

# Bond Primary School

## Friday 7th February

### WHOLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

We have reached the end of another great week of school. The children are busy with their learning right across the curriculum & it's always a pleasure to celebrate the 'Stars of the week' in assembly - if your child is selected, you will be asked to join us to share in celebrating them in the assembly!

This week's newsletter is jam packed with learning. This week, we are spotlighting History so do check out what's been going on!

There is also information on e safety and different parent workshops.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**13th Jan** - Y6 Boosters re start - you will be contacted

LBQ- TUES- FRI with Miss Kate

Thursday reading with Miss Tye (3.15 -4.15)

**13th & 16th February** - Y4 trip to British Museum.

**Last Day Spring Term** - Friday 4th April (1.30pm)

# Spring

# TERM



This week's ART  
award goes to...



Mary Elute - Y2  
Poppy Class &



Max Tappin - Y6  
Orchid Class

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# ART



MARY



MAX



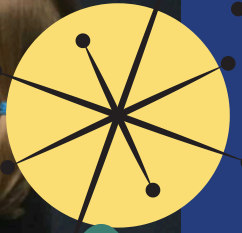
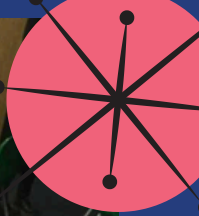
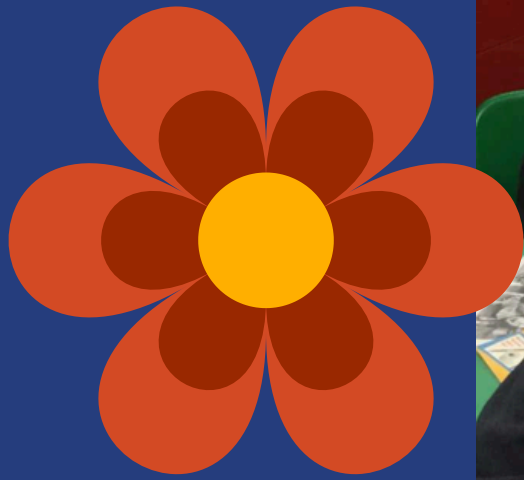


**This half term, Year 1 have been stepping back in time to explore the 1960s! Our young historians have been learning about the fashion, culture, music, and everyday life of this fascinating decade.**

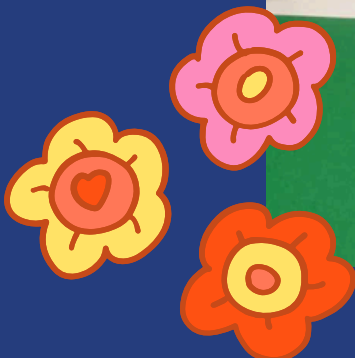
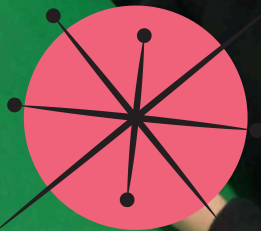
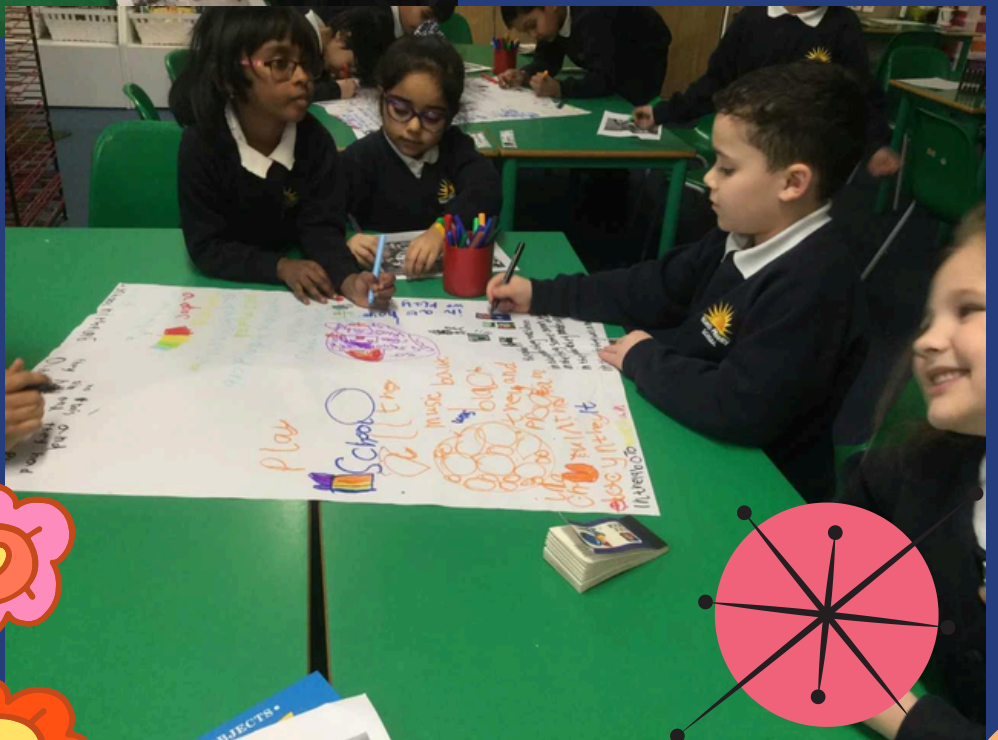
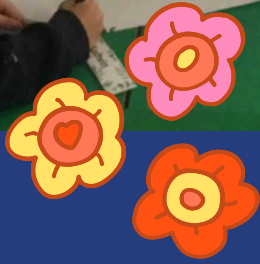
**This week, the focus was on what school was like for children in the 1960s. The children had a great time comparing their school experiences with those of children from the past. They were amazed to discover how some things were the same, but many were very different! For example, they learned that in the 1960s, children often used chalkboards instead of whiteboards, and the classrooms looked very different from their own.**

**To bring their learning to life, Year 1 explored a range of historical sources, including real school resources from the 1960s, old photographs, and books. They worked in groups to share their findings and record everything they had learned.**

# 1960's

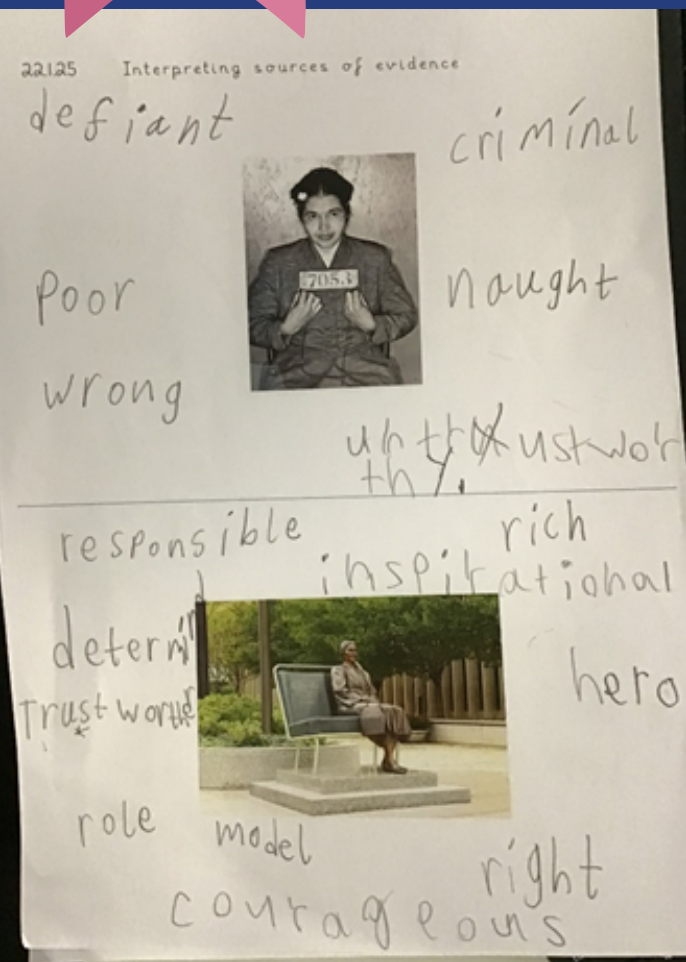


What was school like in the 1960s?





Year 2 learnt about the courageous and brave activist Rosa Parks who fought for everyone to have equal rights no matter their skin colour. We looked at two photos of her and thought about how each one portrayed her. We realised that different sources of evidence portray people in different ways. We then created freeze frames to show our understanding of her story.



rosa

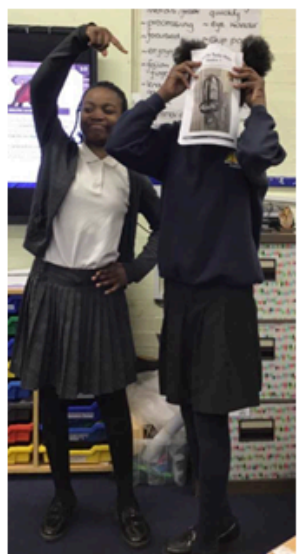


# Year 5 & 6: Crime & Punishment



Tudor Crime and Punishment: We looked at a variety of sources. Here we were discussing what these punishment objects could be and what it may have been used for / what crime may have been committed to endure the punishment. Then, we rein acted crimes and what punishments may have been delivered.

Scold's Bridle



Drunkard's Barrel

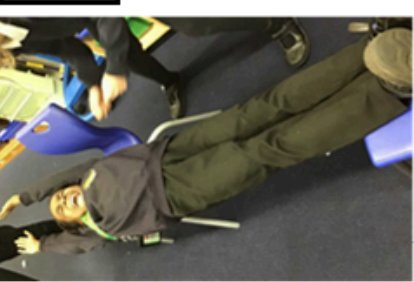


Stock and Pillory



Execution

The rack



# Attendance

This week's attendance stars are...

Jasmine - 95%

Orchid - 98 %

Whole School Attendance - 92.6%

Whole School attendance has dropped again this week after a strong week last week. Please ensure your child is in school, on time, everyday.

Whole School Attendance should be over

96%

If you are experiencing any difficulties or need support with school attendance or wider issues that can sometimes have an impact, do please contact the school office.

# E safety

## Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 11th February

### Set Clear Rules:

Establish family guidelines about sharing photos and videos. Make it clear that inappropriate content should never be shared or forwarded, even as a joke.

In the run up to this day next week, here are some tips to help keep your child safe online

### Understand What Your Child Uses:

Familiarise yourself with the apps, games, and platforms your child engages with.

### Keep Communication Open

Make it clear that your child can come to you if they feel uncomfortable, unsafe, or confused about something they encounter online.



# How safe is Whatsapp?



How Safe is WhatsApp for Children - NSPCC

WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages, as well as make voice and video calls.

You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute. As you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number. However, children and young people can easily subvert the restrictions placed on its access. Although rated at 16+, all that is required is a phone number. All it takes is one child in a class to be on whatsapp, and all the others will wish to join. This can lead to increased vulnerabilities for child users. The NSPCC has released its own analysis about the dangers of the app. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>



**ROBLOX**  
Powering Imagination

According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play'. For those of you not so familiar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.



# What parents need to know about **ROBLOX**

**ROBLOX STUDIO**

The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and Roblox can only rely on people reporting negative/violent content in order to remove the games from the platform.



**CHATTING AND FRIEND REQUESTS**

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.



**ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS**

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux', which works as a currency within the platform, allowing the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the potential to earn a lot of 'Robux'. Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.




## Top Tips for Parents



**UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS**

Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account info. If they are, advise them to make them private or remove them in their account. This will ensure nobody can find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

**IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?**

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/an agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.

**CHECK SHARED INFORMATION**

In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

**DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT**

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you wanted to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they could not contact anyone including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

**2 STEP VERIFICATION**

Roblox has a great 2-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.


**HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'**

Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and just generally doing something in the game to spoil gameplay for them. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.



**RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS**

Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.




# Governors

Please see below for information on the Governing body's engagement plan and please make a note of the dates for your reference!

Spring Term						
Month	Date	Time	Location	Event	Comments	
January '25	Tues 14th	9.00am - 10.00am	Hall	Formal Meet the Parents/Carers event	Re-scheduled . Initial Meeting - Introduce Governors, encourage two-way communication, parents survey, volunteers, etc	SP, Afua
		10.30am		Year 5 & Year 6 - Book Observations / Classroom Visits	Re-scheduled	SP, Afua
		12.30pm - 1.30pm		EYFS - Book Observations / Classroom Visit		SP, Afua
		2.00pm		Year 3 & Year 4 - Book Observations / Classroom Visits	Re-scheduled	SP, Afua
		3.00pm - 4.00pm	Hall	Formal Meet the Parents/Carers event	Re-scheduled. To capture Parents/Carers missed in AM session	SP, Afua
Friday 17th		8.15am - 8.40am	Library	Teachers Surgery	Rescheduled. Initial meeting with teachers - introduce Governors, encourage two-way communication, survey,etc.	SP
		9.30am		Year 1 & Year 2 - Book Observations / Classroom Visits	Re-scheduled	SP
		12.00noon -1.45pm	Library	Support Staff Surgery	For those staff who missed in Dec '24 event	SP
		2.00pm - 2.30pm	Meeting Room	Meet School Council	Re-scheduled	SP
		3.00pm -3.30pm	Meeting Room	Parents/Carers Surgery	Re-scheduled	SP
		3.45pm - 4.15pm	Meeting Room	Teachers Surgery	Re-scheduled	SP
February '25	Thurs 27th	8.45am - 9.30am	Library	Parents/Carers Surgery		SP
		12.00noon -1.45pm	Library	Support Staff Surgery		SP
		3.30pm - 4.00pm	Meeting Room	Meet School Council		SP, AB
		3.45pm - 4.15pm	Meeting Room	Teachers Surgery		SP, AB
March '25	Thurs 6th	8.15am - 8.40am	Library	Teachers Surgery		SP
		12.00noon -1.45pm	Library	Support Staff Surgery		SP
		2.30pm - 3.15pm	Library	Parents/Carers Surgery		SP
		3.45pm - 4.15pm	Meeting Room	Teachers Surgery		SP, AB

# WANT THE BEST FOR YOUR CHILD?

Kids Matter is a free, friendly group for anyone with children aged 1-10 years. We discuss how to build strong families and help our kids do their best in life.



## During the 6 weeks, we cover the following:

Taster – Come and see what it's like to be in a Kids Matter group

Session 1 – Building a strong family

Session 2 – Loving our children well

Session 3 – Play, encouragement and listening

Session 4 – Routines and rewards

Session 5 – Family rules and consequences

Session 6 – The bigger picture

Booster – Checking in 3 months later

Every session will have coffee, tea and food and a free crèche.

**Kids Matter will be running for 6 weeks for parents and carers in your area soon!**

**For more information contact: Jenny at Christian CARE 07932 628840 or [istiancaremerton.org.uk](http://istiancaremerton.org.uk)**



You are invited to

# KIDS MATTER



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## Parents get together

At:

On: Time: Co Church Road Children's Centre, CR4 3BH

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

12:30pm-2:30pm including lunch

Jenny at Christian CARE, 07932 628840

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**SEAN MCINNES**

**SPORTS COACHING**



**SMSC FEBRUARY HALF TERM**

**MULTISPORT CAMP**

**WE PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY AND ENGAGING CAMPS  
AIMED TO DEVELOP CHILDREN ACROSS A WIDE RANGE OF SPORTS.  
ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE FOOTBALL, NETBALL, BASKETBALL,  
DODGEBALL, GYMNASTICS, HOCKEY AND MANY MORE SPORTS.**

**WHERE:** Bond Primary School (CR4 3HG)

**WHEN:** Monday 17th – Thursday 20th February

**AGES:** 4 – 12

**TIME:** 9:00AM – 3:00PM

**Fully funded HAF places available. Please book using  
one of the links below:**

**SMSC BOOKINGS**

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**INFO@SEANMCINNESSPORTSCOACHING.COM**

**Safer  
Internet  
Day 2025** | **Tuesday  
11 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

[saferinternetday.org.uk](https://saferinternetday.org.uk)

**Place2Be's**

**CHILDREN'S  
MENTAL HEALTH  
WEEK**

**3-9  
FEB  
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