

Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 14th March 2025

Year 3, 4 & 5 Parents Evening

A reminder that parents evening sessions are taking place this coming Tuesday and Thursday. If you have not already, please book your slot as soon as possible. If you have any issues with the booking system, please contact the office.

Dear Parents,

A few dates for the summer term diary can now be confirmed:

- Healthy Lifestyles Week – w/c 19th May
- Sports Day – Wednesday 25th June
- Reserve Sports Day – Friday 27th June
- Summer BBQ – Friday 11th July

Lots to look forward including, hopefully, a return to some warmer weather!

A huge thank you, again, to the Friends of Robert Miles who are working hard on a number of projects including the upcoming Mother's Day Gift Shop, competitions and more. If you would like to join the team and help out, you are very welcome. Please contact them via email at friends@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk. None of the money raised so far has been spent but we will, of course, let you know where the funds are going so you know they are being put to good use.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes



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Dates for the Diary

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

Summer Term Dates

24 th April	Toot Hill – Year 5 Parents Meeting
w/c 19 th May	Healthy Lifestyles Week
6 th June	Friends of RMJS Father's Day Gift Shop
25 th June	Sports Day
27 th June	Reserve Sports Day
11 th July	Summer BBQ

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	97.1%
3J	95.7%
4H	98.2%
4M	97.9%
5AC	98.8%
5G	94.6%
6L	98.7%
6M	94.7%
All	96.9%



Congratulations to 5AC for having the best attendance this week!

Honours Assembly

Congratulations to these children whose success was celebrated at Honours Assembly this week and some of their work was shared with all the children in the school.

3B	Lucy Norton & Luka Richardson
4M	Roman Jesus & Lucas Lee
4H	Kirstie Gunn & Poppy Smith
5G	Phoebe Forster & Nellie Saunders
5AC	Jason Nip & Alyce Barnes
6M	Josh Stannard & Cian Walters
6L	Alfie Brownson, Imogen Groom, Emily Mogg and Jessica Sanders

House Points

Jupiter	510
Mercury	519
Neptune	438
Saturn	429

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 2 – well done to all the children earning all these House Points!



Year 4 York Residential

It was lovely to see so many Year 4 parents joining us for the York Residential meeting earlier this week. We hope the meeting gave you a flavour of what the children will be up to and what they will need.

We will be in touch over the coming months with more information. The slides from last night are available on the RMJS website [here](#).

Year 4 York Residential 16th - 17th June 2025



Excellent work in the Spotlight



It's been all the fun of the fair in Year 6 over the last couple of weeks as they have been creating their very own fairground rounds. Teamwork, perseverance and creativity have all been on full show as these magnificent creations have taken shape. Once the initial research and plans were in place, the making stage has been in full flow with careful measuring, sawing, gluing and lots and lots of patience being needed to create the jinx frame base. A very very tricky task but impressively completed. Then came the electrical circuits, belts and pulleys which were needed to create each ride's movement. This was then finished off with some fabulous decoration to create finished products which not only spun dramatically but also looked absolutely brilliant as I'm sure that you can see from the photos.



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: Violet, 3J

Most coins earnt: Violet, 3J

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Poppy, 4H

Biggest improvement in speed: Willow, 4H

Local News & Information

We are happy to publicise local events and activities for children in the newsletter particularly ahead of holiday periods. (Please note the school is not endorsing these events as they are run separately.) Any enquiries should be made through the website address shown on the leaflet below.

The graphic for the Spring craft fair features a blue circular logo on the left with a yellow church icon and the text '1787 BINGHAM CC'. To the right is a string of blue and yellow triangular bunting. Below these are illustrations of purple and yellow tulips and daffodils. A wooden cricket stump with a red ball at its base is also depicted. The title 'Spring craft fair' is written in a white, hand-drawn style on a blue background. The event details are listed in black text on a yellow background.

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Spring craft fair

Personalised gifts, designs in clay, jewellery, textiles,
home fragrances, artwork, woodcrafts, dog treats,
preserves ... and much more.

Saturday 15th March
10am - 2:30pm
Bingham Methodist Centre
Needham St, Bingham, NG13 8AE
Free entry

Sports Update

Athletics Ten of Robert Miles Junior School's Year 3s made the short trip to South Notts Academy for an Indoor Athletics Festival hosted by the Rushcliffe School Sports Partnership.

The children enjoyed a track and field themed evening, firstly using their standing jump skills to see how far they could leap, then testing their agility on the speed bounce mats. Throwing was next, with javelins and chest push games and then the field equipment was put away as the attention turned to track races, with two different relays against the other schools.

Competition for athletics starts in year 5, but our team were especially impressive in the field and were a pleasure to take to Radcliffe. Well done team!



Year 5 Toot Hill Festival Our Year 5 pupils recently attended a fantastic Multi-Sport festival at Toot Hill, where they showcased their incredible teamwork and sportsmanship. Throughout the day, they played dodgeball, basketball, and benchball, demonstrating excellent cooperation and communication. It was wonderful to see them supporting one another, celebrating each other's efforts, and enjoying every moment. Their positive attitudes and commitment made them fantastic ambassadors for our school, and we are incredibly proud of how well they represented us. Well done to everyone involved!



Multi-Skills Festival A group of our pupils recently had the exciting opportunity to visit Nottingham Trent University, where they took part in a range of engaging games and activities led by enthusiastic college students. The event focused on developing a variety of skills, giving the children the chance to try out new and unfamiliar games they wouldn't usually experience. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and willingness to step out of their comfort zones while learning new skills. Most importantly, they all tried their best — and that's all we ever ask from our children at Robert Miles Juniors. We are incredibly proud of their effort and positive attitude throughout the day.

Upcoming Dates w/c 17th March 2025

Monday 17th March 2025

- Film club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is Ice Age, there is a £2 compulsory charge for orange squash and biscuits at this Club. Please use our online payment system to pay for this.
- Selected year 4 children attending a dance festival at South Notts Academy.
4-5.30pm. Children to have their PE kit, a drink, a snack and any inhalers they may need.

Tuesday 18th March 2025

- Handball club for years 3&4 group two. 8.15-8.55am in the hall. Please bring PE kit, a drink and any inhalers you may need.
- Year 5 and 6 girls Futsal club – club cancelled this week because of parents evening.
- Year 6 reading booster sessions 3.30-4.30pm, children to bring in a small snack.
- Year 3,4 and 5 parents evening.

Wednesday 19th March 2025

- Honours assembly.
- Bible Explorers lunch time 12.45-1.15pm

Thursday 20th March 2025

- Martial arts club, 8 – 8.45am. Please wear PE kit, bring a drink and any inhalers required. (Club is full).
- Year 3 swimming. Please ensure you remember your swimming kit (including towel and a bag to put wet items in) and any inhalers required.
- Year 6 maths booster sessions 3.30-4.30pm, children to bring in a small snack.
- Year 3, 4 and 5 parents evening.

Friday 21st March 2025

- Friends of Robert Miles Mother's Day gift shop. Children who have paid for a gift will choose their presents within school time.
- Selected children attending Equals Trust year 3 and 4 football tournament at Abbey Road school within school time. Children to have their PE kit, a drink and any inhalers they may need.

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

The UK law dictates that a child must use a child car seat until they're 12-years-old or 135cm tall, whichever comes first. Please can you ensure that your child has their Booster seat with them if they are being transported to a school event.

Monday

- Cheese and tomato pizza with tomato pasta salad and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Bean vegetable wrap with a side of sunny vegetable rice and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Chocolate mousse and orange smiles.

Tuesday

- Pork sausage roll with skin on baked potato wedges and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Cheese and onion pastry roll with skin on baked wedges and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Homemade jam buns and custard.

Wednesday

- Roast gammon with gravy, stuffing and roast potatoes with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Quorn grill with gravy, stuffing and roast potatoes with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Chocolate brownie.

Thursday

- Beef pasta, Bolognese and garlic bread with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Plant based pasta Bolognese with garlic bread and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Fruity strawberry jelly and mandarin segments.

Friday

- Fish fingers and chips with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Crispy vegetable fingers with chips and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Vanilla & cherry cookie cup and custard.

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

ROBLOX

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Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

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