

Doddiscombsleigh Primary School



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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Termly Diary Dates

4.2.26	Acorn trip to Paignton Zoo
WB: 9.2.26	Children's Mental Health Week
10.2.26	NO CLUBS- Valentines Disco
10.2.26	Safer Internet Day
11.2.26	Oak trip to Kents Cavern
13.2.26	Y5 plus others Exeter Quay climbing
WB: 16.2.26	HALF TERM
5.3.26	World Book Day
13.3.26	Visting musician to record school song
20.3.26	Group visit to Music recording studio in Dawlish
WB: 23.4.26	Parents evening week
1.4.26	Church Easter celebrations
2.4.26	Last day of term, back on Monday 20th April

Message from Mrs Davies

This term we have made a start on our new topics in class. We are looking forward to our trips out to support this learning as well as lots of other exciting opportunities for all our pupils.

We are always looking for support with gardening, reading and trips. If you are available and happy to do a DBS or are already on the enhanced check system please let me know.



Keep in touch!



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SPRING TERM CLUBS

Please remember to sign up via Parentpay for clubs

Monday afternoon

Mrs Todd wind instrument lessons

Tuesday afternoon

Mr Davies Ukulele lessons

Tuesday after school 3.30-4.15

Oak Netball Club with Mrs Davies
Acorn Doddi Rocks with Mr Davies

Thursday after school 3.30-4.15

Oak football with Mr Stewart

Friday 3.30-4.15

Whole school sports with Achieve 4 All

Chess Club as and when weather is bad.



The 2026 Art Show Committee held their first meeting of the year. There were so many brilliant ideas and such a great buzz of enthusiastic energy! Applications are coming in from artists and makers and we look forward to keeping you posted on our plans.

In the meantime, make sure that you have the dates in your diary (23-25 October) and keep an eye on our social media (Facebook and Instagram) as sharing and spreading the word is really beneficial. If you are able to help in any way shape or form please let myself or Nichola know as there are many job roles to fill.

Thank you for your continued support.
Claire Cook



Acorn Class- Thursdays'
Oak Class- Tuesdays'



Acorn Class- Wednesday & Friday's
Oak Class- Tuesday & Friday's

PE & Forest school days

Please ensure children have a warm coat, hat and gloves in school this half term.

We will be back with weekly forest school sessions this term so please see below for what days pupils need PE kit and what day to bring in old clothes and wellies.

UNCRC Article 2

Every child has the rights no matter what their differences are.





Children's Mental Health Week

From 9th to 13th February, we'll be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. This national event is supported by the children's mental health charity Place2Be.

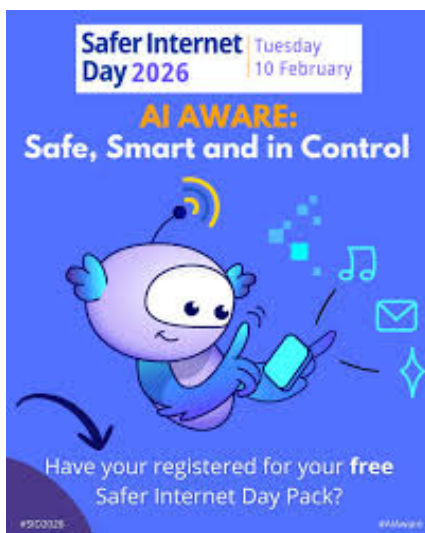
The theme for 2026 is "This is My Place", all about belonging and feeling part of something meaningful, whether that's at home with family, in class with friends, at after-school clubs, within cultural / faith groups or hobby groups where children feel safe and accepted. A sense of belonging helps children feel secure, valued and confident to learn and grow.

The Mental Health Support Team will be delivering an assembly that week and our mental health ambassadors will be encouraging games and activities to promote belonging. You can find out more at Place2be's family pages:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

This half term we have taken part in assemblies and in class discussions around the topic of internet safety.

Throughout the year in assemblies, PSHE lessons and when the need arises, we teach pupils strategies for being safe online.

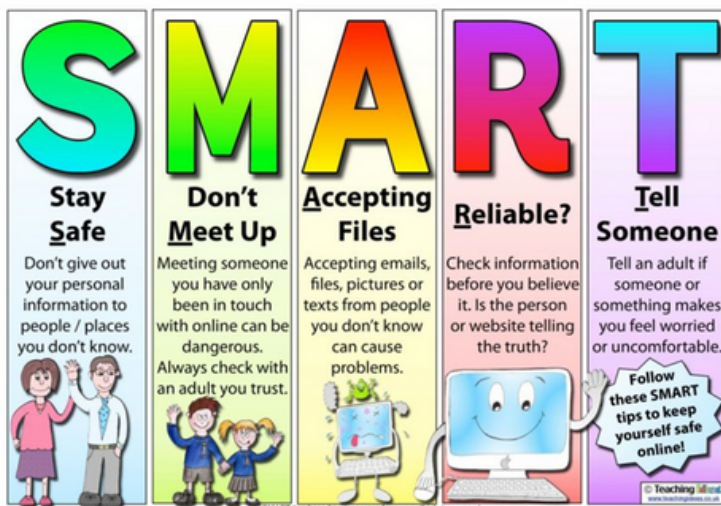


Safer Internet Day (SID) is an annual global event in February to promote safer, more responsible online use, especially for children and young people. This year it falls on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

The focus this year is "Smart tech, safe choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI". The purpose of these global events is to create a safer, better internet for everyone, highlighting current online challenges. We want to empower young people with skills to make safe and responsible choices online and involve all stakeholders (parents, educators, industry, government) in promoting digital wellbeing.

Again this year we will address this focus in school at an age appropriate level for all year groups, through discussions and activities.

Please see the attached posters for advice on how you as parents can also support your child(ren) when online at home.



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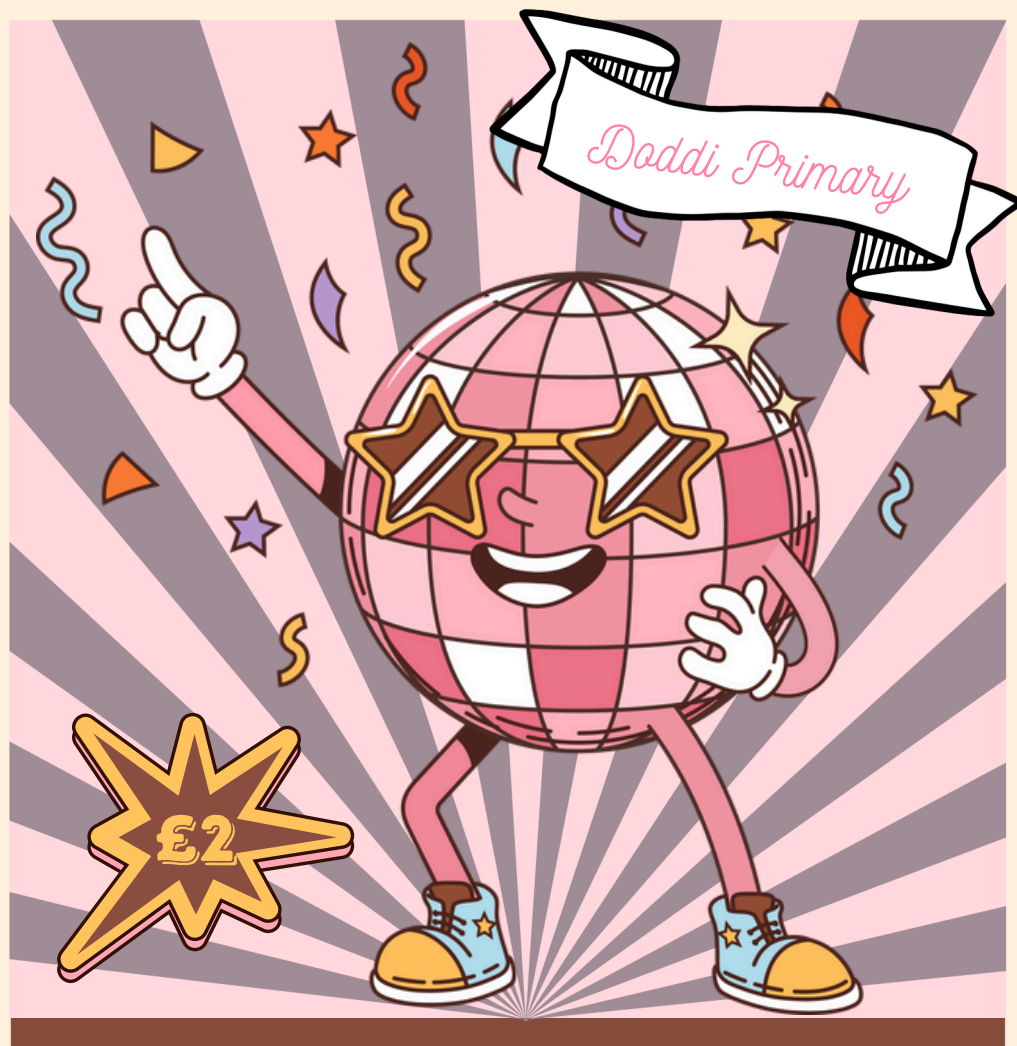
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Valentines

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SWEETS - CRISPS - CAKE

TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

DODDI PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

ACORN - 3.30 - 4.15PM

OAK - 4.30 - 5.15PM

Please see letter sent out separately
for more information



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

PEGI RATING
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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.

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.



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<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>

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Friday 17th, April

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