



Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 18th September 2026



*** Lunchtime Staff Needed ***

We are recruiting for a caring and enthusiastic Midday Meals Supervisor to join our team. This role involves managing the children in the lunch hall as well as overseeing outdoor play at lunchtime.

Further details can be found [here](#).

Dear Parents,

If you are looking forward to a relaxing weekend, spare a thought for Aimee Wilson (5G) and her dad. Aimee is taking part in the Equinox 24 Hour fun run this Saturday at Belvoir Castle whilst her dad will be participating in the 24-hour running event starting from midday on Saturday, through the night to midday on the Sunday. They are both raising money for the Trim Trail appeal. You can find out more here: www.equinox24.co.uk/. A huge thank you to Aimee and her Dad for helping to raise money for the Trim Trail – we are so grateful. If you want to sponsor them, you can do that [here](#).

Next Thursday, we have a baked sale taking place in support of Macmillan Cancer Relief. This is being run by the Friends of RMJS. Further details below.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School

Fundraising Bake Sale

THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

Please bring any baked donations to the school office on Thursday morning.

Thank you!

Raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support

Friends of RMJS

No nuts
Please ensure all baked goods have the ingredients listed

Autumn Term Dates

24th September Friends of RMJS Bake Sale

28th September Parents Evening

1st October Parents Evening

2nd October Inset Day – School Closed

9th October Rushcliffe Pupil Parliament

14th October School Disco

w/c 19th Oct Dukes Barn Residential

w/c 26th Oct Half 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	96.4%
4H	97.1%
4J	96.8%
5AT	95.2%
5G	100%
6L	94.6%
6TM	100%
All	97.1%



Congratulations to 5G and 6TM for having the best attendance this week!

Friends of RMJS

The Friends of RMJS run and events and activities to support and raise funds for the school. If you would like to help out, please join the Whatsapp group through the QR code below.



Parents Evening



Parents Evening sessions will take place on **Monday 28th September and Thursday 1st October**. We are running these slightly earlier this term so parents can meet with their child's teacher, discuss how the year has started and share any questions or concerns.

If your child receives SEND funding, please do not book a session. Mrs Wallace, RMJS SENCo, will be in touch with you shortly regarding a separate SEND Review with her and the class teacher.

The system for booking is now live.

RMJS Peer Mentors

Introducing our new peer mentors! The children trained at the end of Year 5 before starting as peer mentors in Year 6. They are outside on morning and afternoon breaks and are visible on the playground with their yellow tabards. The Peer Mentors are there to listen to children who need help with any problems they may have during their break times. They will listen and help them resolve issues by talking it through using the techniques they learned in training. They are supported by Mrs Donovan and Mrs Fisher who will talk over any problems needing an adult to help with.



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.

3B	Max Clarke & Kleio McDonald
4J	Grace Gerowski & Freddy Deakin
4H	Archie Dickinson & Holly Carrington
5G	Lottie McCormick & Freddie Green
5AT	Caleb Crunkhorn & Harithraa Ramesh
6TM	Amber Rawson & Roman Correia de Jesus
6L	Kirstie Gunn & Charlotte Chui

House Points

Jupiter	235
Mercury	245
Neptune	232
Saturn	182

Children are showing our REACH Values every day. They are also earning House Points as they work towards earning a non uniform day at the end of term.

Here are the latest totals!



Times Tables 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: Archie, 4H

Most coins earned: Archie, 4H

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Joel, 4H

Biggest improvement in speed: Maggie, 4H



If you are a new parent to the school, look out for your child's Times Tables Rockstars login. It is a brilliant way to help your child develop their times tables knowledge—such an important area to develop. Just 5 or 10 minutes practice most days will have a huge impact.

Free School Meals – Government Changes

Robert Miles Infant School – Open Days

Free school meals are expanding

From September 2026

What's changing?

Current eligibility
Most families receiving Universal Credit qualify for income-based free school meals (FSM) only if their annual earned income is £7,400 or less (excluding benefits).

From September 2026
All children in households receiving Universal Credit will become eligible for free school meals.

Free school meals categories

Targeted free school meals - Available to families who:

- Receive Universal Credit and earn £7,400 or less per year (excluding benefits), or
- Receive certain qualifying benefits, including:
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Expanded free school meals - Available to:

- All other families receiving Universal Credit, regardless of earnings.

This means all children in Universal Credit households will be eligible for free school meals from September 2026.

Important dates

Applications open: 1 August 2026

Expanded eligibility starts: 1 September 2026

Please note: Applications can be submitted from 1 August 2026, but meals under the expanded scheme cannot begin before 1 September 2026.

What does this mean?

Targeted free school meals children:

- Free school meals at school in term time
- Funded Holiday Activities (HAF)
- Pupil Premium for child's school

Expanded free school meals

- Free school meals at school during term time
- Funded Holiday Activities (HAF)

Who will benefit?

- More families receiving Universal Credit
- More students accessing a healthy meal during the school day
- Reduced pressure on household budgets

Find out more or apply: nottinghamshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Nottinghamshire County Council

School Tours

for parents/carers looking for a Reception school place for **September 2027**

School Lane, Bingham, NG13 8FE

Safe, nurturing environment: all staff know all children

Fortnightly Forest School sessions – all year groups, all year round

Wrap-around care available (7.30am-6pm)

Strong links with Robert Miles Junior School – aligned term dates

Enrichment for all year groups, including a Year 2 camp

Please contact the school office to book a date: 01949 837422
office@rmischool.co.uk

Or scan this QR code to register:

School Tour Dates:

- Monday 28th September: 9-10am
- Tuesday 6th October: 5-6pm
- Friday 16th October: 10-11am
- Wednesday 4th November: 5-6pm
- Friday 27th November: 2-3pm

Weekly Menu w/c 21st September 2026

Monday

- Burger with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn & Garden Peas
- Macaroni Cheese with Vegetable or Salad, Sweetcorn & Garden Peas
- Jacket potato with a choice of Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans.
- Chocolate Cookie

Tuesday

- Sweet & Sour Chicken with Yellow Rice, Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots
- Pasta Twists in a Tomato & Basil Sauce, Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots
- Jacket potato with a choice of Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans.
- Pineapple Upside Down Cake & Custard

Wednesday

- Roast Chicken, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Greens, Carrots & Salad
- Roasted Butternut & Lentil Loaf with Roast Potatoes , Seasonal Greens & Carrots
- Jacket potato with a choice of Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans.
- Orange Jelly

Thursday

- Margherita Pizza with Pasta Salad, Broccoli, Sweetcorn & Coleslaw
- Pasta & Cauliflower Cheese BAKE with Broccoli, Sweetcorn & Coleslaw
- Jacket potato with a choice of Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans.
- Chocolate & Apple Cake

Friday

- Fish Fingers & Chips with Garden Peas & Baked Beans
- Baked Cheese Omelette with Chips & Ketchup, Garden Peas & Baked Beans
- Jacket potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans.
- Iced Sponge Cake with Sprinkles

Upcoming Dates w/c 21st September 2026

Monday 21st September 2026

- 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.

Tuesday 22nd September 2026

- No activities

Wednesday 23rd September 2026

- Honours Assembly
- Girls Cricket Club (all years) Selected children. 3.30 - 4.30 pm. Children will need their PE kit, a drink and any inhalers required.

Thursday 24th September 2026

- Friends Of RMJS Bake sale. Cake donations are greatly appreciated and should be brought to the school office. Please ensure all ingredients are listed. Please remember to bring change to purchase cakes.
- Martial arts club (with Mr Dexter) for years 4,5 and 6. 08.00am to 08.45am. (This club is fully booked)

- Handball Club. Years 5 & 6. Selected children. 3.30 - 4.30pm. Children will need their PE kit, a drink and any inhalers required.

Friday 25th September 2026

- Handball Club. Years 3 & 4. Selected children) 08.15 - 08.55am. Please remember your PE kit, a drink and any inhalers required. (This club is fully booked)
- Cross Country Club. Years 5 & 6. 12.15pm – 12.45pm. PE kit, a drink and any inhalers required. (Sign up through letter from Miss Horsfield – limited places)

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 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.



BINGHAM TOWN FC ★ GIRLS U8s ★ NEW PLAYERS WANTED

— FOR THE 2026/27 SEASON —

**IS YOUR DAUGHTER
STARTING YEAR 3
IN SEPTEMBER?**

We're looking for enthusiastic girls aged **7 or 8** to join our friendly and supportive team!

- ✓ Welcoming and encouraging environment
- ✓ Tuesday evening training
- ✓ 5v5 matches on Sunday mornings
- ✓ Fun, development-focused coaching
- ✓ Make new friends and build confidence

COME AND BE PART OF THE TEAM!

We welcome all newcomers, regardless of previous playing experience.

Still not quite sure? Simply come along to a training session and take it from there!

We look forward to hearing from you!



FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL OR MESSAGE 07812647361



25/26
Respect Award
Winners

★ BINGHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB ★
COMPETING IN THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE GIRLS & LADIES LEAGUE

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CHARACTER.AI

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Character.AI is an entertainment platform where users create and chat with AI-powered characters. These chatbots can act like existing favourite characters from movies or books, or like friends, mentors, or even romantic partners, responding in an emotional, personally engaging way. Although this can encourage creativity, it can also make a generated conversation feel like a genuine relationship, which is concerning if it takes the place of human relationships.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

AI replies are generated in real time rather than chosen from a fully checked script. Even with safety filters on, conversations can still move into sexual, violent, discriminatory, or self-harm material. These AI characters are often made by users, so a familiar name or child-friendly description does not guarantee that every response from the character will be suitable for a young person.

BLURRED BOUNDARIES

Characters on Character.AI can use the language of friendship, love, and empathy without ever feeling anything. Vulnerable young people may struggle to separate this simulation from genuine understanding. Romantic role-play or a character that demands attention, loyalty, or secrecy could also risk distorting young people's expectations around consent, disagreement, and the give-and-take involved in healthy human relationships.

UNRELIABLE ADVICE

Characters, like other chatbot platforms, are at risk of inventing facts or giving inappropriate advice while sounding completely confident. Characters may also echo a young person's assumptions instead of questioning them. This can become particularly risky when users rely on a character for guidance about health, mental wellbeing, relationships, money, or personal safety instead of checking with a credible source or trusted adult.

EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCY

Character.AI chatbots can appear endlessly attentive, supportive, and affectionate, which is one of the hallmarks of the generative AI models that such companions are built on. A young person may start turning to a character chatbot whenever they feel lonely or upset and believe that it understands them better than the humans in their life. This can become more concerning when chatting starts to replace sleep, schoolwork, hobbies and friendships.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Character.AI chats may feel private, especially when a bot sounds personal and caring, but they take place on a company's online systems. Users could intentionally or unintentionally reveal their name, school, location, routines, images, or intimate concerns. Character.AI says some data may be retained to improve its services and AI models, so young people should never treat a chatbot like a confidential diary.

UNHEALTHY ENGAGEMENT

Be aware of warning signs such as secret accounts, bypassing age restrictions, hiding phone use from adults, chatting late at night, distress when access to the platform or character stops, withdrawal from other people, falling interest in school, or believing the character is conscious. Increased use may also signal that the young person is already lonely, anxious, or seeking help.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN

Ask what the young person enjoys about Character.AI and invite them to show you how the platform and their favourite characters work. Useful questions include, "Has it ever said something that felt wrong?" and "How can you tell it doesn't have feelings?" Avoid shaming them for using platforms like Character.AI or making them feel there is something wrong with them for doing so.

PAUSE, CHECK AND ASK

Teach young people to pause before accepting an answer from characters on Character.AI. Encourage them to check important claims against a trustworthy source and ask a safe adult when the issue matters. Never use a character as the sole source of medical, mental health, legal, financial, or safeguarding advice. Remind them not to share passwords, contact details, school information, live locations, or private images.

CHECK AGE, SETTINGS & LIMITS

Character.AI's minimum age is 16 in the UK, but open-ended companion chat is restricted to adults aged 18 or over. Users aged 16 to 17 receive a different experience built around guided 'stories' and other creative or social features. Check their current settings, never help or encourage a young person to give a false age, and apply the same safety rules to other chatbot apps.

NOTICE AND RESPOND

Take action if chats involve sexual content, threats, coercion, abuse, self-harm or danger. Save relevant evidence, report the character and follow the setting's safeguarding process; educators should involve the designated safeguarding lead. If anyone is in immediate danger, contact emergency services. Childline is available on 0800 1111 and the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000.

Meet Our Expert

Darren Coxon is an educator with almost 30 years' experience across teaching, school leadership and governance. He works internationally supporting schools and colleges with AI leadership and governance and [insert NC courses I have written].



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