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Safeguarding:

At St. Basil's Catholic Primary School we are committed to providing a nurturing, caring and safe learning environment where pupils thrive, are confident, happy and secure. **If you have any safeguarding concerns, then please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.**

For further information about Safeguarding at St Basils please see the following documents by either clicking the link or scanning the QR code;

Safeguarding Parents Leaflet

[20097821 \(stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk\)](https://stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk/20097821)



Child Friendly Leaflet

[20095039 \(stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk\)](https://stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk/20095039)



Designated Leads for Safeguarding at St Basils:

Mrs Sheppard (HT)

Mrs O'Donnell (DHT)

Mrs Bond/Miss Yearley (Family Liaison & Welfare Officers)

Miss Abbot/Mrs Jones (SENCO)

Mrs McCabe (Attendance)

Mr Duffy (Pupil Welfare Governor)

Attendance update

Please be aware that students who have an attendance of below 90% will not have their absences authorised unless medical evidence is provided.

You can view your child's absence record via the School Gateway App. You access this via the reporting tab and then Attendance, it will give you your child's attendance rating.

Thank you for your co-operation.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE (Colour coded in line with the traffic light system)

Week commencing 23.10.2023

Well done to classes 3NC and 5JS with the highest rate of attendance!!



FSAR	1DD	2LG	3NC	3AW	4CG	4GS	5JS	6CH	6KL
95.4	89.4	93.4	98.3	94.1	91.7	91.3	98.3	90.7	90.5



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6KL and 6CH Swimming - Tuesday 14th November daily until Wednesday 15th November

(There have been some changes to swimming due to maintenance of the pool)

EYFS Stay and Play Maths - Thursday 16th November 1.45pm to 3.10pm

Please check for updates on future newsletters

Thank you!



Y6 to Cathedral Advent Service - Wednesday 6th December

Y5 to see Heaven Sent Nativity - Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day and Coffee Morning - Friday 8th December

Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performance - Tuesday 12th December

Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance - Wednesday 13th December

EYFS Christmas Performance - Thursday 14th December

Y5 Collective Worship in Church - Friday 15th December (PM)

Christmas Dinner - Monday 18th December

Christmas Party Afternoon - Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Disco - Wednesday 20th December

(Christmas Performance times and tickets will be allocated at a later date)

Starting from Monday 13th November, although any reading over this weekend can be counted towards your first week of reading!!





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This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on **MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2023**



Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#MakeANoise

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November starting with Odd Socks Day on the Monday.



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#ANTI-BULLYINGWEEK



PARTNER



Week commencing 13.11.23 School Meal Menu is Week 2

NUTRITIONIST APPROVED 5

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Quorn cottage pie	Lasagne & garlic bread	Roast of the day with gravy and roast potato	All day breakfast 5	Fish of the day with chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Quorn Hot Dog & Wedges	Quorn lasagne & garlic bread 5	Quorn roast with gravy and roast potato	Vegetarian breakfast	Vegetable burger with chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS 5	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar
DESSERTS	Strawberry Whip	Chocolate sponge & Custard	Lemon muffin 5	Ginger cake 5	Cheese & Crackers
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
MARKET POTTS TO	Cheese	Tuna	Beans	Tuna	Cheese and beans



MENU



Variety is the key to a healthy diet, try something new today!



- MEAT FREE MONDAY



- 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY



- CHEF'S CHOICE

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD
SOUTHULL APPROACH

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Free online courses for all parents, carers, grandparents and teens

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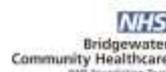


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EYFS

Stay and Play

Thursday 16th November 1:45 – 3:10PM

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Parents and carers of Reception children are invited to EYFS for the afternoon.

This session will be focused on helping your child in their maths journey.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

PEGI RATING
7+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter Oders: some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



National Online Safety

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Family Learning

Online Wellbeing Workshop – St Basil's Years 4, 5 & 6 Children & Parents

Would you like to have the opportunity to work with your child in school?

Dear Parent/Guardian/Grandparent

School has booked the Family Learning tutors from Halton Borough Council to run an **'Online Wellbeing Workshop' for families in Years 4, 5 & 6** at school on **Wednesday 22nd November, 1.30 – 3.00 pm**. During this time you are invited to join your child in school for a variety of activities designed to provoke discussion and learning around how to stay safe when online. Children are exposed to many online dangers, so as parents it is important to know how to keep them safe. This fun, hands on workshop will support you with this.

Activities will focus on:

- Creating safe passwords
- Navigating online risks
- Sharing information safely



Please complete the slip below and return it to school to book your place.

I would like to attend the **'Online Safety Workshop'** for children in Years 4, 5 & 6.

Parent's Name: _____

Child's/Children's name(s): _____

Child's/Children's Year Group(s): _____

Open Day at the Town Hall
Heath Road, Runcorn
Saturday 2nd December 2023
10am – 4pm



Santa's Grotto
Carol Singing, Christmas Stalls, Café
A selection box for all the children in the choir
Proceeds to the Mayor's Fund 2023-24
Supporting
The Fellowship Centre & Child Bereavement UK

Why not start the Christmas celebrations in style by performing carols in the splendour of Runcorn Town Hall?

Halton's Mayor, Cllr Val Hill, is hosting the annual Town Hall Open Day on Saturday 2nd December 2023 and would love your school to be part of the festivities.

Each year we invite school choirs and bands to take part by performing at the event which attracts around 400 visitors.

The children gather in the Council Chamber and each school has a 20 minute time slot. You may choose your own time slot – 10.10am, 10.50am, 11.40am, 1pm, 1.50pm, 2.40pm, which will be allocated **on a first come first served basis**. After the performance, all the children in the choir will visit Father Christmas in his grotto, free of charge, and receive a goody bag.

Please let me know by no later than Monday 30th October 2023, if your school would like to participate. Please reply by email to kay.sparks@halton.gov.uk or alternatively I can be contacted on 0151 511 7667.



BASIL TOTS PLAYGROUP

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
9AM - 10.30AM

EVERYBODY WELCOME

£1 ENTRY - REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



St. Basil's
Catholic Primary School

St Basil's Catholic Primary School
Hough Green Road, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 4SZ

Telephone: 0151 424 7887

Admission to Primary School September 2024

If your child was born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020 they are eligible to start Reception class in September 2024, and you can apply NOW:

- You must complete a preference form **online** at [School admissions website](#), where you will be given a receipt
- A paper copy of the preference form can also be requested from schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk
- All **online** applicants will receive their offer of a school place electronically on the 16th April 2024
- Offer letters will be posted to applicants who submit a paper preference form on the 16th April 2024
- **Don't leave it too late** – you are likely to miss out on the school place you want if you apply late. **Deadline is 15th Jan 2024**



Closing date for Primary School Applications:
15th January 2024



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*We love, learn and succeed
following Jesus*

You are always welcome to any mass within St Wilfrid's Parish, timetable is below

Mass & Service Times

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	St Bede	5:00pm
	St Basil	5:00pm
Sunday	St Bede	9:00am
	St Michael	9.30am
	St John Fisher	10:30am
	St Bede	11:15am
	St Bede	4:00pm

Weekday Mass Times (see parish newsletter for weekday variations)

<p>Monday</p> <p>St Basil</p> <p>9.00am Exposition & Morning Prayer</p> <p>9.30am Holy Mass</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>St Bede</p> <p>11:30am Exposition & Holy Rosary</p> <p>12 Noon Holy Mass</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>St Bede</p> <p>6:30pm Exposition & Evening Prayer</p> <p>7:00pm Holy Mass</p>
<p>Thursday</p> <p>St Michael</p> <p>11.30am Exposition & Holy Rosary</p> <p>12 Noon Holy Mass</p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>St John Fisher</p> <p>9.00am Exposition & Morning Prayer</p> <p>9.30am Holy Mass</p>
<p>Saturday</p> <p>10.00am Holy Mass</p> <p>10.30am Confessions and Holy Rosary</p>

St Bede's Church is open for private prayer Monday to Friday 10.00 - 13:00