



Axbridge C of E Academy

Together We Inspire, Thrive & Excel

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Dear Families,

I'd like to start by reminding of you of a few key dates for the week ahead:

- Tuesday 18th March, 2:50 - 3:20pm - Year 4 residential information session for parents, in Oak Class.
- Wednesday 19th March - letters will be sent home regarding the booking of parent's evening.
- Friday 21st March - Church at 9:05am
- Friday 21st March - Mufti-Day, wear red for Comic Relief and make a donation by clicking on the noses below! Children can take part in the Red Nose colouring competition (see sheets in bookbags) and will also take part in the disco/karaoke event on Friday afternoon in the hall!



Looking further ahead, Mothering Sunday is fast approaching and there will be a special service being held at St John's on Sunday 30th March, from 10am onwards. Please complete the survey here - <https://forms.office.com/e/AxPp2b7myb> and let us know if you are planning to attend. Many thanks in advance of your support.

With best wishes

Dominic Shillabeer

Inspire Thrive Excel

It gives us great joy in hearing that one of our pupils, Teddy from Year 3, has recently taken part in a performance at the Playhouse in Weston-Super-Mare, forming part of the backing choir for Gareth Gates! Teddy has been rehearsing every weekend and developed a love of theatre and performance. Congratulations Teddy!



March

Tuesday 18th 2.50 to 3.20 - Yr 4 Residential Information Session for parents, in Oak Class.
 Friday 21st - Red Nose Day
 Friday 21st @ 9am - Church Service
 Wednesday 26th - World Maths Day
 Friday 28th - Wear a Hat Day
 Sunday 30th @ 10am - Mothering Sunday Church Service
 Monday 31st 1 to 3pm - Oak Class Parents Evening afternoon session

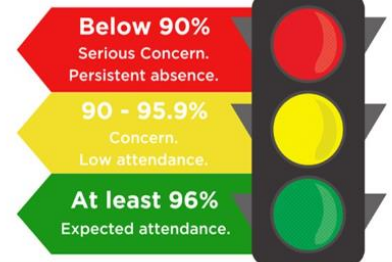
April

Tuesday 1st 1 to 3pm - Redwood & Chestnut Class Parents Evening afternoon session
 Wednesday 2nd 4 to 7pm - Parents Evening
 Thursday 3rd 4 to 7pm - Parents Evening
 Thursday 3rd - Opera workshop for Year 4's
 Friday 4th @ 9am - Church Easter Service

Friday 4th April - school closes for Easter Holidays at 3:20pm
Monday 21st - Easter Monday
Tuesday 22nd April return to School

ATTENDANCE

Every day counts!



Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!

Attendance across the school last

week was 97.1%, whereas the average across all primaries was 95.1%.

Keep up the great work!



Our Christian Values are:

**Faith
Hope
Love**

Our Christian Vision is;

"I have come so that you may have life, a life in all its fullness"

John 10:10

Our Learning Skills are:

**Thinking
Social
Self-management
Communication
Research**

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week, you Inspire us all!

	Pine	Hazel	Chestnut	Redwood	Oak
Star of the Week	Maddy	Arthur R	Felicia	Cooper	Ivy
Christian Values	Ruari	Charlie	Chloe	Jesse	Eda
Learning Skills	Reuben	Vika	Theo	Max	Jack

Headteacher's Awards

Star of the Week	Jesse Redwood	Christian Values	Lola Redwood	Learning Skills	Seth Chestnut
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House Points

	Black Rock	Crook Peak	King's Wood	Strawberry Line
This week	307	171	297	308

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL

Safeguarding Lead: Mr Dominic Shillabeer

Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Miss Kellie Nash and Mrs Kate Febrey



This Friday, the 21st March, not only are we visiting church, but we will be celebrating Comic Relief across the school too with lots of fun activities! Children are invited to wear any red clothing that they have, as this will be a mufti day. A red nose design competition has been sent out in book bags today, which can be completed at home and sent back in on Friday, with a prize for each class winner. The **Eco Team** have also suggested we save money and reduce waste by offering to facepaint a small red nose for every child in the school; which we think is a wonderful idea! Please let us know if you would prefer your child not to have their face painted or if they are allergic to facepaints. Donations can be made via our [JustGiving Page](#), which will also be shared on ClassDojo.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/dominic-shillabeer-3>

Today, the Lego Club will be taking part in the Red Nose Day Lego Competition, designing a school of the future! We can't wait to see what designs they'll come up with.

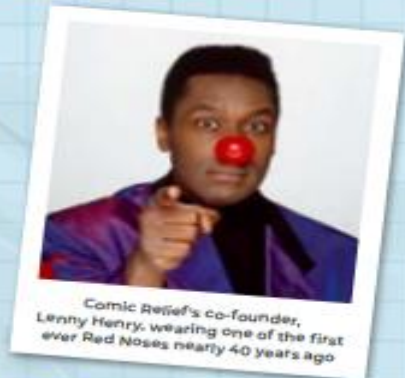
ACTIVITY SHEET

Build
THE Change



Can you build the school of the future?

As Comic Relief turns 40 this year, we're looking back at how the world has changed over the last 40 years. And it's got us thinking... what might the world look like in another 40 years?



Comic Relief's co-founder, Lenny Henry, wearing one of the first ever Red Noses nearly 40 years ago

WHAT WERE SCHOOLS LIKE IN 1985?

To help get you thinking about how schools could change in the next 40 years, here's a little flashback to school life in the year Comic Relief began.

- Classrooms didn't have smartboards or even computers! Teachers wrote with chalk on a blackboard.
- Schools sometimes had a colour for children to wear, rather than the same uniform for everyone.
- There was no National Curriculum. Each school got to decide what to teach its students.

WHAT MIGHT SCHOOLS BE LIKE IN 2065?

Now that we've looked back at how things have changed in the last 40 years, it's time to get thinking about what might change in the next 40!

- How could schools become even more playful?
- What would future classrooms be like? Could there be spaces to learn in all kinds of different ways?
- How will school life change? What could you do at playtime? What about assemblies?

Your challenge

We want you to design your **SCHOOL OF THE FUTURE**, using LEGO® bricks, pens and pencils or whatever supplies you have. Your teacher will take a photo of your design, email it to the Build the Change team and Comic Relief, and be in with a chance of winning big!

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'Wake Up Wednesday' Parent Guides

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

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.

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 7

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 online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

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 connect 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

#WakeUpWednesday

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<https://kingsfitness.courseprogress.co.uk/onlinejoining/home>



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Swim toy