



NEWSLETTER

Diary Dates



Spring 2 Term

March

18th— Y2 visit Walsall Art Gallery

19th— Y4 visit Darlaston Library

19th & 20th—Y5 Parents evening

-Y6 Parents evening

25th— Nurs visit Hoo Zoo

26th—Rec visit Hoo Zoo

27th—Breakfast club Mothers Day

28th— Inset day

April

2nd— Parliament visit

4th— Y2 Easter assembly

10th—Y5 visit Gurdwara

Easter bonnet parade

11th—School closes for Easter

Summer 1 Term

28th—Back to school

School photographs

May

5th— May bank holiday

20th—Saltmine Production

23rd—School closes for half term

Summer 2 Term

June

2nd— School starts For Summer 2 term

16th –20th—Sports Week

July

10th—Weston Super-Mare Sea Side

11th—Stay & Play Nur & Rec

16th—Fantastic Finish

18th—School closes for Summer Holidays

A message from our Head of Academy

This Term, we have had many exciting events that the children have really enjoyed. From classroom projects to outdoor learning experiences, our aim is to inspire a curiosity for learning. Please refer to our Class Dojo, where you will see what your child has been learning about this term and regular updates with regards to learning which has taken place. It has been a busy and rewarding term, and we are proud of the hard work and dedication that continues to shape the growth and success of our school.

I would like to give a special mention to the Year 6 children who have been working extremely hard preparing for their SATs in May. The Year 6 team have worked hard to ensure all children can reach their potential. Unfortunately, we can only teach those children who are in school, we have had a few absences reported in Year 6 (and across the school) for unauthorised reasons.

Everyday at school is an opportunity for your child to grow, learn and build upon the skills they need for their future. When students are absent, even for seemingly minor reasons, they miss valuable lessons, interactions with peers and key moments of learning. This can have a significant impact on their academic progress and emotional well-being.

We understand that some times students may need to stay home due to illness or other legitimate reasons, but we strongly encourage families to avoid unnecessary absences. Taking time off for trivial reasons can disrupt your child's learning experience and missing too many days can lead to gaps in understanding and confidence.

As parents, you play a vital role in supporting and encouraging consistent attendance. Please help us by ensuring that your child comes to school every day, unless they are genuinely unwell. Your partnership in this is essential to your child's success, and we deeply appreciate your efforts in making education a top priority.

Last week we celebrated World Book Day which was a huge success. Photos of some of the classes will be featured in the local newspaper: Express and Star, on Monday 24th March 2025. It is always a proud moment when our achievements are recognised on a wider scale.

We are now approaching the end of Winter, therefore, in line with our school uniform policy, from next week boots will no longer be permitted, and all children will be expected to wear school shoes. Please refer to our school website should you need further clarity on our uniform. As I have mentioned in my previous news letter, wearing school uniform not only fosters a sense of pride and belonging, but it also promotes a focused and respectful learning environment.

Thankyou for your cooperation in continuing to make our school great !

Warm regards,

Mrs Khara



Year 6 Visit Six Peak Wildlife Park

Year 6 had a brilliant time at Peak Park! They were able to enter the enclosures and pet some of the animals. A zookeeper spoke to the children about adaptation and the many challenges some animals are facing due to global warming and deforestation.

Miss Rook



Year 5 Visit Mount Pleasant Farm

We learnt about seasonality and which time of year crops should be harvested. We explored the farm, found out how milk is produced and how the animals are fed and kept.

Miss Dysart



World Book Day

World Book day 2025 was another success. Our trip to waterstones went smoothly and we had a fantastic turn out of children and staff dressed up. What a wonderful day to celebrate reading together.



Darlaston Library

To further the children's reading exposure we have teamed up with Darlaston Library. They have been generous enough to donate hundreds of books to our school.



Miss Sims Fundraising

Raffle tickets are on sale to help Miss Simms raise money towards her trip to Kenya, where she will be working on a conservation project that will help build a school and teach the children of Mombasa in Summer 2026.

Tickets are on sale for £1 a strip, and the winner will be announced in assembly next week.

Miss Sims



Early Years Chick Experience

Nursery and Reception were privileged to be able to look after some chicken eggs, watch them hatch and then to look after them. This was such a lovely experience for all the children and staff, we were all very sad to say good bye but hopefully we can do this again in the future.



School Nurse Service

Your School Nurse service offer FREE virtual workshops for Parents/Carers

Are you a Parent/Carer of a child or young person who is struggling with any of the following:

Sleep

Behaviour

Emotions

Toileting (training and/or common problems)

Healthy Lifestyles

Fussy Eating

Bedwetting

Scan the QR code for more information



Do you need advice and support about other health issues? You can call our Single Point of Access on 01922 423349.

We have resources to help you:

- Health for Teen Website for teenagers: www.healthforteens.co.uk
- Health for Kids Website for children: www.healthforkids.co.uk
- School Nursing Service Webpages: www.walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing
- ChatHealth – text messaging service to contact a School Nurse for advice
- Teen ChatHealth - 07480 635363 - Parent ChatHealth - 07520 634909

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, news and tips, please visit nationalcollege.org.uk.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

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.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- ONLINE PLAY RISKS**
Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment where they may be exposed to inappropriate behaviour. 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 relevant on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain user-generated content that could easily be seen by young players.
- IN-GAME SPENDING**
The majority of games within Roblox have extensive in-game purchases, whereby through several games or in-game purchases, players can earn in-game currency. Some games offer a range of virtual items that can be purchased for real money. While some games offer a lot of discounts and purchases, others can offer new items for real money, meaning younger players to end up out of pocket.
- ANONYMOUS PLAYERS**
The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and unwanted 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 engaged for long periods of time. This can be a risk for some children, as they may become addicted to the game and neglect other activities.
- SCAMS**
Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, such as hats or shirts. These objects, while they are not real money, can be traded between players. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting items that can be sold for real money, meaning the child is losing their own money, not realising the scam.

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. It's important to know what your child is playing, so you can 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 the game itself, such as blocking a user, reporting a user, and using the chat box, can help you to control what your child sees and does. All these options are helpful in controlling off bad content from engaging with children.
- PLAY TOGETHER**
Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how moderation works, group whether the game would be suitable for your children, or even witness how moderation between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for your children.
- TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS**
Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By limiting how much and giving tips on how a younger user can control their money, 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 violating Roblox's policies. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert
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