

Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 7th November 2025

*** Parents Evenings ***

Y4, Y5 and Y6 parents can now sign up for Parents Evening slots for Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th November. If you are having issues with the system please contact the school office.

A member of the Nottinghamshire Mental Health Support Team (MHST) will be in the school hall on Monday 17th November to provide further information for parents about the service they provide.

Autumn Term Dates

17th & 19th Nov Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents Evening

3rd December Reading Cafe

4th December Y5 Space Trip

10th December Christmas Lunch

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

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

19th December Last Day of Term

Dear Parents,

We are into the season of Remembrance when we show gratitude for all those people who have sacrificed so much for our country and the freedoms we have today.

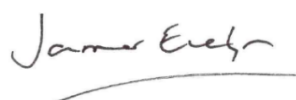
One of the most powerful aspects of remembering is the acknowledgement that conflict has affects all areas of our country. On Tuesday, we held an assembly with members of our local branch of the Royal British Legion to talk about the traditions of remembering along with some local connections. Did you know, for example, that some of the road names on the new housing estate are named after fallen servicemen and women from Bingham?



Today, some of our Year 6s visited Bingham Cemetery and joined children from other local schools to learn more about Bingham during the wars and to lay crosses on the graves. It was fascinating to find out more about these people.

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	96.3%
3J	98.3%
4H	99.1%
4M	97.8%
5AC	97.3%
5G	93.8%
6L	96.6%
6TM	95.3%
All	96.8



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	42
Mercury	87
Neptune	60
Saturn	37

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



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/>

Thank you in advance for all your kind donations and we look forward to sharing with the difference we have made to families in our community.



Bingham Methodist Church

Have you considered a reverse advent this year? It's simple! Start with an empty box, add an item every day, drop off the box; we do the rest!

Bring your donations into a participating school, or to Bingham Methodist Church, and our Church members will take it to Grantham Foodbank.

Final day for school donations - Thursday 27th Nov
 Final day for church donations - Sunday 30th Nov
 Donations will be sorted and given in time for Christmas
 As a community if we work together we can make a real difference this winter.

If you are a family in need of support, please seek referral through the Children's Centre or see <https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/emergency-food/food-vouchers/>

Day 1 Baked Beans / Spaghetti	Day 2 Tinned Soup	Day 3 Toilet Rolls	Day 4 Tinned Tomatoes	Day 5 Rice 500g Packets	Day 6 Mince Pies
Day 7 Packet Biscuits	Day 8 Shampoo/Toothpaste etc	Day 9 Tinned Fish	Day 10 Coffee	Day 11 Jam	Day 12 Breakfast Cereal
Day 13 Tea Bags	Day 14 Selection Boxes	Day 15 Bottles Squash	Day 16 Pasta 500g packets	Day 17 Tinned Vegetables	Day 18 Pasta Sauces
Day 19 Tom Ketchup Brown Sauce	Day 20 Tinned Meat	Day 21 Christmas Pudding (non-alcoholic)	Day 22 Rice Pudding	Day 23 UHT Long-life Milk	Day 24 Tinned Fruit

Grantham.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales/Scotland/NI (1195874). 'Your donations will be going to a local food bank - a registered charity or charitable organisation which is part of the Trussell Trust network'

Sarah from church
WhatsApp channel

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Anti Bullying Week

Whilst next week is officially anti bullying week, we have decided to run a series of assemblies over these two weeks focusing on this important area. This week we have looked at the definition of bullying, discussed different scenarios and looked in particular at 'imbalances of power' and people who might be different to us.

In particular, we look at children with specific medical needs and how this may affect their experience at school. If we take time to acknowledge we are all different, with varying challenges in our daily lives, then we can understand that some children face bigger obstacles than others which makes life a little harder for them.

Website: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/anti-bullying-week-2025>



Definition of Bullying

The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological.

It can happen face to face or online.

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: Andre, 3J

Most coins earned: Andre, 3J

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Harry, 3B

Biggest improvement in speed: Oliver 3B

Sports Update

Girls Football VS St Peters Ruddington

Our girls' football team took on St Peter's Ruddington in a cup match, showing fantastic effort and spirit throughout. Although the score didn't go our way, every player gave their all right up to the final whistle. The girls supported one another brilliantly, kept their heads high and showed great respect by congratulating the opposing team on their win. Matches like this are all part of the learning journey, and the way our girls represented the school with such sportsmanship and positivity is something to be incredibly proud of. In the end, how we play the game and represent our school matters far more than any result. A huge well-done to you all!



Christmas Card Competition

Today we have launched our annual Christmas Card competition. The entries were of an extremely high quality last year and we are hoping for more of the same this year. See the poster below for more details.



Weekly Menu w/c 10th November 2025

Monday

- Pork sausage roll with home baked potato wedges with a choice of vegetables.
- Cheese and onion pastry roll with home baked potato wedges with a choice of vegetables.
- Jacket potato with a choice of cheesy beans, tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
- Vanilla shortbread & chocolate sauce.

Tuesday

- Beef taco with corn tortilla, tomato sauce and sunny rice with a mixed salad or broccoli.
- Lentil fritter taco with corn tortilla, tomato sauce and sunny rice with mixed salad or broccoli.
- Jacket potato with a choice of cheesy beans, tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
- Chocolate & pear crumble & custard.

Wednesday

- Roast chicken 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.
- Jacket potato with a choice of cheesy beans, tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
- Strawberry jelly.

Thursday

- Wholemeal tomato and cheese pizza with home baked potato wedges with a choice of vegetables.
- Vegetable sausage in a bun with home-baked potato wedges with a choice of vegetables.
- Jacket potato with a choice of cheesy beans, tuna mayo or cheese or beans.
- Flapjack.

Friday

- Fish fingers and chips with a choice of vegetables.
- Jacket potato & mild vegetable chilli with a choice of vegetables.
- Jacket potato with cheesy beans, tuna mayo cheese, salmon mayo or beans.
- Vanilla ice cream.

Upcoming Dates w/c 10th November 2025

Monday 10th November 2025

- Film and tabletop activity club 3.30-5.15pm. The film showing this week is Spies in Disguise. 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.

Tuesday 11th November 2025

- Rehearsals for Young Voices Choir 3.30pm - 4.45pm

Wednesday 12th 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.

Thursday 13th 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 14th 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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POKÉMON TCG POCKET

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can feed addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING

Booster packs rely on probability to provide rare or powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the dopamine rush when finding a sought-after card – can become addictive. Unlike purely cosmetic loot boxes, the cards here are integral to competitive gameplay, adding extra pressure for serious gamers to collect more.

QUICK BUT ABSORBING

Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in “just one more game”. This quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited-time Ranked Match seasons constantly being refreshed – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn profile emblems – players may find themselves drawn into this game mechanic repeatedly.

PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE

A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and an extra daily booster pack. Missions and rewards are replaced each month, providing an incentive to stay subscribed. While some premium rewards are exclusive, others are available through free play – making the pass more about faster progression and obtaining cosmetic items than true necessity.

ENDLESS PACK LOOPS

New themed sets of cards are released each month, ranging from around 85 to over 370 cards per expansion. This constant cycle encourages players to keep opening packs in an effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially promoting unhealthy spending habits. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.

COST OF BOOSTER PACKS

Although free to play, with set rewards and two free booster packs given daily, players can exchange Poké Gold if they wish to open more, and a small amount of Poké Gold is rewarded for free as the player levels up. Poké Gold is also sold in bundles that are often just short of what players need to open extra packs, encouraging them to buy additional bundles.

COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY

Interactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players, friend requests require player approval, no real names are used, and card trading is restricted to fair trades between friends. On the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration, over-investment, and isolation if children spend too much time focused on the game.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR SPENDING HABITS

Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases. Treat Poké Gold as an occasional reward rather than routine reward, helping children develop healthier attitudes towards digital spend.

SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicates appear or rare cards don't surface. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering rates guides to find out more about it.

PLAY TOGETHER

Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and rule-following, as well as numeracy skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also modelling balanced play and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.

TEACH FAIRNESS

Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children in recognising the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when trading cards.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and children's book author with over 15 years of experience. Specialising in technology and gaming, he has written extensively on how digital platforms affect young people and has been playing games for more than three decades.



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