

## Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025



### No Breakfast or After School Club

Parents are reminded that there is no breakfast or after school club next week as the Infant School will be closed.

### Autumn Term Dates

15<sup>th</sup> December Y3 Bestwood Christmas Visit  
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

### Spring Term Dates

6<sup>th</sup> January First Day of Term

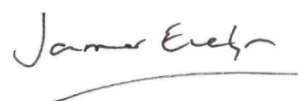
Dear Parents,

**Christmas Raffle** The Christmas Raffle Draw will take place at 3.40pm next Thursday in the hall. Thanks to the incredibly generous donations from families, there are lots of hampers and it is not yet too late to purchase raffle tickets on Arbor – the system is open until 11.00pm this coming Sunday.

The end of term is rapidly approaching with a very festive feeling through the school. There is plenty of joyful singing as the children practice for next week's performances, the Christmas Lunch has been and gone and with end of term assessments now complete, we are looking forward to the final week of what has been a very long term.

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	96.7%
3J	96.9%
4H	95.0%
4M	98.2%
5AC	97.5%
5G	88.7%
6L	95.1%
6TM	98.4%
<b>All</b>	<b>95.8%</b>

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



### House Points

Jupiter	1,239
Mercury	1,274
Neptune	1,371
Saturn	1,188

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



## Christmas Lunch

Wednesday was Christmas Lunch Day! Children pulled crackers, listened to Christmas music, popped on their party hats and enjoyed a lovely Christmas Lunch. A huge thank you to Mrs Dodd and Mrs Dove for preparing a superb lunch!



## Year 5 at the Space Centre

Year 5 had a wonderful, 'out of this world' experience at the National Space Centre in Leicestershire last Thursday. Having learnt lots about Earth in Space at school, children were able to explore the space centre and learn so much more. In the morning, we were treated to a show in the world's largest planetarium where we learnt about stars, constellations, planets in our galaxy, the history of astronomy and even whether life on other planets is possible.

After lunch we were able to investigate all the exhibitions including The Universe, Into Space, Space Oddities and of course the wonders of our Home Planet and how to look after it. A particular highlight was The Rocket Tower which has 4 floors of space exploration and as you travel up in the lift, you see up close a real space rocket. Children learnt about the Space Race, the first animal, man and woman in space and how astronauts survive in cramped conditions without gravity – including how they sleep, exercise, have fun and go to the toilet! The whole day finished with a competitive rocket building workshop where, after planning and building rockets in teams, they were launched and judged on flight paths and effective design. It was a pleasure to see all Robert Miles children behave beautifully in a very exciting, busy, hands-on environment. They really were a credit to the school. Well done children and we are relieved that no-one sneaked off to a real rocket destined for a long journey into outer space!



## Sports Update



We entered a team into the County Dodgeball finals for the first time, travelling to Mansfield to take on 7 other teams in a round robin group format.

Dodgeball sees teams of 6 take on each other trying to knock opposition players out of the game by hitting them with balls. If you can catch one of the throws it brings one of your knocked out players back into the game. Matches are played over 5 sets with 2 points for winning a set and one for a tied game where both teams have the same number of players left. Game one saw a narrow 6-4 win over Dalestorth, games 2 and 3 saw successive defeats to Bunny and Radcliffe.

Credit to our team who recovered well from this, showing resilience, drawing their next match and then winning two more games before a loss to the reigning county champions Morwen Park. A final record of won 3, lost 3, tied 1 meant we finished 5th out of 8 and a hugely enjoyable first time at County Finals day. Well done team!



## Times Table Rock Stars

### Times Tables Rockstars

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:** Alfie, 4H

**Biggest improvement in speed:** Teddy, 3B

## Local 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.



### Family Support Drop Ins

A drop-in session to support parents and carers in the Rushcliffe district. Topics include but are not limited to toilet training, emotional well-being, behaviour, speech and language and other general parenting concerns.



Turn over to find out the drop-in times and venues for January – March 2026.

You can access the Family Hub Network by phone, email, complete a request for service form or just walk into one of our buildings:

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### Family Support Drop Ins

**East Leake Library.**  
Gotham Rd, LE12 6JG

**Day:** Monday

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar

**Time:** 2:30-3:30pm

**Radcliffe-on-Trent Library.**

New Rd, NG12 2AJ

**Day:** Monday

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar.

**Time:** 10:30-11:30am

**Cotgrave Library.**

The Cotgrave Hub, NG12 3UQ

**Day:** Tuesday

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> Mar.

**Time:** 2:30-3:30pm

**Keyworth Library.**

Church Dr, NG12 5FF

**Day:** Thursday

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> Mar.

**Time:** 10:30-11:30am

**Bingham Library.**

Eaton Place, NG13 8BE

**Day:** Friday

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> Mar.

**Time:** 10-11am

**West Bridgford Library.**

Bridgford Rd, NG2 6AT

**Day:** Friday

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Mar.

**Time:** 9:30-11am

**No booking required to any of the dates, just turn up.  
Dates subject to change.**

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## Weekly Menu w/c 15<sup>th</sup> December 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 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

- Handball Club for years 5 and 6 (GROUP TWO) 08.15-8.55am. School Hall.
- Year 3 visit to Bestwood Environmental Centre. Uniform is not required but please ensure your child wears warm layers and brings a sensible pair of shoes and a warm waterproof coat. Please bring a packed lunch and a drink and any medication required.

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025

- Carol Concert for Years 3 & 4. Doors open at 2.30 and the performance starts at 2.45pm. Please remember your tickets.
- Rehearsals for Young Voices Choir 3.30pm - 4.45pm

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025

- Honours Assembly
- Carol Concert for Years 5 & 6. Doors open at 2.30 and the performance starts at 2.45pm. Please remember your tickets.
- Art Club 3.30 - 4.30pm There is a £2.00 compulsory charge for art supplies. Please use our online payment system to pay for this. Payment needs to be made in advance.

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

- Martial arts club (with Mr Dexter) for years 4,5 and 6. 08.00am to 08.45am.
- No swimming for Year 3
- Christmas Party
- Christmas Raffle. The raffle will be drawn at

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 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

*Last day of term. Reminder there is an inset day on Monday 5th January, School reopens for the Spring term on Tuesday 6th January.*



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 TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online scalping is when individuals or groups use automated software (bots) to bulk-buy high-demand items – such as gaming consoles, concert tickets, limited-edition trainers, or exclusive merchandise – with the intention of reselling them at vastly inflated prices. It's a fast-moving online trend that can frustrate young consumers and expose them to misleading practices or financial harm. As this unethical tactic grows, it's important to help children and young people understand how scalping works and how to navigate it responsibly.

### FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION

Scalpers create artificial scarcity by buying up large quantities of stock before the public has a fair chance to purchase. This drives up demand and pushes prices to extreme levels. Young people may feel intense pressure to spend more than they can afford for fear of missing out entirely.

### EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS

Scalping often targets popular releases with strong fan bases, knowing that loyal followers are emotionally invested. Children and young people may place huge value on owning certain items linked to their favourite artists, sports teams or games, making them more likely to accept unfair prices or questionable sellers.

### ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES

In the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to unvetted sellers, online marketplaces with little consumer protection, or even sites designed specifically to harvest personal and financial data. This can expose them to fraud, malware, and identity theft.

### NORMALISING UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Some influencers and online communities present scalping as a clever money-making scheme rather than an exploitative one. This can normalise dishonest behaviour and blur the line between legitimate business and opportunistic profiteering for younger audiences.

### RISK OF SCAMS OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS

Not every high-priced resale is legitimate. Fraudulent sellers may take payment for goods they never send, or ship counterfeit versions of branded items. In some cases, the product may look authentic in photos but turn out to be of poor quality or completely different from what was advertised.

### REINFORCING INEQUALITY

Scalping makes already expensive items even less accessible, particularly for lower-income families. Children may feel excluded from trends or shared experiences with friends if their family cannot meet the inflated prices, which can lead to feelings of isolation and disappointment.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS

Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how some people exploit markets for profit. Encouraging children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.

### SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING

Show children how to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promises or missing contact details, can prevent costly mistakes.

### ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE

Teach young people to wait for official restocks or future releases instead of paying over the odds. Many products come back into circulation, and patience can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of falling victim to scams.

### SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on prepaid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Discuss the real-world value of money spent on digital or collector's items so children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.

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