



Ivington CE (VA) Primary and Pre-school

Reaching together with the fruits of the spirit (Galatian 5:22-23)

NEWSLETTER: Tuesday 21st April 2026

DIARY DATES

Monday 4th May:

- May Bank Holiday

Tues 5th to Wed 6th May:

- Y4 Oakerwood Camp

Mon 11th - Thurs 14th May:

- Year 6 SATs

Thursday 21st May:

- NSPCC workshops (speak out, stay safe)

Friday 22nd - Friday 29th May

- Half term break

Wednesday 3rd June:

- Class photographs & Y6 photos
- Governor Committee Meetings

Thursday 25th June:

- Y6 Leavers' Service at the Hereford Cathedral

Mon 29th - Tues 30th June:

- Rowan Class Laches Wood Trip

Thursday 2nd July:

- Y6 Transition Day

Wednesday 8th July:

- Governors Meeting

Friday 17th July:

- Summer Term ends

Dear Parents and Carers

After school club letters have been sent home today, if you would like your child to take part in any of the clubs on offer, please let the office know by Friday.

Roblox is a hugely popular online game, which includes online chat functions. Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of the importance of knowing what your child is doing online, checking privacy settings and asking your child who they are talking to. See the Roblox information overleaf about that site in particular and some more general information from the NSPCC about online safety [here](#).

There have been 36 recalls of products which may have asbestos in them. These are all children's toys. We are checking to ensure that there are no recalled products in school. You may wish to check what you have at home - [asbestos - Product Safety Alerts, Reports and Recalls - GOV.UK](#)

With warmest wishes,
Mrs Smith

Attendance for last week:

Whole School Attendance: 90.61%



Milk

If you would like your child to have milk this term. Please order it through the office, the cost will be **£22.05** which can be added to your ParentPay account.

Missing Coat - Can You Help?

We're missing a boys' black coat (age 8-9 years) with reflective strips on the shoulders and elasticated cuffs. Please could you check your child's coat at home? It's easy for coats to get mixed up, especially when they look similar. If you have this coat by mistake, please return it to the school office.

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our stars of the week before Easter were:

Cherry Class: Emily
Maple Class: Mollie
Chestnut Class: Noah
Willow Class: Brogan
Rowan Class: Sara
Headteacher's: Parker

CONGRATULATIONS!

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our stars of the week from last week were:

Cherry Class: Harley
Maple Class: Darcey
Chestnut Class: Charlie
Willow Class: Parker
Rowan Class: Hedd
Headteacher's: Emily P

CONGRATULATIONS!

We Value Self-control

Be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger

James 1-19



Rewards and Achievements

Congratulations to the following children.

Handwriting - Kristian & Maisie in Cherry Class, Elliot & Jack in Maple Class, Darcy & Frankie in Chestnut Class, Logan & Parker in Willow Class and Daniel in Rowan Class.

Reading - Brogan, Destiny & Ralph in Willow Class

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

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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