

Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 23rd October 2025

*** Inset Day – 24th October ***

Parents are reminded that tomorrow (Friday 24th October), school will be closed to all children for a staff inset day. School reopens after the half term holiday on Monday 3rd November.



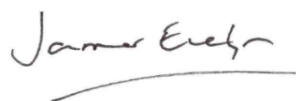
Dear Parents,

Back on the theme of fundraising, it has been absolutely wonderful to hear about two children – Indi Carrington and Amber Rawson – who have used their own initiative to help us raise funds for a new Trim Trail. Indi challenged herself to climb the tallest tree at Belton House National Trust Estate which she went and did with, by all accounts, no fear whatsoever! Amber decided to help make Bingham even prettier by completing a sponsored litter pick. Such fantastic commitment by both children who, between them, have already raised well over £500. I was left with little choice but to award them a very well-deserved Gold Award this week!

We have worked out that if each child raised £65 we would have enough money for a new Trim Trail. Do ask your child if they are interested in helping with fundraising – it is lovely to have a mix of school and child led fundraising activities as we work towards our total.

A very busy half term comes to an end. Wishing all families an enjoyable half term break. See you all on Monday 3rd November at the normal time.

Best Wishes



James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Autumn Term Dates

w/c 27 th Oct	Half Term
31 st October	Secondary Application Deadline
6 th November	Bonfire Night Disco (6.00 - 7.30)
17 th & 19 th Nov	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents Evening
4 th December	Y5 Space Trip
10 th December	Christmas Lunch
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	93.4%
3J	95.9%
4H	96.4%
4M	100%
5AC	98.6%
5G	94.3%
6L	97.6%
6TM	95.3%
All	96.4%



Congratulations to
4M 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	1,868
Mercury	1,896
Neptune	1,817
Saturn	1,743

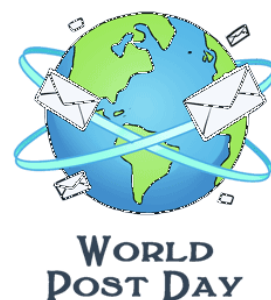
Children are earning House Points each and every day for showing the REACH values, making good choices and doing their very best. These are the final totals for Autumn 1. Huge well done to Mercury House who earned a non-uniform day!



World Post Day

We have been celebrating World Post Day and have been very excited to write to a school in Hong Kong. This has been an inspiring international connection encouraging our children to become curious and caring global citizens.

Each child has written a postcard to tell their new friends all about themselves - their hobbies, favourite subjects and what life is like at our school. They added lots of colourful drawings and decorations to make their postcard extra special. We can't wait to receive replies from our new friends! It's amazing how a simple postcard can help us make friends across the world and it is a wonderful reminder that even in this digital age handwritten words can bring people closer together.



Dukes Barn

Dukes Barn provided the setting for another wonderful Year 6 residential last week. The children were absolutely fantastic from start to finish – perseverance, bravery, kindness, supportiveness and excellent manners all on show throughout. We hope they have shared lots of memories with parents. Here is a selection of photos from the 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.

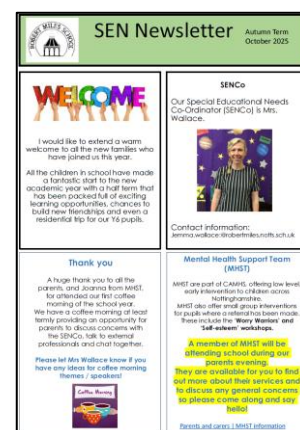
3J	Holly Carrington & Gracie Mills
3B	Tiana Franklin & Eve Wallis
4M	Ella Wong & Mia Wheat-Brown
4H	Poppy Brown & Laceigh-Mae Coulter
5G	Kirstie Gunn & Ruby Sharphouse
5AC	Skye Tonelli & Autumn Miller
6TM	All of Year 6 for their wonderful week at Dukes Barn
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Autumn 1 SEND Newsletter

The Autumn 1 SEND Newsletter has been sent out this week and can be found [here](#).

Also sent out with the newsletter were details of drop-in sessions run by the Neurodevelopmental Support Team, their newsletter and the Autumn edition of the Mental Health Support Team newsletter.

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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: Kylo, 3J

Most coins earnt: Isabella, 4H

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Tiana, 3B

Biggest improvement in speed: Erin, 3B

School Disco

The School Disco is coming up on Thursday 6th November! We still need some parent volunteers to help out on the night. If you are able to help, please contact the School Office.



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Tattoos,
flower
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props &
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Thursday 6th Nov 6pm-7.30pm

RAISING MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL!



Hats & wigs



Bracelets



Weekly Menu w/c 3rd November 2025

Monday

- Beef burger with home baked potato wedges with a choice of vegetables.
- Vegetable burger with home baked potato wedges with a choice of vegetables.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Chocolate oaty slice.

Tuesday

- Mild chicken curry served with mixed rice with a choice of vegetables.
- Spinach and sweet potato curry with mixed rice and a choice of vegetables.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Syrup sponge pudding with custard.

Wednesday

- Roast gammon with gravy, stuffing, mash or roast potatoes with a choice of vegetables.
- 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.
- Apple and cinnamon rolls.

Thursday

- Margherita pizza with home baked potato wedges with a choice of vegetables.
- Sweet and sour vegetables and sunny rice with a choice of vegetables.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Vanilla cookie and fruit slices.

Friday

- Fish fingers and chips with a choice of vegetables.
- Crispy vegetable fingers and chips with a choice of vegetables.
- Jacket potato with a choice of baked beans, cheese or tuna.
- Iced sponge cake with sprinkles.

Upcoming Dates w/c 3rd November 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

- Film and tabletop activity club 3.30-5.15pm. The film showing this week Onward. 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 4th November 2025

- Rehearsals for Young Voices Choir 3.30pm - 4.45pm

Wednesday 5th November 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 6th November 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.
- Bonfire Disco 6 – 7.30pm. £3.00 entry on the door. Tuck shop will be available so please remember spending money. No phones allowed.

Friday 7th November 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.

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 FORTNITE

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often "gone when they're gone".

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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