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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our children are **shining** showing our school value **respect**. ☀

Thank you to Mrs Foxley-Johnson for leading our discussion on the impact of our words and the difference we can make by using 'kind words' with each other. I think we can safely say that this applies to both adults and children. In a busy, complicated and demanding world, I believe that everyone goes about their business with the best intentions but this week made us stop and think about how we can all choose to deliberately be kind with our words to avoid upsetting another person. I wonder if we can all do a little better on purpose next week?

This week we enjoyed learning and updating our Science and Space knowledge! The Wonderdome was an amazing experience for us all and we finished the week by sharing lots of our learning with you. Thank you so much for coming. It is always the best time, when you are here with us.

We look ahead to Red Nose Day when we have an 80's style day planned! We can't wait to see the outfits from children and adults alike. As we support Comic relief: A just world free from poverty.

Blessings & warmest wishes,

Mrs Searson
Head Teacher

Attendance

A reminder of The Department for Education's new updates to attendance.

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/education-2/school-attendance>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

Please note that **ALL** term-time holidays are classed as unauthorised.

Please also be reminded that any **late arrival** (after registers have closed) is recorded as an 'Unauthorised Absence' so please make every effort to arrive at school before the registers are closed at **9:15am**.

Attendance this week (whole school) is: **92%** ↑

Weekly year group highest attendance: FS1/Nursery with **95.90%** 🍌 🍌

Weekly year group lowest attendance: Year 1 with **91.46%**

Thank you to all parents and carers!

If your child has less than 90% attendance it is categorised as persistence absence. You will be sent a letter to alert you and to offer support. If your child's attendance declines further, you will be invited into school for a meeting to discuss how support might improve your child's attendance. If this continues the Local Authority will issue with an official Notice to Improve and proceed with the Rotherham SAMP process. You can view your current attendance on Arbor.

Reporting Illnesses

When deciding if your child is well enough for school, please consult the NHS link: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> Thank you for communicating any absence, appointments and late arrivals via the school office. This is much appreciated. Please be reminded that we need a reason for any absence for our records. We notice that we have allocated a high number of medical appointments during the school day and ask you, where at all possible to take these out of school hours or in the school holidays.

ATTENDANCE **WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME**

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.
Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.
£160

2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.
+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160
4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE
10 IN 10
If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.
1 Day = 2 Sessions

3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS
+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160
4 children & 2 parents = £1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

4 **2ND TIME**
2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = £640
3 children = £960
4 children = £1280
No discount for early payment

3RD TIME
A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.
A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

School Uniform

Please can we remind you about school uniform and jewellery from a safety perspective. We ask that you ensure children are in suitable footwear for school and wear only stud earring – no other jewellery. Children who come to school wearing inappropriate items will be asked to put them in their school bag. We have lots of spare school uniform at the front of school should you need it. Please help yourselves. We also ask that if you find that you have uniform items at home that do not belong to your child, please return them to school. www.bramleysunnysideinfant.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/School-Dress-Code-2023-24.pdf

School Admissions / Transitions

FS1/Nursery

We have allocated our new FS1/Nursery school children places for September 2025 and transition has begun. We look forward to welcoming new children and families into school to meet us in the coming weeks. We have some limited places still available if you would like to visit and consider starting with us in September 2025. Please contact the school office with your enquiries. Open events will run through the summer term. We look forward to seeing you there.

FS2/Reception

Families that have applied to start school in our FS2/Reception classes in September 2025 should have places confirmed very soon – on or around 16th April.

Y3 Junior School transition

Transition planning has begun between our infant school and the Junior school. We will refine this and communicate this in due course.

Anti-Bullying Company

SchoolValueRESPECT****

This week we continued our work with our close friend Mrs Foxley-Johnson from the Anti-Bullying Company. We were discussing the power of words and how they make us feel. Paying a complement to someone can make the world a kinder place. The children said they would use kind and respectful words to make a rainbow over our school. Joseph in Class 8 told me “You should always try to see what is inside a person, not just see what is on the outside.”



Red Nose Day Friday 21st March



Comic Relief Red Nose day is fast approaching! You can buy your red noses on Arbor now – one per child.

Reminder: The children can dress up retro and celebrate 40 years of Comic Relief by dressing up in 80's outfits, leg warmers, neon colours and big hair! alternatively wear pyjamas or something red.

As part of our day Mr Mimms from Live n Learn Sports will be supporting us throughout the morning with a 40 themed sports challenge!



British Science Week

Wow! What a fabulous science week we have had. Thank you to everyone for getting involved.

The children have absolutely loved coming to school dressed as scientists. At the beginning of the week the highlight was definitely the fizzing rocket experiments that exploded in assembly. This set us off with a real science buzz around school.

The foundation children had such fun outside making their own bubbles and blowing and catching them. They designed and made their own rockets and loved pedalling on the bikes to find the planets.

The KS1 children had lots of enjoyment accessing the space activities in the hall and the balloon rockets were by far the children's favourite, where they had to follow instructions on how to make the rocket and also use their science knowledge to make the rocket move.

The spectacular Space WonderDome on Wednesday immersed us all into using our imagination, it felt as though we were in real life outer space, and we got to learn lots of space facts and new science words.

Finally, thank you for attending our science week celebration. All the children were extremely proud to show off their fabulous space work to their family members which makes it all so worthwhile, for all of us.

B - Unit 1 - "I liked playing in the space tree house."

T - Unit 2 - "I loved it when you exploded the rockets in the hall."

A - Unit 3 - "I know what scientists do; they discover things."

A - Unit 4 - "I made a rocket outside, and it flew right up in the sky."

A - Class 5 - "It was good dressing up as a scientist, Brian Cox is a real space scientist and is cool because he sings as well."

T - Class 6 - "Earth was created in space, there was a big bang."

R - Class 7 - "I liked making the solar system and I loved the bangs in assembly."

E - Class 8 - "Planets move away from the sun and keep turning around the sun."

G - Class 10 - "I liked the alien and the space activities in the hall and making planets out of playdough."



Wonderdome

Our children were awestruck this week with their experience in the Wonderdome. They explored the solar system through a journey of exploration, understanding how each one differs to the next.

The children learnt many facts and had fun throughout the session.



"That was AWESOME! Astronauts drink their own wee" J Class 10

"Wow, that was a great adventure" B Class 10

"I loved the stars, I can see them on the side and on the roof, they were very sparkly and shiny". (R Unit 2)

"Ah, I love, love, loved it, I liked seeing all the planets". (T Unit 2)

I loved seeing the real rockets and I liked the singing alien "I'm a little alien nee naw, nee naw...." (K Unit 2)

"I like to see the astronauts, and how they brushed their teeth" (E Unit 3)

"The stars in the sky" (A Unit 3)

"I liked it when we star the stars and the alien song, it was really funny" (E Unit 3)

"What a great adventure!" (W Class 10)

Breakfast Club £4

07:45-08:30am

Breakfast club is available every day to all children. During this session children can enjoy a varied choice of breakfast food and drink. Breakfast club starts at 07.45am. Places are available to book for the whole year. The daily cost includes a choice of food and drinks. During this special time before school children enjoy games, crafts and sports with their friends and are well supported by our happy, caring adults. Please book your child's place and make payment using Arbor.



School Clubs

Please note that places are only available to book as a **half term block payment** using Arbor. The after-school clubs cost between £3-£3:50. Sports Clubs are delivered by sports professionals 'Live & Learn'. Other clubs are delivered by school staff.

Monday – All **Football** -15:05-16:10pm (Live & Learn)
Monday – KS1 **Library Club** - 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Rushton)
Monday – KS1 **Cooking Club** – 15:05-16:30pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)
Monday – KS1 **Recorders** - 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Searson & friends)

Tuesday – KS1 **Science Club** – 15:05 – 16:10pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)

Wednesday – All **Mini V/FIT Trampoline Club** – 15:05-16:10pm (Live & Learn)
Wednesday – KS1 **Gardening Club** - 15:05-16:30pm (Mrs Ford & Mrs Frost)

Thursday – All **Movie Night** – 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Taylor & Mrs Chilcott)
Thursday – KS1 **Designers & Makers** - 15:05-16:10pm (Mrs Frost & Mrs Ford)

Friday – All **Gymnastics** – 07:45am – 8:30am (Live & Learn)

Diary Dates

Thursday 20 th March	Class 7 & 8 Topic Celebration
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day – Dress up 80's!
Monday 24 th March	Active Fusion Festival of Sport at the English Institute of Sport
Monday 24 th March	FS2 Unit 3 – Afternoon Tea Party for parents
Tuesday 25 th March	Y1 & Y1/2 – Whistle-stop Valley Visit – Steam Train Ride
Tuesday 25 th March	FS2 Unit 4 – Afternoon Tea Party for parents
Wednesday 26 th March	Y1& Y1/2 Family Learning – It's a Bugs Life
Thursday 27 th March	Easter Disco
Friday 28 th March	FS2 Unit 2 – Afternoon Tea Party for parents
Friday 28 th March	Last day of half term
Monday 14 th April	FS2 & KS1 Easter Church Visit
Tuesday 15 th April	EYFS Easter Bonnet Parades
Wednesday 16 th April	KS1 Easter Bonnet Parades
Thursday 17 th April	Easter Egg Hunt & raffle
Friday 18 th April	Closed for Easter Bank Holiday Weekend
Monday 21 st April	Closed for Easter Bank Holiday Weekend
Tuesday 22 nd April	Parent Consultations 15.15-17.00pm
Wednesday 23 rd April	FS2 White Post Farm Visit
Thursday 24 th April	Parent Consultations 15.15-18:30pm

*More dates to follow

Term Dates for 2024

2nd September – 25th October 2024

5th November – 20th December 2024

6th January – 14th February 2025

25th February – 28th March 2025

14th April – 17th April 2025 (Easter weekend 18th-21st)

22nd April – 1st May 2025 (5th May, May Day)

6th May – 23rd May 2025

2nd June – 23rd July 2025

Inset Days 2024/2025

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

Friday 2nd May 2025

Friday 27th June 2025

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.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable in 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.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through seven 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.co.uk.



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Bethan Woollvin

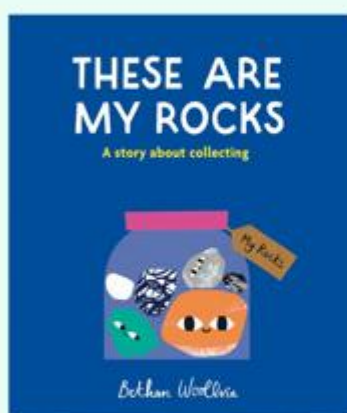
For her *These Are My Rocks* picture book event



Saturday 26th April 2025

09:45 - 10:30 - ASTON LIBRARY

11:00 - 11:40 - WICKERSLEY LIBRARY



Join author & illustrator Bethan Woollvin for a fun, interactive workshop inspired by her new book **These Are My Rocks!**

 Join Bethan for story time, and learn at how she created *These Are My Rocks*

 Explore fascinating collections from around the world

 Bring your own collection to life with a hands-on craft activity!

For ages 2+ (Younger children may need a grown-up)

www.rotherham.gov.uk/libraries

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

31ST MARCH TO 3RD APRIL 2025

10.00AM - 2.00PM

FOOTBALL
10-16 YR
OLDS

MINI
ATHLETICS
5-7 YR OLDS

DANCE
5-7 YR OLDS

ARTS AND
CRAFTS
5-14YRS

DANCE
8-11 YR OLDS

MULTI -
SPORTS
5-16YRS

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AND PARISH HALL



LEARN TO PLAY GUITAR IN SCHOOL



**WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO LEARN TO
PLAY THE GUITAR IN SCHOOL?**

GROUPS LESSONS £68 PER TERM

PAIRED LESSONS £89 PER TERM

INDIVIDUAL LESSONS £106 - £189 PER TERM

OPTIONAL INSTRUMENT HIRE £10 PER TERM

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LEARN TO PLAY PIANO IN SCHOOL



**WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO LEARN TO
PLAY THE PIANO / KEYBOARD IN SCHOOL?**

INDIVIDUAL LESSONS
15MINS £106 PER TERM
20 MINS £144 PER TERM
30 MINS £189 PER TERM

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LEARN TO PLAY WOODWIND IN SCHOOL



**WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO LEARN TO
PLAY A WOODWIND INSTRUMENTS IN
SCHOOL?**

GROUPS LESSONS £68 PER TERM

PAIRED LESSONS £89 PER TERM

INDIVIDUAL LESSONS £106 - £189 PER TERM

INSTRUMENT HIRE £10 PER TERM

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Did you know that pharmacies can now offer clinical appointments with medication available if required for four clinical conditions particularly relevant to school age children?



- **Earache** (children aged 1-17)



- **Sore throat** (over 5s)



- **Infected insect bites** (over 1s)



- **Impetigo** (over 1s)



Think 'Pharmacy First'

GP practices are busy and it can be difficult to get a same-day GP appointment. When your child is off sick from school with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained clinical professional and receive advice and even medication if it is needed, meaning they could be on the road to recovery and back at school as soon as possible.



For more information, speak with your local community pharmacy.

To find your nearest pharmacy, see:

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/pharmacy/find-a-pharmacy>

Or scan the QR code:



OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Are you concerned about a child or children in your school who are experiencing domestic abuse?

Would you like FREE advice and a professional dialogue with an Education Psychologist about how to best support them?

Call the Operation Encompass Teachers' Helpline

0204 513 9990

(Charged at local rate)

Monday to Friday 8.00am to 11.00am

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**ARE YOU
EXPERIENCING
DOMESTIC ABUSE
& NEED IMMEDIATE HELP?
ASK FOR ANI**



STEP 1 If a pharmacy has the **ASK FOR ANI** symbol on display, this means they are ready to help.

STEP 2 Approach a member of staff and **ASK FOR ANI**.

STEP 3 They will offer you a private space, provide a phone and ask if you want a 999 police response or to speak to a domestic abuse support helpline.

For further information
VISIT: [GOV.UK/DOMESTIC-ABUSE](https://gov.uk/domestic-abuse)

Action Needed Immediately

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TRFT–Children's Health Service App



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Rotherham's Children's Public Health Nursing Service (0-19)

Rotherham Children's Public Health Nursing Service (previously known as Rotherham 0-19 Service) delivers a public health based service across Rotherham from late pregnancy up to 19 years (some cases up to 25 years).

The Rotherham Children's Public Health Nursing Service incorporates the health visiting and school nursing teams along with other community practitioners to:

- promote healthy lifestyles
- provide advice and support for children, young people, families and carers.

We hope to empower them to achieve their full potential, be healthy and stay safe. We can help them take a more targeted approach when needed.

Download the Rotherham Children's Public Health Nursing Services app by scanning the QR code or search TRFT-Children's Health Service App.

The APP hosts important information around school readiness, child development, healthy life styles, sleep health, SEND support and much more.