RECREATION ROAD INFANT SCHOOL

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Creative, Caring, Collaborative, Resilient, Reflective, Problem-Solver

February 2026 Newsletter

We have an exciting new Relentless Routine! It is called **Mealtime Manners**. We are all working hard to make the dining room an even nicer place to be by using our indoor voices, saying please and thank you, super sitting at the table, keeping cutlery and bottles still and eating with our mouths closed. We are already seeing a huge difference. Maybe you could look out for your child doing these things at home too!

PTA

Thank you to all for your support with our school disco. Whether planning, volunteering or buying a ticket for your child. It has been a great fundraiser and we are all very much looking forward to it this evening.

We will soon start thinking about the summer fete. This can only be a success with a number of volunteers to support. This could be help in the weeks running up to the event, set up of stalls on the day, supporting on a stall or any other talent you can bring. Please contact recroadpta@gmail.com to find out more.

Diary Dates

You can access our full calendar on the home page of our website: https://www.recreationroad.com/



Friday 13th February - EYFS Dragon Dance
Friday 13th February – Finish for half term.
Monday 23rd February – Children back in school

Show and Shares (2.30pm)
EYFS – Friday 6th March
Year 1 – Tuesday 3rd March
Year 2 – Thursday 5th March

Week commencing March 9th – Parents Evenings
Thursday 12th March – Fundraising Coffee morning for Finbar's Force (St Thomas's Church, Time TBC)
Friday 20th March – Parent / Carer drop in session 9-10am at Recreation Road
Friday 27th March – Last Day before Easter Break

Reminders and Thanks

- **Mobile phones –** You may have seen new stories this week around mobile phones in schools. We are a NO PHONE ZONE due to safeguarding as phones have capacity to take videos and photographs. Please support us with this by putting phones away on site. Thank you.
- **Raising concerns –** We always strive to work with families to overcome any concerns or worries. To do this successfully we ask that concerns are raised in the correct way. Day to day concerns should be raised with the class teacher. If your concern is about a member of staff, please raise this with the Head of School. Complaints must not be raised with the staff member who is the subject of the complaint. School staff do not routinely meet with groups of parents as concerns are managed on an individual basis to ensure the focus is on the individual needs of the child.
- **Home time handover –** Once your child has been released from class to your care, please ensure that they are supervised as they leave the site. There have been a few incidents of children, and siblings, trying to leave through the gates without an adult. Whilst the gates are usually manned, this is not always the case. Thank you.

Roblox

Roblox is used by children from a very young age, with many starting in primary school and a particularly large number of players aged around 8 - 12. There is no fixed minimum age to play, and children often share games and social spaces with much older users. This mix of ages, combined with user-generated content and social features such as chat and voice chat, means children's experiences can vary widely.



Things to consider

- What games are your child(ren) accessing, and are they age-appropriate?
- Is chat enabled, and who can message them?
- Have they come across anything violent, hateful or worrying?
- Are they using private servers or public spaces?
- Are parental controls or age settings in place and actively used?

What helps most in practice includes:

Active use of safety settings, including age-appropriate controls, chat restrictions and parent account oversight
Reassurance that worries should be shared, including exposure to upsetting content or mean behaviour
Conversations about what children enjoy playing, who they play with, and what they notice online
Showing curiosity, including watching or playing alongside children, so games are not treated as a separate world
Talking about personal information, including why chats should stay about the game and when to tell an adult
Agreed rules around spending, with children knowing when real money is involved and when permission is needed
Confidence using block and report tools, so concerns can be addressed calmly and practically
More information can be found here: https://corp.roblox.com/safety-by-age
Download an editable table of settings: https://6282.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Roblox+Safer+settings+January+2026.docx

Year 1
Create an art exhibition.
Year 1 wowed us with their amazing art works this week. They were so proud to show off their learning!



50 Things



Year 2
Handle an object more than 100 years old.
Linking to our work on Ernest Shackleton

Reception
Take part in a celebration from a different culture or tradition.
Dragon dance coming up this Friday!



Year 2

After half term, Year Two will be using our flight trays for their hot dinners at lunchtime. This will support the children to develop the confidence to collect their own lunches in preparation for transition to junior school. The kitchen team are looking forward to serving meals directly to the children.



What's New?

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together improving services

Family Voice Norfolk Conference 14.3.26

Booking is now open for the free Family Voice Norfolk Annual Conference 2026.

https://www.familyvoice.org.uk/conference-2025-3/