

# NEWSLETTER



# The Forest Family

## Awards

27th January 2023

### ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Evelyn P** Class 2 **Amelia F** Class 3 **Bonnie B** Class 4 **Maddie W**

Badges: ★ **Maliha K (Red Star)** ★ **Lucinder Hughes (Silver Star)**

Headteacher awards: Sophie W, Mason M, William R, Billy S, Joseph W, Matilda W,  
Writer of the Week: **Lily B, Joe W (Class 3)**

### NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Grace P** Class 2 **Noah** Class 3 **Abigail P**

Badges: ★ (Green Star) ★ (Bronze Star) ★ (Silver Star)  
★ (Gold Star)

Headteacher awards: **Harrison L**

Writer if the Week: **Joshua S**

Dear Parents

At the end of another busy week at both of our schools, I would like to bring to your attention the amazing work the children are doing with their writing at the moment. If you are able to attend our Friday worship, you will have seen our 'writer of the week' awards being given out. All of the children are working really hard to improve their writing, and it has been wonderful to see their work in class. Please continue to support the children at home by listening to them read, discussing books and stories and encouraging the children to enjoy books. Reading will help give the children ideas and inspiration for their own writing.

I am so proud of the children for their wonderful work this week!

Have a great weekend,

Best Wishes

**Mr Baxter**

## ATTENDANCE

### ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 87%

CLASS 2 - 96%

CLASS 3 - 96%

CLASS 4 - 96%

### NEEDWOOD

CLASS 1 - 91%

CLASS 2 - 97%

CLASS 3 - 96%

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### DIARY

#### ALL SAINTS

30&31	YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY
31.1.23	YEAR 4 BIKEABILITY
17.2.23	PANCAKE RACES 9.15 AM
17.2.23	LAST DAY OF TERM
3.2.23	NSPCC NUMBER DAY
14.3.23	PARENTS EVENING
16.3.23	PARENTS EVENING
17.3.23	MOTHERS DAY SERVICES (TIME TBC)

#### NEEDWOOD

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### NSPCC NUMBER DAY 2023 - FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY

Please refer to the letter that has been emailed out by the school offices regarding this event. We look forward to a day full of wonderful maths activities, whilst raising money for the NSPCC.

Please could children dress up in the following:

**EYFS/KS1** - Dress up as a digit (maybe a Numberblock) OR as a Numbot

**KS2** - Dress up as a TT Rockstar

In exchange for dressing up we request a small donation towards the NSPCC and our Just Giving pages can be found at -

#### NEEDWOOD

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/needwood>

#### ALL SAINTS, RANGEMORE

[Sally Ward is fundraising for NSPCC \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sallyward) .

Attached to the newsletter you will find a flyer explaining that parents and children can now share some 'scrapheap stories' on Numbots too, so please take a look!

Many thanks for your support.



DEVELOP POSITIVE MINDSETS  
WITH

# NUMBOTS

## SCRAPHEAP STORIES



Introducing our free, motivational audio stories for children! Each 10-minute story incorporates different growth mindsets, with the aim to help children become more resilient in maths and also, more generally, in life.

NumBots Scrapheap Stories feature four of the characters from NumBots, the interactive addition and subtraction platform used in your child's school.

### UNICORN AND THE BIG RACE

A story about the  
importance of practising  
little and often.

### KITTY AND THE CAMERA

A story about teamwork  
and the importance of  
asking for help.

### NINJA AND THE DANCE SHOW

A story about taking risks  
and overcoming fears.

LISTEN TO THE STORIES AND TAKE PART IN THE ACTIVITIES AT:  
[NUMBOTS.COM/SCRAPHEAP-STORIES-FAMILY-ACCESS](https://numbots.com/scrapheap-stories-family-access)

ALSO AVAILABLE ON:



Spotify



YouTube



Listen on  
Apple Music





A fun session this week.

The children got to make dens. They formed two teams of their own choosing and it was wonderful that each had a mixture of boys and girls. They worked so well together. Both dens were imaginative and made the best of the limited resources they had at their disposal. Each team managed to get inside their dens and managed to stay dry when I threw water over both of them. Maybe a bit flimsy on a windy day but still perfectly fine for a shelter. Nice to see some children making use of the ropes too to help secure the tarps in place.

Bow sawing carried on too and once again the children achieved a few cuts, although most were surprised at how hard work it can be.

## JUST A REMINDER

WE ARE AT THE DEER PARK NEXT WEEK  
FOR OUR FOREST SCHOOL SESSION.

CAN YOU PLEASE ENSURE  
THE FORM IS RETURNED  
BY MONDAY PLEASE.









# ONLINE SAFETY

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ROBLOX

PEGI RATING  
7+

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

### PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

### ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter Oders. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

### IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

### DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

### PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

### MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

### DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

### Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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