



Monday Memo Newsletter

Monday 17th March 2025

A huge congratulations to our Stars of the Week, Good Workers and Value winners for last week.

	Star of the Week	Good Work	'Hope Hero'
Reception	Ava S	Poppy K & Tomos L	Holly H-C
Year 1	Leonardo L	Louie H & Ellie T	Julie P-C
Year 2	Ella-Rose B	Eddie O & Harry S	Ted N
Year 3	Ernie O'S	Laila-Rose A & Arthur H	Ellis N
Year 4	Charlotte L	Eden B & Myles T	Willow H
Year 5	Katie W	Henry P-C & Jasmine P-C	Clara S
Year 6	Edith McD	Lily-May S & Kitty G	Ava C

Congratulations!

Eco-Warriors

We have been overwhelmed with the interest in our Eco-Warriors club. Please continue to send in your child/ren's applications by Monday 24th

Attendance

w/b 10/03/25

Reception 94%

Year 1 97%

Year 2 96%

Year 3 99%

Year 4 98%

Year 5 99%

Year 6 96%

Whole School Overall 97%

Target 97%

House Points

The winning team at the end of each half term wins a reward afternoon.

w/b 10/03/25 results are:

Pendle: 301

Bowland: 280

Longridge: 328

Parlick: 336

Diary Dates

Wednesday 26th March

Year 5 and Year 6 Swimming Gala

Tuesday 25th March

Key Stage 2 Dance Competition

Wednesday 28th March

FOSPS Women's Appreciation Day

Monday 31st March

Autism Awareness Week

Tuesday 1st April

Parents' Evening
3:30-6:30pm

Wednesday 2nd April

Parents' Evening
3:30-6:30pm
Year 1 class
worship

Monday 7th April

End of term awards

Wednesday 9th April

School Closes for Easter Half Term 2:00pm from Church

Worship Values

Our worship value this half term is Hope.

In our weekly Thursday worship, we will celebrate 1 pupil from each class who has shown the term's value.

This term we will celebrate our 'Hope Hero'



Parish News & Events

Warm Space (coffee and bacon butties) Tuesdays 09:00am-11:30am
Supported by members of our Children's Chaplain from 10:00-10:30am



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 options, 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.



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Did you know 1st Farington Scout Group has been inspiring young minds for over 50 years? We're proud to celebrate this incredible milestone, but we need your help to ensure the adventure continues for future generations! Scouting is about fun, friendship, and new experiences—from building dens and campfires to learning teamwork and life skills. It's a chance for boys and girls to grow their confidence, explore the outdoors, and make memories that last a lifetime. We're actively welcoming new members from all age groups to join our local scouting family. Whether your child dreams of trying new activities, making friends, or just having a great time outside of school, 1st Farington Scout Group is the perfect place to start! Come and be part of our history keep the spirit of scouting alive in our community for another 50 years!

When

1st Farington Scout Group meet every Monday and Wednesday

Beavers (6-8yrs) meet Wednesday - 18:15 to 19:15

Cubs (8-10½yrs) meet Monday - 18:30 to 19:45

Scouts (10½-14yrs) meet Monday - 19:45 to 21:15

Where

St Paul's Church Hall, Church Lane, Farington Moss, PR26 6RD

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