

## Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025



Dear Parents,

This half term has really rattled by and we are a week from half term already. This week has seen the Year 6s take their SATs tests and we have been so impressed by the focus and determination they have shown all week – they deserved their pizza this afternoon! Their focus will now turn towards the Year 6 production which is coming up in July – dates have now been finalised and there will be three evening performances on 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July. The choir have already started practising and auditions take place next week. Look out for ticket details after half term.

The fine weather looks set to continue into next week when we have our annual Healthy Lifestyles Week taking place. A huge thank you to Mr Jennings who has worked so hard pulling everything together and organising a week of healthy activities for the children to learn about and enjoy. Please have a look further down the newsletter for more information and, in particular, what children should wear. As many of the activities will be outside, please can we ask that suncream is applied before school and that children come to school with a water bottle and a hat.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn  
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

### Summer Term Dates

w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Healthy Lifestyles Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y6 Yorkshire Wildlife Park visit
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends of RMJS Father's Day Gift Shop
13 <sup>th</sup> June	RMJS 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations
16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 York Residential
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent SEND Coffee Morning
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	School Disco
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 French Breakfast
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer BBQ
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Toot Hill Transition Day
15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Performance (all evening shows)
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last Day of Term

### 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	95.2%
3J	97.5%
4H	94.0%
4M	98.9%
5AC	95.9%
5G	99.4%
6L	100%
6M	98.8%
<b>All</b>	<b>97.5%</b>

Congratulations to 6L for having the best attendance this week!



### \*\*\* Parent Governor Vacancy \*\*\*

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our Local Governing Body. We are looking for a parent with the skills, availability and commitment to contribute to effective governance and the success of the school. Meetings take place on a Thursday evening at 5pm once each half term.

A letter has been sent out to parents with further details. If you are interested in applying, please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/30PvRSzM5z>. Nominations close at 5pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more information, please speak to Mr Evelyn.

## House Points

Jupiter	738
Mercury	801
Neptune	710
Saturn	673

Children are earning House Points each and every day for showing the REACH values, making good choices and doing their very best. Each Wednesday in Honours Assembly, we announce the latest scores.



## Healthy Lifestyles Week

Our annual Healthy Lifestyles Week is coming up next week. A letter has gone out to parents already – here are some of the key details:

<b>When</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> May - 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025 ( <i>Last week before half term holiday</i> )
<b>Clothing</b>	Each day, come to school wearing your 'active wear' - leggings, tracksuits, shorts, trainers or your PE kit. Jeans should not be worn and please ensure shoulders are covered. Long hair must be tied up. No jewellery.
<b>What to bring</b>	Depending on the weather, you may need a sunhat, sun cream, hoody or waterproof coat. Water bottles are essential. Sun cream should be applied before school. Inhalers must be in school.
<b>Activities</b>	Pilates, Cup Stacking, PE, Orienteering, Mile Walks, Rounders/kickball Tournaments, Circuit Training, Wicked Dance Workshop, Paceball, Rugby, Movement workshops and Whole-School Cricket – see below.
<b>Being Active</b>	Each class will monitor their activities throughout the week and mark these on their class timetable. This will be active time in school. However, we are hoping to encourage the children to be creative with ways of being active. For example: walking/scooting to school, playing on the park, logging on to GoNoodle at home. Any activity your child is taking part in, even ones that are not physical movement, are great ways for having a healthy lifestyle.

**Friday Morning Cricket** Bingham Cricket Club will be supporting us with a whole school cricket skills session at Butt Field on Friday morning. We will all walk over to Butt Field at 9.30am – via the bridge at the railway station – for a carousel of sessions before returning to school for lunch as normal. Children will bring water with them and we again recommend they have hats and have applied suncream beforehand. We will have use of the pavilion for toilets and water; it will also be used for any first aid or medical issues that may arise. We are very grateful to Bingham Cricket Club for providing this brilliant opportunity for our children.

**Before School** Optional activities will be taking place before school as follows:

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Optional activities before school from 8.30am to 9.00am. Just turn up!	<p>Morning Dance with Jasmine.</p> <p>Parents are encouraged to join.</p> <p>This will take place on the top playground.</p>	<p>Breathtaking Bulldog with Mr Jennings. Child only session.</p> <p>Meet on the Football Pitch</p> <p>Mr Maylard-Mason's cricket club will take place as normal.</p>	<p>Outdoor</p> <p>Reading Cafe with Mrs Alcock.</p> <p>Parents are encouraged to join.</p> <p>Toast and squash served in the hall and taken outside for reading on picnic benches. Parents and picnic blankets welcome!</p>	<p>Wake and shake with Rosie.</p> <p>Parents are encouraged to join.</p> <p>This will take place on top playground.</p> <p>Mr Dexter's Marshall Arts club will take place as normal.</p>	No before school activity



Last week Mr and Mrs Dexter gave out awards, certificates and grading belts for the annual Savate Martial Arts assessments. Several children graded for white, yellow, orange and green belts. Trophies were awarded for best kicking ability which went to Caleb and Athena, most dedicated which went to Oakley and best beginner which went to Abby.

All children showed fantastic commitment and have made great progress through the year. We look forward to this continuing. If any children want to sign up for next year, look out for the message for new attendees which will come out in September.

### Sport and Music Update

**Year 3 + Year 4 vs Carnarvon** Our school football teams demonstrated outstanding skill, teamwork and sportsmanship in their recent fixtures against Carnarvon. The Year 3 team delivered a thrilling performance, finishing with a 1-1 draw in a match filled with energy and determination. Remarkably, this result mirrored the outcome achieved by last year's Year 3s, showing a strong tradition of resilience and competitiveness within our younger players. The Year 4s took part in the prestigious Alex Munn game and started brilliantly, taking a well-earned 1-0 lead into half-time after a confident first-half display. Although Carnarvon managed to turn the game around in the second half, our players never gave up and continued to battle until the final whistle. What stood out most in both matches was the incredible respect our players showed towards their opponents, embodying the true spirit of the game.



**Gymnastics Glory** Harriet and Violet truly shone this week as they proudly took part in a gymnastics event where they entered class with both gold and silver medals gleaming around their necks. Their success is a reflection of their hard work, discipline, and passion for the sport. It was clear that their dedication to training had paid off, and their results speak for themselves. Their classmates welcomed them back with cheers and admiration, inspired by their achievements. They are truly making themselves fantastic role models for the rest of the school. We couldn't be prouder of their efforts and accomplishments! Well done girls!

**Musical Success at Derby Arts Festival** We are thrilled to celebrate a fantastic achievement from one of our talented pupils, Katie, who recently took part in the 2025 Derby Arts Festival. Competing in the instrumental music category, Katie performed beautifully on the flute in the Woodwind Grades 1-3 section and was awarded **First Place!** This is a wonderful accomplishment and a testament to Katie's hard work, dedication, and love for music. We are incredibly proud of her success and the way she represented our school with such poise and confidence.



## Times Tables Rock Stars

### Times Tables Rockstars

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

**Most correct answers:** Cassie, 4H

**Most coins earnt:** Dexter W, 4H

**Biggest improvement in accuracy:** Florrie, 4H

**Biggest improvement in speed:** Willow, 4H

## Excellent work in the Spotlight



Year 5 have been looking at ways to reduce, reuse and recycle as part of their work in geography. A homework activity was to find an object at home that had been finished with and think of a new way of using it. The children had so many fantastic ideas; plastic bottles were used to make a sand timer; a larger bottle used for a plant pot complete with strawberry plant well on the way to producing strawberries; an old box became a very elaborate bug hotel, and a jam jar became a decorative light, perfect for the dining table.



## Weekly Menu w/c 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### Monday

- Sweet and sour chicken meatballs & sunny rice with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Cheesy tomato pasta bake with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Strawberry mousse.

### Tuesday

- Beef lasagne and garlic bread with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Chinese sweet chilli Quorn stir fry and mixed rice with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Chocolate cookie.

### Wednesday

- Roast chicken 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.
- Vanilla cupcake.

### Thursday

- Margherita pizza and tomato pasta salad with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Cheese flan and home baked potato wedges with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Jam sponge and custard.

## **Friday**

- Fish fingers and chips with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Cheese and onion puff pastry roll and a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Ice cream.

### Upcoming Dates w/c 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## **Monday 19th May 2025**

- Healthy Lifestyle Week.
- Morning dance with Jasmine 08.30am to 09.00am on the top playground. Parents are encouraged to join.
- Film club 3.30 - 5.15pm. The film showing this week is Mulan. 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 20th May 2025**

- Healthy Lifestyle activity. Breathtaking Bulldog with Mr Jennings. Meet on the football pitch at 08.30am to 09.00am. Child only session.
- Girls cricket club with Mr Maylard-Mason for selected children 08.15am to 08.55am. Please remember to bring a PE kit a drink and any inhalers
- Choir after school Rehearsal 3.30pm to 4.45pm
- Cross Country for selected children, leaving at 3.30pm.

## **Wednesday 21st May 2025**

- Healthy Lifestyle Activity. Outdoor Reading Cafe with Mrs Alcock 08.30am to 09.00am. Toast and squash served in the hall and taken outside for reading on the picnic benches. Parents and picnic blankets welcome.
- Honours assembly.
- No Bible Explorers.
- Selected children's football match against Carnarvon, leaving at 1pm

## **Thursday 22nd May 2025**

- Healthy Lifestyle Activity. Wake and shake with Rosie 08.30am to 09.00am on top playground. Parents are encouraged to join
- Yorkshire Wildlife Park visit Year 6. Please arrive at school at 08.30am. We aim to be back at school by 4.15 - 4.30pm. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately, school uniform is not required. Remember to bring a packed lunch and a drink (unless you are entitled to a free school dinner and have requested a school packed lunch. A maximum of £7.00 spending money may be brought.
- Martial arts club with Mr Devlin 08.00am to 08.45am in the hall
- 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 23rd May 2025**

- No morning activity.
- No afterschool activities.

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



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.

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows YouTube. The Google-owned site lets anyone upload videos to be shared around the world, and as a result, it's an incredible resource with instant free access to material covering every conceivable topic. But with over 500 hours of video uploaded every minute, not all of it will be appropriate for young eyes.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate content. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

### CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but it can also lead to binge-watching and screen addiction – especially if 'auto-play' is active. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

### RADICALISATION

YouTube's algorithm tends to promote content that's getting the most traffic – a lot of which can be quite extreme. This can be fine for harmless topics, but YouTube isn't regulated like television, and that means that conspiracy theories, fake news and hateful ideologies can occasionally surface to warp impressionable minds all too easily. Remember – the more they watch, the more they'll be recommended.

### CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as message other users directly. Connecting with strangers online can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, cyberbullying and – in the worst cases – online predators. If a child is creating content themselves, this can increase the likelihood of them becoming a target.

### TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends and challenges, some of which are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may cause physical or emotional harm to children who watch or copy them. The painful 'salt and ice challenge' – where people use these two ingredients to burn their skin – is just one of many examples.

### SNEAKY SCAMMERS

The comments sections of popular content creators regularly have scammers posing as that influencer, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and often offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users aren't who they claim to be.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

For older children, Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate material (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence, and sexual content) to underage viewers. To prevent children from changing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that they use to access YouTube. It's worth also turning the auto-play feature off, to prevent YouTube's algorithm automatically recommending something inappropriate.

### 18 CENSORED TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows parents and carers to monitor what their child is watching, uploading, and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches, and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives a parent or carer oversight of how their child uses sites like YouTube and helps to ensure that they are only accessing appropriate content.

### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them under 18. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course. You may want to keep an eye on how children interact with this material – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand what they're interested in. Remember that creators often share content outside of YouTube, so don't ignore their web presence elsewhere!

### CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

It's possible to sidestep most inappropriate content completely via Google's own YouTube Kids app for Android handsets and iPhone. This lets you filter content by "preschool" (4 and under), "younger" (ages 5 to 8) and "older" (ages 9 to 12). This isn't a perfect substitute for personal supervision, as the app's filtering system is automated, and Google can't manually review all videos.

### CHECK PRNACY SETTINGS


YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that a child is subscribed to can be hidden. If the child is only uploading videos set as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

### LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases. For example, users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch. If you're like to avoid children purchasing content online, limit their access to online payment methods. Many parents have discovered the hard way that a child happily consuming a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!





### Meet Our Expert

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