

St Leonard's CE Primary Academy

Living and Learning Together with God's Help

28th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good morning and welcome back to a new term here at St Leonards!

We had a great first week back, the children settled in brilliantly and there was even some sunshine at playtime – this week looks like it's going to be a warm one so it might be appropriate to crack open the sun cream and dust off the **named** sunhats / baseball hats. Have a wonderful week and take care!

Mr Beadnell

Values Cup

The value for the term is Service and we will be updating you with our winners in the next letter. Watch this space!

PE Days Term 4

Monday – Years 4 and 6

Tuesday – Hedgehogs & Years 3, 5 and 6

Wednesday – Owls and Year 4

Thursday – Hedgehogs and Year 3

Friday – Y5 swimming

Church Visits

We were again blessed with a visit from the Reverend Phil who treated the children to fantastic assembly on the Easter message. Admittedly, cream eggs were involved but the message of what Jesus went through for all of us at Easter was clear.

St Leonard's PTA

The PTA's AGM will be taking place this evening at 6pm.



Outdoor Classroom

Our outdoor classroom is now complete! The children seem to be very very happy with it and I am sure some of them will be able to help as we begin to make the interior reflect its purpose.

SATs and SATs Breakfast

Our wonderful Year Sixes will soon be taking their SATs. We wish them the best of luck and this is a great chance to show off the hard work they've put in since they've been at the school. The school office will contact Y6 parents shortly with regards to booking a SATs breakfast for the week.

Attendance

Please be aware that, as a point of note, we have been asked by the DfE to provide them with details of any child who misses 15 consecutive days of school either with unauthorised absence or through illness. This will be an ongoing piece of information that the DfE request via Swindon Borough Council.

Upcoming TD Days

Monday 2nd June

Term dates for 2025/2026 can be found on the school website under parent information

Other dates to remember:

Week beginning 28.4.25 clubs start back

30.4.25 Owls PE Fundamentals trip – consent needed on Parentmail if not already done so

1.5.25 Bags 2 Schools – please send in clean clothes for recycling in a bin liner. The PTA earns money by the kg so this is a great way to recycle any clothes that the children have grown out of (not uniform).

6.5.25 Owls & Hedgehogs trip "Sleeping Seeds". Contribution & consent needed on Parentmail if not already done so

6.5.25 5:30 PGL residential meeting for Y6 parents

7.5.25 trip "Signs of Spring". Contribution & consent needed on Parentmail if not already done so

8.5.25 YR only – Vision test – please complete the consent form if you **DO NOT** want your child to take part

Week beginning 12th May KS2 SATs take place in school – Breakfast starts at 8:10am

12.5.25 Endangered Species special meal with Dolce – see menu's

21.5.25 – 23.5.25 Year 6 Residential

School returns on Tuesday 3rd June 2025 for Term 6.

Be smart on the internet

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www.childnet.com

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SAFE

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

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MEETING

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

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ACCEPTING

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

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RELIABLE

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

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TELL

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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www.kidsmart.org.uk

KidSMART

Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.



At 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 www.nationalonlinesafety.com 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, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or 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, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

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 correct 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 some genuine friends to 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 other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

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