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# St John the Baptist RC Primary School

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Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Happy New Year to all our school community! I hope you had a restful break and I thank you for bringing your child/ren to school on Monday ready to learn. We have had a lovely first week of 2026 and there are lots of exciting events to come over the next two terms.

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Head-teacher awards	Qualities of the class 'woman of the Bible'	Celebration of Talent spotting
Nursery (Jochabed)	Eghosa	Zoya Orshina
Reception (Miriam)	Emmanuel	Bano Bella
Y1 (Elizabeth)	Abeeha	Blessing Uzair
Y2 (Prisca)	Asim	Zayaan Hina
Y3 (Sheba)	Marlous	Roman Rosa-May
Y4 (Deborah)	Peace	Maiza Azaan
Y5 (Esther)	Ambrose	Anaiya Hassan
Y6 (Lydia)	Mahad	Madeha Nari

Class	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance: week beg 5.1.26	95.4	84.1	96.6	96.5	96.1	98.2	91.9

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## Catholic Life

### **Gospel: John 1:1-18**

*In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God. From the very beginning the Word was with God. Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him. The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to the people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.*

God sent his messenger, a man named John, who came to tell people about the light, so that all should hear the message and believe. He himself was not the light; he came to tell about the light. *This was the real light – the light that comes into the world and shines on everyone.*

*The Word was in the world, and though God made the world through him, yet the world did not recognise him. He came to his own country, but his own people did not receive him. Some, however, did receive him and believed him; so he gave them the right to become God's children. They did not become God's children by natural means, that is, by being born as the children of a human father; God himself was their Father.*

*The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only Son. John spoke about him. He cried out, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'He comes after me, but he is greater than I am, because he existed before I was born.'"*

God sent us Jesus because he loves us so much. Jesus came to show us how to live and to help us to get to know God better. Jesus came to save us on the Cross. Through listening to him and following his example we can learn to live our lives as God wants us to. We can listen to God when we pray. And we can listen to his words when we read our Holy Books.

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## Catholic Life: Epiphany



We enjoyed dressing as kings for Mass – celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany.

Thank you to Father Michael for a wonderful Mass.



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## The Importance of Attendance

Our attendance this week is 93.1%

Please ensure extended family visits abroad are not in term time – your children are required to be in school every day so they don't fall behind.



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## Parental support: Roblox

All 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 [nationalonline.org](https://nationalonline.org) 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, griefters 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.

**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.

**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.

**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 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 genuine friends who 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 others safely in the digital world.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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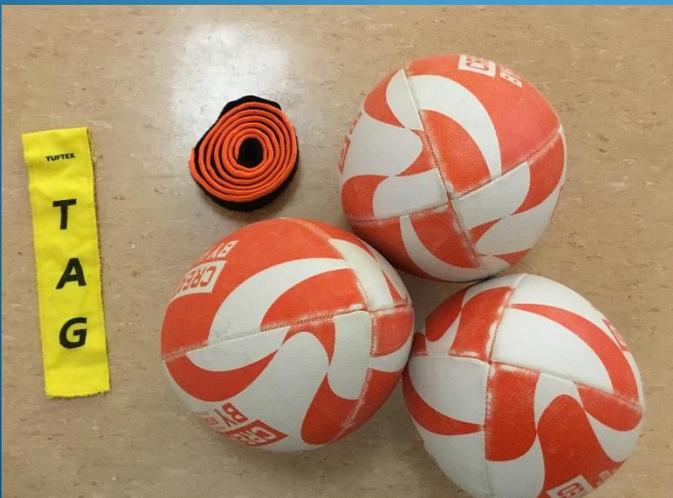
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## KS1 PE

KS1 are working on rhythm when dribbling a basketball. Their hand and eye coordination is sharpened as they bounce their way through the grids in different directions.



## KS2 PE



This half term Upper KS2 are enhancing their rugby league skills. The main areas being grip, the angle with which to position the body when passing and evasion when attacking.

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## Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1



The Nursery children enjoyed exploring the snow this week. We looked at the patterns we could make in the snow and explored how moving in different ways made different patterns. We tried to make a snowman, but the snow was too powdery to stick together. We had lots of fun and some children even tried going skiing!

This week Year One led a beautiful class Celebration of the Word session on the theme of Creation. They discussed the things that they are thankful for and read their own spontaneous prayers.



“Love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12

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## LKS2



Year 3 started off their first guitar lesson of the term with great enthusiasm! They were excited to get started and quickly learned how to play a simple tune in their very first session!

## UKS2

As part of guided reading this week, the children worked together to perform a part of their Dragonology text in a 'reader's theatre'. They used their oracy skills and performed beautifully.



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