



## Cricket Festival 2026

Today our 6 week Cricket Festival with Staffordshire County Cricket concluded with a special visit from Wolverhampton's Cricket Club's overseas player Rishi Upamal. Rishi spent the day putting the school cricket team and Year 6 through their paces with a bowling and batting masterclass.  
**HOWZAT!**



Friday 22nd May 2026

**RISHI UPAMAL**  
**1-2-1 CRICKET COACHING**

Wolverhampton CC's Overseas 1st Class Player for 2026  
Fully qualified with over 6 years experience in the UK  
*Highly recommended by clubs and clients*

**FOCUS ON KEY BATTING AND BOWLING TECHNIQUE  
SETUP, BALANCE, STRONG BASE & ALIGNMENT**

**£30 PER 1 HOUR SESSION**      **BLOCK BOOK 4  
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## School Netball Team Success!

Congratulations to the School Netball Team who were presented with their Walsall Netball Winners Medal LIVE on Sky Sports TV.

What a fantastic achievement...

Many thanks to Miss Rochelle who coaches the team after school each week.

Your text here

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STEPHEN'S

ACTIVITY  
DAY

TUESDAY  
26TH MAY

10am-4pm

### About The Day

We're so excited to be offering another Activity Day to start off your half term holidays with a bang!

With a whole host of activities for you to enjoy, it's going to be GREAT!!!

The subsidised cost is £2 per child or £4 for a family of 3 or more brothers and sisters (including lunch).

Numbers are limited, so please book early to make sure you reserve your place.

### Our Activities

- ✓ Craft activities
- ✓ Outdoor sports and games (if dry!)
- ✓ Music and Stories
- ✓ Drinks and a Tuck Shop to keep you going!
- ✓ Pizza and chips for lunch!
- ✓ Exciting prizes!

REGISTER  
TODAY!

for more information

Contact Revd Ros

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## ***National School Sports Week***

Monday 06 July - Sunday 12 July 2026

**This summer of sport, every child deserves to feel part of the action**

National School Sports Week 2026 invites schools, families and communities across the UK to get moving together, inspired by a landmark year of global sport and the everyday moments of encouragement that happen in playgrounds, classrooms and communities.

Watch the National School Sports Week 2026 Hero Film and join a nationwide celebration supporting the Chief Medical Officers' recommendation <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/physical-activity-recommendations-for-children>:

### National Sports Week Video

**Sports Week Events will take place on the School Field - Parents and Carers Welcome- Please bring your own camping chairs.**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 10.00am - Nursery am and Reception (RS)**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm - Nursery pm and Reception (RG)**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 9.15am – Year 1**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July- 10.45am Year 2**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 9.15am Year 3**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 10.45am Year 4**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 9.15am Year 5**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 10.45am Year 6**



**NATRE- Spirited Arts Exhibition  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

**St Giles Church 3.30pm-5.00pm**

This year we are taking part in the Spirited Arts competition organised by NATRE. Each class will take part and create a piece of artwork related to one of the following themes.

- Searching for God
- Sacred spaces
- Open Bible
- Faith in our future, hope in our future
- Prayers for all that lives! Animals, Earth, God
- Children of God

Please do save the date and come along...

# SUMMER TERM ATTENDANCE RAFFLE



**ALL CHILDREN WITH 96%+  
ATTENDANCE WILL BE ENTERED  
PRIZES INCLUDE SCOOTERS  
AND SWING BALL SETS  
EVERY DAY COUNTS...**



## FreezeNova (Unblocked games)

**FreezeNova** unblocked is a website that is free to access and contains a wide variety of games, including shooting, multiplayer and racing games. This site may bypass usual filters, making it easier for your child to access games that you may not want them to play. As there are a variety of games, not all games may be suitable for your child.

There is also **FreezeNova Chat**, allowing users to chat to their friends and meet new ones. Clearly there are concerns with any online chat facility as there is the potential to view inappropriate content, risk of bullying as well as grooming.

We could not locate any age ratings on this site and there are constant adverts. Childnet have a webpage providing advice on gaming and chat features here:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/gaming/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsley.lcs.org.uk/may-2026-primary/>

## Group Chats

Is your child part of any group chats? This could be on social media, for example on WhatsApp or within games such as Fortnite. If so, it is important that you are aware of the potential risks, which include:

- **Inappropriate content** – there is often a lack of moderation within chat facilities so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.
- **Bullying** – there are many instances where inappropriate/hurtful comments are shared within groups, this could take the form of name calling or body shaming. Bullying can also be in the form of excluding others from the group. These issues often overspill into 'real life'.
- **Strangers** – your child could be added to groups with people they do not know or even with someone that they have previously blocked.
- **Conversations can be shared/screen shot** – make sure your child is aware that anything they share within a group can be shared with others.
- **Sharing personal information** – remind your child to be aware of the information they share with others, including images and location.



### How can I help make group chats safer?

- Check the recommended age rating and adhere to them.
- Set up age-appropriate parental controls, suitable privacy settings and set screen time limits.
- On WhatsApp you can do a privacy check, by going to settings, privacy and privacy checkup.
- Show your child how to use any reporting and blocking tools.

### What else can I do?

- It is crucial to have regular conversations with your child about the risks outlined above and about what they are doing online.
- Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about what they send and how it could be perceived by others. **Talk about positivity and not saying anything hurtful. Ask them to think about whether they would say what they are messaging, face to face.**
- Devices should be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing and who they are interacting with.
- Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

### Further information

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

# Roblox - update

## What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. **As a lot of the content is user generated, not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.** If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor



**what your child is accessing as well as set up appropriate parental controls.** PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance recommended label, this is because it is a platform of individual, user generated games.

## New Age-Based Accounts

From next month, Roblox will introduce two new age-based accounts: Roblox Kids for users ages 5 to 8 and Roblox Select for users ages 9 to 15. Roblox Kids Accounts (ages 5–8) will be limited to games with a 'Minimal or Mild' content maturity label and all communication is disabled by default. Roblox Select accounts (ages 9 to 15) will be limited to games with content maturity labels up to and including 'Moderate'. By default, Experience Chat is ON and Direct Experience Chat is OFF. The differences in chat are outlined here: <https://about.roblox.com/safety-by-age>

## Parental Controls

As part of parental controls, you can manage content ratings, communication, screen-time, and spending limits as well as see which games your child is playing on and who their friends are. Roblox are extending these controls to allow you to:

- Block specific individual games (to age 15).
- Manage direct chat settings (to age 15).
- Approve access to specific games.

**It is important to regularly monitor what your child is playing on Roblox and who they are interacting with, even if you have parental controls set up.** You can find out more about the new accounts and parental controls here:

<https://about.roblox.com/newsroom/2026/04/introducing-roblox-kids-and-select-accounts>

## Further information

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-releases-updated-parental-controls-and-age-appropriate-experiences/>

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## Screen time guidance for under 5s

The Government now advise limiting screen time for young children. They advise avoiding screen time for under 2 years and to try to keep it to less than 1 hour a day for 2-5 years. Best Start for Life have published an article outlining what content is better, how your own screentime affects your child and how screentime can affect your child's development. Find out more here:

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/screen-time-under-5s/>

## Do you know what 'looksmaxxing' is?

It is the idea of improving and ~~maxxing~~ **maxxing** your looks. Internet Matters have published this article, which provides more information on this topic and outlines the **risks** (including links to the manosphere).

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-looksmaxxing-online-safety-guidance-for-parents/>

## PEGI is expanding their age ratings

From June, PEGI is adding new categories. "Newly submitted games will be classified with a broader set of criteria that will focus on content and functionality, such as purchases of in-game content, paid random items, communication features, and features that **incentivise** players to continue playing." Find out more here:

<https://pegi.info/news/pegi-expands-age-rating-criteria-interactive-rob-categories>

## **School Uniform /PE Day Reminders**

Thank you for ensuring children attend school looking smart in their school uniforms. As a reminder, it is essential that children attend wearing school shoes and not boots, particularly now as we are hopefully over the winter weather.

On PE Days– please ensure your child attends wearing the agreed kit:

**1) White Polo Shirt under the school jumper/cardigan**

**2) Black Shorts /Black Jogging Bottoms**

**3) Trainers**

Support as always is much appreciated.



## CAMHS Parent/Carer Workshops

*Come and join our Parent/Carer Workshops, run by Black Country CAMHS services (on MS Teams for 1 hours). Groups held 12pm - 1pm.*

We know that suffering from mental health difficulties does not only affect the person struggling, but also the family around them. Parenting a child/young person with mental health difficulties can create additional challenges for parents.

We are running workshops exploring a range of difficulties that children/young people may experience, that can impact their emotional wellbeing.

22.04.2026 - Anxiety

27.05.2026 - Understanding Autism

17.06.2026 – Low mood in Children

15.07.2026 - Anger Conduct

23.09.2026 – Trauma with attachment

21.10.2026 – Self Harm with DBT skills

18.11.2026 – Anxiety and OCD



To register your interest telephone **Andrea Ehgartner / Nicole Whitehouse** on  
**01922 607400**



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[www.blackcountrychildrens.nhs.uk/camhs](http://www.blackcountrychildrens.nhs.uk/camhs)

# IMPORTANT REMINDER: BRING YOUR BOOK BAG!



Our school has invested thousands of pounds into providing quality reading books for the children.

To help us keep these books in great condition:



Please ensure your child attends school with a book bag.



Please do NOT place water bottles inside book bags.

Water bottles are causing books to become water damaged beyond repair, and we want every child to enjoy these wonderful reading resources.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together we can protect our books and foster a love of reading!



**NATIONAL YEAR  
OF READING  
GO ALL IN**



# Poetry Recitals

9.00am In Church Each Friday!

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February - 6S

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - 6G

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - 5S

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - 5G

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - 4S

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April - 4G

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April - 3S

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May - 3G

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - 2S

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May - 2G

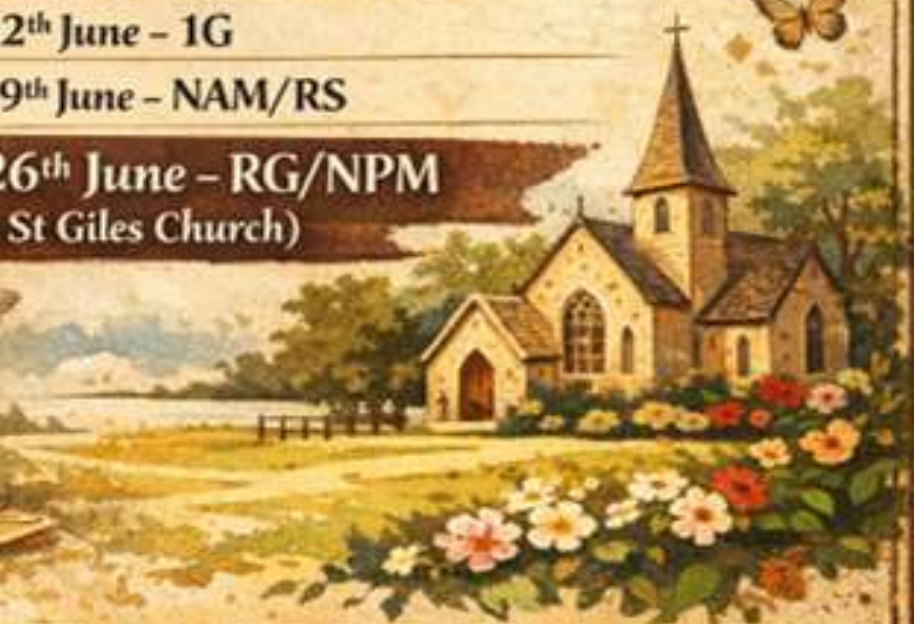
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June - 1S

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June - 1G

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - NAM/RS



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June - RG/NPM  
(2pm St Giles Church)



## Term Dates

### **2025/26 academic year**

#### **Autumn term 2025**

- Term starts: Monday 1 September 2025
- Half term holiday: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

**Term ends: Friday 19 December 2025**

#### **Spring term 2026**

- Term starts: Monday 5 January 2026
- Half term holiday: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

**Term ends: Friday 27 March 2026**

#### **Summer term 2026**

- Term starts: Monday 13 April 2026
- Half term holiday: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

**Term ends: Monday 20 July 2026**

### **Non-Pupil Days**

~~INSET 1 Monday 1st September 2026~~

~~INSET 2 Wednesday 1st October 2026~~

~~INSET 3 Wednesday 28th January 2026~~

~~INSET 4 Wednesday 24th June 2026~~

~~INSET 5 Monday 20th July 2026~~

## **2026/2027 academic year**

### **Autumn term 2026**

- **Term starts: Tuesday 1 September 2026**
- **Half term holiday: Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026**

**Term ends: Friday 18 December 2026**

### **Spring term 2027**

- **Term starts: Monday 4 January 2027**
- **Half term holiday: Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027**

**Term ends: Thursday 25 March 2027**

### **Summer term 2027**

- **Term starts: Monday 12 April 2027**
- **Half term holiday: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027**

**Term ends: Wednesday 21 July 2027**

## **2027/2028 Academic Year**

### **Autumn term 2027**

- **Term starts: Thursday 2 September 2027**
- **Half term holiday: Monday 25 October 2027 to Friday 29 October 2027**

**Term ends: Friday 17 December 2027**

### **Spring term 2028**

- **Term starts: Tuesday 4 January 2028**
- **Half term holiday: Monday 14 February 2028 to Friday 18 February 2028**

**Term ends: Friday 7 April 2028**

### **Summer term 2028**

- **Term starts: Monday 24 April 2028**
- **Half term holiday: Monday 29 May 2028 to Friday 2 June 2028**

**Term ends: Friday 21 July 2028**

NSPCC 

**HELPLINE**

**0808 800 5000**

**help@nspcc.org.uk**

**If you have any concerns about a child, trust your instincts and contact the NSPCC Helpline. Our specialist team will listen, advise and take any action needed.**

An estimated 1 in 20 children have experienced sexual abuse. And child sexual abuse is under-reported by adults. It's time for that to change.

It's never too soon to talk to us. And what you share could make a life-changing difference to a child.

You can contact the NSPCC Helpline by calling 0808 800 5000, emailing [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) or completing our report abuse online form.

Due to an increase in demand across our service, our voice Helpline is currently available 11am–5pm Monday to Friday. You can still email [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) or complete our report abuse online form at any time for free. You don't have to say who you are.

**If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999 straight away.**