



## Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025



### Reading Volunteers

We are on the lookout for any parents (or family members/friends) who would like to come and help as a reading volunteer. This would be sitting and hearing a child read followed by adding some notes to their reading record.

If you are interested and able to commit to an hour or two at the same time each week please contact your child's teacher or the school office. The school is required to complete a DBS check before volunteers can begin.

### Autumn Term Dates

19<sup>th</sup> September Headteacher Parent Forum  
 23<sup>rd</sup> September Year 3 Parents Evening  
 25<sup>th</sup> September Dukes Barn Parent Info Meeting  
 1<sup>st</sup> October School Photos  
 2<sup>nd</sup> October Friends of RMJS Bake Sale  
 w/c 13<sup>th</sup> Oct Year 6 Dukes Barn Residential  
 w/c 27<sup>th</sup> Oct Half Term  
 6<sup>th</sup> November Halloween Disco  
 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Nov Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents Evening

Dear Parents,

This week's Newsletter is a bit of a 'Fundraising Special' as we work towards trying to raise the money required for a new Trim Trail which we desperately want. Thank you to the parents who have already been in touch about helping out. If you are doing any events of your own, we have today created a school [Go Fund Me](#) account which we can adapt and include specific events and names on (we have done this for the upcoming Robin Hood Half Marathon.) If any parents have any fundraising suggestions, please get in touch!

Some reminders:

- **Secondary School Applications** Year 6 parents are reminded that the deadline for secondary school applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you have not already done so, I recommend booking onto open days at secondary schools. Click [here](#) for more information. If you need any help or have any questions about the process, I am very happy to help.
- **Uniform** We have an increasing number of school jumpers and cardigans in Lost Property – almost all are unnamed. Please can you double check that your child's uniform is named so it can easily find its way back in the event of it being lost.
- **Headteacher Forum** Finally, I will be hosting a Parent Forum at 9.10am on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September in the School Hall. I will be updating parents on school life, our priorities this year and answering any questions you may have. All parents are invited!

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn

Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

### 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	98.2%
3J	96.4%
4H	100%
4M	96.8%
5AC	94.8%
5G	96.7%
6L	96.7%
6TM	97.2%
<b>All</b>	<b>97.1%</b>

Congratulations to 4H for having the best attendance this week!



## Individual Fundraising

Some parents have been in touch about how they can support the school with our fundraising. We have therefore, today, launched a Go Fund Me page which you can find here:

<https://gofund.me/62b8be291>

The plan is for this to run through the year and be updated as/when events come up. The next event we are linking to is the Robin Hood Half Marathon. If you or anyone you know is running and wants to fundraise for the school, you can have your details included on the page – please contact Mr Evelyn. You are very welcome to share the link with anyone who wants to support the school in raising funds for a new Trim Trail!

## New Trim Trail at Robert Miles Junior School



James Evelyn is organising this fundraiser.

Donation protected

£3,000 target

0%

Share

Donate now

Become the first supporter  
Your donation matters

GoFundMe protects your donation

We guarantee you a full refund for up to a year in the rare event that fraud occurs.  
[See our GoFundMe Giving Guarantee.](#)

**Friends of RMJS** Last year, some of our parents established the Friends of RMJS to help increase the involvement of parents and families in school life, fundraise to provide additional income and to develop the school's role and position within the local community.

With the arrival of a new school year, we have lots of new families in our school community. **The Friends of RMJS are always on the lookout for new volunteers.** If you would like to get involved with the Friends and support them with the events they run, please email [friends@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk](mailto:friends@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk).



**Events** The Friends have two events coming up: a Bake Sale on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and also, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, they are joining with Bingham Cricket Club to host an adults only 'virtual race night' of 6 races at their Butt Field venue. All funds raised shared by the two organisations.

There are just 40 tickets to sell at £5 each for the Race Night. The first 18 sold will include 'ownership' of one horse. If your horse wins on the night you win a prize. It is therefore well worth buying early – tickets available at the school office. On the night there will be a licensed bar, a Tote for placing bets on the virtual horses and the club kitchen will be open for burgers and snacks. Please contact the office for tickets!



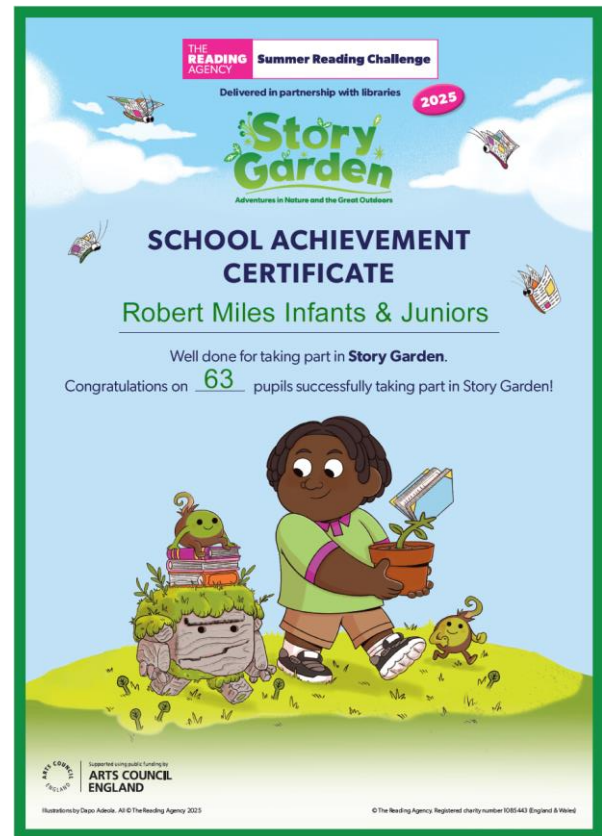
## Bingham Library Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to everyone who completed the Bingham Library Summer Reading Challenge. The theme this year was 'Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors'. This involved reading six books over six weeks and regularly visiting the library to collect stickers.

All children who completed the challenge were awarded a medal and certificate by Bingham Library. These children were congratulated in assembly and awarded 3 House Points each for showing such commitment to their reading.

We are delighted to announce that out of 27 schools taking part, Robert Miles Infant and Junior School came second place with a total of 63 children completing the reading challenge. We have certainly got our sights on the top spot next summer!

Well done for all your reading and remember it is completely free to join the local library and get involved in lots of fun activities that they have to offer.



## Infant School Open Days

The Infant School is running a series of school tours over the coming months. If you know any families looking for a place in Reception next September, please share the details with them.

The Infant and Junior schools work closely together across lots of areas with a full transition between the schools when the children move onto Juniors.

# School Tours

for parents/carers looking for a **Reception** school place for **September 2026**

School Lane, Bingham, NG13 8FE

**Safe, nurturing environment:** all staff know all children

**Fortnightly Forest School sessions** – all year groups, all year round

**Trips for all year groups, including a Year 2 camp**

**Wrap-around care available** (7.30am-6pm)

**Strong links with Robert Miles Junior School** – aligned term dates from Sept 2026

Please contact the school office to book a date:  
**01949 837422**  
**office@mischool.co.uk**

Or scan this QR code to complete a short registration form:

**School Tour Dates:**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September: 9-10am**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October: 5-6pm**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October: 10-11am\***  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November: 5-6pm**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November: 2-3pm\***

\*Mr Evelyn, Head Teacher at Robert Miles Junior School, will also be joining us for these dates.

Kelly Ryan  
Head Teacher

## Year 3 Parents Evening

The booking system is now open for Year 3 Parents Evening which is taking place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. All Year 3 parents will have received information about how to book a slot from the office.

We schedule the Year 3 Parents Evening quite early in the school year so parents have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher, hear about how they have settled in and ask any questions.

If you are having any issues with the system, please contact the School Office. Parents Evenings for years 4, 5 and 6 take place in November.



## Weekly Menu w/c 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Monday

- Red Tractor Pork Sausage roll and home-baked potato wedges with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Cheese and onion pastry roll and home-baked potato wedges with a choice of vegetables or mix fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Banana cake and custard.

### Tuesday

- Red Tractor beef pasta Bolognese and garlic bread with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Vegetarian Bolognese with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Shortbread.

### Wednesday

- Roast gammon with gravy, Yorkshire pudding and roast potatoes with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Quorn grill with gravy, Yorkshire pudding and roast potatoes with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Hidden fruit chocolate brownie.

### Thursday

- Wholemeal margherita pizza and tomato pasta salad with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Cheesy bean pitta with a choice of vegetables or mixed fresh salad.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Flapjack.

### 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.
- Jelly.

### **Monday 15th September 2025**

- Film and table top activity club 3.30-5.15pm. The film showing this week is Coco . There is a £3.50 compulsory charge for orange squash and biscuits at this Club. Please use our online payment system to pay for this. Payment needs to be made in advance.
- Handball Club for years 5 and 6. 08.15-8.55am. Children need to bring their PE kit, a drink and any inhalers they may use. The club will be in the school hall.

### **Tuesday 16th September 2025**

- No activities.

### **Wednesday 17th September 2025**

- Girls cricket club 3.30-4.30pm. (Now full) Children need to have their PE kit, a drink and any inhalers they may need.

### **Thursday 18th September 2025**

- Martial arts club (with Mr Dexter) for years 4,5 and 6 08.00am to 08.45am.
- Year 3 swimming. Please remember your swimming kit (including towel and a bag to put wet items in) and any inhalers required.

### **Friday 19th September 2025**

- Headteacher Parent Forum at 09.10 am in the School Hall. All parents invited for an update on school life, priorities this year and answering any questions you may have.
- Handball club for years 3 and 4. 8.15-8.55am. (Now full) Children need to bring their PE kit, a drink and any inhalers they may use. The club will be in the school hall
- Cross-country Club for years 5 and 6. As this is a lunchtime club the children must bring a packed lunch. Children need their PE kit plus extra layers in case it is cold or raining a carrier bag and any inhalers required.

*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.

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](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

18  
CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

#### IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

#### UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 3* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

#### GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

#### CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

#### POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *'The Super Mario Bros. Movie'* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

### REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

### REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

### ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

### Meet Our Expert

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