



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Unicorn families	Family celebration
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 4 children Year 1 & 2	HSMS production of High school Musical Puxton Park Trip
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole School	FOLS Bake off
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole School	INSET DAY
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Whole School	Return to school
<b>Attendance Roundup:</b>		
Unicorns 94.7% Elves 95.1% Griffins 95.6% Phoenix 95.3%		

**Sports clubs for next half term** – Sports clubs for next half term are available to book via MCAS from 3pm today. As we head in to spring we will try and be outside more. Mondays we will revert back to multi skills for years 1 and 2. Gymnastics on Thursday will be for year groups 2, 3 and 4. Friday will remain as football for years 3 and 4. For a full list of dates for each club please see the attached clubs list.

**Reception children weight and height** – Further to the email sent out on 16<sup>th</sup> January we now have a date confirmed for the school nursing team to visit to do weights and measurements for our reception children. They will be with us on March 24<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to opt out or request your child's results please do so via the letter previously sent.

**Lunch Menu** – The lunch menu for after half term is now available to book on MCAS. Please can lunches for the first week back be ordered by midnight on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Any lunches ordered after that date will not be included in our numbers and you will have to provide your child with a packed lunch.

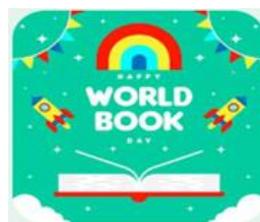
**Puxton Park** – Just a reminder that your child will need to wear comfortable warm clothing with their school jumper/cardigan and will need a waterproof coat and a packed lunch.

**Impetigo** – We have had a number of cases over the last few weeks of Impetigo in both school and pre-school. Please visit the NHS website below for more details and keep your child at home until it is no longer contagious.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/impetigo/>

**Road Closure** – Church Road and West Road will be closed for 4 days from the 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February and not 4 months as stated on the road signs.

**World Book Day** – On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March we invite you to dress up as your favourite character from a book that *Inspires* you or an *Inspirational* Scientist!! We are looking forward to World book Day and British Science Week in early March.



**Useful Information**

Further information can be found on our website: [www.lympshamcofeacademy.co.uk](http://www.lympshamcofeacademy.co.uk)

**Our values**  
**'Hope, Enjoyment, Aspiration, Respect, Thankful'**

**Our Christian Value this term**  
**'Compassion'**

**Safeguarding**  
Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child, please email [office@lympshamcofeacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@lympshamcofeacademy.co.uk)

Designated Safeguarding Lead:  
Katie Whiting

**Reporting Absence**  
If your child is feeling unwell, please contact the school office on 01934 750473, or email using the school email address: - [office@lympshamcofeacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@lympshamcofeacademy.co.uk)  
**Contact must be made on each day of absence.**

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**ATTENDANCE**

Every day counts!

**Below 90%**  
Serious Concern.  
Persistent absence.

**90 - 95.9%**  
Concern.  
Low attendance

**At least 96%**  
Expected attendance.

Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is an online platform where users can play and create games known as 'experiences' made by other users. Roblox has a large UK audience. ITV News has reported that millions of people in Britain use the platform regularly, with children forming a significant proportion of its users. The sheer scale of it makes it extremely difficult to moderate effectively, creating risks for unsupervised children.

### A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME

Roblox differs from traditional video games in that it hosts millions of user-created experiences rather than a fixed set of developer-produced content. Each experience is self-rated by its creator rather than independently age-rated in advance, as is the case with PEGI-rated games. With millions of user-created experiences, moderation is largely automated which means that inappropriate content may reach younger players and have a harmful effect.

### MATURE CONTENT

With much of Roblox's moderation automated through AI and creators self-certifying suitability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players. While Roblox has tools to restrict access based on age settings, these systems are not always perfect. Younger players are likely to encounter content you may deem unsuitable.

### IN-GAME SPENDING

Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and cosmetics include optional purchases using Robux, the platform's virtual currency, to get advantages in games. This business model is common across online games, but reporting has highlighted cases where children have spent large amounts of money unintentionally or without understanding the real-world cost.

### RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox encourages repeated and extended play. Many experiences are made of short tasks, rewards, and progression systems that can prompt users to keep playing for longer periods of time. Some games also use reminders, daily rewards, or timed events to encourage frequent logins. These designs can make it difficult to stop playing. Spending long periods online may affect sleep, schoolwork, or other activities if boundaries are not in place.

### COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS

Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat in shared game spaces. While the platform uses automated filters and moderation tools, media investigations have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can still get through. There are risks that children could be targeted by groomers. In response, Roblox has announced changes to how chat works. The platform plans to use facial age-estimation technology to restrict chat access between adults and children they do not know.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to apply spending controls, limit communication features, and review recent activity. Regular supervision, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about what they see online can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.

### CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT

Although Roblox is introducing tighter age-based chat restrictions, some parents and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely for younger children. Children can still play games while communicating with friends they know through other supervised platforms.

### PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE

Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how monetisation works, and how children interact online. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something feels wrong. Parents and educators should monitor all games played on Roblox due to its self-rating nature.

### ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Many Roblox experiences are creative and age appropriate, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialise with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour.

### Meet Our Expert

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