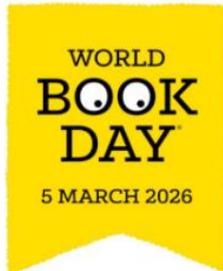


★ Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 27th February 2026 ★

Dear Parents,

Chinese New Year The highlight of this week was unquestionably Wednesday when we marked Chinese New Year with activities, a delicious Chow Mein lunch and, ultimately, lots of learning about this important celebration. I particularly enjoyed seeing the children try picking up popcorn with chopsticks and, for those who mastered this, trying it again with marbles. Not easy! Lots of photos further down the newsletter. A huge thank you to the parents and staff who put in so much work to make it a truly memorable day.

Reading Next week we turn our attention to World Book Day and a whole series of activities on the theme of reading. Lots of events taking place including:



- The **Scholastic Book Fair** starts from today running from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. The Fair is with us until Tuesday; all children have received a £1 voucher to put towards a book purchase.
- **Egg Character Competition** Decorate a hard-boiled egg as a book character and bring into school for judging from Monday 2nd March. The deadline: Thursday morning.
- **Reading Café and Book Swap** Wednesday 4th March 8am - 8.45am in school hall
- **Year 3 visit to Bingham Library:** Wednesday afternoon 4th March
- **Wear pyjamas and bring a teddy on World Book Day:** Thursday 5th March

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Spring Term Dates

27 th Feb	Scholastic Book Fair (to 3 rd Mar)
4 th March	Reading Café (8am)
5 th March	World Book Day (wear pyjamas!)
9 th March	Wonderful Women Gift Shop
19 th March	Y4 Lion Learners Day
16 th & 18 th Mar	Y3, Y4 & Y5 Parents Evening

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	94.3%
3J	95.4%
4H	98.2%
4M	93.3%
5AC	100%
5G	90.8%
6L	94.3%
6TM	93.8%
All	94.9%



Congratulations to 5AC for having the best attendance this week!

Savate Grading for Beginners

Congratulations to the children who started Savate last September. Yesterday they took the first grading and received their new belts from Mr Dexter. A fantastic effort by them all!

The gradings for the children who are in their second or third year take place next Thursday.



Celebrating Chinese New Year

On Wednesday we celebrated Chinese New Year with a day of fun activities and a very special lunch. The day kicked off with a special assembly led by the Year 6 children, Athena, Billy, Lucas, Yanyu, Hailey, Hiu Ching and Koey. In the assembly we learned about why the year is named after animals. Well done to the children for showing such confidence in front of the rest of the school.



At lunchtime, Mrs Dodd cooked a wonderful Chicken Chow Mein and we are hugely grateful to the Yumacha Restaurant in West Bridgford who kindly donated food. Lunchtime also saw a number of parents join us in the playground to run some activities including Jianzi, using chopsticks to pick up popcorn – marbles for the more confident. There was also tangrams and a treasure hunt. Such fun. A huge thank you to the parents who gave up their time so generously to help with this. Finally, in the afternoon, we had more parents running sessions in class including calligraphy.

A wonderful day – thank you to the parents who helped out and also to the school staff, particularly Mrs Tsang and Mrs Tang, who spent so much time preparing everything to make it all so special.



***** Egg Brake *****

We are looking forward to seeing all the entries for our annual Science and Technology Competition after half term. We know, from assembly this morning, that there are already lots of children planning to enter.

If you have any questions about the competition, please contact Mrs Chamberlain.

The heats take place next week on **Wednesday 4th March**

We are looking forward to seeing all the children's ideas!



Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club



Junior Art competition

Deadline - Friday 20th March 2026

Year 4 shared area

Theme: 'My community'

Your artwork could include some of these ideas:



My school, My neighbours, My street, My shops, My clubs, My garden
My family, My park, My church, My library, My market, My friends

Rules:

- One entry per person
- No bigger than A2 size
- No framed work allowed
- On the back you **must** write:
 - o Name
 - o Year group
 - o Date of birth
 - o Home phone number

Prizes:

1. Overall competition winner will earn £50 Amazon voucher.
2. One upper school (Y5 +6) prize and one Lower school prize (Y3 +4) will each earn a £25 Amazon voucher.

Winning artwork will be displayed in Bingham library

NB. We will be taking part with other local schools.

Times Table 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: Isabella, 4H

Most coins earnt: Isabella, 4H

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Kayden, 4H

Biggest improvement in speed: Annie, 3J

Sports Update



The RMJS Indoor Athletics team travelled to West Bridgford School for the finals of the Rushcliffe area competition.

After coming third in their regional heats, they were up against tough competition and gave their all in track, field and relay events.

The girls and boys performed well and ultimately finished 5th out of 6 schools - well done team

Excellent Work in the Spotlight



Year 4 have been learning all about the Amazon rainforest and let their imaginations take flight by writing poems about what they would do if they had wings. Here is a selection of these creative and wonderful poems, written by Violet, Jasmine, Lottie and Katie 4H.

If I had wings

If I had wings
I would touch squishy white
clouds and stroke gorgeous
animals.

If I had wings
I would taste fresh exotic
fruit as sweet as cotton
candy.

If I had wings
I would listen to the rain
that dances on the forest
floor.

If I had wings
I would breathe in the fresh
humid air and smell the
watery vegetation.

If I had wings
I would gaze at capybaras
swimming that splash in the fresh
pond.

If I had wings
I would dream of making
animal friends and swimming
under a waterfall.

If I had wings

If I had wings
I would touch the cushion clouds
and fly to the waterfalls.

If I had wings
I would taste an exotic dragon fruit
as sweet as nerds gung clusters.

If I had wings
I would listen to the birds chirping
that laugh and fly to the sky.

If I had wings
I would breathe in fresh air
and smell the scent of water drops.

If I had wings
I would gaze at the water bubbling
that pours on animal fur.

If I had wings
I would dream of holding baby Monkeys
shining in the sun
and riding on elephants.

If I had wings

If I had wings
I would touch the beauty of the flowers
and the soo scales of the fish.

If I had wings
I would taste the exotic passion fruit
as sweet as a strawberry.

If I had wings
I would listen to the beautiful birds
that fly in the forest.

If I had wings
I would breathe in the sweet mango smell
and smell of the raindrops.

If I had wings
I would gaze at the waterfall that
crashes on the ground.

If I had wings
I would dream of being friends with animals
and riding on a jaguar.

If I had Wings

If I had Wings
I would touch the beautiful flowers
and stroke the animals.

If I had Wings
I would taste the exotic fruit and mangoes in the canopy
as sweet as a pack of M and M's.

If I had Wings
I would listen to the sound of jaguars
that growl at each other.

If I had Wings
I would breathe in the hot humid air
and smell the scent of fresh flowers.

If I had Wings
I would gaze at majestic Waterfall
that carelessly crashed into the plunge pool.

If I had Wings
I would dream of holding a capybara
and wish that it was my pet.

Weekly Menu w/c 2nd March 2026

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.

Tuesday

- Beef Bolognese with pasta and garlic bread.
- Veggie Bolognese with pasta and garlic bread.
- 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.
- Cookie.

Upcoming Dates w/c 2nd March 2026

Monday 2nd March 2026

- Dodgeball Club for years 3 & 4. 08.15-8.55am. (Class full) Children need to bring their PE kit, a drink and any inhalers they may use.
- Please bring in your hardboiled egg decorated as a book character. The deadline for entries is Thursday morning.
- 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.
- Book Fair 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Please bring your vouchers. A card reader is available for payments. Cash also accepted.

Tuesday 3rd March 2026

- EQT choir rehearsal 3.30 - 4.45 pm
- Book Fair 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Please bring your vouchers. A card reader is available for payments.
- Booster sessions 3.30pm - 4.30pm. All children involved are aware.

Wednesday 4th March 2026

- Reading cafe and book swap in school hall. 08.00 -08.45am

- Science & Technology Competition Heats.
- Year 3 visit to Bingham Library
- Girls Futsal Club years 4 & 5. 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Club cancelled this week.
- Booster sessions 3.30pm - 4.30pm. All children involved are aware.

Thursday 5th March 2026

- **World Book Day.** Children can come dressed in pyjamas and bring a teddy.
- Egg character Competition Judging
- Martial arts club (with Mr Dexter) for years 4,5 and 6. 08.00am to 08.45am.
- Booster sessions 3.30pm - 4.30pm. All children involved are aware.

Friday 6th March 2026

- Indoor athletics club for years 5 & 6. 08.15 - 08.55am. (Class full) Children need to bring their PE kit, a drink and any inhalers they may use.
- 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
- Science & Technology Competition Final.

A reminder that all children need to be collected from their afterschool clubs by family member/friend who are over the age of 16.

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 WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, allowing users to send text and voice messages, share multimedia, make video calls, and chat in groups. With end-to-end encryption, only the sender and receiver can view messages. This may offer privacy, but it also comes with risks that parents and educators need to be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats enable multiple users to message in the same space, but this can also make it easier for young people to feel excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and young people may feel pressure to respond or stay engaged even when the conversation is uncomfortable or upsetting.

SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers are increasingly using WhatsApp to trick users into sharing personal information. Common scams include fraudsters posing as family members in an emergency or tricking users into revealing security codes. These can lead to identity theft or access to private conversations.

DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp offers features like disappearing messages and 'Chat Lock', which can give users a false sense of security. While intended to protect privacy, they can be used by young users to hide inappropriate conversations or content, making it harder for adults to spot potential issues.

EXPOSURE THROUGH CHANNELS

'Channels' are an optional feature that allows users to follow updates from public figures or organisations; however, there is no way to block this feature or filter its content by age. Young users may encounter adult or distressing content, including misinformation and harmful ideologies.

UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp users can share their live location, and if not managed carefully, this can allow others – even those in mutual groups – to track someone's whereabouts. Also, without the right privacy settings, young users may be contacted by strangers.

COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp now includes ads in the 'Updates' feed and has introduced an AI assistant – Meta AI – across the app, which cannot be removed. These additions raise concerns about targeting, privacy, AI use, and the type of content children and young people might interact with.

Advice for Parents & Educators

REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Help young users check who can see their profile photo, status, and location. Activate the 'Silence Unknown Callers' setting and set group chat invitations to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...' for added safety.

TEACH HOW TO SPOT SCAMS

Encourage caution around unusual and unexpected messages, especially if they involve money or codes. Help young users understand the signs of scams and what to do if they receive a suspicious message. Enable two-step verification to add an extra layer of protection.

BE OPEN ABOUT HIDDEN CHATS

Discuss why children and young people might use features like disappearing messages or 'Chat Lock'. Encourage them to share if something made them uncomfortable, even if the messages are gone. Let them know that privacy should not mean secrecy.

TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING AND AI

Explain that WhatsApp now includes ads and AI tools. Discuss the difference between genuine and sponsored content, and the potential for AI to share inaccurate or age-inappropriate responses. Encourage young users to think critically before trusting or interacting with these features.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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