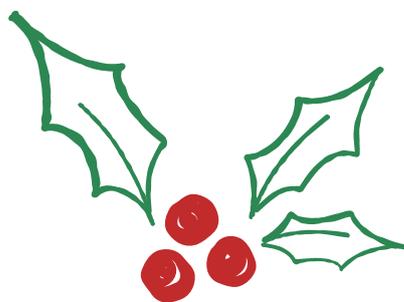


Carclaze NEWSLETTER



Dear Families,

As we come to the end of the Autumn term, I would like to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone in the Carclaze CP School community.

In my first term as Head at Carclaze I have been incredibly grateful for the warm welcome, kindness and support shown to me by staff, families and pupils alike. It has truly been a term that reflects our school values of Care, Communicate, Persevere and Sparkle, and it has been a joy to see these lived out every day.

The festive period has been a wonderful way to end the term. Seeing the children light up during the Elfish pantomime, enjoying festive activities in school, and finishing the term with the staff pantomime brought so much laughter and happiness.

Our Christmas performances were full of joy, and it was lovely to see both the children and the adults who came to watch sharing in those special moments. Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to ensure the children and families had a memorable performance.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our Friends of the School for organising a fantastic Christmas Fayre and for supporting us to offer the Elfish performance free of charge to the whole school. Your time, effort and generosity are truly appreciated and make such a difference to our children's experiences.

Thank you for your strong sense of community, generosity and ongoing support for all our children. Working together makes such a positive difference.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break with your nearest and dearest. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in 2026 on Monday 5th January.

From me, and all the team at Carclaze CP School, we wish you a very happy festive season.

Warmest wishes,
Emma Williams
Headteacher

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TIME TO MOVE



Christmas Time2Move Holiday Programme bookings are live!

We're thrilled to announce that our Christmas Time2Move Holiday Programme activities are officially available for booking! This festive season, we have an exciting range of sessions designed to keep children active, engaged and having fun throughout the holidays. Whether you're looking for sports, creative workshops or festive-themed activities, there's something for everyone. Spaces often fill quickly, so we encourage families to secure their places early.

[CLICK HERE TO FIND ACTIVITIES NEAR YOU](#)

**GO ACTIVE CORNWALL
HOLIDAY
CLUB**
FOR FREE SCHOOL
MEALS STUDENTS
**22ND & 23RD
DECEMBER**
9AM TO 2PM
**CARCLAZE
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

GO ACTIVE ARE RUNNING TWO HOLIDAY CLUBS ON THE 22ND & 23RD DECEMBER AT CARCLAZE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

IF YOU'RE IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS AT SCHOOL YOU'RE ELIGIBLE TO BOOK THIS CLUB COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE.

YOU'LL ALSO RECEIVE A FREE, HEALTHY NUTRITIONAL MEAL AT NO EXTRA COST.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO BOOK THIS SIMPLY FOLLOW THE BELOW LINK 📌📌📌

[HTTPS://WWW.ACTIVECORNWALL.ORG/T2MHOLIDAYPROGRAMME/](https://www.activecornwall.org/t2mholidayprogramme/)

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Christmas is just around the corner, and many children may soon be using new devices at home. One very popular online game is Roblox. This week, we are sharing a helpful poster with tips and advice to support children in staying safe while playing the game.

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

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.



The National College

what's happening this December ...

You're warmly invited to join us this festive season!

Every Sunday morning 10.30 - 12.00pm
FAMILY SERVICE - KIDZONE & LITTLE FISHES

Friday 5th December 6.30pm
CHRISTMAS FANTASIA MUSIC CONCERT
refreshments & coffee shop treats from 5.45pm
BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL @ Eventbrite.com

Sunday 7th December 3.00 - 5.00pm
'Count Everyone in' Christmas Service
A service tailored for those with additional needs
<https://www.counteveryonein.org.uk/>

Sunday 21st Dec 10.30am - 12.00
FAMILY NATIVITY SERVICE (Scratch Nativity)
All children can join in, dressed as any
character from the Christmas story

Sunday 21st December 6.00 - 7.30pm
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
(with Christingle-making!)

Thursday 25 December 10.30am - 11.30pm
CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE

Trinity Street, St Austell, PL25 5BQ
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1199453



Scratch
Nativity

A family event-All welcome
Children dress as any character
from the nativity

Mince pies Refreshments



DEC 21ST 10.30AM
AT WHITE RIVER COMMUNITY CHURCH



Christmas
by Candlelight

Enjoy an Evening of
Christmas Carols &
Christingle making



Sunday 21st December

White River Community Church
Trinity Street, St Austell

6:00pm-7:00pm



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Carclaze Attendance Matters



CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE SUCCESS ... AN AUTUMN TERM ROUND UP

As we come to the end of the autumn term, we would like to take a moment to thank families for their continued support in promoting good attendance at school. We also recognise that this term has brought additional challenges. The spread of seasonal illness, including flu, has understandably impacted some families, and we appreciate the open communication and cooperation from parents and carers during this time. Thank you for working with us to balance children's health and wellbeing with the importance of attendance. As always, our team continues to support pupils who may be struggling with attendance, and we are encouraged to see that a number of pupils have already shown recent improvements. Thank you again for your ongoing partnership and support. We look forward to building on this positive foundation as we move into the spring term.



WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT NEARLY THREE-QUARTERS OF OUR PUPILS ARE ATTENDING WELL:

- 43.9% OF PUPILS HAVE EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE (98-100%)
- 29.3% OF PUPILS HAVE GOOD ATTENDANCE (94-98%)



SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 95.3%
NATIONAL: 95.3%
LOCAL AUTHORITY: 95.2%

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Money Worries? Need Help?



St Austell Foodbank CMA Connect Centre is here to help anyone worried about money or debt to access confidential advice.

Come and have a quick chat with us in person during our drop in session

Wednesday 17th December
10am - 12pm

St Austell Family Hub, White River Place, Chi Austel,
St Austell, PL25 5AZ

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