



### The Classroom News

#### Year 2

Over the last two weeks, Year 2 have been learning about The Great Fire of London! We finished the unit with a visit from Samuel Pepys, who made the very thoughtful journey of over 350 years to join us in the present and tell us more about the fire. The classes enjoyed an assembly with him in the morning, followed by an array of activities. These included chain ganging, creating a piece of artwork inspired by the fire, writing with quills, performing drama, hunting for Samuel Pepys' buried stash of cheese and much more! The children have enjoyed this unit and the thrilling conclusion!



#### Year 3

Over the past two weeks, the children in Year 3 have been learning about forces and magnets. We have been identifying different types of contact forces, including friction, and also exploring non-contact forces such as gravity and magnetism.

The children delved deeper into magnetism and started experimenting with magnets to see what materials were magnetic and what happens when certain poles of magnets are near one another. This sparked a lot of resourceful behaviours and the children showed a lot of curiosity to uncover more about how magnetism and forces are impacted by certain variables.

The force was strong with this learning!



## The Sports News

### Hotshots Tournament

It was a triumphant weekend as both the Year 3 & 4 team and the Year 5 & 6 team won their respective tournaments to claim the winners' medals.

The Year 3 & 4 team defeated East Hunsbury, CCS, and Delapre, while the Year 5 & 6 team beat Woodland View, Preston Hedges, and St. Andrews.



## The School News

### Weekly Lunchbox Wins

Each week, we're sharing a simple, supportive tip to help make packing lunch boxes a little easier. These ideas are designed to inspire, not instruct, offering gentle suggestions that celebrate the small wins and support your family's unique routines. Whether you're looking for new variety, or just a bit of encouragement, we're here with you, one lunchbox at a time.

(Information taken from the website [packed-lunches-guidance.pdf](http://packed-lunches-guidance.pdf))



**Dates in the diary**

DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	TIME
10th February	Whole School	Safer Internet Day	Normal School Hours
12th February	Whole School	Last Day Of Term	Normal School Hours
13th February	Whole School	Teacher Training Day	School Closed
23rd February	EYFS	Eggucation Egg Hatching Experience	Normal School Hours
11th March	Whole School	Parents Evening	3.40 - 6.30pm
18th March	Whole School	Parents Evening	3.40 - 6.30pm
22nd March	Year 4 Strictly Team	Year 4 Strictly Juniors	TBC
24th March	EYFS Crick and half of Tull	School Trip	Normal School Hours
26th March	EYFS Spencer and half of Tull	School Trip	Normal School Hours
23rd April	Whole School	Class photo's	Normal School Hours
27th April	Spencer Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
28th April	Tull Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
29th April	Crick Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
11th May - 13th May	Year 4	Residential	TBC
11th - 14th May	Year 6	SATs	Normal School Hours
1st June - 5th June	Year 6	PGL	TBC
15th June	Crick Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
16th June	Spencer Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
17th June	Tull Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
17th June	Year 5	Workshop - Past Productions	Normal School Hours

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# ROBLOX

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME

Roblox differs from traditional video games in that it hosts millions of user-created experiences rather than a fixed list of developer-produced content. Each experience is self-rated by its creator rather than independently age-rated in advance, as is the case with PEGI-rated games. With millions of user-created experiences, moderation is largely automated which means that inappropriate content may reach younger players and have a harmful effect.

#### MATURE CONTENT

With much of Roblox's moderation automated through AI and creators self-certifying suitability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players. While Roblox has tools to restrict access based on age settings, these systems are not always perfect. Younger players are likely to encounter content you may deem unsuitable.

#### IN-GAME SPENDING

Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and cosmetics include optional purchases using Robux, the platform's virtual currency, to get advantages in games. This business model is common across online games, but reporting has highlighted cases where children have spent large amounts of money unintentionally or without understanding the real-world cost.

#### RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox encourages repeated and extended play. Many experiences are made of short tasks, rewards, and progression systems that can prompt users to keep playing for longer periods of time. Some games also use reminders, daily rewards, or timed events to encourage frequent logins. These designs can make it difficult to stop playing. Spending long periods online may affect sleep, schoolwork, or other activities if boundaries are not in place.

#### COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS

Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat in shared game spaces. While the platform uses automated filters and moderation tools, media investigations have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can still get through. There are risks that children could be targeted by groomers. In response, Roblox has announced changes to how chat works. The platform plans to use facial age-estimation technology to restrict chat access between adults and children they do not know.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to apply spending controls, limit communication features, and review recent activity. Regular supervision, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about what they see online can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.

#### CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT

Although Roblox is introducing tighter age-based chat restrictions, some parents and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely for younger children. Children can still play games while communicating with friends they know through other supervised platforms.

#### PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE

Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how monetisation works, and how children interact online. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something feels wrong. Parents and educators should monitor all games played on Roblox due to its self-rating nature.

#### ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Many Roblox experiences are creative and age appropriate, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialise with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour.

#### Meet Our Expert

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We are planning to run a tech camp this February half term at **Spratton Hall School, NN6 8HP** on the **16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2026** from **9 am to 4 pm each day**.

Next Thing's Tech Camps are all about making learning fun, encouraging skill-building and giving children the opportunity to try something different! From programming challenges, Robot Coding, Photoshop Skills, Minecraft, Take-home Inventions and LEGO programming, we have all the creative boxes ticked! Whether your child is a tech whiz, or new to STEM education, let them come along and make new friends, have a blast, and gain skills that will last a lifetime.

The main themes for the week are the following: **Bot Builders and Coders , Ingenious Inventors , LEGO Engineering , Minecraft / Expert Engineers, Media Madness**

Just £39.99 for a whole day of camp or book 5 days for £175



**LIMITED SPACES - Book before 6th Feb!**

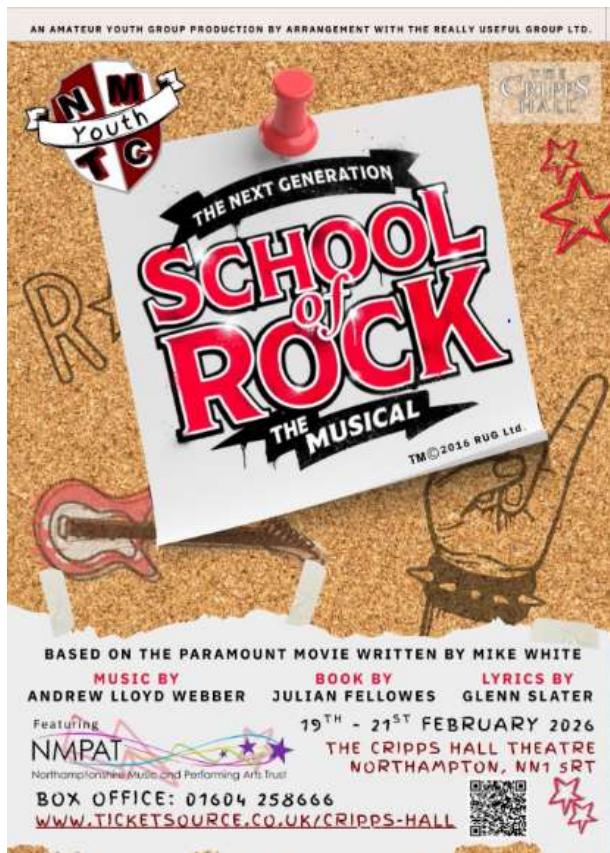
Click Here to Book Now: <https://www.nextthing.education/product/spratton-hall-school-february-camp/>

If you have any questions, or need support with your booking, please contact us on 01442 873150 or email [info@nextthing.education](mailto:info@nextthing.education).

Warmest wishes,

Next Thing Education Camps Ltd.





online talk by Jane Keyworth



## Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

**3rd February 10-11:30am**

**3rd March 7-8:30pm**



Book online

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

£24 or Free with a school membership code



ELITE FOOTBALL COACHING



# ELITE FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CAMP

We help committed players aged 6-15 develop technical excellence, smarter decision-making, and elite habits through high-performance football camps.

**18 + 19 FEBRUARY**   **9:30AM - 3:30PM**   **AGES 6-15**  
**NORTHAMPTON**

Coach-led. High-performance. Groups capped for quality.



More Information: [www.elitefootballcoaching.org](http://www.elitefootballcoaching.org)   07592 299384  
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Elite Football Coaching is running a 2-day football camp this February half term for children aged 6-15. The camp runs from 9:30am-3:30pm at **Thomas Becket 3G, Northampton**, providing a full day of supervised football activities, games, and matches in a safe, structured environment. Children are grouped by age and ability, with all sessions led by experienced, DBS-checked coaches.

**18th & 19th February 2026 | Elite Football Camp** - [www.elitefootballcoaching.org/footballcamps](http://www.elitefootballcoaching.org/footballcamps)

**BOOK YOUR CHILD'S FOOTBALL FUN CAMP!**

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**FOOTBALL FUN FACTORY**

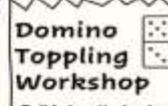
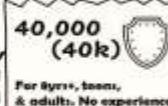
**09:00 AM TO 3:30PM**  
**FOR BOYS & GIRLS**  
**AGED 5 TO 12 YEARS**

**MOULTON COLLEGE (GATE 4)**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
£25 PER DAY OR £40 FOR BOTH DAYS  
50% SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

## HALF-TERM

		cash only   under 8s must be supervised   booking	
Feb	14 SAT	Construction Club 10:00-13:00   0-12yrs   free	
	16 MON	Drop-In Craft 11:00-15:00   0-12yrs   £1	
	17 TUE	Drop-In Craft 11:00-15:00   0-12yrs   £1	
	18 WED	Drop-In Craft 11:00-15:00   0-12yrs   £1	
	19 THU	Drop-In Craft 11:00-15:00   0-12yrs   £1	
	20 FRI	Warhammer Club 10:30-13:00   8yrs-adult   free	
	20 FRI	Drop-In Craft 11:00-15:00   0-12yrs   £1	
	21 SAT	Topple Academy 10:30-13:30   4-12yrs   free	



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**Drop-in Crafts**  
Mon 16 Feb – Fri 20 Feb  
0-12yrs | drop-in  
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## Warhammer Club

10:30-13:00 | Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Join the ultimate tabletop gaming experience in a relaxed, family-friendly environment. Bring along your army (LIMITED TO A 500 POINT MAXIMUM) and play Warhammer 40,000 (40K) against fellow enthusiasts.

Novices are welcome and we will have a small amount of kit available to borrow if you don't have your own.

children (8yrs+), teens, adults | free | booking essential



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SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY  
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Drop-In Session  
10:30am - 1:30pm 

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