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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%2DGame%20Purchases%20notice.>

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.

It was wonderful to bring the whole school back together last week for the first time in nearly two years. The children were very excited to be able to mix and play together on the playground and it was lovely to see children from all classes interacting and playing together. Having the whole school back together in the hall for Worship was very powerful and emotive. We look forward to continuing to do things together as a whole school community.

The children thoroughly enjoyed our World Book Day last week – they all looked fantastic in their costumes. Each class focused on a different book throughout the week and this formed the basis for much of the learning in English. Take a look below at some of our photos.

Year 5 took part in a virtual workshop with the London Transport Museum on Friday and really enjoyed the experience. Year 6 have their own workshop booked for Friday 25th March.

This week years 1 to 6 are having a sporting focus to their week with additional PE sessions being delivered by Bee Active throughout the week. This will provide the children with the opportunity to take part in and try a variety of activities, as well as being physically active and developing their team work skills.

In what is already a very busy half term thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lowndes
Headteacher

Meet our staff team



Hello! My name is Miss Cartwright and I currently teach in Year 1 after previously being in EYFS. I became part of the Baldwins Gate family 4 years ago after doing a PGCE. I have just completed my Level 3 Forest School training and I am now a qualified Forest School leader. I have responsibility for PE and Art across the school and I am currently taking the school through the Arts Mark Award.

In my free time as many of you know I enjoy running, I also love baking and horse riding. I have recently got a kitten called Gia. The Year 1 children know all about Gia and love to have regular updates!

School Day Times

As advised before half-term, we have 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.

Please can I remind you that if your child needs to be dropped off before 8.45am they must be booked into BUZZ club and not left at the main gate.

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

[London Transport Museum Virtual Workshops](#)
Year 5 and 6 are both taking

World Book Day



We had a fantastic World Book week in school with the highlight being World Book Day on Thursday. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and it was lovely to see a range of characters from different children's books, both traditional and modern. We celebrated the day by splitting the children into their houses and sharing stories together – the children really enjoyed this.



Thank you to all those who entered our 'Story in a Jar' competition. We had lots of amazing and very creative entries. The children had clearly spent a lot of time making these at home and were very proud to bring them into school.

Congratulations to our winners:

- Nursery – Maxi
- Reception – Grace
- Year 1 – Poppy
- Year 2 – Sophia
- Year 3 – Ava
- Year 4 – Izzy
- Year 5 – Allegra
- Year 6 – Niamh



These jars will be on display in our newly revamped library area in the school entrance.

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>

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

INFORMATION 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

Year 3 Outdoor Education

<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.

Netball

Congratulations to our Year 6 Netball Team who played in their first round of league fixtures at Keele University last Tuesday.

Match Report by our Sports Ambassadors Maddie and Harvie:

On Tuesday the Year 6 netball team went to Keele University. They played four matches. In their first match against Ellison Primary we won four nil. In the second match against St Mary's we lost one nil. In the third match against St Giles and St George we won three nil and we lost in our final match against St Johns.



Clubs and Additional Sessions

There continues to be lots going on both before and after school this half term.

Year 1	Wednesdays is Well-being club
Year 2	Tuesday pm – Stop Animation Club and Additional maths (Tuesday and Wednesday morning depending on group) in preparation for SATs.
Year 3	Tuesday is Games club
Year 4	Tuesday is Craft Club
Year 5	Thursday is Cookery club
Year 6	Tuesday is additional Comprehension; Thursday is additional Maths in preparation for SATs.

A big thank you to staff for this.

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

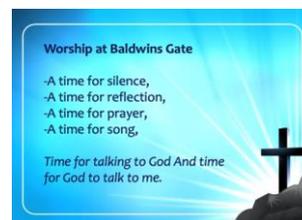
IMPORTANT REMINDER

BUZZ Breakfast and After School Club

A reminder that parents must book places at Breakfast and After School Club in advance. You are able to pre-book sessions for the academic year or on a weekly basis if your childcare needs are different each week. If you are booking on a weekly basis, you must email the school office with your booking information for the following week by 3.30 pm on a Friday afternoon (office@baldwinsgate.staffs.sch.uk).

Collective Worship

It is wonderful to be back together as a whole school community for Collective Worship. Our newly appointed Worship Leaders are doing a great job in leading our worship and the Worship Team are enjoying the opportunity to take part in various aspects of daily worship.



On Wednesdays we are very pleased to have Reverend Clemas with us to share our Worship with us and lead us in prayers that have been added by the children to our Prayer bowl during the week. This allows the children to pray about things that are important to them – last week many of the prayers focused on asking for peace in Ukraine.

Our theme for Collective Worship this half term, as we are in Lent and lead up to Easter, is Forgiveness. Over the next few weeks our worship will explore what it means to forgive. We will do this through stories from the Bible, drama, modern day examples of forgiveness and relating this to ourselves.



Our words of wisdom from the Bible this half term are:

‘Just as the Lords has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others.’
Colossians 3.13

Support for Ukraine



Many children in school are aware of and saddened by the events in Ukraine and this has formed the basis of many class discussions over the past week, especially in Key Stage Two. Many children are making use of our Prayer Space to ask for peace in Ukraine.

As a school we will be collecting monetary donations throughout this week and we will have a donation jar in each class. All monies raised will be sent via the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Please give what you can.

Miss Sahiby also has a message for our school community:

Some of you may know that I have taught in a few different countries, one of them being Ukraine, where I undertook a teaching placement at a wonderful school in a town called Poltava.

On the 25th February the school was emptied of pupils as they took shelter in their homes and basements but the teachers stayed and started to cook food and make essential items for their brave soldiers. I started to collect some money for them as their money quickly ran out. On Wednesday around 100 women and children refugees from Kharkiv and Kyiv arrived at the school to take shelter as their cities were destroyed around them. They really need our help now as many of the refugees fled with just the clothes on their backs.

Many people have looked on in horror at the events that are occurring in Ukraine and have enquired how they can help, so I set up a Just Giving page. Anyone who would like to donate can visit <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/help4ukrainianteachers>

Alternatively, you can send any cash donations to the school office. The money goes directly to the people who need it. Thank you.

Superstar Awards

Awards have been presented to:	
Nursery	All Nursery
Reception	All Reception
Year 1	Florence
Year 2	George, Miles
Year 3	Edie, Kayla
Year 4	All Year 4
Year 5	Jayden, Oscar
Year 6	Niamh, Jake



Headteacher Awards

Children can be nominated to receive a Headteacher's Award from Mrs Lowndes which recognises something special that has been achieved. This could be related to their work, behaviour or attitude to the school community.

Mrs Lowndes has presented Headteacher Awards this week to:

- Charlie and Lezann** for excellent reading, sharing stories and supporting others on World Book Day.



House Points

Maer	Whitmore	Butterton	Chapel Chorlton
186	188	190	185

What's on this week?

Week commencing Monday 7 th March	
Monday	BeeActive in school all week Football at Chesterton
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Western Power workshop Years 5 and 6
Thursday	Premises and Health & Safety Committee Meeting at 4pm
Friday	Deb O'Neill Stoke Community Trust Reception and Year 6

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 Surprise Jars to school please

Wednesday 15 th December	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	Are 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
Wednesday 9 th March	Western Power workshop Years 5 and 6 (pm)
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