



North Crescent Primary School

Guiding Explorers of the Future

Today we welcomed Rocksteady Music School to North Crescent!

The children thoroughly enjoyed a whole school rock show in the hall, as well as group workshops throughout the day.

It was an amazing way to wake up and start a busy Friday. We were entertained with rocked up versions of popular songs from artists such as George Ezra. The children were even treated to a rock version of Baby Shark!



Diary Dates

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Monday 9th February -
Parent Drop-Ins @ 3:30 pm

Tuesday 10th February -
KS2 Swimming Gala

Wednesday 11th February -
Cross Country

Thursday 12th March -
Year R Sharing Assembly @ 2:50pm

Polite Notice

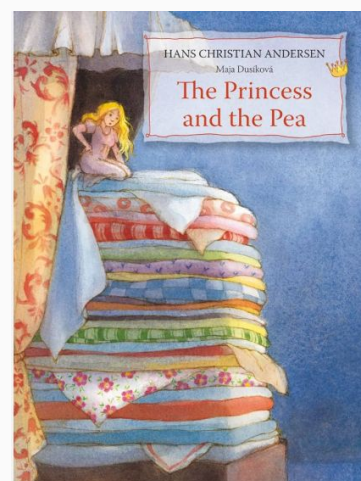
In order to safeguard our children, staff and visitors, we would like to remind you that we do not permit the use of mobile phones on site at North Crescent Primary School.

This includes taking photographs and/or videos of your children entering or leaving the school site at drop off or collection times. Many thanks for helping to keep our school community safe.

The Princess and the Pea by Hans Christian Anderson

Once upon a time a prince was looking for a princess to marry, but she would have to be a *real* princess. One stormy night a young woman knocks on the palace door claiming to be a princess. Putting her to the test, the queen places a single pea underneath a huge pile of mattresses. Is the young woman a real princess after all?

Book of the Week



The Princess and the Pea

Huge congratulations to the following children who have been chosen as the Lead Learners.

Explorers	Zay	Pathfinders 2	Alexandra
Pathfinders 1	Jerry	Adventurers 4	Freya
Adventurers 3	Aalayah	Navigators 6	Lucas
Navigators 5	Tiana		

Each week we celebrate the class that have shown respect for their classroom. The children really love our gold, diamante dustpan and brush award! Why don't you ask them about it?

Did you know that you can follow North Crescent Primary School on Facebook, X and Instagram? This is a fantastic way to keep up to date with the exciting activities that your children have been taking part in, as well as seeing reminders for key dates and times. Please, give us a follow and see what you have been missing!

Instagram: @northcrescentprimary
FB: North Crescent Primary School
Twitter/X: <https://x.com/NorthCrescentP>



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is an online platform where users can play and create games known as 'experiences' made by other users. Roblox has a large UK audience. ITV News has reported that millions of people in Britain use the platform regularly, with children forming a significant proportion of its users. The sheer scale of it makes it extremely difficult to moderate effectively, creating risks for unsupervised children.

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 set 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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SEND School Age Drop-in

**An opportunity to get advice and support
in a relaxed and non judgemental
environment**

Parents and carers of both diagnosed and non-
diagnosed children welcome.

**1st Wednesday of the month
12:00 - 13:00**

No need to book - Just drop in!

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