

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations



The children thoroughly enjoyed our Jubilee Party on our playground on Thursday 26th May 2022. They wore special party hats and were delighted with the party food and music. We had such a lovely time which ended our week of learning about Queen Elizabeth and the celebrations for her Platinum Jubilee.

First Holy Communion Year 3

After the half term holidays, children in Year 3 and one child in Year 5 will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11th June. If you have signed your child up to singing at this special mass, please make sure they are in school uniform and they arrive no later than 10.55am for mass to start at 11am. On Thursday 16th June at 11am, a mass will be celebrated for Corpus Christi. At this mass children in Year 3 will attend and it will be especially for those who want to receive a Special Blessing. Parents welcome to attend.

Staff Vacancies

Required ASAP:

Midday Supervisor for 6.25 hours a week Term Time Only (TTO) between 1200 and 1315 Monday to Friday.

Family Information Service



Mrs Copson sends out a newsletter from the [Family Information Service](#). It is packed full of helpful information for families. This week Newsletter. Please take time to read the latest newsletter.



Here is a reminder of the events for the summer term from the PTFA:

Non-Uniform Day – 22nd June

For this non-uniform day, all we ask is that a bottle is brought to school to support several stalls in school.

Summer Fete

We are so pleased to be able to announce that our School Summer Fete will take place on **Saturday 25th June 2022 12pm to 3pm**. For this event to take place, it relies on volunteers to run stall and help setting up and tidying up at the end of the event. The PTFA have traditional stalls that require stall holders but we are also interested in new ideas. If you feel that you can volunteer for this event, please make yourself known to Miss Harriet Campbell (Chair of PTFA) or, if you give your details to Mrs Copson, she can pass this on to her on your behalf. I have supplied a reply slip below outlining some of the events and your offer to

Festival on the Field

Please save the day for our new event Festival on the Field. We are hoping to have a line up of local bands to attend our Festival on **Friday 15th July 2022 time to be confirmed**. If you know any local bands that would like to take part, please let Mrs Copson know.

Parent Questionnaire May

We would like parents to complete our Parent Questionnaire. The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. Mrs Copson sent this out in an email to all parents this week.

Each year we like to ask the opinion of our parents about a range of matters relating to life at English Martyrs School. It proves to be very useful in setting priorities and finding ways of improving our school. Despite the disruptions in the past year, we have worked hard to make improvements.

The children complete their own survey in school, but you might like to talk to your child about their view of school to help inform your answers. If you have more than one child in school and they have a similar experience please complete one form for all, if you feel your children have different experiences, complete separate forms.

Your answers will be treated confidentially and a summary of the results will be made available as soon as possible.

The deadline for completing this questionnaire is **Monday 6th June 2022**.

A Big Thank You from Rugby Foodbank

I received a letter from the Rugby Foodbank. They have informed me that our school collected 89kg of food for Rugby Foodbank in April. Thank you to everyone who donated.



Relationship and Belonging Policy

English Martyrs staff have now received [Team Teach](#) training which took place today. Staff have worked very hard this academic year to create a behaviour policy which reflects our new values and practice in de-escalation. The Team Teach practitioners delivering training were highly commendable about our new Relationship and Belonging Policy. This policy will be available on the website for you to view in due course. If you have any questions about our policy, please do speak to our teaching staff.

Encompass

English Martyrs intends to be part of Operation Encompass. Please see the flyer below outlining reasons why it is so important for our school to take part.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

“ Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience. ”

“ Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹. ”

“ We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care. ”

“ Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident ”

“ This information means that we can understand a child’s behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want. ”

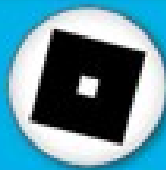
“ We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this. ”

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021

www.operationencompass.org

Online Safety

In this newsletter I have included “**What parents need to know about Roblox**”. Please take time to read the information as we are very aware that children can be vulnerable when online.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX



With more than 150 million users worldwide, Roblox is one of the most popular video games of recent times. Roblox allows users to create their own gaming experiences using Roblox Studio: building levels and games then allowing other people to play them. Similarly, players can play each other's creations, either on their own or with other people online. While it's a tool that can help foster creative thinking, Roblox is also intermittently in the news amid concerns over young users' safety.

No Age Rating

Roblox is rated 7+ by PEGI, but the platform itself doesn't have a minimum age requirement. It does ask for a date of birth when registering, but this can be easily fabricated. The sheer quantity of games available on Roblox means that some will fall into teen/adult categories. Users can also interact with each other freely – and the game has, historically, attracted hackers, griefters and online predators.



Chat Functionality

Users can join group chats with almost anyone through the Chat & Party function. While the chat has some filters, predators will try to find ways around these to prey on young children. There have been recent reports of adults pretending to be children, attempting to groom younger players and encouraging them to chat privately in an unmoderated environment away from the game.

In-App Purchases

Robux is the in-game currency used to buy things like special outfits or avatars, and to play certain sections of the game. A subscription service (costing £4.99 per month) called Roblox Premium offers more privileges and more in-game currency. Robux can also be purchased in bundles, for up to £4.99. Children can easily pay for these, or purchase a membership, without realising it.



ODers

An 'ODer' (online date) joins Roblox to find someone to 'date' online. While there's nothing inherently wrong with finding love on the internet, it becomes an issue in a space that's populated by children and young teens, like Roblox. Online dating is against Roblox's community guidelines, but certain player-built games on the platform are specifically for 'ODers' and should be avoided by children.

Online Predators

Roblox's developers aim to maintain a safe place for children; they employ human moderators for their players' protection. But there will, sadly, always be individuals who try to bypass these safeguards so they can chat to children and attempt to communicate outside the game. Anyone asking for your child's personal information or to talk privately should be blocked and reported.



Advice for Parents & Carers



Take Note of Ratings

Recent press reports draw attention to Roblox's issues with potentially offensive content. Some players were using Roblox Studio to create games featuring nudity, sexual activity and extreme political views. In response, Roblox is introducing a ratings system which will rank content by age appropriateness, with clear warnings if a game is not suitable for younger players.



Set Parental Controls

Roblox has controls that allow parents to moderate who their children can talk to and which games they can play. To enable these, add your email address to your child's account through the Security menu, and create a secure PIN to stop settings being tampered with. Then head into the Privacy menu where you can apply moderation to in-game chat, personal messages, invites and more.

Disable Messages

It's advisable to block all messaging if you have concerns over your child's safety. If they're playing with friends they know in real life, encourage them to chat in another way (like on the phone), so you know exactly who they're talking to and how. Accounts can be reviewed to allow messages from specific groups of people, such as friends or users that your child follows.



Block and Report

To report players in a game, find the Roblox symbol on screen (or the 'Settings' button on some devices), identify the offending player and click the flag icon. Clarify why the player is being reported by choosing a reason from the list. If you think a particular game is inappropriate, you can also flag it for a moderator to check by following the same steps but selecting 'Game' instead of 'Player'.

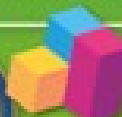
Encourage Creativity

It could prove a little too complex for younger children, but Roblox Studio is a great place to start learning the fundamentals of game design. Many building developers have created Roblox games which have become popular among the community. There are plenty of tutorials on making games on sites like YouTube. You never know, your child's creation might be the next big thing!



Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UKGAD Gaming and GAMASCOPE. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Diary Dates

May

27th Teacher Training Day

Half-Term Break 30th May to 3rd June

June

6th Children back to school after half-term
9th **11am Mass led by Year 5 (Year 2)**
11th Year 3 First Holy Communion Service 11am at English Martyrs Church
15th New Reception parent meeting
16th **11am Mass led by Year 4 (Year 1)**
17th Film night for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
23rd **11am Mass led by Year 2 (Year 5)**
25th Summer Fete
28th Sports Day –
Reception & Year 1 & Year 2 9:30am
KS2 1:30pm
29th to 1st July Beaumanor Hall Residential for Year 5
30th **11am Mass led by Year 3 (Year 6 and Reception)**

July

5th Whole school photo on the school field
7th **11am Mass led by Year 1 (Year 4)**
8th Children's School reports to go out
12th Open Book Day for parents
14th **11am Mass led by Year 5 (Year 2)**
15th Festival on the Field
18th Year 6 production 1:30pm and 6:30pm
21st **11am Whole school Mass led by Year 6**
In the afternoon there will be end of term presentations
22nd No School

School Improvement Suggestion

As a school we are always striving to improve, a good school listens to suggestions and opinions which can often lead to school improvement and positive change. If you have any suggestions you wish to share with the school, please fill the slip in below and hand it in to the school office or in the white letterbox in reception. Parents can also visit www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk to complete the parent view questionnaire.

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____



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Summer Fete – 25th June 2022

Volunteer for Stalls

- Splat the rat - Volunteers name: _____
- Hook a duck - Volunteers name: _____
- Face painting - Volunteers name: _____
- Toy stall - Volunteers name: _____
- Wellie wanging - Volunteers name: _____
- Beat the goalie - Volunteers name: _____
- I make cakes - Volunteers name: _____

Ideas for other stalls:

Name (in capitals): _____