



# Rokesly Infant and Nursery School

## bulletin

**Spring Half Term break**  
13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
**TAD days (School closed)**  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
**Bank Holidays (in term time)**  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 – May Day  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – King's  
Coronation

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### Feathers and Flight

Our theme week this term is 'Feathers and Flight'. This is a creative arts week from the **30th January – 2nd February** and much of the work during this week will be based on the topic of birds. We shall investigate different types of birds and their habitats. There will be lots of live birds in school around this time, chicks, owls and Katarina's chickens.

During this week, the whole school will be prioritising arts activities. Every class will have a performing arts workshop from Haringey Shed on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**. Classes will also visit art galleries and create art with collage, clay, marbling inks and charcoal. They will learn songs and poems about birds.

If your child has any books at home about birds, either fiction or non-fiction, please bring them into school. If you or a relative have any knowledge of birds and would like to come into school to talk about them, or you would like to participate in art activities please speak to your class teachers.

**We are also organising a competition.** The competition will be for the children to design and make some wings at home. These could be for themselves, a Lego model, a fairy, a spaceship, a soft toy, anything really! They could be made out of cardboard, fabric, paper, plastic or any other recycled materials

We will judge the competition on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February**.

### Chicks

All the Rokesly chicks have successfully hatched this week. The children saw the chicks hatch and today they were moved from the egg incubator so they can drink and eat together. The children have been caring for them, writing signs and teaching them how to peck. Reception parents can look out for photos and videos on your child's Tapestry journal.

### Owls reminder

On **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January** we have some very special visitors attending school! The children will get to see an amazing demonstration of owls flying in our hall provided by the nature in education company, Nite owls. All the children will have their photo taken with an owl on the day. You will have an opportunity to buy your child's owl photo after the visit. Find out more about Nite owls work here <https://www.niteowls.co.uk/>



### Anchor approach – Building Safety

Our second Anchor assembly was on feeling safe. As part of the assembly we read the book 'The Invisible String' You can see it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rZNTFf35Aw> There are lots of things we can do to build up all parts of the Resilience Wheel. Here are this week's tips and ideas for you and your family to try.

#### Building Safety

Ideas for **ADULTS & CHILDREN** to try...

##### Did you know...

Safety lies at the heart of resilience. If we feel safe, we are more able to cope with life, learn and have friends.

##### To help yourself, try:

Linking up with a local community centre or group and joining events.

*Help you and your family feel safe in your community*

##### To help your child, try:

Talking about - **who they feel safe with**

- what that adult /friend does that feels safe
  - *maybe listens, is interested, helps them, is kind*
- where they feel safe** - school, home, any groups - what helps them to feel safe there?

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### Did you know...

Being with our friends and being around the people who love us can help us feel safe.

### To help yourself, try:

Contact and catch up with an old friend or relative who is always interested in you and shows they care.

### To help your child, try:

Talking about the qualities of safe people and places  
- *good listeners, interested, kind etc.*

Encourage your child to:

- Find more safe people and places
- Spend more time with them

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### Did you know...

When we feel safe at home, at school, at work and in the community we are more able to cope with life and less likely to experience crippling anxiety.

### To help yourself, try:

Build your network of family and friends who care about you and your family. Offer help to them and ask for help when you need it.

### To help your child, try:

Responding to them and applying any rules the same way each day - *be predictable and fair*

Think about how you're going to respond...

- will it make your relationship better or worse
- if worse, then avoid doing or saying it

*Safe relationships reduce anxiety*

## ESoL classes

Haringey Council offer a number of ESOL courses designed for people whose first language is not English. If you are interested in learning English, please see the page here: <https://www.haringey.gov.uk/jobs-and-training/adult-learning/haringey-adult-learning/esol-english-speakers-other-languages>

## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Orange class transport trip Gold class gallery trip Chinese New Year assembly
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Green class transport trip Yellow class gallery trip You choose – Birds assembly – with Rachel
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Rainbow class transport trip Silver class gallery trip
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Owls assembly and photos
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Art week – Feathers and Flight
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Rokesly PSA Quiz Night
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	4-7pm Parents evening – Art gallery in the Infant hall
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	3.40-6pm Parents evening – Art gallery in the Infant hall
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	3.15 Cake sale
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b> <b>SCHOOL CLOSED for Half-term BREAK</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	8.55am Spring 2 begins

## YouChoose assembly

Our next YouChoose assembly on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January** is about **Birds** (what else?). Please bring in bird books, facts and toys. This is a change to our Roblox assembly. Roblox has a PEGI rating of 7+ which makes it inappropriate for an infant assembly. This may come as a surprise to parents so we sharing information below.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

### PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

### ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODERs. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

### IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

### DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

### PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

### MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

### DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

## Meet Our Expert

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