

Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 5th December 2025



Dear Parents,

It was so lovely to come along to the Bingham Christmas Fair last Friday evening and to enjoy being part of what felt like the start of Christmas! Lots of you were there and I am sure you will agree that the highlight was hearing our children singing on the stage. They were absolutely fantastic and a credit to our school. Lots of hard work went into getting them 'performance ready' and when a local resident came up to me to say thank you, I had to let him know that the thanks really should go to Mrs Brown and Mrs Alcock for all the time they put into rehearsing and preparing the children for performing.

As well as the performances coming in the last week of term, the children will also be singing at Bingham Library on 18th December. Do drop in if you can!

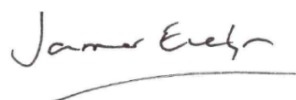
Parent Governors Two new parent governors have joined the Robert Miles LGB attending their first meeting this week. They are:

- Bobby Sunda (child in 5AC)
- Lynsey Heap (child in 3J)

Do get in touch if you would like to discuss any matters you feel they should be aware of – I am happy to introduce you if you do not know them. A reminder you can contact our LGB Chair, Patrick Cartwright at: chairofgovernors@robertmiles.notts.sch.uk. (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.)

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes



James Evelyn

Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School



Christmas Hamper Draw!

Please remember to drop donations to the office for the Christmas Hampers.

Tickets for the draw can be purchased on Arbor!



Autumn Term Dates

- 10th December Christmas Lunch
- 11th December Christmas Jumper Day
- 15th December Y3 Bestwood Christmas Visit
- 16th December Y3/4 Carol Performance (2.45pm)
- 17th December Y5/6 Carol Performance (2.45pm)
- 19th 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	94.1%
4H	97.9%
4M	94.1%
5AC	96.2%
5G	94.9%
6L	93.6%
6TM	96.4%
All	95.1%

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



Reading Café

Thank you very much to all the children and adults who attended our reading cafe on Wednesday morning. It was such a lovely way to start the day with toast, teddies and a gentle buzz of reading. Children behaved beautifully and enjoyed reading with friends, adults or just on their own. I think this popular morning may well return to Robert Miles soon!



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	Joey Maberley & Lottie Vaughan
3B	Betsy Wroblewski & Teddy Wightman
4M	Matthew Nwayor & Harithraa Ramesh
4H	Violet Hall & Annabel Moskwa
5G	Flynn Hall & Poppy Smith
5AC	Imogen Blackner & Natalia Kowalik
6TM	Alston Liu & Abby Cheung
6L	Poppy Madden & Jacob Carter

House Points

Jupiter	1,058
Mercury	955
Neptune	1,104
Saturn	903

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



Times Table Rockstars

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Congratulations to the following children who have topped the charts for their work on TTRS this week:

Most correct answers: Violet, 4H

Most coins earnt: Isabella, 4H

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Imran, 3B

Biggest improvement in speed: Dev, 3B

Term Dates 2026/27

Term dates for academic year 2026/27 have now been published. They are on the school website under key information / term dates.



School Term Dates 2026-27

September 2026 – July 2027



August 2026						
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September 2026						
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October 2026						
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December 2026						
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February 2027						
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March 2027						
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April 2027						
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June 2027						
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July 2027						
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School Holiday
 Public Holiday
 School/Trust Inset Day

This pattern gives 195 working days for staff including the inset days.

A total of 6 in-service training days for staff, as indicated above, will be taken from the 195 term days, leaving 189 term days for pupils.

[Note – return date for the Autumn Term 2027 TBC]



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COMPETITION TIME

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

MAXIMUM SIZE: A3 PAPER
BE CREATIVE!
PRIZES TO BE WON!
WINNING CARDS DELIVERED TO THE TEACHERS

DEADLINE
FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

HAND INTO THE YEAR 4 SHARED AREA



Christmas Hamper Prize Draw

Please donate a seasonal item for our Christmas hamper prize draw following the colour scheme below:

- Year 3 - Red donations
- Year 4 - Green donations
- Year 5 - Gold/yellow donations
- Year 6 - Silver/white donations

Boxes will be in the shared areas
Mon 8th - Thurs 11th Dec

(Examples: wine; non-perishable foods such as mince pies, crackers for cheese, chocolates; gifts; table decorations)

Don't forget, children can come to school in a **Christmas jumper** or **Christmas accessories** on **Thursday 11th December!**

PLEASE WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM UNDERNEATH

ENTRIES FOR THE CHRISTMAS HAMPER PRIZE DRAW ARE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON ARBOR FOR £1 EACH UNTIL 14/12/25.

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.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

ST MARYS & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

5th Dec 10am till 5pm
6th Dec 10am till 5pm
7th Dec 1pm till 5pm

Church Street, Bingham, NG13 8AL



SOUTH NOTTINGHAM HOCKEY CLUB

Looking to join a new club?

If you are 13 or older.
No matter what your experience or ability level.
Our friendly club will make you feel welcome.

Training held at
Toothill School, Bingham
Thursdays 19:30 - 21:00

Contact us on:
southnottmhc@gmail.com
07789 683704

@southnottshc

Weekly Menu w/c 8th December 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



CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY



- 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.
- Chocolate Festive Cookie
- Christmas Crackers

Thursday

- Whole meal 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 8th December 2025

Monday 8th December 2025

- Handball Club for years 5 and 6 (**GROUP TWO**) 08.15-8.55am in the School Hall.

Tuesday 9th December 2025

- Rehearsals for Young Voices Choir 3.30pm - 4.45pm

Wednesday 10th December 2025

- Honours Assembly
- Christmas Dinner
- 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 11th December 2025

- Christmas Jumper Day – **don't forget to donate a hamper prize!**
- 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.
- Year 3 Multi Skills Festival 4pm to 5.30pm. Selected children. Children need to bring their PE kit, a drink and a snack and any inhalers they may use.

Friday 12th 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

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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.

2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.

3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.

4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.

5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.

6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.

7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.

8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.

9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.

10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.



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