



Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 10th October 2025



Dear Parents,

Year 6 Residential The annual Dukes Barn residential has arrived and on Monday, the first group of Year 6s will head to the Peak District for a few days of learning and fun in the great outdoors. We know that residential are expensive but I strongly believe that the opportunity to develop new skills in different surroundings is worth it and I am very much looking forward to seeing the children taking part and having a great time. A huge thank you to all the school staff, especially Mrs Melhuish, who have spent many hours organising and arranging everything.

Parent Governors We are looking to recruit two parents to join our Local Governing Body (LGB) as parent representatives. A letter from me has been circulated to parents this week containing more information about the role, the time commitment and the remit of the LGB. If you are interested in submitting a nomination, please complete the form [here](#). If you would like further information or would just like to discuss the role, please get in touch.

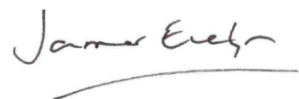
Carol Performances As you will know from previous years, the children take part in carol performances at the end of term. I can now confirm the dates as follows:

- Year 3 & 4 Performance: Tuesday 16th December at 2.45pm
- Year 5 & 6 Performance: Wednesday 17th December at 2.45pm

More details to follow but, for now, please pop these times in your diaries and look forward to some wonderful singing!

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes



James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Autumn Term Dates

w/c 13 th Oct	Year 6 Dukes Barn Residential
24 th October	Inset Day
w/c 27 th Oct	Half Term
31 st October	Secondary Application Deadline
6 th November	Bonfire Night Disco
17 th & 19 th Nov	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents Evening
16 th December	Y3/4 Carol Performance (2.45pm)
17 th December	Y5/6 Carol Performance (2.45pm)
19 th December	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	96.8%
3J	97.2%
4H	98.6%
4M	97.0%
5AC	97.6%
5G	95.0%
6L	96.3%
6TM	96.8%
All	96.9%



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

*** Fundraising ***

We are raising money for a new Trim Trail with events taking place across the year. We are looking for parents and local businesses to support us – please contact Mr Evelyn if you would like to help. We have a Go Fund Me page and you can donate [here](#).



House Points

Jupiter	1371
Mercury	1333
Neptune	1321
Saturn	1300

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.



Times Tables Rockstars Update

Times Tables Rockstars

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: Isabella, 4H

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Gracie, 3J

Biggest improvement in speed: Harleigh-Reign, 3J

Books – Safeguarding Concern

A number of people have been in touch with the school regarding several titles in the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Pup* and *Spy Cat* series of books by Andrew Cope which contain a weblink at the back that no longer directs people to information about the books. The link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material.



We have reviewed books in school both in the classrooms and in the library. We strongly encourage parents to check any books you have at home and to remove any copies which contain the link at the back.

RMJS School Council

The School Council met for the first time this week. The councillors are elected by their classmates with two representatives from each class.

The School Council is gathering information from their classmates about their experience of school – things they like and what they'd like to change – as well as thinking about fundraising ideas for a new Trim Trail!



A correction from last week's newsletter – the Bake Sale from last week raised a brilliant £393.60 (not £363.60 as previously reported.) A huge thank you to everyone who donated and purchased cakes and, of course, to the volunteers who helped run the event!

All money goes to the Friends of RMJS who help support with costs for events and enrichment during the year.



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.

October Half Term Camp!

Softball Cricket for Boys and Girls In Reception to Year 6

Monday 27th October
Tuesday 28th October
Wednesday 29th October

8:30am - 3:30pm
(4pm latest pickup)

Indoor Sports Hall
Rushcliffe Spencer Academy
Boundary Road, West
Bridgford, NG2 7BW

- Lots of **FUN!!!**
- Making **Friends**
- Cricket** skill development & games
- All about **Teamwork** & "The Spirit of Cricket"
- ECB** qualified coaches
- All** abilities welcome
- 10% Sibling Discount** (when booked via email)

FOR 10% OFF 3 DAY BOOKING USE CODE: **CAMP3DAY10** AT CHECKOUT
(Discount only available for 3 day bookings in advance)

info@littlewickets.com
www.littlewickets.com
0115 671 0565

1st November 2025

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Bingham Bonfire Night

**Bonfire · Fireworks · Food
Sweet Treats · Bar · Music**

6:15pm Bonfire Lit
7pm Firework Display
8pm Grand Finale Display

Sponsor
Specsavers
Bingham

Tickets on sale now

Weekly Menu w/c 13th October 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 13th October 2025

Monday 13th October 2025

- Duke's Barn Residential (Group 1)– Year 6. Arrive at school at the usual time.
- Film and tabletop activity club 3.30-5.15pm. The film showing this week is Ratatouille. 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.
- There is NO handball club today

Tuesday 14th October 2025

- No activities.

Wednesday 15th October 2025

- Dukes Barn Residential (Group 2) Year 6. Arrive at school at the usual time.
- There is NO cricket club today

Thursday 16th October 2025

- NO Martial arts club
- Year 3 swimming. Please remember your swimming kit (including towel and a bag to put wet items in) and any inhalers required.

Friday 17h October 2025

- There is NO handball club today.
- 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

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 SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.



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