

Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 28th February 2025

Toot Hill Parents Meeting – Year 5 Parents

At 5.30pm on Thursday 24th April, a senior leader from Toot Hill School will be running an information session for Year 5 parents ahead of the secondary school application process. This will be an opportunity for Year 5 parents to find out more about the school and ask questions.

Year 5 parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

Dear Parents,

I hope all of our families had an enjoyable half term break – it has been straight back into it this week with lots happening across the school including the Newark Swimming Gala, exciting mechanical DT work in Year 6 and, from today, the Book Fair kicks off events to mark World Book Day. Please have a read further down the newsletter for more information about World Book Day including the Reading Café from 8.15am on Monday to Thursday next week – children (and parents!) are welcome to come in for some toast, squash and some reading to start the school day. Should be fun!

The Friends of RMJS ran a Bake Sale just before half term which raised a brilliant £185.20. More events coming up. If you want to join the group or get involved, they have a Whatsapp group. Please email friends@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk to join.



Finally, parents evenings are just around the corner. If you have not already done so, please sign up through the usual system. If you are having issues with the system, please contact the school office.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes



James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Dates for the Diary

28 th Feb, 4 th & 5 th March	Scholastic Book Fair
4 th March	Y3 Conkers Trip
5 th March	Y6 Parents Evening
12 th March	Year 4 Residential Parent Meeting
18 th /20 th March	Y3, Y4 & Y5 Parents Evening
21 st March	Friends of RMJS Mother's Day Gift Shop
3 rd April	Easter Bake Sale
24 th April	Toot Hill – Year 5 Parents Meeting
6 th June	Friends of RMJS Father's Day Gift Shop

School Attendance

Excellent attendance is vital to success at school. We track attendance closely and celebrate excellent attendance. Our target is for each child to have an attendance figure of at least 95%.

3B	95.9%
3J	97.4%
4H	94.5%
4M	96.1%
5AC	96.0%
5G	96.8%
6L	96.7%
6M	94.7%
All	96.02%



Congratulations to 3J for having the best attendance this week!

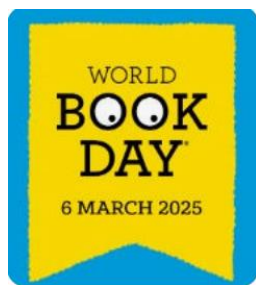
House Points

Jupiter	214
Mercury	200
Neptune	138
Saturn	143

Children are earning House Points each and every day for making good choices and showing the REACH values. These are the latest totals for Spring 1 – well done to all the children earning all these House Points!



World Book Day – Thursday 6th March



To celebrate World Book Day we have the following exciting events coming up:

Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Friday 28th February, Tuesday 4th March, Wednesday 5th March

Remember to bring along your voucher and choose a great book. All children have had time to browse and will hopefully know what they would like.

World Book Day - Pyjama Day: Thursday 6th March

All children come to school in their pyjamas and snuggle up with your teddy for a cosy read.

Reading Café: Monday 3rd March - Thursday 6th 8.15-8.45am

School hall open for toast, squash and reading. All grown-ups very welcome

Guess the Book Prize given to the winner in each class

Buddy Reading Classes pair up and share books together

Assembly Librarians will lead World Book Day assembly on Thursday 6th March

Book Swap Donate books that you have enjoyed and choose some lovely, 'new' books from the donations on Thursday 6th March.

Times Tables Rock Stars

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Congratulations to the following children who have topped the charts for their work on TTRS this week:

Most correct answers: Dexter, 4H

Most coins earnt: Cassie, 4H

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Angus, 3B

Biggest improvement in speed: Kiera, 3B

Newark Swimming Gala

Robert Miles Junior School took an 18 strong swim team to the regional Nottinghamshire round of swimming galas last Monday at the Newark Sports and Leisure Centre.

There were individual races in Front Crawl, Breaststroke and Backstroke along with a number of relays and our squad performed well, finishing 4th overall. The event was of a high standard and the children should be proud of their performances at a very competitive event!

The children were a pleasure to look after - thanks to all parents that helped with lifts and cheered the team on.





Rail Safety Art Competition 2025

Winners will have their artwork displayed at Bingham train station!

Theme: Rail Safety – How Can We Stay Safe Around Trains?

What to create: A poster no bigger than A3 paper. Felt Tip Pens will work best. Make your poster bright and colourful. Be creative and teach important messages about rail safety.

Entry Limit: One entry per person. Please put your name and class on the back of your poster



Deadline:

Friday 28th February 2025

Find your year box in the Year 4 shared area.

Judging:

Your poster will be judged on creativity, originality, colour and rail safety, by the school prefects.

Don't Forget:

Think about key rail safety rules like staying behind the yellow line, using crossings safely, and avoiding distractions near train tracks.

Get Creative & Good Luck!

(ad) and Bella (Art Prefect)



Deadline on Monday! Please encourage your child to enter for a chance to win this 'money can't buy' prize!

Valentine's Bake Sale

We raised £185.20

Thank you so much for your support!

This money will be put towards new books and enrichment days for the children to enjoy. Further details to follow.

Upcoming Dates w/c 3rd March 2025

Monday 3rd March 2025

- Reading Cafe in the hall 8 – 8.45am. Children can attend for toast, squash and lots of reading. All grown-ups very welcome.
- Film club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is Cars, there is a £2 compulsory charge for orange squash and biscuits at this Club. Please use our online payment system to pay for this.

Tuesday 4th March 2025

• Handball club – cancelled this week to allow for the Reading Café

- Reading Cafe in the hall 8 – 8.45am. Children can attend for toast, squash and lots of reading. All grown-ups very welcome.
- Year 3 Conkers trip. Please ensure that your child wears school uniform, sensible shoes and brings a coat, they will need a pack lunch and plenty to drink.
- **Year 5 and 6 girls Futsal club – cancelled this week to allow for the Book fair**
- Year 6 booster sessions 3.30-4.30pm, children to bring in a small snack.
- Book fair starts today 3.30-4.30 in the hall. There is a card machine to make payments, please remember your book tokens.

Wednesday 5th March 2025

- Reading Cafe in the hall 8 – 8.45am. Children can attend for toast, squash and lots of reading. All grown-ups very welcome.
- Honours assembly.

- Bible Explorers lunch time 12.45-1.15pm
- Book fair 3.30-4.30 in the hall. There is a card machine to make payments, please remember your book tokens.
- Year 6 parents evening.

Thursday 6th March 2025

- World Book Day. Children to come to school in their pyjamas. Children to bring in books they have finished with at home for the 'Book Swap' and choose 'new' books to enjoy.
- Reading Cafe in the hall 8 – 8.45am. Children can attend for toast, squash and lots of reading. All grown-ups very welcome.
- **Martial arts club – cancelled this week to allow for the Reading Café**
- Year 3 swimming. Please ensure you remember your swimming kit (including towel and a bag to put wet items in) and any inhalers required.

Friday 7th March 2025

- No reading cafe.

A reminder that all children need to be collected from their afterschool clubs by family member/friend who are over the age of 16.

Weekly Menu - w/c 3rd March 2025

Monday

- Cheese and tomato pizza with tomato pasta salad and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Vegetable meatballs, tomato sauce with mixed rice and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Apple and sultana crumble bar with custard.

Tuesday

- Pork sausage with mashed potato, gravy and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Plant based sausage with mashed potato, gravy and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Iced carrot cake and orange slices.

Wednesday

- Roast chicken with gravy, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes with a choice of vegetables or fresh salad.
- Quorn grill with gravy, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Chocolate shortbread/pinwheels with chocolate sauce.

Thursday

- Garlic and tomato chicken pasta spirals with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Garlic and tomato vegetable pasta spirals with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Toffee cream tart.

Friday

- Fish and chips with bake beans or a choice of vegetables.
- Crispy vegetable fingers and chips with bake beans or a choice of vegetables.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Chocolate oat slice

We share E-Safety information from National Online Safety with parents in the Robert Miles newsletter. This is to help you in ensuring that your child can use technology safely. Please read the following information.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

AGE RESTRICTION
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ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.



Meet Our Expert

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