



SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:

Believe & Achieve

Our Mission Statement:

Through Jesus we love, learn and grow

In Worship this week, we heard the story of Esther. She showed great bravery and so was a good example of our Christian Value of Courage.

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Esther.

Thank you that she had the courage to stand up for what was right. Thank you that she was able to save her friends and family.

Please help us to have the courage always to do the right thing, to stick up for other people, even when it might seem difficult or even impossible.

Help us to remember that you are always there to help us.

In Jesus's name we pray.

Amen

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Jacob	George
Reception	Brodie	
Year One	Levi	
Year Two	Leo	Maisie
Year Three	Whole Class	
Year Four	Maia	Violet
Year Five	Annie	Tilly
Year Six	Emily	William P.

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

DOUGLAS

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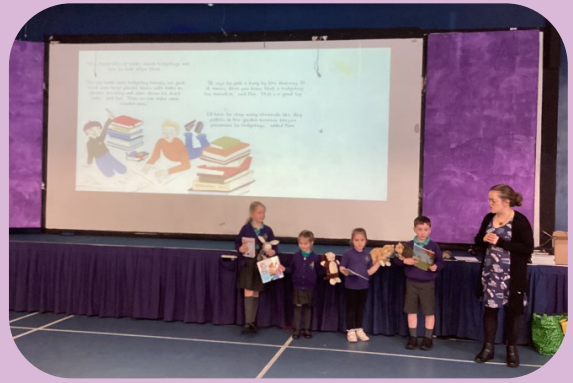
'I came to give life - life in all
its fullness.'

John 10:10

Author Visit

We thoroughly enjoyed the author visit on Monday with Sarah Oliver.

The children loved looking at some of her stories and learning about the different characters. Some classes then enjoyed taking part in a performance of her non-fiction story about Pollyanne the donkey.



Year 5

Year 5 had a fabulous visit to Church this week.

They each received a blessing from Father Jordan and had the opportunity at the end of the service to ask lots of questions.

All of the children really enjoyed themselves and were particularly impressed by Father Jordan's organ -playing skills!



Parents' Evening

Please note for your diaries, Parents' Evening will be held on **Monday 31st March**. Bookings can be made through the School Spider App from **6.00pm on Tuesday 18th March**.

Information regarding Year 4 Parents' Evening will be sent out in a separate letter.



Year 3

Congratulations to Year 3 for their wonderful performance in the Let's Go Sing Concert at Blackpool Opera House on Tuesday evening. The children sang brilliantly, joined in with all the actions and even used Makaton sign language.

They really embraced the whole experience and were super ambassadors for our school. Well done Year 3 and thank you to the Let's Go Sing Team!



Little Explorers

Little Explorers have enjoyed making their own sandwiches this week for a Teddy Bears' Picnic!



Life Education

The Life Education team are coming into school on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th March. Children will be able to purchase bookmarks from this event for £1.00.

The team are also holding a parent workshop on Tuesday 18th March, 8.55am to 9.10am.



Upcoming Dates

Monday 17th March	All Day	Coram Life Education
Tuesday 18th March	All Day	Coram Life Education
Tuesday 18th March	9.05am	Y5 Class Worship (Please join us)
Thursday 20th March	1.30-8.30pm	Primary Dance Competition (Blackburn Empire)
Thursday 27th March	4.00-5.30pm	Cluster Tag Rugby Y5/Y6 (Trinity & St Michaels)
Friday 28th March	9.05am	Y1 Class Worship (Please join us)
Monday 31st March	2.00-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 1st April	9.05-9.30am	Open the Book
Wednesday 2nd April	All Day	Y5 Trip to Liverpool Cathedral
Thursday 3rd April	All Day	Hannah's Dance for Joy
Friday 4th April	9.00-10.00am	Easter Service (Please Join Us)

Letters Home

Whole School—Lenten Challenge

Year 5—Trip to Liverpool Cathedral Letter

Whole School—Coram Life Education Letter

Whole School—Hannah's Dance for Joy Letter & Sponsor Form

Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Multi Sports All Years	3.20-4.20pm
Tuesday	Choir	3.20-4.15pm
Wednesday	Spanish Club-All Years	8.00-8.45am
Wednesday	Dance Rehearsals	3.20-4.15pm
Thursday	Girls Football	3.20-4.20pm
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm



Eccleston St Mary's
Church of England Primary School
Headteacher: Mrs J Birchall



VACANCY

Welfare Assistant Required ASAP

11.50 to 13.10

Permanent Position, Term Time Only, Foundation Living wage
£12 per hour

**Please contact school for further
details. Thank you**



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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.

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](https://GAMINGbible.com).

