

Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 18th July 2025



Dear Parents,

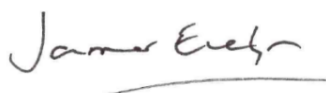
Production It has been a busy final full week of term with long days for both children and staff but I am sure you will agree it was worth it!

The children always impress me but they really have risen to the challenge this time around and delivered a brilliant production across three nights this week – a definite highlight of the school year. One of the things I love most about it is that it spans lots of year groups with the Year 4 and 5 children making up the choir and the acting roles going to the Year 6s – a genuine 'school' production. The choir sang beautifully and it is wonderful to see the Year 6s taking to the stage with such confidence. A huge thank you to everyone involved for their hard work bringing it all together and for all your support with helping children learn lines and providing costumes and props.

Classes 25/26 At the end of last week, I wrote to parents with details of classes for next academic year. On Monday we ran our transition morning with the Year 2s joining us and all children spending a session with their new teacher in their new classroom. I hope they enjoyed it and are excited for next year.

Friends of RMJS Finally, a huge thank you to the Friends of Robert Miles and to all parents who have supported them. It is crazy to think it was only established in January but they have raised a brilliant £1,366.82 already. This money has so far been spent on subsidising curriculum theme days, provided ice pops for all the children after sports day and provided prizes for the Easter Egg competition. A huge thank you to Laura, Claire and Jo for all their hard work and everything they do for our school.

Best Wishes



James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Summer Term Dates

22nd July Last Day of Term
22nd July Year 6 Leavers Assembly (2pm)

Autumn Term Dates

1st September Inset Day – School Closed
2nd September First Day of Term

More dates to be added in September

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	98.4%
3J	97.9%
4H	97.2%
4M	95.8%
5AC	98.2%
5G	95.7%
6L	95.6%
6M	94.2%
All	96.6%

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



House Points

Jupiter	1,398
Mercury	1,534
Neptune	1,443
Saturn	1,578

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.



Porridge – School Production, July 2025



*** 2025/6 Academic Year Fundraising ***

We need to replace the Trim Trail! The children love playing on it and it helps provide additional play options for children at break times. Sadly, we are unable to afford the £15k needed to replace the old one.

For this reason, we are setting ourselves a single fundraising target of £15k next year to replace it.

We will be running additional school events, joining other local organisations to run fundraising events and encouraging anyone in our community to fundraise for it through any events they might be doing. For example, we know that lots of people in our school community do the Robin Hood Half Marathon in September.

Lots more details to follow in September!



A fundraising poster for Robert Miles School. At the top, a blue banner with white text reads "WE'RE FUNDRAISING FOR A NEW TRIM TRAIL". Below this, in a white cloud-like shape, is the text "TARGET: £15,000". The central image shows a school playground with a wooden trim trail and a church in the background. In the bottom right corner is the Robert Miles School logo. The bottom section of the poster has a red background with white text: "FUNDRAISING PLANS FOR 2025-26", "JOINT FUNDRAISING EVENTS WITH LOCAL SPORTS CLUBS & OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS | QUIZ NIGHT | FRIENDS OF RMJS EVENTS | ROBIN HOOD HALF MARATHON*", and "MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW". A note with shoe icons says: "*If anyone is taking part, please consider fundraising for our school!".

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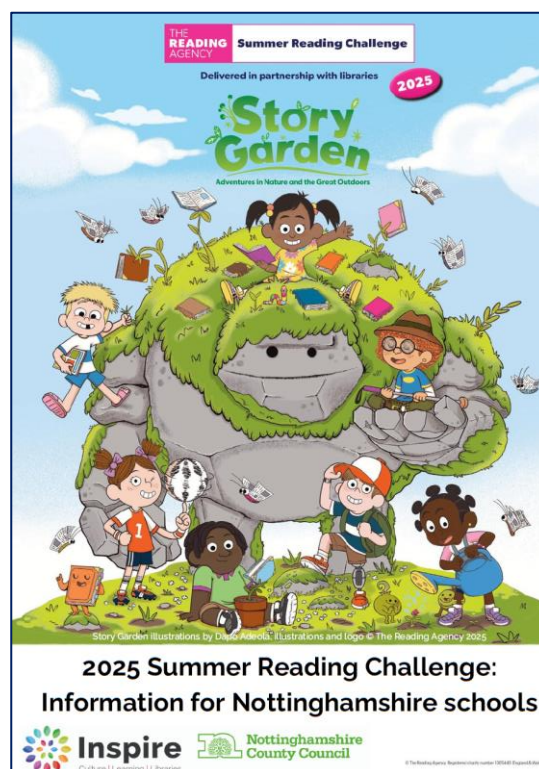
*** Summer Reading Challenge – Starts on Saturday ***

The 2025 Summer Reading Challenge is now live! Last year over 8,000 Nottinghamshire children took part.

Recent research shows that only 1 in 3 children and young people now enjoy reading, a drop of 33% since 2005 (Clark, et al., 2024) The library – and the school – are on a mission to change this and need your help! Please encourage your child to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

How it works:

- Children can sign up at any Nottinghamshire Inspire library, where they will receive a special collector's sticker booklet.
- Children borrow and read 6 library books of their choice – logging their reading to earn stickers to complete the sticker booklet.
- Library staff and volunteers are on hand to talk to children about the books they have read.
- Children who complete the Challenge in libraries receive a certificate and a medal.



A colorful poster for the 2025 Summer Reading Challenge. It features the title "Story Garden" in a playful font, with "Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors" underneath. The central illustration shows a large, smiling rock character with a green garden growing on its top. Several children are depicted interacting with the garden and each other. The poster includes logos for "THE READING AGENCY" and "Inspire Nottinghamshire County Council". At the bottom, it says "2025 Summer Reading Challenge: Information for Nottinghamshire schools".

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Delivered in partnership with libraries 2025

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Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors

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Inspire Nottinghamshire County Council

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: Katie, 3J

Most coins earnt: Mia, 4H

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Poppy, 4H

Biggest improvement in speed: Laceigh-Mae, 3J

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	Isabella Spalding & Logan Hunt
3B	Mia Wheat-Brown & Jake Pearson
4M	Autumn Miller & Amber Rawson
4H	Kya Wong & Koey Yiu
5G	Mylo Chapman, Christian Ignatoff & Indi Carrington
5AC	George Taylor & Lizzie Cook
6M	All of Year 6 for their brilliant work rehearsing and delivering the end of year production.
6L	

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 leaflets.

Our local councils need more Foster Carers.

If you are thinking of fostering and would like some information, please visit www.fosterforeastmidlands.org.uk or call 03033 132950.



**Together,
let's shape
a brighter
future for
every child.**



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Weekly Menu w/c 18th July 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

- Fish fingers and chips with a choice of vegetables
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Vanilla Cookie

Upcoming Dates w/c 18th July 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

- Year 6 Teddy Bears Picnic – see email from Year 6 teachers for more information.
- No Film Club – this has now finished for this term.

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

- Year 6 leavers Assembly 2.30pm
- Last Day of Term

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 APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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