



**BOOTHVILLE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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School Newsletter

It has been a busy full week and it has been good to see the resumption of our clubs. Despite the cold weather, the children have been demonstrating excellent attitudes to their work and have been very positive about their learning.

Next Week's Diary Dates

Day	Name of Club	Year Group	Time
Mon	Dodgeball	Yr R/1/2/3	7:45-8:40
	Drums	KS2	1:30-2:30
	Multisports	Yr 1/2/3	3:30 – 4:30
	Football	Yr 5/6	3:30-4:30
	Creative Writing	Yr 5	3:30-4:30
Tues	Guitar	KS2	10-11:15
	Chess	KS2	3:30-4:30
	Football	Yr 3/4	3:30-4:30
Weds	Keyboard	KS2	9 -11:45
	Woodwind	KS2	12:30-1:30
	Girls' Multisports	Yr 3/4/5/6	3:30-4:30
Thurs	Gymnastics	Yr 1/2/3	7:45-8:40
	Girls' Football	Yr 4/5/6	3:30-4:30
	Archery	Yr 1/2/3/4/5/6	3:30-4:30
Friday	Hockey	KS2	7:45-8:40
	Brass	KS2	10:45-11:30
	Upper Strings	KS2	9:00-10:15
	Dodgeball	Yr 4/5/6	3:30 – 4:30
	Gymnastics	Yr 4/5/6	3:30 - 4:30

Next Week's Dinner Menu

Monday

Chicken curry with rice or jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna

Tuesday

Sausages with mashed potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, carrots, broccoli and gravy

Wednesday

Chicken/vegetables in a tomato sauce with pasta, mixed diced vegetables and garlic bread

Thursday

Chicken burger in a roll with potato balls and peas

Friday

Double cod fish finger or fish star or veggie nuggets with chips

Reception, Year 1 and 2 are eligible for a hot meal at lunch time with no payment needed.

All dietary needs and requirements can be catered for.

Save The Date

12/13 th February	School Discos
25/26 th February	Parents Evening
27 th February 2:45-3:15pm	Open classrooms
6 th March	World Book Day

Last Week's Attendance Heroes

FANTASTIC
Well done Bagheera!
 Current overall school attendance is 91.9%
 OFSTED minimum expectation is 97%

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99.3%

Please remember to book your school dinner via the Payments section of the Parent App. This includes children who are entitled to a hot meal in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as well as children who have Free School Meals in KS2. Remember that this needs to be done by midnight the night before.

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SPORTS REPORT

Boccia

Children from Year 6 participated in the NSport Boccia competition on Wednesday at Benham Arena. The children did extremely well, winning 3 and drawing 1 of their fixtures in the league. However, in the final fixture we played a strong team from Spring Lane. Unfortunately, we lost this one and Spring Lane went on to win the competition. We played for 3/4th place, but unfortunately the boys had lost a bit of confidence and failed to match their earlier standard, but finished in 4th place out of 12. They all did really well.

Congratulations to Harlan, Oliver, Layton and Tyler.



Winter Olympics

On Friday, 11 of our Year 3/4 children attended a Winter Olympic style competition at Benham Sports Centre. The children played 3 rounds of 3 different activities which were: Ice Hockey, Kurling and Toboggan. As the morning went on, we could see the children thinking of different strategies for when they returned to an activity but also making sure that everyone in the team was having their turns and sharing. Out of 12 different teams our Year 3's finished in tied 8th and our Year 4's finished in tied 4th. Well done to: Elle, Maci, Marnie, Isaac, Ethan, Liam, Ava, Dan, Zuzanna, Nevamary and Poppy.

Equal Access School 2024



We have been honoured with the prestigious Barclays Equal Access of the Year 2024 award, recognising our outstanding commitment to providing equal opportunities for both boys and girls to participate in football. A fantastic achievement and huge thanks go to Mr Mason, Mr Jackson and Miss Hartwell for this.

FANTASTIC FOOTBALLER



After being scouted during a grassroots game he played in, Luca went on trial for Northampton Town Football Club. This trial was supposed to be for 8 weeks. However, on week 3 they advised that they really liked what they saw and offered Luca his first professional football contract.

So, he has now just signed to what is his first professional club and will be playing with NTFC. Last week, he travelled to the Emirates Stadium to play against the Arsenal Academy! The Cobblers won 6-4 with Luca scoring a goal!

Amazing!

Congratulations and good luck to Luca. Well done on your fantastic achievement.

SPENCER CONTACT

This week, our assemblies were led by Steve and Esther from Spencer Contact Centre. They specialise in providing furniture and household items across Northampton. If you have any items that you wish to donate or you know someone who is need of their help, please follow the link below for more information.

[Spencer Contact – Christian Furniture Reuse Charity supporting those in and around Northampton for 25 years!](#)

MENTAL HEALTH – A to Z

This week, we focus on the topic of Anxiety. If your child is struggling with worries then please follow the link below for support and places that you can get help.

[Supporting A Child With Anxiety | Tips and Advice | YoungMinds](#)

SAFEGUARDING

Please find attached a newsletter for January all about Sextortion and Roblox. Sextortion is a form of online exploitation.

CHANNEL 4



Could you provide a loving home for a rescue dog? The Channel 4 series, The Dog House is looking for couples, individuals, friends and families who are seriously considering bringing a rescue dog into their lives and are willing to share their reasons for doing so.

Here is the link if you wish to apply:

[The Dog House | Channel 4](#)

LOST PROPERTY



We have an enormous amount of lost property at school at the moment. None of the items here have a name in them which makes it very difficult to reunite lost items with their owner.

Please can I politely ask you to label your child's clothes. You can buy labels through Stikins. Please quote the school number of 23344. [Stick On Clothes Name Labels For School | Stikins®](#)

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

I am delighted to announce that Miss Smith has given birth to a baby boy on December 30th. We all wish them well and look forward to meeting him really soon.

And finally...

...current house point totals are:

	Griffin	Phoenix	Pegasus	Dragon
This week	2103	1501	1503	1432
Overall	34378	34463	34775	33584

House of the week: Griffin

Overall leaders: Pegasus

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SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Working together to keep our young people safe

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What is sextortion?

Sextortion is a form of online exploitation where a perpetrator coerces or blackmails a victim into providing explicit videos or images.

In this issue:

- Sextortion
- Roblox

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD FROM SEXTORTION

- Educate about online safety**
Teach your child not to share personal information, photos, or videos online.
- Supervise digital activities**
Monitor your child's use of social media, games, and messaging apps. Use parental controls to restrict access to inappropriate content or contact.
- Encourage open communication**
Create a safe environment where your child feels comfortable sharing any online experiences that make them uneasy.
- Stay informed and proactive**
Stay aware of the apps your child uses and their risks. Watch for warning signs such as behavioural changes, secrecy, or unusual online activity.

What parents need to know about sextortion

Sextortion is a serious online threat that can target anyone, but children are particularly vulnerable. There has been a recent rise in primary school aged children being targeted because they may not fully understand the risks and are easier to manipulate.

How Sextortion Works

Initial contact: predators often contact children through social media, gaming platforms, or messaging apps. They may pose as someone the child's age, a mutual friend, or even someone the child knows.

Building trust: predators use friendly conversations, compliments, and subtle manipulation to gain a child's trust. They may pretend to share common interests or act like a peer.

Obtaining explicit material: through their grooming tactics, predators may persuade children to share private photos or videos. They may even send fake images of themselves to make the child feel more comfortable.

Blackmail: once the predator has compromising material, they use it to blackmail the child. They might threaten to share the material with friends, family, or online unless the child sends more explicit content or even money.

Artificial intelligence: the use of AI has significantly increased the risks of sextortion for children by making it easier for perpetrators to create realistic fake identities, manipulate content and exploit vulnerabilities. AI can generate deepfake images or videos that appear to show the victim, even if they've never shared explicit material of this kind.

Warning signs of sextortion: parents should be alert to changes in their child's behaviour that may indicate they are being targeted for sextortion. Key warning signs include increased anxiety, depression, or withdrawal from family and friends; reluctance to use devices or secrecy surrounding online activity; and sudden requests for money or attempts to conceal financial transactions. Recognising these behaviours early can help parents intervene and provide the necessary support to protect their child.

What to do if your child is a victim of sextortion

If your child faces sextortion, stay calm and supportive. Let them know it's not their fault and that you're there to help. Avoid meeting the predator's demands. Instead, document the messages and evidence, and report the incident to the police, who are trained to assist in such cases.

Speak to a designated Safeguarding Lead at school so they can provide support. You can also contact Childline to have any public images removed: [Childline Report and Remove](#).

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Roblox- new parental controls and safety features

Roblox is particularly popular among younger audiences, offering a safe and creative space for gaming and learning. The platform has grown significantly, with millions of active users daily, and has become a cultural phenomenon in gaming.

Roblox, while offering creative and educational opportunities, can pose risks to children if not properly monitored. Here are some key concerns and how they can impact young users:

- Inappropriate content
- online predators
- in-game purchases and scams
- cyberbullying
- addiction and overuse.

In 2024, Roblox introduced new parental controls and safety features for users under 13 years old and announced that they wanted to 'keep users of all ages safe' on their platform.

Updated parental controls and safety features:

1) Direct messaging restrictions: to enhance safety, children under 13 can no longer send direct messages outside of games. For in-game messaging, parental consent is required. These measures are designed to help protect your child from potentially inappropriate interactions and ensure a safer online environment.

2) Parental accounts: parents and caregivers can now set up accounts linked to their child's Roblox account. This feature allows you to remotely manage important settings, such as screen time limits, spending controls, and monitoring your child's friend list. It's an easy way to stay actively involved in your child's online activities and ensure they have a safe and enjoyable experience.

3) Content labels: Roblox experiences are now categorised with clear content labels—"Minimal," "Mild," "Moderate," and "Restricted"—to help parents understand their suitability for children. By default, kids under 9 can only access "Minimal" or "Mild" content, while those under 13 are blocked from "Restricted" content unless you give explicit permission. This feature helps you ensure your child is engaging with age-appropriate content.

4) Screen time management: parents now have the ability to set daily screen time limits for their child's Roblox usage. Once the set time is reached, access is automatically restricted until the next day. This feature helps encourage a healthy balance between online activities and other important aspects of your child's day.

5) Experience restrictions: to enhance safety, users under 13 are now restricted from accessing certain types of experiences on Roblox, including social hangouts and those involving free-form writing or drawing. These restrictions are designed to protect your child from potential exposure to inappropriate content and ensure a safer gaming environment.

While Roblox's new safety features offer added protection, it's still important for parents to actively monitor their child's activity. Setting boundaries, reviewing interactions, and maintaining open communication about online safety will help ensure a secure experience. Staying involved and using the available tools will keep your child safe while they enjoy Roblox.

THREE IMPORTANT MESSAGES TO SHARE WITH YOUR CHILD REGARDING ONLINE GAMING:



ALWAYS REMEMBER TO ONLY CHAT WITH FRIENDS YOU KNOW IN REAL LIFE, AND NEVER SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION LIKE ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER.



IF YOU EVER SEE SOMETHING THAT MAKES YOU UNCOMFORTABLE OR FEEL UNSAFE, LET ME KNOW RIGHT AWAY, AND WE'LL REPORT IT TOGETHER.



STICK TO PLAYING GAMES THAT ARE MARKED AS APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR AGE, AND DON'T ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW.

TOP TIP

The updated parental controls and safety features on Roblox will be effective only if the child's true age is used to set up their Roblox account.

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