

Weekly NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2 – Week 4

Summer Term 2, Week 5 has been another fantastic week at Magdalen Court School, helped by the brilliant sunny weather.

This week, we said goodbye to our Year 11 students and welcomed the start of Transition Week, with students enjoying time in their new classes and meeting the staff who will support them in September.

Alongside their learning, students have taken part in a wide range of activities, including Outdoor Education, PE sessions, swimming, racket sports, cooking, and plenty of fun opportunities at break and lunchtime.

What a fantastic week it has been at Magdalen Court School!



Headteacher's Awards

This week the Headteacher's
Award goes to

Adam. B

&

Finley. B



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News from this Week

Our new school values sign has arrived and is now proudly displayed on the wall as you enter the school. It looks fantastic and provides a wonderful welcome for students, staff, families, and visitors.

The sign highlights our core values and serves as a daily reminder of the principles that underpin everything we do as a school community. We are delighted with how it looks and the positive impact it has made to the entrance of the school.



• **BELONG**
• **BELIEVE**
• **ACHIEVE**

It has been great to see students settling into their new classes and building positive relationships with their peers. Working together in partnerships, they have been sharing ideas, solving problems, and figuring things out together. It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing as they support one another and engage so positively in their learning.



**Magdalen Court School Achieves
Bronze Rights Respecting Schools
Award!**



**Magdalen Court School Achieves
School Silver Award for sports**

**Great work
On both these awards**

**Is your child or student
interested in joining the
school parliament?**

We want you!!

Are you going into Year 10 or Year 11 next year? Magdalen Court School wants you!
Email:-
schoolparliament@magdalencourt.org
to request an application form, or speak to a member of staff.



Coffee Mornings

Dates:- to be confirmed

Reminder

Please can all students remember to bring in their water bottles and sun cream each day. Staying hydrated is really important, especially during active lessons and warmer weather. Thank you for your support.



Staff Flowers of the week

Bee



Summer Activities

Please take a look at these summer activities and resources for children with SEND.

HAF Programme -We're excited to let you know that Summer HAF bookings are live on Eequ -

After school. In place of school. Beyond school. And will be taking place during the holiday period between 20th July and 6th September. SEND children with an EHCP can access a huge variety of activities of which many SEND children are successfully supported in universal, but also includes some SEND specific Provision. Please do check the information to see if the offer is suitable for your child and engage with the provider if you have any questions.

• Reclaim the Parks events • Family & friends days • Swimming, climbing, martial arts & horse riding • Sailing, water sports & outdoor adventure • Rugby, football, tennis, archery & volleyball • Cooking, crafts, drama, music & dance • Specialist SEND provision • Life skills & accredited courses

Active Champs Summer Campaign

Active Summer with Active Devon!

Inclusion in Action - Get Active this Summer in Devon! - Children, families and education

This summer holidays, Active Devon is shining a spotlight on fun, inclusive activities across Devon - helping children and young people of all abilities to get active, try something new, and feel part of their community.

What to expect:

Highlighting a range of inclusive sessions and activities or what providers are doing to become more inclusive

Opportunities designed to support children with additional needs

Real stories and ideas from local organisations and local Children and Young People

From swimming and sports to outdoor adventures, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Keep an eye out all summer long as we share great local opportunities and celebrate how Devon is becoming more active and inclusive for all.

Keep checking Devon Connect for new activities and events!

Devon Connect

Find Local Activities with Devon Connect!

As part of our general work and active champs summer campaign, we're working with communities and organisation to promote a wide range of inclusive activities and support on Devon Connect - Devon's online community hub.

A selected range of links

Free Disability Hockey - Devon Connect

Super 1s- Free Disability Cricket in Exeter Barnstaple Plymouth Torquay

Teen Time at Made-Well - Devon Connect

South Molton Library - Summer Activities

Current opportunities already includes:

SEN-friendly wellbeing sessions Community skill activities (including woodwork, digital) SEND sports groups like cricket, hockey and mini soccer Walking groups and other outdoor activities Inclusive beach cleans & silent discos SEND parental support opportunities SEN Friendly summer activities in libraries across Devon

**SEND Family Fun Day - Dartmoor Activity Centre
(11th July)**

P.E at Magdalen Court school

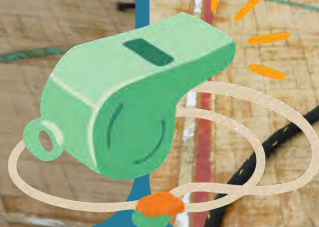
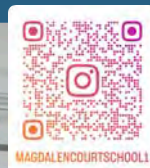
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PE

All our students enjoy lots of varied sporting

Physical Education students have enjoyed another fantastic week of sport and activity. Pupils have taken part in brilliant multi-school sessions, developing their swimming skills and building confidence in the water. They have also enjoyed a variety of racket sports, including pickleball, tennis, badminton, and table tennis, helping to improve coordination, teamwork, and technique. Alongside this, students have continued their football training and made excellent use of the multi-gym facilities to develop their fitness and strength.



Sports Day 2026

A reminder that Sports Day will take place on Thursday 9th July. Further details have been shared by Elliot via Dojo. Please ensure students come prepared with their PE kit, extra snacks, a water bottle, sun cream, and a hat, as warm and sunny weather is expected throughout the day.

Outdoor Education at Magdalen Court school

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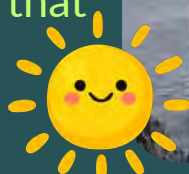
All our students enjoy lots of varied Outdoor Education this week.

Outdoor Education

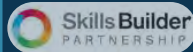
This weekend, our Outdoor Education students have been making the most of the brilliant sunny weather and everything that Devon has to offer. From enjoying time at some of the county's beautiful beaches and playing in the sea, to exploring the stunning River Dart, Antsy Cove, students have embraced every opportunity to get outdoors. Many have enjoyed Kayaking & paddleboarding on the River Exe, while others have spent time exploring the trails and woodland surroundings of Haldon. With sunshine, adventure, and spectacular scenery at every turn, it has been a fantastic way to spend a wonderful summer week in Devon, creating memories that will last a lifetime.



**GOOD
TIMES**



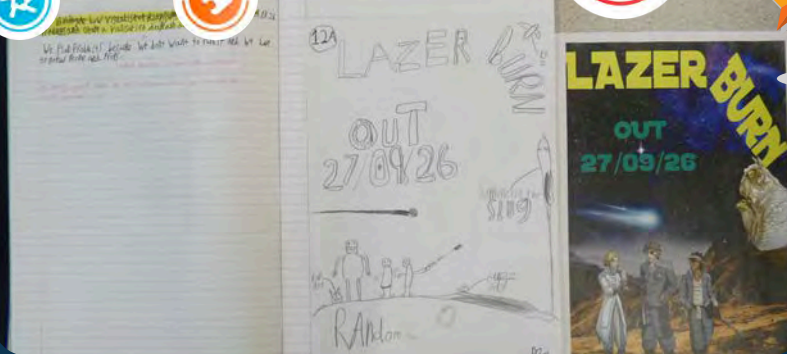
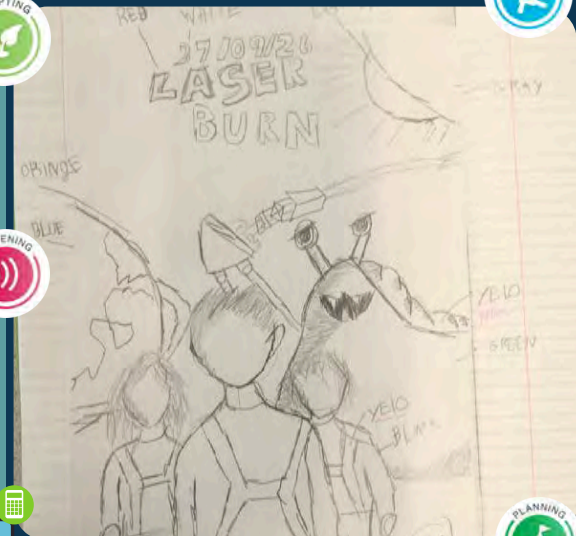
Creative Corner



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Hazel Class, along with learners from across the school, have begun an exciting new digital marketing project. They've been developing visual concepts for posters and using those designs as the foundation for creating their own digital versions. The creativity and effort they've shown is fantastic, and their work is already looking impressive.

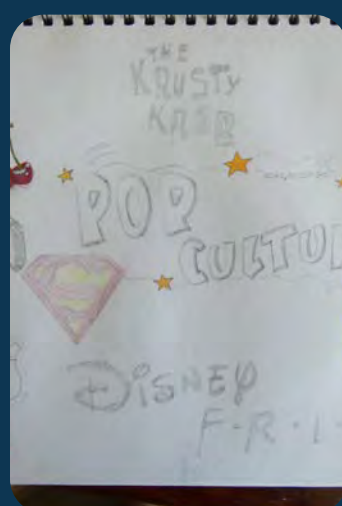
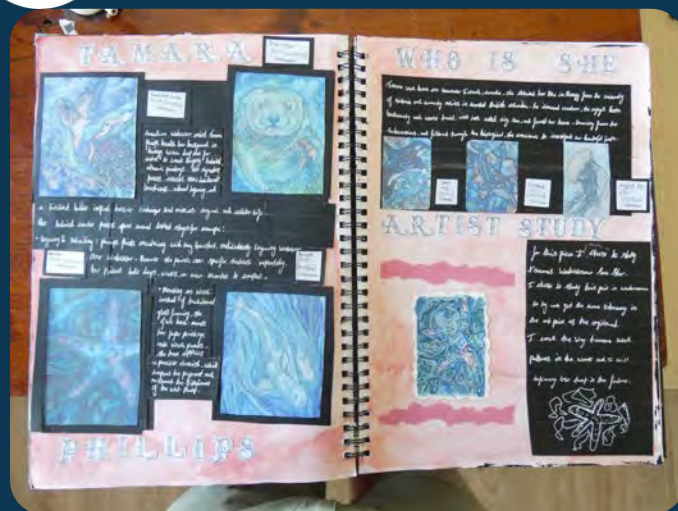


Artworks



Take a look at some of these fantastic artworks created by our students. From producing detailed artist studies and designing their own creative posters to experimenting with new artistic techniques, our students have demonstrated impressive imagination, skill, and dedication throughout their work.

It has been wonderful to see their creativity flourish and their confidence grow as they explore different styles and approaches to art. We certainly have a very talented and creative group of young artists here at the school. Well done to everyone for their hard work and outstanding efforts.



Day Trips



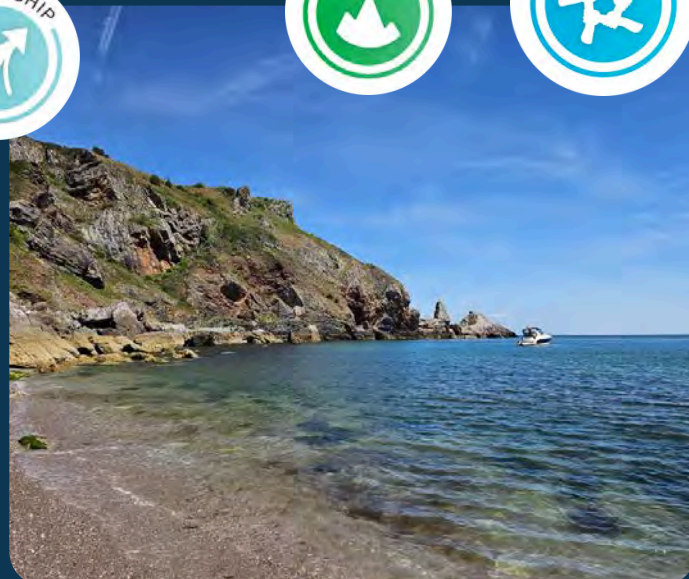
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Our students enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Rare Breeds Farm, where they had the chance to meet, care for, and gently handle some of the farm's cutest animals. From Owls and rabbits to Parrots and Guinea pigs, learners explored new sensory experiences and built confidence in a calm, supportive setting. It was a joyful day full of smiles and curiosity, and a great addition to our summer activities.



Palm Class enjoyed a lovely trip to Beach, making the most of the sunshine and sea air. Learners spent time exploring the shoreline, collecting shells, and enjoying the gentle waves in a calm, supportive environment. It was a relaxing and fun day out, giving students the chance to build confidence outdoors, share moments with friends, and experience the beach in a safe and enjoyable way. A perfect summer outing for everyone.



Food Tech at Magdalen Court school

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All our students enjoy learn all the skills needed for Food Tech at the school.

★ Food Tech Roundup

A Brilliant Transition Week in Food Tech

We have had a brilliant transition week in Food Tech, especially considering all the classroom and group changes. Learners have truly impressed us with their cooking skills and enthusiasm.

Learners in Hawthorn and Aspen practised safe knife skills while preparing fruit salad smoothie bowls. These were a real hit, as learners could personalise their smoothies and explore different types of fruit.



Laurel Class also developed their knife skills, trimming and slicing fruit into chunks for colourful fruit kebabs. This was followed by a "design your own kebab" activity, which they will prepare next week.

Oak Class prepared smoky paprika lamb kebabs, mixed with plenty of fresh parsley and mint. These were baked in the oven and served in warm pittas a delicious and fragrant dish.

Learners moving into Year 8 — Hazel and Ash — cooked a classic ratatouille, an excellent recipe for practising knife skills, sautéing and reduction techniques.

Classes Elm, Juniper and Beech made a wonderful Dutch apple cake, practising the creaming method, accurate weighing, and careful slicing before layering the apples on top.

Maple and Palm Class enjoyed preparing mini cheesecakes, while Willow Class created a delicious herby orzo salad, revisiting how to refresh pasta and prepare a simple dressing.

Finally, Lime and Holly practised making a salad niçoise, a dish that required strong time management and multitasking to prepare all the cooked components potatoes, blanched beans and hard-boiled eggs.

It has been a fantastic week of learning, confidence building and creativity in the kitchen. We are incredibly proud of all our learners.



Stars of the week



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Stars of the week for each class

THIS WEEK

Ash Class:- Louie. B



Beech Class:- Evan M - Decorating the classroom to make it an inviting place for everyone.



Birch Class:- Alfie . H for helping others and handling his transitions well.



Elm Class:- Jackson . D



Hawthorn Class:- Bram. M



Hazel Class:- Charlotte B- Taking responsibility for her own learning and managing transitions well!



Holly Class:- Marcus for settling into his new Holly group well



Juniper Class:- Deanna for showing such a positive attitude, helping others and adapting to her new class.



Larch Class:- Bobby. M



Laurel Class:- Caleb O-G for settling into our new class by remembering his routines independently.



Lime Class:- Eboni Whilden Moore- showing independence when working within a class of new peers.



Oak Class:- Leon. O



Maple Class:- Noah Odgers: for taking positive accountability to support yourself through new transitions.



Palm class:- Justin O for confidently joining in with Palm class this week!



Sycamore Class:- Theo. R



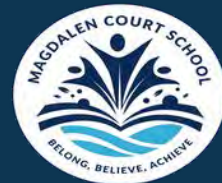
Willow Class:- The whole class they have all managed new change, new teachers and new environment independently.



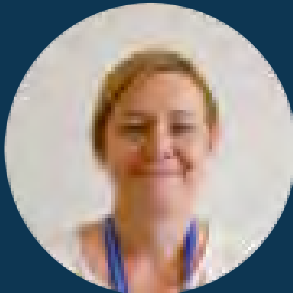
TEACHERS

2026-27

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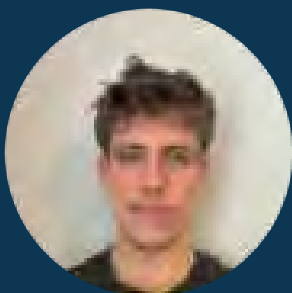
Alex. S
Ash Class



Heather
Aspen Class



Raff
Beech Class



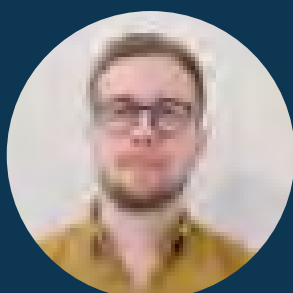
Haddi
Birch Class



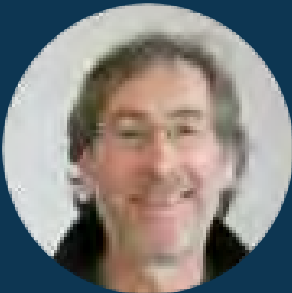
Nikki & Alex F
Elm Class



Rachael
Hawthorn Class



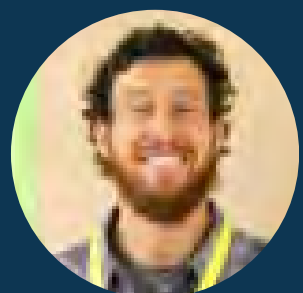
Jay
Hazel Class



Wayne
Holly Class



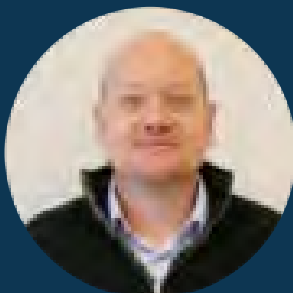
Polly
Juniper Class



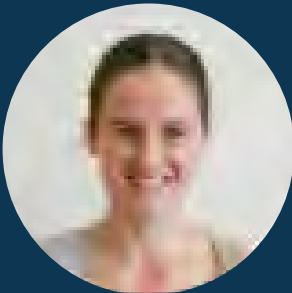
Tom
Larch Class



Adam
Laurel Class



David
Lime Class



Elliott
Maple Class



Roxy
Oak Class



Joe
Palm Class



Helen
Rosewood Class



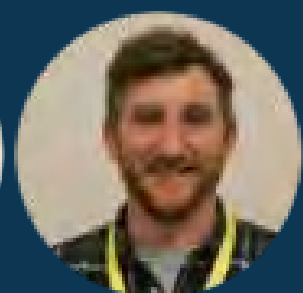
Leanne
Sycamore Class



Tori
Willow Class



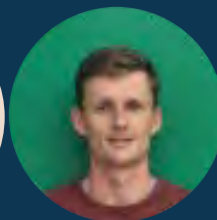
Cover & Cooking Class
Ben



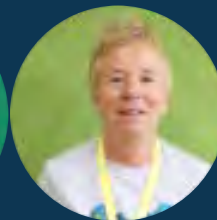
Harry
Food Tech



Robbie



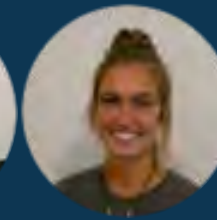
Elliot



Fran



Moss



Katie



Steve



Josh

Premises Officer

Physical Education

Outdoor Education Team

Outdoor Education

WEEK STARTING Monday

6th July 2026



Monday

OUTDOOR ED

BEECH,
LAUREL, JUNIPER
& HAWTHORN

B - Beach & Water Activities
L - Beach & Water Activities
J - Beach & Water Activities
H - Beach & Water Activities

Tuesday

OUTDOOR ED

ASH, HAZEL, ASPEN
& OAK

A - Beach & Water Activities
H - Beach & Water Activities
A - Beach & Water Activities
O - Beach & Water Activities

Wednesday

OUTDOOR ED

ELM, LARCH
& SYCAMORE

E - Beach & Water Activities
L - Beach & Water Activities
S - Beach & Water Activities

SUP BRO



Thursday

OUTDOOR ED

MAPLE, PALM
ROSEWOOD 1 & 2

No Outdoor Education

Sports day for the whole school

Friday

OUTDOOR ED

LIME, HOLLY
& BIRCH

L - No session.
H - No session.
B - No session
Finishing at 1.00pm

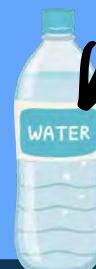


**Don't
Forget!**

Please
remember the
appropriate
clothing.



Please
remember
water bottles
please.



Food Technology

WEEK STARTING Monday 6th July 2026



Monday

Food Tech

Aspen
Ash
Maple
Palm
Hazel



A - Fruit Kebabs
A - Pizza Toast
M - Salmon salad
P - Mini Cheesecakes
H - Dutch apple cake

Tuesday

Food Tech

Beech
Sycamore
Rosewood

B - Deli salad
S - Paprika lamb skewers
R - Mini Cheesecakes



Wednesday

Food Tech

Juniper
Laurel
Birch
Lime



J - Pizza Toast
L - Make your own skewers
B - Herby Lemon and orzo Salad
L - Herby Orzo & lemon salad

Thursday

Food Tech

Hawthorn,
Oak
Holly
Larch

H - Sports Day
O - Sports Day
H - Sports Day
L - Sports Day



Friday

Food Tech

Willow
Online Lessons

W - Half Day/ End of Term



Information

Idiom of the Week:

Paddle your own canoe

Word of the Week:

Pallid

Number of the Week: 40



Magdalen Court School : The Green Initiative



It has been fantastic to see classes from across the school getting involved in our Green Initiative, growing everything from bedding plants to a wide variety of vegetables. This is just one example of the many exciting projects taking place around the school. Here, Max is proudly showing off his class's impressive selection of home-grown produce, including tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet peas, and chillies.

Well done to everyone involved. It is wonderful to see students taking part in growing their own plants and vegetables, developing new skills, and gaining a greater understanding of the natural world.



Music Tuition Opportunities - September 2026

We are currently exploring the possibility of offering additional music tuition sessions for pupils from September. These lessons would provide students with the opportunity to develop their musical skills through individual or small-group tuition.

The proposed costs are approximately:

- £20 for a 30-minute lesson
- £30 for a 45-minute lesson

Lessons would be payable in advance.

At this stage, we are gathering interest and finalising arrangements for the new academic year. Further information will be shared with families in due course.



Social Media



Please take a moment, if you're able, to check the school's Instagram and Facebook pages and share any new content.

QR Code



Medication Reminder

We have emailed all regarding medication currently held or administered in school. Please ensure all medication is collected by Wednesday 10th July at 1pm, as it must go home at the end of the academic year. Any medication not collected by this time will be taken to a pharmacy for safe disposal.

We have also sent new medication forms for the 2026-2027 school year. Please complete and return these before the end of term so we can continue to support students safely from the start of the new term.

It is really important that the school holds the most up-to-date information for all students, including contact details, medical information. Please ensure all updates are submitted by Friday 10 July 2026.

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Student news

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Lifeworks Summer Programme, running from 10:00am to 4:00pm, based at Lifeworks College, TQ9 6JD, throughout the summer holidays.

Session Costs

1:4 Support - £83 per day

1:1 Support - £140 per day

Our programme offers a variety of engaging, outdoor, social, and creative activities designed to build confidence, independence, wellbeing, and friendships.

[Activity Schedule](#)

Monday 27th July - Common Flora Forest School

Tuesday 28th July - Sound Therapy, Social Activities & Karaoke

Wednesday 29th July - Saltram House: Summer of Play

Thursday 30th July - Lego Wars

Monday 3rd August - Common Flora Forest School

Tuesday 4th August - Haven Watersports, Exeter

Wednesday 5th August - Rounders, Sports & Games

Thursday 6th August - Burrator Arboretum

Monday 10th August - Common Flora Forest School

Tuesday 11th August - Goodrington Beach

Wednesday 12th August - Woodlands Leisure Park

Thursday 13th August - Social Activities & Cooking

Monday 17th August - Common Flora Forest School

Tuesday 18th August - Sound Therapy, Social Activities & Walk

Wednesday 19th August - Lego Wars & Walks

Thursday 20th August - River Dart Country Park

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to book sessions or require further information, please contact us as soon as possible.

Therapies

A Just Right State group is centred on helping each person explore and understand what feels "just right" for them the internal state where they feel balanced, comfortable, and regulated. The focus is on each individual's unique experience, supporting them in recognising what helps them feel steady, present, and able to engage.

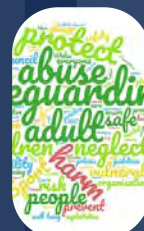


ATTENTION

Safeguarding

At Magdalen Court School, safeguarding is our priority and underpins everything we do.

Our Safeguarding Team:
Designated Safeguarding Lead:
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Email:
office@MagdalenCourt.org
Tel: 01392 494919



CHILDLINE SUPPORT FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 0800 1111 or online



LIV & DAVID



BINGO

EXCITING PRIZES FOR EVERY ROUND

**START AT 1:30 PM
TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2026**

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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.

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

MATURE CONTENT

With much of Roblox's moderation automated through AI and creators self-certifying suitability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players. While Roblox has tools to restrict access based on age settings, these systems are not always perfect. Younger players are likely to encounter content you may deem unsuitable.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and cosmetics include optional purchases using 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.

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 reminders, daily rewards, or timed events to encourage frequent logins. These designs 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.

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 review 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.

CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT

Although Roblox is introducing tighter 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 supervised platforms.

PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE

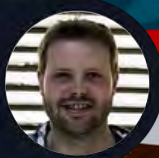
Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how monetisation works, and how children interact online. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something feels wrong. Parents and educators should monitor all games played 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.

Meet Our Expert

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