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Safeguarding Spot



Is your child using Roblox?

[Roblox](#) has an ESRB rating of E10+ for Everyone 10 and up for Fantasy Violence, which means that typical gameplay should be suitable for most kids. However, the rating also includes an *Users Interact* notice and an *In-Game Purchases* notice. These let parents know that players can communicate with each other, create and share games with each other, and make additional purchases within the game.

<https://www.esrb.org/blog/what-parents-need-to-know-about-roblox/#:~:text=Roblox%20has%20an%20ESRB%20rating,an%20In%20Game%20Purchases%20notice>

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. I hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful half term.

This half term promises to be another busy one with lots of exciting learning opportunities for all the children. Please do keep up to date with the weekly newsletters and emails from the office or class teachers to ensure you are aware of what is happening in school.

We are very excited this week to get back to a pre-covid structure in school, allowing the children to mix across classes at playtime and for the whole school to come together for Worship in the hall.

This week we are celebrating World Book Day (Thursday 3rd March) a little differently this year, so look out for the staff in school who may be dressed as a book character all week! We look forward to seeing the children dressed up on Thursday, as well as admiring their very impressive story jars.

Can I take this opportunity to welcome Mr Bowen, a teaching student from Keele University, who will be working with our Year 5 class. I am sure you will all make him feel very welcome. Can we also welcome into school Deb O'Neil from the Stoke City Community Trust who is going to be working in PE with Reception and Year 6 pupils. This half term's focus is gymnastics. As many of you may be aware, Miss Mellor, who was working in our Early Years, has now left us, as she moves on to further her career. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing her the very best.

Mrs Lowndes
Headteacher

Meet our staff team



Hello! I am Mr Ahearne, currently teaching the wonderful Year 5 students. I have been at Baldwins Gate for 6 years. I became a teacher at 40 and actually had one of my training placements here at this great school and, amazingly, they wanted me back!

Previously I have worked in transport logistics (including driving lorries for a period), banking and sales. Family circumstances meant I had to become a dad at home for a while, which led me to being a Governor at my children's school, before 'falling' into education, first working as a TA whilst studying and finally qualifying and becoming a teacher.

My wife is a Nurse Practitioner and I have two boys. My eldest (22) has just completed a chemistry degree and now works in medicine development in Sittingbourne. My youngest (20) is studying Engineering at Cardiff University.

Away from school I enjoying cooking, walking our Cockerpool Rhona, rugby (come on England!), DIY, skiing, flying my drone and I am a keen shooter – both clay pigeon and target shooting.



Roblox allows users to communicate with other users. There are **no age restrictions** meaning both adults and children can play and communicate with each other.

Players can receive friend requests during a game, meaning that users can chat to each other outside of the game.

There have been recent reports on BBC News of inappropriate adult content being available on Roblox that children could potentially access. **For Parents only.**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-60314572>

More information on Roblox for parents can be found at:
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-a-guide-for-parents#:~:text=Key%20things%20for%20parents%20to%20be%20aware%20of&text=All%20games%20are%20multiplayer%20and,other%20outside%20of%20the%20game.>

Our Prayer this week



Father, you sent your only begotten Son into this world to bear our flesh and to save us. In His mission, He taught us about your heart. You are surely a God of peace who abhors violence. Wherever possible, You encourage unity. He taught us to follow Him, to be the salt of the earth, and to make peace wherever we can. Lord, teach us to be peacemakers and to walk in a manner that reflects the wonderful peace that is given through your spirit in Christ, our Lord.

Amen



School Lunches

Menu Weeks

- 28th Feb – Week 3
- 7th March – Week 1
- 14th March – Week 2
- 21st March – Week 3
- 28th March – Week 1
- 4th April – Week 2
- Easter Holiday

School Day Times

As advised before half-term, we have today returned to a pre-Covid structure. The school's start and finish times are:

The school gate will open at 8.45 am.
Children will continue to go straight to their classrooms.
All pupils must be in their classrooms by 8.55 am for registration.
Registers will close at 9.00 am.
The school gate will be locked at 9.00 am.
Pupils arriving after 9.00 am must be accompanied to the main entrance.
They must be signed in and will be marked as late.

The end of the school day for all pupils (including Nursery) will be 3.30 pm.
The school gate will be opened at 3.25 pm.

SATs Information for Parents Meetings



Year 2 SATs – Parents' meeting – Tuesday 1st March at 6pm

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Year 6 SATs information meeting prior to half term.

Arc Theatre Group – Year 5 and 6 Visit

Before half term the pupils in year 5 and 6 enjoyed an educational visit from the Arc Theatre Company. The purpose of this visit was to inform the children of the dangers of roads and construction sites. This was done very creatively through drama, so as well as learning about keeping themselves safe the children also learnt a little about the famous Victoriana Engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We all enjoyed this very immersive and interesting experience.

World Book Day

There's Still Time To Enter Our Competition!

This year World Book Day is on **Thursday 3rd March 2022.**

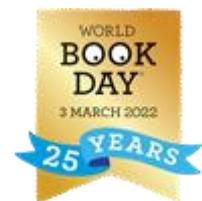
We are very excited to announce that this year we will be holding our first **World Book Week**. This will enable each class to celebrate and delve deeper into a variety of genres and authors.

To help us celebrate we are thrilled to hold a World Book Day Jar Competition. We would love you to get involved by creating your very own story jar.



A story jar captures the essence of a story dear to your child in a jar. Through decorations, adding toys, creating scenes and even writing key phrases on the jar to

show the important elements of the story they have picked. For example, a little stick broom, witch's hat and purple bow would go together to help to create a 'Room on the Broom' jar. Here are some pictures below to give you some extra inspiration.



Entries should be submitted from Monday 28th February to no later than Thursday 3rd March 2022 and handed to your class teacher.

There will be one winner per year group, winners will be selected on Friday 4th March 2022 and will receive a certificate, a prize and their entry will be displayed with pride in our school library.



London Transport Museum Virtual Workshops

Year 5 and 6 are both taking part in virtual workshops run by the London Transport Museum. The workshops are entitled 'Engineering your Neighbourhood'.

There is a charge for the workshops and we are asking if parents would please make a contribution of £2.50 per pupil, payable via ParentPay. Thank you!

Adrefelyn Farm Visit (Wrexham) Years 1 and 2

Please ensure that consent slips are returned to school asap and before 25th March.

Year 5 Residential PGL Boreatton Park 20th to 22nd June 2022

Total cost: £210

The trip must be paid for in full by 31st May 2022.

Payment schedule if you have opted to pay the balance in instalments:

1	£45.00	28.2.22
2	£45.00	31.3.22
3	£45.00	29.4.22
4	£45.00	31.5.22

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MEETING FOR PARENTS:

Thursday 19th May at 2.45 pm in the hall

Year 6 Residential to Llandudno 8th-10th June 2022

Total cost: £120.00

The trip must be paid for in full by Friday 25th March 2022.

Payment schedule if you have opted to pay the balance in instalments:

1	£17.00	26.11.21
2	£25.00	28.1.22
3	£25.00	25.2.22
4	£25.00	25.3.22

INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS:

Tuesday 17th May at 2.45 pm in the hall

Dress Up

We are also inviting the children to join us on Thursday 3rd March to dress up as their favourite book character. If you have any further questions, please ask your class teacher for more information.

Covid update

On Monday 21st February the Government announced that from Thursday 24th February 2022 there is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate; however, if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. From 24th February contacts of those who have tested positive for COVID-19 are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, contact tracing has ended.

The guidance published by the UK Health Security Agency (see link below) states that, "Children and young people with COVID-19 **should not** attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these test results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature."

If your child receives a positive COVID-19 test result, you should follow this guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Remote Education relating to COVID-19

In line with DfE guidance, attendance in school is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age.

Under current guidance schools are required to provide remote education to pupils where their attendance would be contrary to government guidance or legislation around COVID-19.

Choosing to keep a child off school, who has not received a positive test result themselves, but because of a positive case in their class, will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and in this case remote learning will not be provided.

Remote education relates specifically to COVID-19, children who are not in school because they are unwell with any other illness, do not have access to remote learning. Children who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are unwell are not required to access remote learning until they are physically well enough to do so.

Children who are following Government guidance and self-isolating due to a positive test result but who are not physically unwell will continue to have access to remote education in the form of work accessible from the school's Google Drive, as well as live direct teaching for Maths and English as soon as reasonably practicable. Teaching staff will communicate timetables to the affected families.

Community Fundraising – Thank You

On Friday 18th February we held our community fundraising event. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped us to raise £168.55 towards the Defibrillator.



Year 3 Outdoor Education Day Trips

14th and 15th July 2022
Total cost: £48.00
The trip must be paid for in full by Tuesday 3rd May.

Payment schedule if you have opted to pay in instalments:

Deposit	£18.00	1.3.22
1	£15.00	1.4.22
2	£15.00	3.5.22

Year 4 residential visit to Stanley Head

13th to 15th July 2022
Total cost: £130
The trip must be paid for in full by Friday 10th June 2022

Payment schedule if you have opted to pay in instalments:

Deposit	£40.00	1.3.22
1	£30.00	1.4.22
2	£30.00	3.5.22
3.	£30.00	7.6.22

Superstar Awards

Awards have been presented to:	
Nursery	All Nursery
Reception	Rogan, Henry
Year 1	Emmett
Year 2	Lucy, Ida-Luan
Year 3	Nancy, Henry
Year 4	Poppy, Alexander
Year 5	Florence, Amaya
Year 6	Edith, Fraser



House Points

Maer	Whitmore	Butterton	Chapel Chorlton
160	160	164	164

What's on this week?

Week commencing Monday 28 th February	
Monday	Deb O'Neil Stoke City Community Trust in school
Tuesday	Netball at Keele Secondary school places offered
Wednesday	Rev Clemas in school for Worship
Thursday	World Book Day Health & Safety Audit
Friday	Year 5 London Transport Museum virtual workshop

School Facebook Page

Did you know that we have a school Facebook page. We're trying to post regularly to give our families an insight into what the children are up to at school.

Do please like our posts!

<https://www.facebook.com/BaldwinsGatePrimarySchool/>



Baldwins Gate Primary School – 2021/2022 Diary Dates

PLEASE CHECK DIARY DATES ON A REGULAR BASIS IN CASE OF AMENDMENT

Date	Event
Friday 15 th October	Deadline for the return of Academy Photo orders to school
Thursday 21 st October	Pupils break up for half term
Friday 22 nd October	Staff Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October	October half term week
Monday 1 st November	Pupils return to school
Thursday 4 th November	Bonfire Night Themed Lunch
Monday 8 th November	Reception and Year 6 – Height and Weight checks
Thursday 11 th November	Flu immunisation team in school – Reception to Year 6
Monday 15 th November	Stoke City Football Club City 7's in school to visit pupils in Year 2 and Year 3
Wednesday 17 th November	Year 5 and Year 6 religious difference and diversity workshops in school
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need – wear your glitz n glamour for a £1.00 donation to Children in Need
Thursday 2 nd December	PTA Film Night 3.30 – 5.30 pm BUZZ after school club closed.
Friday 3 rd December	Year 6 Ancient Greek Day
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – wear your Christmas Jumper and donate £1.00 to Save the Children
Wednesday 15 th December	Surprise Jars to school please Christmas Lunch in school Class Christmas Parties (bring a £1.00 for Surprise Jars)
Friday 17 th December	Break up for Christmas holiday
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Staff Inset Day
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Pupils return to school
Saturday 15 th January	Closing date for Reception admissions
Tuesday 8 th February	Year 1 Village Walk
Tuesday 15 th February	Year 6 SATs – Parents' meeting – at 6pm
Thursday 17 th February	Arc Theatre in school – road safety and staying safe around construction sites workshops to

	Years 5 and 6
Friday 18 th February	Community Fundraiser – hot chocolate and cake will be on sale Last day before half term
Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 28 th February	Pupils return to school Entries open for World Book Day story jar competition
Tuesday 1 st March	Secondary school offers Year 2 SATs – Parents' meeting at 6pm
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day – dress up and closing date for bring in your story jar competition
Friday 4 th March	Year 5 London Transport Museum virtual workshop
Friday 25 th March	Year 6 London Transport Museum virtual workshop
Tuesday 28 th March	Year 6 Recorder Festival at Victoria Hall
Friday 8 th April	INSET Day School closed to pupils
Monday 11 th – Friday 22 nd April	Easter Holiday (Easter Monday on 18 th April)
Monday 25 th April	Pupils return to school
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Week commencing 9 th May	KS2 SATs
Tuesday 17 th May	Year 6 Llandudno Information for Parents, 2.45 pm in the hall
Thursday 19 th May	Year 5 PGL Information for Parents, 2.45 pm in the hall
Friday 27 th May	Last day before Half Term
Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June	Half Term (Bank holidays on 2 nd and 3 rd June – Queen's Platinum Jubilee)
Monday 6 th June	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 8 th to Friday 10 th June	Year 6 residential to Llandudno
Monday 20 th to Wednesday 22 nd June	Year 5 residential to Boreatton Park
Wednesday 13 th to Friday 15 th July	Year 4 residential to Stanley Head
Thursday 14 th July	Year 3 day visit to Stanley Head (1 of 2)
Friday 15 th July	Year 3 day visit to Stanley Head (2 of 2)
Wednesday 20 th July	Last day before summer holiday
Thursday 21 st July	Summer holiday starts