



# Euxton Church of England Primary School

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In our Christian family, we all **SHINE** in the light of Jesus.

Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents,

## **Euxton Superstars!**

Congratulations to this week's class Superstars:

Reception: Indi

Year 1: Harry

Year 2: Ava

Year 3: Sienna

Year 4: Oscar

Year 5: Harry

Year 6: Poppy

Well done to you all!

## **PTFA Break the Rules Day**



On Wednesday, the children enjoyed breaking 'some' school rules! Thank you for your support for this fun PTFA event which raised **£428.12**. Funds will be used towards enhancing our outdoor environment.

## **PTFA Sponsorship**



The PTFA are looking for £250 sponsorship for the Colour Run event which will take place in the Summer term. If you think you or your business would like to sponsor this fun event, please contact the PTFA via email [euxtoncofeptfa@gmail.com](mailto:euxtoncofeptfa@gmail.com). In return for the generosity, your business would be advertised and feature on all social media communications.

Thank you for your consideration.

## **PTFA Disco**

On **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** the PTFA are holding a Big Heart Disco in school. Infants 3.30-4.30pm and Juniors 4.40-5.40pm. Tickets bought via QR code on poster at the end of newsletter/parent noticeboard and front door. £3.50 per child in advance/£4.00 on the door. All tickets include water or juice. Tuck shop will be available on the night. Reception parents are welcome to stay for the disco. At the end of each disco, parents from each year group will be called to come into the hall to collect your child.



## **Online safety**

Please find attached a guidance poster about Roblox.

## **Parents Evenings**

Parents Evening Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February (3.40pm – 6.30pm). Appointments will go live at 12pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Bookings must be made through the School Spider App. Each slot lasts 10 minutes with your child's class teacher. Please arrive 5 minutes prior to your appointment time to allow you time to look at your child's work. If you have any problems making an appointment, please contact the school office who will assist you.

## **SEND Roadshow Event**

Any family welcome to attend the SEND Roadshow Event who may want to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs. It takes place in Chorley on **Wednesday 4th Feb** (9:30am – 1pm at Inspire Youth Zone).

## **Free School Meals Vouchers – February half term holiday 2026**

The Department for Works and Pensions Household Support Fund (HSF) grant has been extended for a further year with funding being made available to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England. The funding will support those most in need, helping with global inflationary challenges and the significantly rising cost of living. Approval has been granted for schools to utilise the LCC Edenred account to order February half term holiday vouchers for benefits-eligible Free School Meal pupils. This extends to all benefits-eligible school aged children.

Each eligible pupil will be issued with £15 in vouchers to cover the one-week holiday period w/c 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

If your own circumstances have changed and you think you are entitled, please contact Pupil Access Team at Lancashire County Council on 01772 531809 with your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance Number.

Qualifying benefits:

If you or your partner receive any of the following benefits you can apply for free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

## **Good Luck Team!**

Good luck to our Y3 and Y4 athletics team who will represent school at the Sports Hall competition at Holy Cross next Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January!

## **Dates ahead for this half term:**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** – Y3 visit to the Hindu Temple in Preston.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** – Y5 to St. Michael's CE High School to watch Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – Y2 Class worship for parents and grandparents, 9.10am in the school hall.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – PTFA Disco

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – Parents Evenings



## **Baby News**

Congratulations to the Redpath family (Allegra in Y1) on the arrival of baby Felicity! Sending Lee and Jemma love and best wishes for the new addition to their family 😊

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Mairi Ash  
Headteacher

Wisdom Compassion Humility Friendship Peace Trust Forgiveness Hope

# 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

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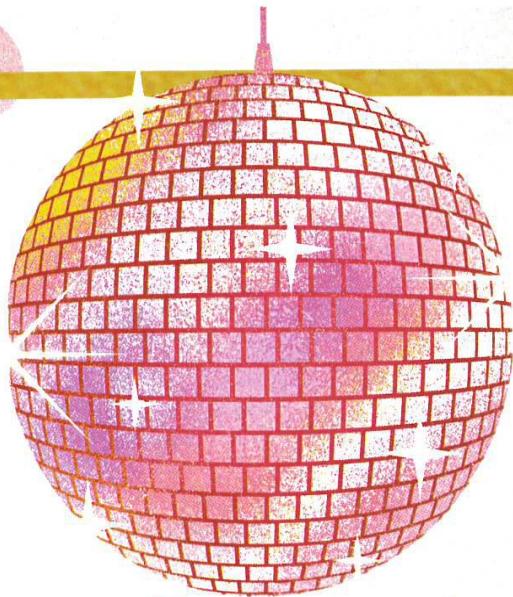
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# The Big Heart DISCO

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February



Infants | 3.30 – 4.30pm

Juniors | 4.40 – 5.40pm

Advance tickets  
£3.50

Wear  
something  
you love

Love to  
Dance

Throw kindness  
like confetti



Tickets on the door £4.00  
All tickets include juice / water

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# Lancashire **SEND** Roadshow

**2025/2026**

The roadshows are for families and practitioners to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

These Roadshows are happening across Lancashire bringing the SEND Local Offer to your area.

The SEND Local Offer brings together all services in Lancashire for children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND, and their families.

