managing Big Emotions, Trauma Informed approaches, Sleep and Neurodiversity
- **Fun games to help start meaningful conversations about wellbeing**, including Interactive Conversation Cards and the Wheel of Gratitude

You can sign up and begin exploring here:

<https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources>

Your authentication code is: **150823**

We hope you enjoy exploring the app and sharing these special moments together at home.

Did you know Roblox now checks players' ages?

Everything you need to know about Roblox's new age verification checks

Roblox has created age-based accounts which they say will help young people access "age-appropriate games and features". Age checks are used to verify users are the same age their account says they are.

What is Roblox?

Roblox is an online gaming platform where users can create or play games. Many games allow players to chat with each other.

Our advice to parents and carers whose children use Roblox:

1. Check what age the account your child uses to play Roblox is registered as
2. Set up parental controls on Roblox to help your child play safely
3. Talk to your child about their use of Roblox and how to keep themselves safe

For more information and advice visit:

- [What you need to know about Roblox age checks blog](#)
- [What do I need to know about Roblox? A guide for parents and carers](#)

How do the age checks work?

All users are prompted to age check by scanning their face when they access the Roblox platform. They are then automatically assigned to a relevant account. Those who do not age check cannot chat and have restricted access to content. The age estimation process uses a user's camera to capture their face in different positions. If a user's estimated age appears to be different to the age set in the account, Roblox will adjust the age the account is set to.

It is important not to complete the age check for your child, as this will give them access to games intended for adults and allow them to only talk to other users aged 16+.



What accounts are there?

Roblox Kids (ages 5 to 8)

Default settings:

- Minimal or mild content
- Chat turned off

Roblox Select (ages 9 to 15)

Default settings:

- Minimal, mild or moderate content
- Access to in-game chat with players in similar age groups
- Direct (one-on-one) chat turned off
- Access to chats outside of games (party chat)

Roblox (ages 16+)

Default settings:

- Access to all content (with adult rated content accessible at 18)
- Access to all chat features with people in similar age groups

What are the different accounts available on Roblox?

Roblox has two age-based accounts for younger users:

- Roblox Kids for users aged 5 to 8
- Roblox Select for users aged 9 to 15.

Once users are 16, their account becomes a standard Roblox account with access to most content and features. However, they will still be in age bands and only able to talk to those aged up to 20. They also won't have access to Restricted 18+ games.

For more information

https://www.childnet.com/blog/what-you-need-to-know-about-roblox-age-checks/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Childnet%20-%20UK%20school%20mailing&utm_content=Childnet%20-%20UK%20school%20mailing+CID_23d44a7ef7403d02278335810bef4883&utm_source=Campaign%20Monitor&utm_term=Did%20you%20know%20Roblox%20now%20checks%20players%20ages

FROGS

FROGS have held a uniform sale today after school. However, if there is something specific that you still need, please get in touch with your class representative and they can pass the order on.

On the last day of term, FROGS will hold an end of year tuck stall at the end of the school day.

Year 6 SATS

A special mention to all of our Year 6 children, who received their SATs results yesterday. They have achieved phenomenal SATs results. We are so proud of all your achievements and progress.

Help Us Gear Up for an Amazing School Year!

We are looking for completely optional donations to transform the Reception classroom. We would appreciate anything at all, but there is a list for inspiration:

OLD THINGS

ITEMS YOU NO LONGER NEED

- ☐ Old pillows/duvets (with & without cases!)
- ☐ offcuts of wood / giant jenga
- ☐ tarpaulin/canvas
- ☐ old baking trays/ pots/ cooking utensils
- ☐ empty/old soap dispensers with pump
- ☐ old trays/storage baskets (big or small!)
- ☐ anything else you think needs a new home in a Reception classroom!



BITS & BOBS

ITEMS TO COLLECT THIS SUMMER

- ☐ milk bottles & caps
- ☐ cardboard boxes (e.g. shoe, cereal)
- ☐ egg cartons
- ☐ plastic bottles
- ☐ ice cream / takeaway tubs with lids
- ☐ newspaper/magazines
- ☐ toilet / kitchen roll tubes
- ☐ yoghurt pots



Please do not go out of your way to get these things!
Any little helps :)



Leave donations with the office / hand to Miss Harper after the summer.

Many thanks from Miss Harper & The Reception team :)

Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme. From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.