

★ Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 19th September 2025 ★

*** Fundraising Reminder ***

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to our Go Fund Me page ahead of the upcoming Robin Hood Half Marathon. At the time of writing, the page has reached a brilliant £470.

Here is the link <https://gofund.me/62b8be291> if you would like to donate or want to share it with somebody else who is interested in supporting the school.

New Trim Trail at Robert Miles Junior School



James Evelyn is organising this fundraiser.

Donation protected

£3,000 target

0%

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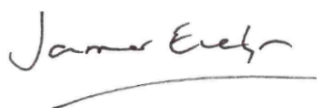
Dear Parents,

It was lovely to lead our first Honours Assembly of the term this week and to celebrate the children's many achievements. As well as reflecting on the children's academic success, we also make sure that demonstrating the Values is included in the celebration and this term we are focusing on the 'R' of REACH which is Responsibility. It is so difficult for the teachers to choose who to award them to as the children are all so good at demonstrating the Values!

As we head into the weekend, a reminder about a couple of events next week:

- Tuesday 23rd Sept: Year 3 Parents Evening. If you have not yet booked a slot, please contact the office.
- Thursday 25th Sept: Dukes Barn Residential Parents Meeting (6pm in the School Hall)

Best Wishes



James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School



FRIENDS OF ROBERT MILES JUNIOR SCHOOL & BINGHAM CRICKET CLUB

HORSE RACE NIGHT



FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER
ADULTS ONLY
TICKETS £5

FIRST 36 SOLD GET TO OWN A HORSE
MAXIMUM 80 TICKETS
FIRST RACE 7:30 | DOORS OPEN 7PM



Tickets
available
from the
office

Autumn Term Dates

- 23rd September Year 3 Parents Evening
- 25th September Dukes Barn Parent Info Meeting
- 26th September Race Night Fundraiser
- 1st October School Photos
- 2nd October Friends of RMJS Bake Sale
- w/c 13th Oct Year 6 Dukes Barn Residential
- w/c 27th Oct Half Term
- 31st October Secondary Application Deadline
- 6th November Bonfire Night Disco
- 17th & 19th Nov Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents Evening

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	96.6%
4H	99.1%
4M	97.4%
5AC	95.6%
5G	96.1%
6L	97.9%
6TM	97.2%
All	97.3%



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

Dukes Barn Parents Meeting

The Year 6 Residential at Dukes Barn is not far away now. Your child will have brought home a letter on Wednesday which tells you which half of the week they are going to be at Dukes Barn. Please make sure you have received this. We look forward to seeing parents on Thursday 25th September in the school hall at 6pm. We expect the meeting to be finished by 6:45. The meeting is just for parents, not children.



Times Tables Rockstars Update

Times Tables Rockstars

Knowing their times tables inside out is one of the most valuable skills your child can have to support their maths learning. 5/10 minutes a day on TTRS is a brilliant way to help support this. The more they practice, the better they will get!

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

Most correct answers: Isabella, 4H

Most coins earned: Thomas, 3B

Biggest improvement in speed: Andre, 3J

House Points

Jupiter	438
Mercury	467
Neptune	307
Saturn	408

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.



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	Jeslyn Loo & Bobby Cooper
3B	Violet Mawer & Freddy Deakin
4M	Kiki Lam & Hedia Tang
4H	Katie Wong & Lottie McCormick
5G	Amber Ball & Noah Attenborough
5AC	Roman Correia de Jesus & Amber Rawson
6TM	Mica Kwong & Scarlett O'Brien
6L	Billy Cheng & Camille Kwok

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.

Friends of Robert Miles Junior School

After the Race Night next Friday, the next Friends of RMJS event is a Bake Sale on Thursday 2nd October. If you are able to donate, please bring cakes to school in the morning.

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.



nova
nurturing minds

Robert Miles Infant School
School Lane, Bingham, NG13 8FE

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

Safe, nurturing environment: all staff know all children

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

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

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

Trips for all year groups, including a Year 2 camp

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

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

School Tour Dates:
Wednesday 17th September: 9-10am
Wednesday 8th October: 5-6pm
Friday 17th October: 10-11am*
Tuesday 4th November: 5-6pm
Friday 21st November: 2-3pm*

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

Kelly Ryan
Head Teacher



BAKE SALE

Thursday 2nd October

Please bring cakes into school in the morning, for our Bake Sale later in the day

FRIENDS OF RMJS

Sports Update

Autumn Tournament

Our girls' football team kicked off their first event of the year at the Rushcliffe Autumn Tournament with a fantastic performance. Across the group stages, the team showed real determination, winning two matches, drawing two, and losing only one – against the eventual winners of the whole competition. What stood out most was not just the results, but the way the girls played together, supporting and cheering each other on at every stage. It was a brilliant start to the season, and we are very excited to take this group to future games throughout the year as they continue to grow in confidence and skill.





Year Five have literally started the year with a blast by looking down on the Earth and finding beautiful, funny, mysterious and even at times quite emotional ways to describe our home planet. The children have really impressed with their creativity, their careful presentation and their stupendously magnificent vocabulary. As they look down on Earth the teachers look forward to what more comes.

Thursday 4th September 2025

10 Ways to Look at the Earth

The Earth is like a precious shell, floating serenely through the dark night sky.

The Earth is like a mysterious orb, swirling mysteriously in the pitch black midnight. ★ Oook! What an intriguing and interesting quality for the Earth to have! Its great!

The Earth is like a giant bubble gum, bursting as the shooting stars sail by.

The Earth is like a great, colourful bird, soaring through the stars.

The Earth is like a shimmering diamond, sparkling and shining in the dead of the darkest night.

The Earth is like a firing firework, popping and cracking, making a loud noise in the silence of space.

The Earth is like a lonely dancer, spinning, twirling and leaping from star to star.

The Earth is like an old abandoned ship, sailing around the stars looking for its lost crew.

The Earth is like an old lighthouse, shining its bright beacon through the darkness.

The Earth is like the heart of the universe, dancing around in happiness at the thought of being a home to all life.

Thursday 4th September 2025

Ways to look at the Earth

The Earth looks like a huge marble rolling to the glowing stars.

The Earth looks like a bubble gum ball, popping down from an alien smelly bag.

The Earth is like a giant gem shimmering in the brightly light.

The Earth is like a jet pack glittering magically in the sky blackness.

The Earth looks like a disco ball dancing gracefully in the ball room.



★ Max! I can feel your enthusiasm for this poem bouncing straight off of the page!

10 Ways to Look at the Earth

The Earth is like a dripping shimmering tear fallen from a fairy's eye.

The Earth is like a swirling sailing candy fallen from a unicorn's bowl.

The Earth is like a flickering, fizzing electrical ball as powerful as a blackhole.

The Earth is like a snowglobe, twirling and shimmering in the dead of night.

The Earth is like a glowing night light orbiting round the sun.

The Earth is like a floating sailing heart of the sea missing from the depths of the galactic ocean.

The Earth is like a popping, glowing bubble floating in midair.

The Earth is like a shining, marble showing off to the whole of the universe.

The Earth is like a bouncing dancing ball jumping excitedly across the universe.

The Earth is like a priceless pearl shining brightly like a shooting star. ★ Great extension of your poem!

8 Ways to Look at the Earth

The Earth looks like a disco ball dancing quietly and patiently for its time to come.

The Earth is a bee buzzing through space and stinging anyone who gets in its way.

The Earth is a giant ball of cheese rolling through space trying to avoid the alien misers rocket.

The Earth is a obsidian ball whispering to Neptune and spreading secrets through space.

The Earth is a shiny shell floating through the sky calmly sailing in the giant cosmic ocean.

The Earth looks like a lightbulb flickering on and off in the darkness of the galactic ocean.

The Earth looks like a diamond twinkling with stars showing the sun whose nose.

The Earth is a giant eye watching the other planets are behaving.

★ What a marvellously imaginative poem so my favourite idea is the lightbulb flickering! Very creative

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.



Weekly Menu w/c 22nd September 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 22nd September 2025

Monday 22nd September 2025

- Film and table top activity club 3.30-5.15pm. The film showing this week is Elio. 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 23rd September 2025

- Year 3 Parents Evening

Wednesday 24th 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 25th 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.
- Dukes Barn Parents Information Meeting at 6pm.

Friday 26th September 2025

- 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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

SNAP STREAK
97

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🔥 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXUATION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

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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