



Forest Glade Primary and Nursery School Family – Growth – Potential

March 2025

We have had lots of amazing activities taking place across school this month to support our children’s learning. Take a look below to see what has been happening and the latest updates.



World Book Day 2025



For World Book Day our children were invited to come to school dressed as either, their favourite book character or their own unique character. During the day they were able to use their imaginations to create a story using their character and a number of props brought in by their teachers. The children showed amazing creativity and enjoyment throughout the day, well done to the children who received a prize for the best creative stories! We can’t wait to see what characters they will choose next year.



Eco Quote of the Month

“Be the change you wish to see in the world”



Water Saving Tip of the Month

“A dripping tap can waste more than 5,300 litres of water a year!”



Key Information



Mother's Day Celebration

We had a lovely morning enjoying a cake and chat together to celebrate the special ladies in our children's lives. Look out for details of the Father's Day event we will be holding in June.



Year 5 Viking Experience

A Viking came to visit our Year 5 children! The children learnt so much about the influence that Vikings had on our local area. They also got to see lots of artefacts and even got to participate in a very fierce (and noisy) battle. Everyone showed great responsibility and enjoyment.



Year 1 Toy Workshop

Our Year 1 children had a visit from 'Toys in School' to support their enquiry learning. The children used different tools to create their own moving, wooden toy and showed great creativity. Well done Year 1!



FS2 Skegness Trip

Our FS2 children had an amazing trip to Skegness to support their enquiry learning 'How can we help others?' They visited the Seal Sanctuary, RNLI and even got to visit the beach and paddle in the sea! Everybody had a great day and all the children represented FGP excellently. Thank you to all our parent helpers, these trips wouldn't be possible without you.



Summer Fayre Date Change

Please note we have had to change the date of our Summer Fayre from **Friday 4th July** to **Friday 11th July**. We cannot wait to see you all there for an afternoon of family fun!

Upcoming dates for the diary

Easter Egg-Stravaganza – Monday 31st March
PTA Golden Ticket Tombola – Tuesday 1st April
Easter Holidays – 7th April – 21st April
May Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May
Year 6 SATs – 12th May – 15th May
PTA Tour De Forest Glade – Monday 19th May
May Half Term – 26th May – 30th May
Year 6 Residential Trip – 2nd July – 4th July

Inset Days for 2024/2025

Monday 28th July 2025
Tuesday 29th July 2025



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



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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