

Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 19th December 2025

Dear Parents,

What a joy it was to hear our children singing so beautifully in their performances earlier in the week. There is something so wonderful about hearing children sing and they do it brilliantly at our school.

Yesterday, our choir also treated local residents to a bonus extra festive performance at Bingham Library and then a couple of impromptu songs under the Buttercross. A huge well done to them all.



A very long term comes to an end today. I know there is lots of sickness around so I hope everyone is able to get some rest and enjoy plenty of fun with friends and family. Thank you to our parents for all the support you give the school over the year. I am particularly grateful to the Friends of RMJS who have had such a successful first year and put so much time and thought into the fundraising events they run. Finally, a huge thank to the RMJS staff team for everything they do each and every day.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas. See you all on 6th January.



James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School



Spring Term Dates

6 th January	First Day of Term
15 th January	(6pm) Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting
16 th January	Young Voices Singing
30 th January	SEND Parent Coffee Morning
10 th February	Year 4 Bikeability
w/c 16 th Feb	Half Term

Other dates tbc in early January.

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	93.0%
3J	93.9%
4H	98.2%
4M	90.3%
5AC	91.8%
5G	90.0%
6L	89.7%
6TM	90.6%
All	92.1%



Congratulations to
4H for having the
best attendance
this 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.

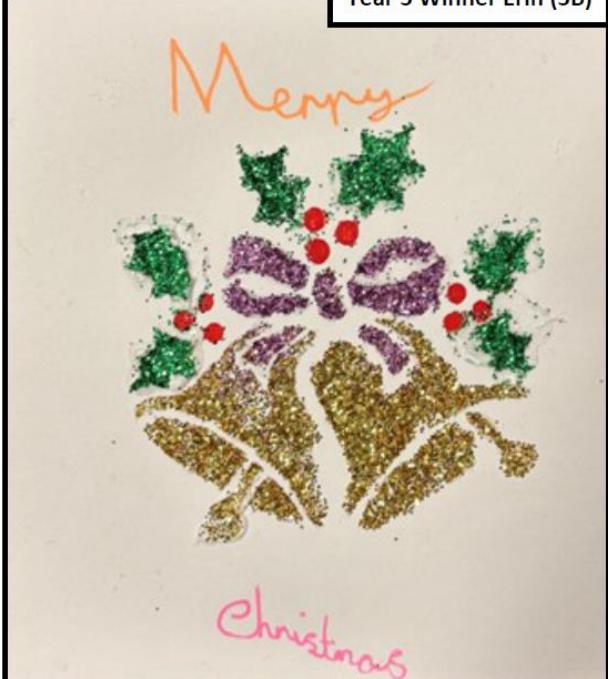
3J	Cassius Malcolm & Archie Dickinson
3B	Emre Bekic & Torres Lo
4M	Angus Russell & Roman Wilson
4H	Daisy Gilbert & Kayden Wong
5G	Daniel Junior Walsh-Heffernan & Noah Attenborough
5AC	Violet Lilly-Colman & Reuben Taylor
6TM	Elethea Sandhu & Halia Chan
6L	Sophie Clarke & Isaac Amari

Christmas Card Competition Winners

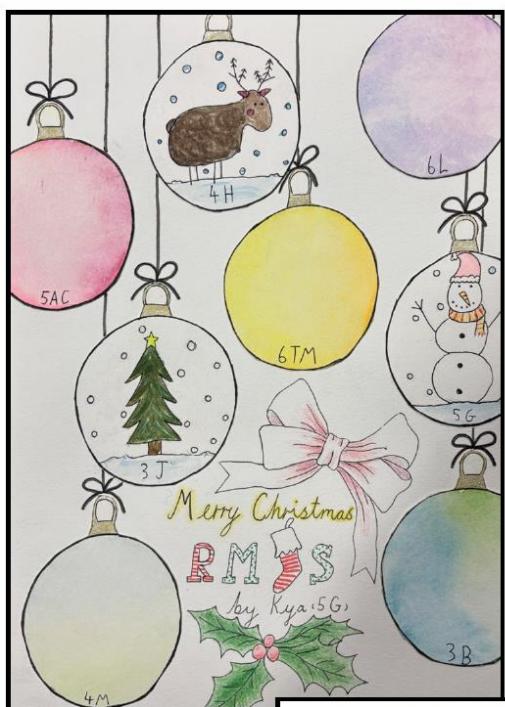
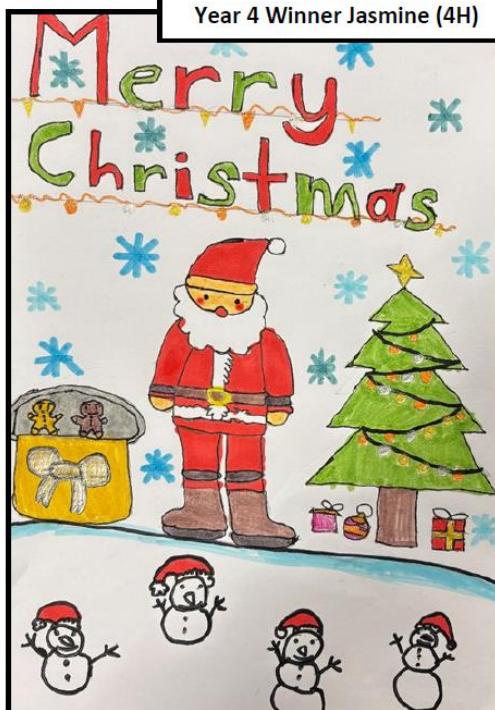
We once again had lots of superb entries for our annual Christmas Card competition. Congratulations to our four winners who each won either a £5 book token or a £5 Dizzyware token. A huge thank you to Dizzyware for kindly donating two vouchers to use at their store. The winners visited Dizzyware yesterday to say thank you and to hand over a Christmas card.



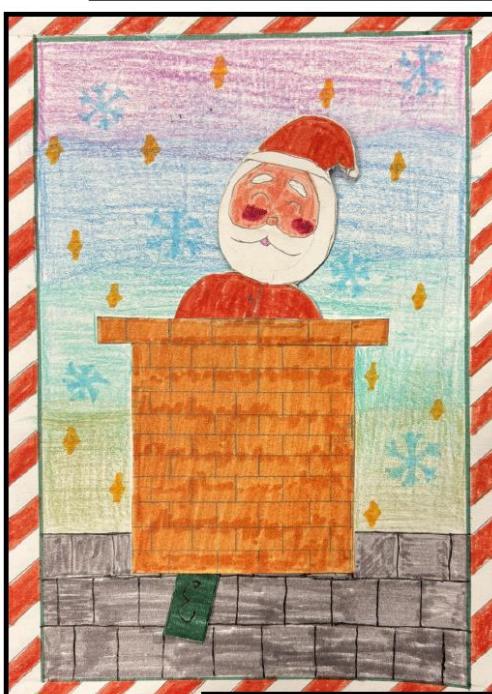
Year 3 Winner Erin (3B)



Year 4 Winner Jasmine (4H)



Year 5 Winner Kya (5G)



Year 6 Winner Eryn (6TM)

House Points

Jupiter	1,386
Mercury	1,413
Neptune	1,533
Saturn	1,213

These are the final House Points totals for Autumn 2! A huge well done to every child for every House Point earned but a special well done to Neptune who amassed the most. They were rewarded today with a non-uniform day!



Crafternoon

A huge thank you and well done to three entrepreneurial and kind Year 6s, Chris, Indi and Caleb! They ran a craft sale last week raising money for our new Trim Trail by selling items they had made and sourced themselves!



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.



Family Support Drop Ins

East Leake Library.
Gotham Rd, LE12 6JG
Day: Monday
Date: 5th Jan. 2nd Feb. 2nd Mar.
Time: 2:30-3:30pm

Radcliffe-on-Trent Library.
New Rd, NG12 2AJ
Day: Monday
Date: 26th Jan. 23rd Feb. 23rd Mar.
Time: 10:30-11:30am

Cotgrave Library.
The Cotgrave Hub, NG12 3UQ
Day: Tuesday
Date: 13th Jan. 10th Feb. 10th Mar.
Time: 2:30-3:30pm

Keyworth Library.
Church Dr, NG12 5FF
Day: Thursday
Date: 15th Jan. 12th Feb. 19th Mar.
Time: 10:30-11:30am

Bingham Library.
Eaton Place, NG13 8BE
Day: Friday
Date: 9th Jan. 6th Feb. 6th Mar.
Time: 10-11am

West Bridgford Library.
Bridgford Rd, NG2 6AT
Day: Friday
Date: 30th Jan. 27th Feb. 27th Mar.
Time: 9:30-11am

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

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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: Kylo, 3J

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Luna, 3B

Biggest improvement in speed: Anna, 3B

Weekly Menu w/c 5th January 2026

Monday

Inset Day – School Closed to Children

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 5th January 2026

Monday 5th January

Inset Day – School Closed to Children

Tuesday 6th January

- Rehearsals for Young Voices Choir 3.30pm - 4.45pm

Wednesday 7th January

- No Art Club this week – starts again next week

Thursday 8th January

- Martial arts club (with Mr Dexter) for years 4, 5 and 6. 8.00am start.
- Year 3 swimming. Please remember your swimming kit (including towel and a bag to put wet items in) and any inhalers required.

Friday 9th January

- Handball Club 8.15am to 9.00am
- 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 club by family member/friend who are over the age of 16.

Online Safety

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.

Festive Tips for a SCREEN-FREE CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, why not unplug and rediscover the simple joys of spending time together? Here are some festive, screen-free ideas to help families laugh, create, and connect in the old-fashioned way.

1 GET CREATIVE AND CRAFTY

Bring out the glue, glitter, and imagination to make your home sparkle with handmade cheer.

- Make decorations: Try paper snowflakes, salt-dough ornaments, or pinecone garlands for the tree.
- Christmas card workshop: Design and decorate cards for friends, family, or neighbours.
- DIY gifts: Craft photo frames, bath salts, or 'kindness coupons' offering hugs, chores, or treats.

2 BAKE, BUILD, AND TASTE TOGETHER

The kitchen is the heart of Christmas, and it smells divine when everyone's baking.

- Festive baking: Bake and decorate cookies, mince pies, or cupcakes together.
- Gingerbread challenge: Build a gingerbread house and let the kids take charge of decorating!
- Sweet treat swap: Wrap up homemade goodies to gift to friends or neighbours.

3 SLOW DOWN AND BE PRESENT

The greatest gift you can give is your attention.

- Digital Detox Day: Choose one day to switch off all screens and enjoy each other fully.
- Gratitude Gathering: Share what you are thankful for from the past year.
- Memory Moments: Take photos with a disposable camera or sketch favourite holiday scenes.

4 ENJOY COSY, INDOOR FUN

Cold outside? No problem, turn your home into a festive retreat.

- Family game night: Play board or card games, from Uno to festive trivia.
- Hot chocolate bar: Set up a 'cocoa station' with marshmallows, cream, and candy canes.
- Puzzle power: Work together on a big jigsaw puzzle – slow, calm, and wonderfully mindful.

5 HOLD A FAMILY TALENT SHOW

Let everyone shine with a little Christmas sparkle and imagination.

- Perform together: Sing, dance, tell jokes, or stage a short Christmas play.
- Make costumes: Use household items to design festive outfits or props.
- Award the stars: Give fun prizes like 'Best Performance' or 'Most Festive Outfit'.

6 READ, WRITE, AND IMAGINE

Nurture creativity and quiet time with stories that come to life.

- Story hour: Read holiday tales aloud by the tree or under a blanket fort.
- Write a story or comic: Create Christmas adventures starring your family or pets.
- Book swap: Exchange favourite books and read each other's choices.

7 EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Wrap up warm, breathe the crisp winter air, and find magic in nature.

- Winter nature walks: Spot birds, berries, and frosty patterns while collecting natural treasures.
- Christmas light hunt: Take an evening stroll to admire twinkling lights in your community.
- Scavenger hunt: Hide small surprises around the garden or park.

8 GIVE BACK AND SPREAD KINDNESS

Christmas feels even warmer when shared with others.

- Kindness countdown: Do one good deed a day, from helping at home to writing thank-you notes.
- Donate together: Collect food, toys, or clothes for a local charity.
- Neighbourly cheer: Deliver homemade treats or cards to someone spending Christmas alone.

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