



# Newsletter

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a truly fabulous week here at Fairford! From the massive stage at the O2 to our own muddy Forest School, the children have thrown themselves into their learning and activities with wonderful enthusiasm.

We were so incredibly proud of our choir this week. On Monday, they visited the O2 Arena to perform at the Young Voices concert. Their behaviour was absolutely impeccable; they were a true credit to the school and sang beautifully throughout the night. A huge thanks goes to Miss Valentine and Miss Roach for the immense effort involved in organizing this event. Thank you also to Mr Lilley, Mrs Alone, Dr M, and Ms Adebayo for their support on the day.

A major highlight for Year 5 and Pandas this week was a visit from an animal workshop! The children were brave and curious, getting the chance to hold and handle a variety of creatures, including a corn snake, a bearded dragon, a giant snail, and a millipede. The bravery wasn't just limited to the children—Mrs Gainsford even ate a cricket!

Our extra-curricular timetable is buzzing again. There is still time to book clubs. Here are a few highlights from the week: Violin sessions with Miss Drummond have been great! We spotted lots of potential artists working with Miss Bateman. Cinema Club was a hit with Miss Maldon's group who thoroughly enjoyed their film yesterday. Dance Club was a great success this week! Football: A big well done to the team for their resilience in training despite the rain and cold. Thank you to Mr Lilley, Mr Williams, and Ms Adebayo for supporting the players.

We also launched the "Brilliant Club" with our Year 6 pupils this week. This is a fantastic initiative where children work alongside a PhD student to stretch their academic skills.

We need your ideas! We are always reviewing and looking for ways to evolve our extra-curricular offer. While we always consult with the Pupil Parliament, we value your input too. If you have ideas or suggestions for clubs, please do let us know.

As always, thank you for ensuring that children are in school on time every day. Every minute counts towards their learning, and it truly makes a huge difference. Thank you for your ongoing support with high standards of attendance and uniform.

Have a lovely weekend!

*Ms. Auja*

Head of School



# Dates for your diary

Monday 26th January 2026	Tuesday 27th January 2026	Wednesday 28th January 2026	Thursday 29th January 2026	Friday 30th January 2026
KS1 French Club  Nicole's Dance Club	Lions Swimming  YR5&6 Netball Club  YR3&4 Colouring Club  YR4&5 Violin Club  YR3 Choir Club	YR 3&4 VR Workshop  KS2 French Club	YR3&4 Cinema Club  YR1&2 Bell Ringing Club  <b>Girls</b> Football Club  YR4&5 Recorder Club  YR3 Violin Club	

## Attendance % & Number of Children Lates

### W/E 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Ladybirds	89.6%	0
Butterflies	91.1%	3
Dragonflies	93.5%	2
Owls	92.7%	6
Squirrels	91.9%	4
Koalas	92.8%	5
Kookaburras	94.6%	2

Narwhals	95.0%	3
Penguins	91.3%	8
Dolphins	97.0%	3
Sharks	96.4%	4
Whales	95.2%	3
Giraffes	96.5%	2
Lions	96.5%	5
<b>Zebras</b>	<b>98.0%</b>	4
Eagles	94.8%	7
Falcons	90.7%	8
Hawks	98.0%	4

Challenge– Let's hit the 96% mark for all classes. Those classes who have had the biggest improvement will win a prize!



# Term dates & Lunch Menu

## Illuminateminds Trust - Term Dates 2025/26

September 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
37	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
38	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
39	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
40	29	30					

October 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40			1	2	3	4	5
41	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
42	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
43	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
44	27	28	29	30	31		

November 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44						1	2
45	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
46	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
47	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
48	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
49	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
50	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
51	15	16	17	18	*19	20	21
52	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	29	30	31				

January 2026							
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February 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
5							1
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8	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9	23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
9							1
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11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
12	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
13	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
14	30	31					

April 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
14			1	2	3	4	5
15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
16	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
17	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
18	27	28	29	30			

May 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
18					1	2	3
19	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
22	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
23	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
25	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	29	30					

July 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27			1	2	3	4	5
28	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29	13	14	15	16	*17	18	19
30	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
31	27	28	29	30	31		

August 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31						1	2
32	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
33	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
34	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
35	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
36	31						

INSET DAYS

HOLIDAYS

\*School finishes at 1pm on 19/12/25 & 17/07/26



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b>	Chicken Pie 1 Pesto & Pea Pasta 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  Crushed Potato Cauliflower, Carrots  Strawberry Mousse 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Bean Biryani VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  Rainbow Pasta 1 Seasonal Vegetables  Toffee Apple Pudding 1 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Gammon & Gravy Broccoli Tot 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  Rustic Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Peas  Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake 1,7 Loaded Bean Chilli Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  Green Beans Grated Carrots  Parsnip Brownie 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Pork Sausages 1,6 Vegetable Sausage VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  Chips, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans Cucumber Sticks  Oaty Cookie 1,15 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
<b>WEEK TWO</b>	Caribbean Brown Chicken Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  Rice, Carrots, Peas  Chocolate Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Cheese & Broccoli Pasta Bake 1,7 V Buffalo Cauliflower Wings & Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  Seasonal Vegetables  Plum Pudding 1VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Chicken & Gravy Ratatouille Puff 1,3 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots  Crispy Cake 1,3,7,16 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Beef Stew & Dumpling 1 Pesto Pasta Bake 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  Cauliflower, Green Beans  Apple & Cinnamon Pinwheel 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Salmon Bites 1,8 Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  Chips, Peas, Coleslaw 9  Marble Cookie 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
<b>WEEK THREE</b>	Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V Sweet Potato & Chick Pea Curry VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  Rice, Green Beans, Mixed Salad  Peach Crumble 1 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Chicken Noodles 1 BBQ Vegetable Burrito 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  Sweetcorn, Peppers  Chocolate Rice Pudding 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Pork & Gravy Vegan Sausage Roll 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots  Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Beef Cottage Pie Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  Seasonal Vegetables  Beetroot Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Fish Fingers 1,8 Cheese, Carrot & Tomato Swirl 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9  Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Grated Carrot  Caramel Flapjack 1,7,15 V Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Primary 3

1 Wheat 2 Gluten 3 Crustaceans 4 Soybean 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat 16 Gluten 16 Barley 16 Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

AVAILABLE DAILY

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.



# Information

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

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.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

**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-run by its creator rather than independently age-rated in advance, as is the case with most retail games. 18m millions of user-created experiences, moderation is largely automated which means that inappropriate content may reach younger players and have a harmful effect.

**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 reminder, daily rewards, or timed events to encourage repeat visits. These things 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.

**MATURE CONTENT**  
With much of Roblox's moderation automated through AI and manually self-certifying usability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players, while the most basic tools to restrict access based on age settings. These systems are not always perfect. Younger players are likely to encounter content they were not intended for.

**IN-GAME SPENDING**  
Roblox is free to play, but many experiences use 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.

### 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 reverse 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.

**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.

**CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT**  
Although Roblox is introducing lighter 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 approved platforms.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Alan Martin is a technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, TechRadar, The Telegraph, and the Evening Standard. The question was The New York Times.

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## Reminder

Please do not push the entrance gates. The gates are automatic and pushing them causes them to break which causes a delay in the children getting to class.

Attached with this week's Newsletter is #WakeUpWednesday guide examining Roblox's user-created games, highlighting risks around chat, spending and excessive play for children.

## Is your child registered for SCHOOL MILK?

**Child UNDER 5** **Child OVER 5**

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DERRA.

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## Sign of the Week



Family

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