



## NEWSLETTER - 14th March 2025

### Headteacher News

Hello everyone. Well, what a busy couple of weeks. Our Ofsted inspection last week was very positive and that is all I am allowed to say. The inspector has 18 days to share the draft report with me and then a further 17 days to publish the report, which I believe will take us to 9th May. Hopefully it will be sooner.

Life in school moves on, and we are straight into Science Week. Mr Carkett has been giving us a daily update and today's included the words micro-habitat, entomologist, comparative testing and geneticist. It has been brilliant to welcome the vast array of visitors to our school. I have been delighted to hear the views of our children which have all been brilliant. A big well done to Mt Carkett and all the staff and visitors for making Science week truly memorable.

Have a great weekend.

### Office News

#### Dates for your diary

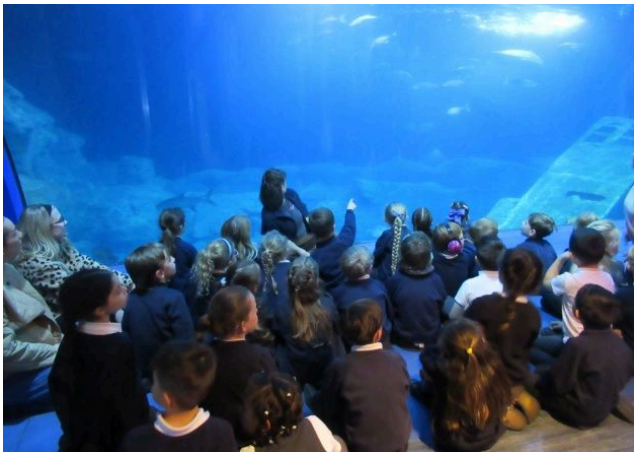
Who	What	When
Whole School	Neurodiversity Week	Mon 17th - Friday 21st March
Year 5	Bikeability Week	Mon 24th - Friday 28th March
Foundation	Mothering Monday	Monday 31st March
Foundation	EYFS Vision Screening	Mon 28th & Tue 29th April

## Science Week 2025

Well, British Science Week 2025 has been a resounding success! The whole school has celebrated it in one way or another - EYFS have had great fun making habitat hats and flying kites; year 1 have had LUSH come into make bath bombs and building little houses for the Three Little Pigs; Year 2 have been exploring habitats and visiting the Aquarium; Year 3 have been visited by geologists, anatomy lecturers from the UoP as well as making slime; Year 4 visited the Waste Energy Plant to see how our rubbish is turned into electricity; Year 5 took part in Science lessons at Plymouth High School as well as creating moon craters and analysing crisp packets; finally year 6 have building bridges and testing their heart rates.

Not to mention the special assemblies from the National Marine Aquarium, Babcock, and Ruth at Devon Science!

We would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful School Association, who generously donated £2000 to provide this fantastic week of Science learning! There will be some videos and photos posted to your child's Google Classroom in the next couple of days.



# 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 on-line 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 on 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 season 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 contact 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.



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Year Group News

## Year 6

Year 6 have had a wonderful time celebrating Science Week. They have become engineers, working as a team to build bridges made from lollypop sticks, bulldog-clips, pegs, elastic bands and white-tac. The conversations and problem-solving have been fantastic to see. There are definitely some future engineers here!

They have also become cardiovascular scientists and designed an experiment to find out if a static pose can raise their heart-rates. They have really enjoyed using our new heart-rate monitor watches and thinking how they can raise their heart-rates without moving.

We have been very impressed with the children's perseverance.



# Easter Holiday Clubs



Compton Primary School  
Monday 7th - Thursday 10th April  
Multi Sports  
Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April  
Multi Sports

Price: £20  
per child, per day

Is your child  
crazy  
about sport?  
Book one of  
our sports  
parties!

Book online directly at:  
[www.districtsportsplymouth.org](http://www.districtsportsplymouth.org)

Manadon Vale Primary  
Tuesday 8th - Thursday 10th April  
Multi Sports  
Tuesday 15th - Thursday 17th April  
Multi Sports

Age: 5-11 years old  
Time: 9.00am-3.30pm (8:45am registration)

If you would like to pay using  
childcare vouchers or Tax-Free  
childcare and you need our details  
then please contact us.  
PLEASE NOTE this is available  
at Compton School only.

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TO BOOK A PLACE OR ASK ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE  
GO TO [WWW.DISTRICTSPORTSPLYMOUTH.ORG](http://WWW.DISTRICTSPORTSPLYMOUTH.ORG) OR CALL  
LEWIS ON 07854 608965 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



- 08.45 - 09.00: REGISTRATION
- 09.00 - 09.30: WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
- 09.30 - 10.00: WARM-UP GAMES
- 10.00 - 11.00: ACTIVITY 1
- 11.00 - 11.15: BREAK
- 11.15 - 12.15: ACTIVITY 2
- 12.15 - 13.00: LUNCH
- 13.00 - 13.30: CHILDRENS CHOICE
- 13.30 - 14.15: ACTIVITY 3
- 14.15 - 14.30: BREAK
- 14.30 - 15.15: ACTIVITY 4
- 15.15 - 15.30: MEDALS PRESENTATION



- A large packed lunch with a few extra snacks
- A large drink that can be re filled
- Suitable clothing for indoor/outdoor activities
- And lots of energy



- A Safe, fun, active environment
- All of the team are fully insured and DBS checked with child protection and emergency aid certification



DURING OUR MULTI-SPORTS CLUBS THE ACTIVITIES WE AIM TO COVER ARE:  
• Football • Cricket • Hockey • Dodgeball • Ultimate frisbee • Gymnastics • Crazy golf  
• Athletics • Tag rugby • Handball • Tennis • Tag games • And many more!



# PSSP PERSONAL CHALLENGE

## KEEPIE– UPIIE CHALLENGE



How many keepee– uppies can you do? You can do them on your knee or feet.

**This will improve hand– eye coordination and football skills.**

### **Finding this too easy?**

Can you do one knee and then one foot and repeat?



### **Finding this too hard?**

Ask a friend to throw the ball and you kick it back and repeat, r let it bounce once time before trying again.

School Association

A big thank you to everyone who signed up to ASDA's Cashpot for Schools scheme that we advertised at the end of last year. Every time you shopped and scanned your app, ASDA kindly donated a percentage of your shop to our Cashpot. We have just received **£189.93** from the initiative, which has gone straight into our bank account so it can be used in one form or another to help enrich the lives of Compton Children. Amazing!

We are also excited to say that the bookings for our **Quiz night on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March** are gathering pace, so it will definitely be going ahead. It's not too late to gather a team of friends and family and join us for a fun night in the school hall. **Just £5 per head to include a drink, with prizes to be won!**

Compton C of E School Association

Registered charity number: 1092243

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A dark blue poster for a quiz night. At the top center is a yellow lightbulb icon with radiating lines. To the right is a stylized pink brain. The text is in white and pink. The main title 'Quiz Night' is in large pink letters. Below it is 'Friday 28th March' in white. The time '19.30-22.30' is in white, with 'Bar & snacks available' in white text to its right. 'Tickets £5 per person' is in large pink letters. Below that is 'Teams of 4-6 people' in white. 'First drink is included in the price!' is in white. At the bottom is 'Book your place via School Office' in pink. There is also a pink brain icon at the bottom left. The text 'Adults only' is written in white in the top left corner.

Adults only

Quiz Night

Friday 28th March

19.30-22.30 Bar & snacks available

Tickets £5 per person

Teams of 4-6 people

First drink is included in the price!

Book your place via School Office