



Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 27th June 2025



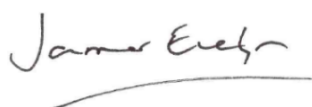
Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed Sports Day on Wednesday – the weather was significantly warmer than forecast so it was nice to get under the trees for the prize giving at the end and cool off a little! A huge well done to all the children for participating so enthusiastically and, of course, to all the winners of the races. We do have some very talented athletes in the school! A big thank you to Mr Jennings for organising the event and making sure it all ran smoothly.

Lots more events coming up over the next few weeks – the disco taking place next Thursday and then the BBQ and Y6 Production in the weeks that follow. Please keep an eye out for messages and letters coming home so you do not miss out on anything.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes



James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Friday 4th July – Non Uniform Day

Donate a Tombola prize for the Summer BBQ

On Friday 4th July, we are holding a non-uniform day in return for children to bring in an item for the Tombola stall at the Summer BBQ.

Please can your children bring their prize into school either before or on the day.

The annual BBQ will take place on Friday 11th July.

Please can we ask that the goods are in a NEW condition.

Thank you very much in anticipation of your help.



House Points

Jupiter	748
Mercury	881
Neptune	818
Saturn	684

Children are earning House Points each and every day for showing the REACH values, making good choices and doing their very best. These are the latest totals for this term.



Summer 2025 BBQ At Robert Miles Junior School

Don't forget
to complete
food orders
and return to
office!



You are invited to our Annual Summer BBQ on
Friday 11th July.

There will be lots of family fun including:

BBQ
Bar
Childrens refreshment
Stocks with Mr Evelyn / Mr Jennings
Inflatable Shoot out and Axe throwing
Tombola
Childrens Games & More

6.30pm – 9pm

Free Admission

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Summer Term Dates

3 rd July	School Disco
4 th July	Y6 French Breakfast
11 th July	Summer BBQ
14 th July	Y6 Toot Hill Transition Day
15 th – 17 th July	Y6 Performance (all evening shows)
22 nd July	Last Day of Term
22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (2pm)

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	97.4%
3J	95.7%
4H	95.3%
4M	96.0%
5AC	98.1%
5G	96.1%
6L	94.5%
6M	92.5%
All	95.7%



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.

3J	Aimee Wilson & Poppy Brown
3B	Edie Tyers & Rosie Carrier
4M	Lauren Jones & Skye Tonelli
4H	Cassie Yip & Florrie Murray
5G	Lucas Cheng & Athena Chan
5AC	Mica Kwong & Scarlett O'Brien
6M	Elliot Palmer & Kyla Phillips
6L	Isla Rowson & Molly Gibbs-Jackson

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: Cassie, 4H

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Dexter G-J, 4H

Biggest improvement in speed: Logan, 3J

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)

Parents will have today received a letter regarding the teaching of RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) which we cover in our PSHE curriculum this term.

Further information can be found on our website under Curriculum / Curriculum Subjects / RSE. The website also includes a file with more information from Jigsaw – the scheme we follow for PSHE.



Please contact Mr Evelyn if you have any further queries or concerns.

Year 3 Roman Day

Year 3 were lucky to be joined by Partake for an action-packed Roman Day linked to our history topic. The children were taken on a journey through Roman life, exploring artefacts, tools and inventions that still influence us today. Through hands-on activities, they had the chance to create mosaics, write on wax tablets, investigate Roman architecture and even play ancient games like Knucklebones – yes, originally played using real human bones! A couple of lucky pupils were dressed up as a Roman soldier and a wealthy Roman lady, which brought plenty of smiles and gasps from the crowd. The day ended with an exciting Roman vs Celt battle, where one team held the famous Tortoise formation while the other pelted them with beanbags. It was a brilliant day full of learning, laughter and memorable moments. A huge thank you to Partake who helped bring the Roman world to life!



Cricket News

A new event for Robert Miles this year saw a mixed boys and girls cricket team attend the Trent College Year 5 Cricket Festival. 12 teams from 10 schools attended the day, played at the beautiful Long Eaton school's cricket outfields.

The morning saw the teams divided into 3 groups of 4, in which RMJS managed to win games against Firfield and Harrington schools before losing their unbeaten record against a strong Heymann team.

This put the squad into the second place final where they just missed out against a big hitting Bramcote C of E team.

Well done to the team who enjoyed some great hospitality and even a free branded water bottle to take home with them!

Weekly Menu w/c 30th June 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 30th June 2025

Monday 30th June

- NO Film Club - this has now finished for this term.

Tuesday 1st July 2025

- Girls Cricket Club with Mr Maylard-Mason. 8.15 - 8.55am
- Choir Rehearsals 3.30 - 4.45pm

- Maya Day - Year 6

Wednesday 2nd July 2025

- Honours Assembly
- No Bible Explorers
- Yr 6 trip to see 'Matilda' at Bingham Arena. This will take place in school hours. Please remember water bottles and any inhalers
- RMJS v Bingham Primary. 4pm kick off at Bingham Primary. All children involved have been informed.

Thursday 3rd July 2025

- Martial Arts with Mr Dexter. 8am - 8.45am.
- Year 3 swimming Please remember your swimming kit
- Rounders Club. 3.30 - 4.30. This cub is now full.
- DISCO 6 - 7.30. £2 entry. Tuck shop will be available. Friends of Robert Miles will be doing craft activities for a small charge of £1

Friday 4th July 2025

- Year 6 French Breakfast. Please arrive at school at the normal time.
- NON UNIFORM DAY - Children can wear their own clothes for a donation to the tombola at the BBQ. Thank you very much.

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.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

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On messaging apps, social media and online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they can be great for connecting with others, there are several risks posed by these tools.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

Teens are often trying to find their place in their social group. Unfortunately, group chats can sometimes lend themselves to unkind comments being shared freely, putting people down to make their peers laugh – often creating a vicious circle that encourages others to join in. Being bullied so publicly – in front of friends and acquaintances – can also amplify the hurt, embarrassment and anxiety that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: for instance, starting a new group, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one person doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss events that exclude them – for example, sharing photos from a day out that they didn't attend.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

Group chats can feel more private and protected, allowing children to share inside jokes and video calls with a smaller group of friends. It's important to remember that while the chat's content is private between those in the group, individual users can easily share material with others outside of the group, or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something a child intended as private becoming public is higher if there are strangers in the chat.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely for children to communicate with people they don't know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly towards everyone present. It's wise for young people to avoid sharing personal details and remember that they have no control over what others do with the material they send into the chat.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by a child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some apps have features that cause messages to disappear after they're viewed, so children may be unable to report something they've seen, as it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications they tend to generate. Every time someone sends a message, each member's device will be 'pinged' with an alert. This could result in hundreds of notifications a day. This is often highly distracting, and young people's fear of missing out (FOMO) can cause increased screen time as they try to keep up with the conversation.

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CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats can become an arena for young people to compete for social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse which could upset others. Help children consider how people might feel if they behave in this way. If the child does upset someone, encourage them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Group chats are an excellent way for children to connect and feel like they belong. However, remind them that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their feelings and empower them by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. You can also encourage children to speak up if they witness others being picked on.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If a child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block whoever sent the material, report that person to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could put a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise that it's OK for children to simply leave any group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Ensure children understand the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school, or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they can't be certain where it might end up and how it might be used.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their identity to gain a child's trust and serve their own ends – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure the child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and why they should never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a device bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be an irritating distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to children that they can still be part of the group chat while disabling notifications – and that it would be healthier for them to do so, avoiding a situation where they could feel pressured to respond.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.





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