

Carclaze NEWSLETTER



Dear Families,

2026- A Year to Celebrate Reading 📖

This year is the National Year of Reading, and here at Carclaze we are excited to place reading right at the heart of everything we do. Reading opens doors - to learning, imagination and opportunity - and we want every child to develop not only the skills to read confidently, but also a genuine love of reading that lasts a lifetime.

Throughout the year, we will be launching a range of reading initiatives and highlighting events to support all of our children.

We're starting by ensuring that every child in the school will have a reading record to strengthen the link between home and school, allowing us to celebrate reading together and track progress. We will continue to ensure that all children have access to a closely matched, fully decodable reading book through our RWI Phonics programme or Accelerated Reader as their reading skills develop.

Alongside this, children will be encouraged to choose a reading for pleasure book from our library - a book they are excited about, even if it is above their current reading level and needs to be shared with an adult. We know that enjoyment is a powerful driver of progress.

So how can you help? Look out for your child's reading record, read together for just 10 minutes a day (with a minimum of three times a week), and talk about books whenever you can. These small, consistent moments make a big difference in building confidence, fluency and a lifelong love of reading.

We look forward to sharing updates, events and ideas with you throughout the year as we work together to unlock a world of reading for every child.

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Roblox is massive with kids , but open chats and user-made worlds can bring hidden risks . This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide shows parents how to keep young players safer and more supported .

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.

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.

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.

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

Alan Martin is a technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, TechRadar, The Telegraph, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.



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Attendance Matters



STARTING THE DAY RIGHT: A REMINDER ABOUT MORNING ARRIVAL

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL ON TIME HELPS CHILDREN START THE DAY CALM, CONFIDENT, AND READY TO LEARN. WHEN PUPILS ARRIVE LATE, THEY CAN MISS IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS, FEEL RUSHED, AND FIND IT HARDER TO SETTLE INTO THE DAY.



The minutes missed might seem small but often include vital instructions, reading time, and opportunities to settle calmly into the day – all of which help children feel confident and ready to learn.

WE KNOW MORNINGS CAN BE TRICKY, AND THINGS DON'T ALWAYS GO TO PLAN. IF YOU'RE EXPERIENCING ONGOING CHALLENGES WITH PUNCTUALITY, PLEASE REACH OUT – WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD START EACH DAY IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY.

Morning timings reminder:

- Gates open: 8:35am
- Gates close: 8:45am
- Registration: 8:45am

SPRING TERM DIARY

Tuesday 27 January - Football and Netball Away to Charlestown

Wednesday 28 January - Porthpean Class trip to the recycling centre

Wednesday 4 February - Pisky Cove class trip to the recycling centre

Tuesday 10 February - Internet safety day

Tuesday 10 February - Football and Netball Home to Biscovey

Thursday 12 February - School Disco (more information to follow) - No Busy Bees

Monday 9 to Friday 15 February - Mental Health Week

Monday 16 to Friday 20 February - Half Term Week

Thursday 5 March - World Book Day

Monday 16 March - Science Week

Friday 3 April to Friday 17 April - Easter Holidays

Monday 4 May - May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 20 May to Friday 22 May - Year 4 Residential

Monday 25 to Friday 29 May - Half Term

Tuesday 2 to Friday 5 June - Year 6 London Residential

LUNCH MENU UPDATE

Please see below menu update.

Please note there have been some slight changes made by our catering supplier. These will not show on Parent Pay as the menu is set. However - below are the meals you can expect your child to receive upon booking those sessions.

Winter 2026		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WEEK ONE	Option One	Pork Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW Chicken Biryani	Finfingers or Salmon Finfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	19/1/26 9/2/26 9/3/26 30/3/26	Option Two	Plant Saus in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread	Cheese and Sean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	Syrup sponge	NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley	Jelly with Mandarins	Chocolate Shortbread	
WEEK TWO	Option One	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast of the Day served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish or Finfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	5/1/26 26/1/26 23/2/26 16/3/26	Option Two	Mild Mexican Chili with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegan Cottage pie	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Wink with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread	
WEEK THREE	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	NEW Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chef's Special Chicken Korma with Rice	Finfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	12/1/26 2/2/26 2/3/26 23/3/26	Option Two	NEW Chef's Special Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	Ice Cream	Apple Flapjack	Fruit Salad	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	Oaty Cookie	
MENU KEY		Added Plant Protein	Wholemeal	Vegan	Chef's Special	ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a wheat, lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.	
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt							

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FOOTBALL SESSION!

AT POLTAIR SCHOOL!

FOR CHILDREN AGES 3 - 6

SATURDAYS

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM



**FUN
GAMES &
SKILLS!**

**JOIN THE
FUN!**

**ALL
ABILITIES
WELCOME!**



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Family Worker Drop In

Cardlake Community Primary school

These sessions will be run by Senior Family worker -Geraldine Matthews

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behaviours?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

Support with budgeting and debt advice.

To understand the importance of routines for your family?

Drop-in session running

Tuesday 10th February

9am – 10.30am

Please sign in at the school Reception and you will be shown through to the meeting room.

For more information please contact:

Email: Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk

Call: 01872 324929