



# Barnsbury Primary School and Nursery

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**Headteacher: Mrs J Harrup**

14th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

5T treated us to a science lesson this morning as they performed their class assembly to parents and children. We learnt about the rainbow of colours within white light and interesting facts about the solar system and planets. Well done to all of the children who spoke so confidently and clearly.

### Rethink Waste Project

A huge thank you to everyone that took part in the Rethink Waste project and donated their points to Barnsbury. Due to your contribution, we earned 76,400 points which meant **Barnsbury came in 1st place!** This converts to £750 in funding for our eco-project. We will keep you updated with our work. Thank you and well done to everyone involved.

Miss Freeland

### World Book Day

Please take the time to look through this week's newsletter as Mrs McConville has written up a summary of events that happened during the day, as well as including some wonderful photographs of the book character outfits.

### Surrey Wildlife Trust—Action for Nature Competition

Please see the body of the newsletter for information about an Action for Nature competition being organised by Surrey Wildlife Trust. By completing actions for nature at home or in the community, you could help the school to win a £500 grant towards Outdoor Learning equipment or school grounds development. By participating, you could also claim half-price membership with Surrey Wildlife Trust and be entered into a free prize draw to win a wildlife equipment prize. Please sign up and take action for nature!

### Dogs on School Premises

Please can parents note that no dogs are allowed onto school premises, which means they must stay out of the school's boundary. I have been quite lenient with this, allowing small dogs to be carried into the playground. Unfortunately, this has led to more dogs coming onto the premises and we have had incidents of dogs fouling along the pathways and grass inside the school premises. For this reason, the school rule is 'No Dogs Allowed' and I would appreciate all parents adhering to this and keeping their dogs outside of school premises.

### Be 'tick-aware' this Spring and Summer

As the spring weather arrives, it's important for our health and well-being to get outdoors, enjoy nature and the fresh air. So when you're out and about in grassy or wooded areas, including your local park or garden, there may be ticks. Ticks generally attach to animals though can sometimes bite humans. Please click [here](#) for further information about ticks and how to protect yourself and your family from them.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

With kind regards  
Mrs J E Harrup  
Headteacher

### Camp Martial X Announcement

**THIS IS THE LAST 3 DAYS OF OUR 10% OFF DISCOUNT - DO NOT MISS OUT**

**Camp Martial X is Back at Barnsbury Primary School – Bigger, Better & Packed with Excitement!** Looking for an **action-packed** way to keep your kids entertained this, Easter? With **2 weeks full of incredible activities**, expert coaching, and non-stop fun, your child will be **having fun, learning tons of new sports, playing, and making amazing memories** every single day!

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**Star of the  
Week**

<b>Oak</b>	Aadhya
<b>Ash</b>	Lottie
<b>1B</b>	Dominic
<b>1M</b>	Michael
<b>2M</b>	Isla
<b>2T</b>	Auriella
<b>3B</b>	Cormac
<b>3M</b>	Isla-Rose
<b>4D</b>	Kyra
<b>4J</b>	Revaan
<b>5M</b>	Lexi
<b>5T</b>	Chloe
<b>6G</b>	Fatima
<b>6L</b>	Jessica



**Effort  
Award**

Ayman
Treasure
Ruobing
James
Vinny
Arla
Finn
Niyam
Matthew
Chiram
Jemima
Mia
Kasper
Anna



Barnsbury Values

**Values  
Award**

Anna
Michael
Aila
Florence
John
Ellie
Molly
Emily R
Mila
Lola
Owen
George H
Bowen
Lucy

**Congratulations to our Super Speller  
this week:**



**Congratulations to the recipients of  
a WOW certificate this week:**



# World Book Day 2025

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support during World Book Day. The children had a fantastic day, and it was wonderful to see them parading around the playground in their amazing costumes. Their creativity and enthusiasm truly brought the stories to life!

Throughout the day, every child had the opportunity to take part in a storytelling workshop. These sessions were a great success, sparking imaginations and encouraging a love for reading. It was a joy to witness the excitement and engagement from all the children.

A huge thank you to Zara from Koala Kids Parties and to Mark from Make Believe Group in Guildford. You helped the children engage their imagination while embarking on an amazing adventure.

In addition to running a workshop, Mark is also holding a competition for the best storyteller. All entrants will receive a voucher for 2 free sessions, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 1 month scholarship, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2-month scholarship and 1<sup>st</sup> place 3 months scholarship to Make Believe Group in Guildford. The children can use any method to tell the story that they were working on in their groups. They can work as a group or individually and submissions can be sent to me in written, video or voice note form. Once I have received them I will forward a letter of consent to parents to sign prior to submitting them for review to Mark.

Finally, I would like to thank the school community for your support this year at the Book Fair. Your generosity not only encourages your child's love of reading but also enabled us to raise £1000 to spend on new books for the school.

Thank you once again for making these events so special. Your support is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to many more wonderful moments together.

Kind regards,

Mairead McConville

Year 3 Teacher and Reading Lead







**World Book Day 2025**



**Surrey**  
Wildlife Trust



Litter pick



Water for wildlife



Food for wildlife



Chemical free gardening



Leave your garden wild



Meat-free meals



Use your voice



Homes for wildlife



Walk, cycle, bus to school



Plant a hedgerow



Plant a tree



[surreywildlifetrust.org](http://surreywildlifetrust.org)

## Wilder Schools: Win a £500 grant!

Take part in our **Action for Nature competition** with Wilder Schools to help nature thrive!

### How to take part:

1. Complete one or more Actions for nature at home or in the community.
2. Record your action, upload and view the actions map at:

[surreywildlifetrust.org/nature-actions-map](http://surreywildlifetrust.org/nature-actions-map)



← Or scan the QR code



**Surrey**  
Wildlife Trust

### Why take part:

- If we all take action for nature, we'll make a difference for Surrey's wildlife.
- Claim **half price membership** with Surrey Wildlife Trust by recording your action.
- Be entered into our **wildlife equipment prize draw!**
- The school with the most recorded actions will win a **£500 grant** for outdoor learning equipment or tools!

**Competition closes: 31st May 2025**

#### Wilder Schools Action for Nature Competition 2025

**End date:** Saturday 31st May 2025

**Surrey Wildlife Trust has been working with Barnsbury Primary School to encourage practical actions beyond the school grounds and help nature thrive.**

Complete one or more Actions for Nature at home or in your community, and Barnsbury Primary School will be in with a chance of winning a **£500** grant towards outdoor learning equipment or tools for school grounds improvement.

It isn't hard or expensive to help our wildlife, your action could be as simple as a litter pick! If you're lucky enough to have a garden, you could feed the birds, plant pollinator-friendly plants or go chemical-free.

#### How to take part:

Explore your possible [Actions for Nature | Surrey Wildlife Trust](#)

Once you've completed your Action for Nature, record your actions and view our actions map

at: [www.surreywildlifetrust.org/nature-actions-map](http://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/nature-actions-map)

Record your Action for Nature to **claim half-price membership** with **Surrey Wildlife Trust**, and to be entered into a **free prize draw** to win a **wildlife equipment prize!**

# Dates for your diary 2024-25

## Spring Term

### March

Tuesday 18th	9.00am Rock Steady Concert (Tuesday bands)
Friday 21st	1M Class Assembly
Thursday 20th	Year 2 School Trip
Thursday 20th	Author Visit Philip Kavvadis
Tuesday 25th	Year 4 School Trip
Thursday 27th	9.00am Rock Steady Concert (Thursday bands)
Friday 28th	1B Class Assembly
Friday 28th	1:30pm KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal
Monday 31st	1.30pm KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal

### April

2nd-4th	Year 6 Residential
Thursday 3rd	6pm KS2 Production Performance
Friday 4th	1:15pm End of Spring Term



# Dates for your diary 2024-25

## Summer Term

### April

Tuesday 22nd	Start of Summer Term
Thu 24th & Fri 25th	PTA Silent Discos (times TBC)
Weds 30th	Local Governing Committee Meeting (8am to 10am)

### May

Friday 2nd	3B Class Assembly (9.00am)
Friday 9th	PTA Bingo Night
Friday 16th	2M Class Assembly (9.00am)
Friday 23rd	2T Class Assembly (9.00am)
Friday 23rd	End of half term
26th May-6th June	Two week half term

### June

Weds 11th	Reception School Trip
Weds 18th	Class photos
Weds 25th	Local Governing Committee Meeting (8am to 10am)
Thursday 26th	Sports Day
Friday 27th	Oak Class Assembly (9.00am)

### July

Friday 4th	Ash Class Assembly (9.00am)
Tuesday 22nd	End of Term (1:15pm finish)

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# ROBLOX

AGE RESTRICTION  
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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 GAMINGible.



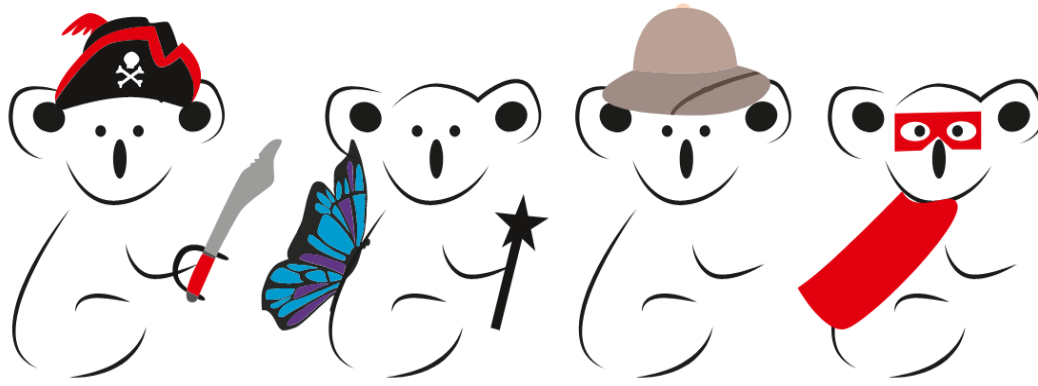
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# WOKING TOWN FC OPEN DAYS!



**22nd MARCH U5-U10** (YEARS R-5) **11:30am - 12.30pm**

**29th MARCH U11-U16** (YEARS 6-11) **11:30am - 12.30pm**

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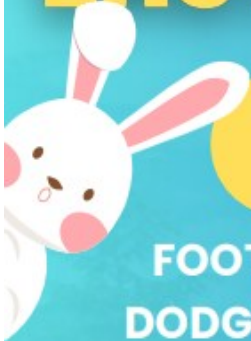


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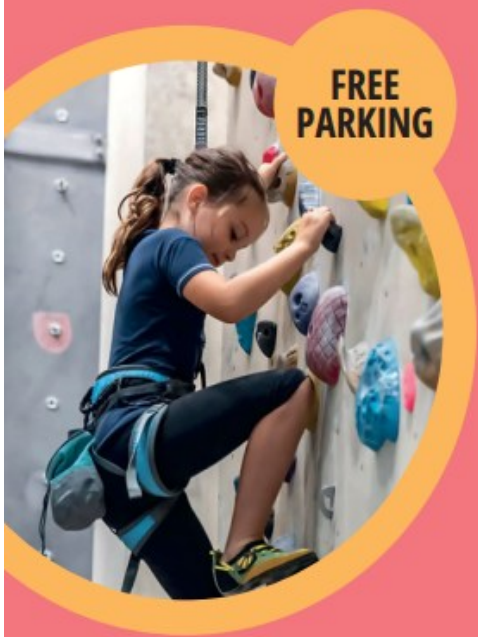
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Timings	Ages	Cost
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