



## Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025



Dear Parents,

**Governors** We have recently established an email address so parents and other members of the school community can contact the Chair of Governors, Patrick Cartwright, directly. The Governors would be pleased to hear from you with any comments or suggestions you might have to improve the school or any concerns you wish to share; please note, this email address is not for complaints as these are dealt with through the school's Complaints Policy procedures. Emails will be reviewed regularly and you should expect to receive a reply within 5 working days.

Email: [chairofgovernors@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk](mailto:chairofgovernors@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk).

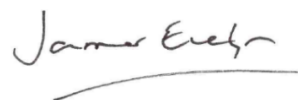
**Online Safety** I wrote to Year 6 parents earlier this week after I was notified about some incidents of secondary age children being unkind to some of our children online – specifically on Snapchat.

I believe these children are in chat rooms (or groups) with some of our children. This is obviously happening outside of school and is challenging for us to monitor. I would therefore like to remind parents to please try and check their child's device every day – specifically the chat functions in the various apps they may be using. Do you know the children they are chatting with? Is the language appropriate? Is there anything of concern? I am happy to support where issues that affect school arise but we also strongly recommend parents to closely monitor their child's phone use.

**Parents Evening** A final reminder that parents evening sessions are taking place this coming Monday and Wednesday. Please sign up as soon as possible. We recommend arriving 10 minutes early so you can review your child's work before meeting with their teacher.

A very wet day to end the week. Enjoy a hopefully drier weekend.

Best Wishes



James Evelyn  
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

### Autumn Term Dates

17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Nov Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents Evening

3<sup>rd</sup> December Reading Cafe

4<sup>th</sup> December Y5 Space Trip

10<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch

16<sup>th</sup> December Y3/4 Carol Performance (2.45pm)

17<sup>th</sup> December Y5/6 Carol Performance (2.45pm)

19<sup>th</sup> 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	93.1%
3J	97.9%
4H	99.3%
4M	95.4%
5AC	98.6%
5G	97.0%
6L	95.2%
6TM	98.8%
<b>All</b>	<b>96.9%</b>



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](#).



## Friends of Robert Miles Junior School



A huge thank you to families who took part and purchased Christmas cards earlier in the term – the designs look brilliant and this has raised £201.75 for the Friends of Robert Miles Junior School. On top of this, a further £180 was raised by the Friends at the recent school disco.



We are hugely grateful for all your donations and support.

The Friends have now raised over £2,000 since they were formed at the start of the year. Each year group will be receiving £400 this year as a result and this money will go towards enrichment activities such as theme days, hosting external visitors or residential costs. Funds will also be used to purchase Christmas Crackers for the upcoming Christmas Dinner! In these challenging financial times we are so grateful to Claire, Laura and everyone involved with the Friends for all the hard work and time they give so generously to the school. If you want to get involved, please email [friends@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk](mailto:friends@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk).

## 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	Maggie Lawton & Alice Iwanejko
3B	Imran Hrizi & Edward Cotton
4M	Rory Humphreys & Jake Pearson
4H	Amarah Lucero & Harriet Daibell
5G	Daniel Walsh Heffernan & Henry Skinner
5AC	Rosie Watkins & Albie Gascoigne
6TM	Angelica Scott & Oliver Brown
6L	Molly Clayton & Macie Haynes

## House Points

Jupiter	306
Mercury	367
Neptune	485
Saturn	294

Children are earning House Points each and every day for showing the REACH values, making good choices and doing their very best.!



## Rail Safety

This week we ran our annual assembly focussing on how to stay safe around the railway. We looked at the dangers of the tracks, overhead wires and trespassing. Trespassing is dangerous and illegal and includes:



Picking up lost property  
from the tracks



Crossing the tracks  
at any point other  
than at a level crossing



Stepping off a level  
crossing onto an area  
where you shouldn't be



Taking a walk  
down the side of  
the railway track

Sadly, we know there are issues to do with children and young adults making poor choices around the railway – including at Bingham Station – and we cannot stress enough the importance of knowing how to stay safe. We watched this film during assembly to help the children understand more about how to stay safe. <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/who-we-are/safety-in-the-community/safety-education/>

## Sports Ambassadors

This week's Sports Ambassador sessions were bursting with laughter and interesting techniques as the children had to solve the problem for themselves... and by the look of this photo, the techniques were .... interesting. This photo captures exactly what we aim for; joy and opportunity to do something different. This week, Year 5 took on the 'Hula Hoop Challenge'. The idea was simple. Work together to pass the hoops along without using hands, but the real focus was on having fun and enjoying being active together. There were plenty of giggles and a few tangles as the hoops made their way around the groups. The sessions are all about giving every child a chance to join in, feel included, and experience the joy that comes from moving, playing and laughing with friends. Year 5 certainly brought that spirit to life this week!



## Reverse Advent Calendar Foodbank Appeal

As a school we are proud to support the Reverse Advent Calendar appeal for the Grantham Foodbank as part of the Trussell Trust organisation. This works by instead of receiving something each day like a traditional advent calendar, children donate items of non-perishable food and essential household items to support others in the local community. We would be very grateful if each child could bring in one small donation such as: tins, spaghetti, rice, biscuits, shower gel, shampoo, tea, coffee or Christmas Treats. There will be a donation box in each classroom for children to put their items in and a large box in Reception. We have shared this with children in assembly and Sarah from Bingham Methodist Centre has also told us about the Reverse Advent calendar appeal. A few children from school will then deliver our donations to Bingham Methodist Church who will then transport it to Grantham ready for sorting and distributing to vulnerable families in time for Christmas. **Please note donations can be made from Monday 10th November and the last morning of donations is Thursday 27th November.**



We understand that this time of year can be challenging for families for many different reasons. If you, or someone you know needs support, help is available through the Trussell Trust group of local food banks. Information on how to access emergency food and support can be found at: <https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/emergency-food/food-vouchers/>



## Christmas Card Competition

The annual Christmas Card competition has now been launched. See the poster below for more details.



## Weekly Menu w/c 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### Monday

- Pork sausage and mash with gravy and a choice of vegetables.
- Veggie sausage and mash with gravy and a choice of vegetables.
- Jacket potato with a choice of cheesy beans, tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
- Shortbread pin wheels & fruit slices

## **Tuesday**

- Red tractor beef pasta bolognese and garlic bread with a choice of vegetables
- Plant based pasta bolognese and garlic bread with a choice of vegetables.
- Jacket potato with a choice of cheesy beans, tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
- Apple crumble and custard

## **Wednesday**

- Roast chicken with gravy, Yorkshire pudding and roast potatoes with a choice of vegetables.
- Quorn grill with gravy, Yorkshire pudding and roast potatoes with a choice of vegetables.
- Jacket potato with a choice of cheesy beans, tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
- Chocolate fudge cake

## **Thursday**

- Wholemeal Margherita pizza with home baked potato wedges with a choice of vegetables.
- Macaroni cheese and a choice of vegetables.
- Jacket potato with a choice of cheesy beans, tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
- Flapjack.

## **Friday**

- Battered pollock and chips with a choice of vegetables.
- Cheese flan and chips with a choice of vegetables.
- Jacket potato with cheesy beans, tuna mayo cheese, salmon mayo or beans.
- Jelly

## **Upcoming Dates w/c 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

- Film and table top activity club 3.30-5.15pm. The film showing this week is Wreck-it Ralph. 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 (**GROUP TWO**) 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.
- Year 4, 5 and 6 Parents Evening

### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

- Rehearsals for Young Voices Choir 3.30pm - 4.45pm

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

- Honours Assembly
- Dodgeball 3.30-4.30pm. (Now full) Children need to have their PE kit, a drink and any inhalers they may need. Year 4, 5 and 6 Parents Evening
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### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025**

- Handball club for years 3 and 4 (**GROUP TWO**). 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](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE SLANG

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Slang moves fast – and for many young people, it's not just how they talk, but how they share their identity and feelings. Learning key terms helps adults connect and show understanding, even if the lingo seems baffling at first.

### GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

Words like 'rizz' or 'slaps' can be misunderstood by adults, leading to awkward moments or a breakdown in trust. These phrases often carry subtle social meanings among young people.

### RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Slang changes quickly. A term like 'bop' might sound innocent one week and be repurposed the next. This makes it easy for adults to fall behind and for children to misstep.

### SHIELDING BULLYING OR EXCLUSION

Inside jokes and trending terms like 'slimp' or 'NPC' can be used to mock or exclude others. What looks like harmless fun might actually reinforce social divisions or bullying.

### PERFORMING FOR THE ALGORITHM

Slang often reflects what's popular on platforms like TikTok. Young users might exaggerate or act out for likes, creating online personas that don't match their real selves.

### CONTENT MODERATION WITH CODED SPEECH

To avoid content filters, young people sometimes use slang or emojis to talk about serious topics – for example, saying 'unalive' instead of other death-related terms. This makes harmful content harder to spot.

### LONG-TERM DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

A slang-filled post might seem funny now but could resurface years later during job checks or university applications – possibly out of context, but still damaging.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### KEEP UP, DON'T CATCH UP

Follow youth culture pages or ask your child about new slang. Staying informed shows that you're engaged and open to understanding their world.

### FOCUS ON CONNECTION OVER CONTROL

Being someone your child can talk to is more valuable than using strict filters or monitoring apps. Openness builds trust.

### ASK, DON'T INTERROGATE

Use open questions to invite conversation. You're not quizzing them – just trying to learn more about their online lives.

### ENCOURAGE CRITICAL MEDIA LITERACY

Talk about where slang comes from, how it spreads, and how it can impact others. This helps young people use language more thoughtfully.

### ONLINE SLANG CHEAT SHEET -

The following slang terms are common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list and both meaning and prevalence can change swiftly.

#### COMMON SLANG:

- **Sigma** – Independent, self-reliant (often male) mindset; proud outsider status. Often celebrated in motivational memes.
- **Skibidi** – Nonsense word from the viral 'Skibidi Toilet' meme; expresses chaos or fun. Usually harmless but pervasive.
- **Chat** – The collective audience or group of viewers (e.g. on a livestream). Used when addressing followers directly.
- **Lock in** – To focus, commit or get serious (e.g. before gaming or sports). Positive encouragement to concentrate.
- **Cooking** – Doing something exceptionally well or gaining momentum. Opposite of 'cooked'.
- **Rizz** – Charisma or flirting ability (short for charisma). Can praise social confidence.
- **Aura or aura farming** – One's perceived 'energy' or vibe; 'farming' means manufacturing clout.

#### POTENTIALLY CONCERNING SLANG

- **Bop** – An adult content creator (e.g. OnlyFans). Indicates exposure to 18+ material.
- **Gyat or gyatt** – Sexualised exclamation about someone's backside. Objectifies appearance.
- **Tralalero tralala / bombardino crocodilo / tung tung tung sahur** – Spammy references to AI-generated creatures with 'Italian-sounding' names. Can clog chats, derail discussion, and harass others.
- **Glazing** – Overpraising or obsessively defending a streamer or celebrity.
- **Crash out** – To lose control, give up or have a meltdown; sometimes hints at self-harm.
- **Cooked** – Ruined, exhausted or in serious trouble; sometimes mental health-related.
- **Unalive** – Euphemism for death or suicide; used to avoid content filters.
- **NPC** – Used to suggest someone is lacking independent thoughts or is repetitive and predictable.

### Meet Our Expert

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