

Robert Miles Junior School Newsletter – 25th September 2026

Dear Parents,

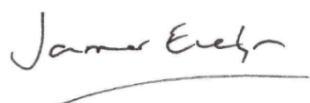
Thank you for your cake donations, and to the volunteers from the Friends, for the Macmillan Cancer Support Bake Sale which raised £253.91. Thank you also to Mel Wilson, and his daughter Aimee, who took part in the Equinox running events last weekend and raised a brilliant £500 towards our Trim Trail Appeal. Aimee took part in the fun run with Mel completing an astonishing 100km in 24 hours. Thank you so much!

A few reminders for next week:

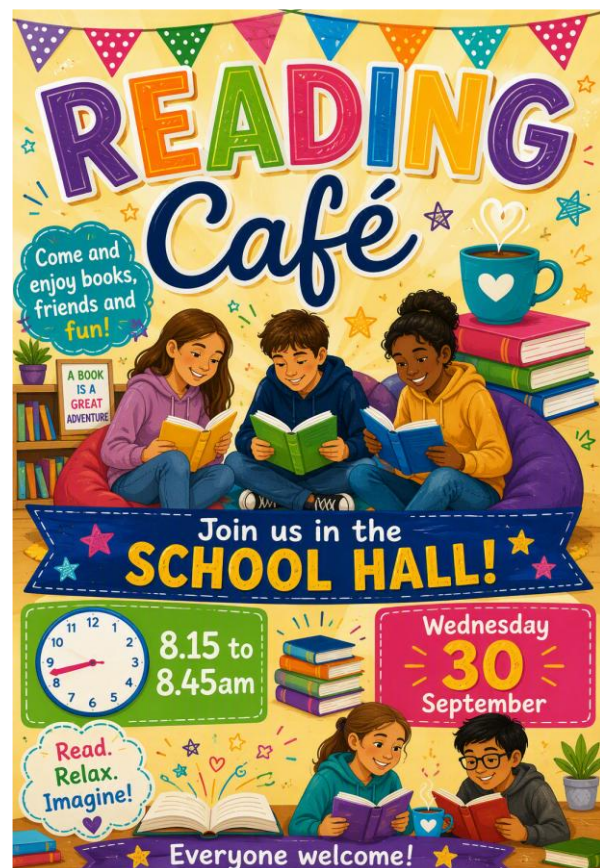
- **Parents Evening** Taking place on Monday and Thursday. Please sign up to secure your meeting.
- **Wednesday** Reading Café is open again. See image below. Children can come in at 8am with parents for some toast and to enjoy a good book.
- **Friday** A reminder this is an Inset Day and school is closed. (It is also an Inset Day at the Infant School).

Have a great weekend and best of luck in the Robin Hood Half Marathon to any parents taking part.

Best Wishes



James Evelyn
Headteacher, Robert Miles Junior School



Autumn Term Dates

28 th September	Parents Evening
1 st October	Parents Evening
2 nd October	Inset Day – School Closed
9 th October	Rushcliffe Pupil Parliament
14 th October	School Disco
w/c 19 th Oct	Dukes Barn Residential
w/c 26 th 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	97.4%
4H	98.6%
4J	98.9%
5AT	93.4%
5G	97.4%
6L	97.5%
6TM	97.3%
All	97.%

Congratulations to 4J 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.



Forest School – Materials Needed!

The school is developing a Forest School on site. We are hoping this will support children in learning in a different way, promoting self-esteem, social skills, physical co-ordination and resilience. We need resources to help get it established. If you have any of the following items that you no longer need, we would be so grateful if you could donate them to the school:

- Stainless steel pots and pans x 12
- Scaffold boards x 10
- Garden store (preferably plastic) x 2
- Bark chippings
- Compost x 8 bags
- Children's trowels and forks x 6 each
- Old metal sinks x 2
- Pallets x 8



**MATERIALS NEEDED
CAN YOU
HELP?**

Please contact Mrs Fisher or the School Office if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sports Update

Our girls' football team had an incredible day at the Rushcliffe Schools Autumn Tournament. It was their first ever match together, their first time playing as a team and their first time representing the school as a girls' football team. They couldn't have asked for a better start, winning three of their four group games and drawing the other to finish top of their group and reach the semi-finals.

To see the girls reach this stage was a fantastic achievement. In the semi-final, the girls dominated the game and created chance after chance but unfortunately couldn't find the goal they deserved. After a goalless game, it went to penalties, where we were eventually beaten. Although the result was tough to take, the girls should be incredibly proud. They supported each other from the first whistle to the last, encouraged one another throughout and showed exactly what it means to play as a team. They were amazing, and I'm incredibly excited to see what this group can achieve as the year goes on.



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	Corey Law & Kady Crunkhorn
4J	Betsy Wroblewski & Anna Hrytsun
4H	Bobbie Heap & Jenson Grainger
5G	Keyden Wong & Fraser Nursey
5AT	Angus Russell & Lucas Crown
6TM	Hima Kwok & Rosie Watkins
6L	Camille Bee & Max Reed

Competition

Another fun competition for the children being run by Long Acre Arts. Entries should be placed in the box in the school hall before 12th October.

LONG ACRE ARTS

Christmas Card Competition

The Jan Parnham Trust

Theme 'Nature at Christmas'

Entries need to be:

A4 in colour. Anything related to nature.

On back of your picture please put your age and school plus a code for your name given to you by your teacher to retain confidentiality.



CLOSING DATE:

6pm | 12th October 2026

Four age groups will each have a winner who will receive an art prize. The winning card in each age group will be printed for sale. Sales of cards will go to Jan Parnham Trust a Registered Charity No.1213033

Contact:

JAN PARNHAM 07426 462 419
TONY PLAYER 07984 468 411

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all the children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge organised by Bingham Library!



House Points

Jupiter	388
Mercury	431
Neptune	384
Saturn	369

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

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

Most correct answers: Theo, 4H

Most coins earnt: Kylo, 4H

Biggest improvement in accuracy: Conan: 3B

Biggest improvement in speed: Joel, 4H



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)

Enrichment for all year groups, including a Year 2 camp

Strong links with Robert Miles Junior School – aligned term dates

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

Upcoming Dates w/c 28th September 2026**Monday 28th September 2026**

- Art Club 3.30- 4.30pm. **Cancelled this week because of Parents Evening.**
- Parents evening. If you have not already done so, please log into Arbor to book your consultation.

Tuesday 29th September 2026

- No activities.

Wednesday 30th September 2026

- Reading Cafe in the hall 8.15 – 8.45am. Children can attend for toast, squash and lots of reading. All grown-ups very welcome.
- 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 1st October 2026

- Martial arts club (with Mr Dexter) for years 4,5 and 6. 08.00am to 08.45am. (This club is fully booked)
- Scrabble Club (Years 5 & 6) 12.45pm - 1.15pm
- Handball Club CANCELLED due to parents evening. It will be back on next week.
- Parents evening. If you have not already done so, please log into Arbor to book your consultation

Friday 2nd October 2026

- INSET DAY – School Closed

Monday

- Sausage in a Roll with Tomato Pasta Salad with Coleslaw & Garden Peas
- Pasta Spirals in Tomato Sauce topped with Cheese and a slice of Garlic Bread with Coleslaw & Garden Peas
- Jacket potato with a choice of Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans.
- Chocolate Fudge Cake

Tuesday

- Mild Beef & Bean Chilli & Yellow Rice and Vegetable Sticks or Sweetcorn
- Macaroni Cheese with vegetables or Salad and Vegetable Sticks or Sweetcorn
- Jacket potato with a choice of Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans.
- Apple & Cinnamon Rolls

Wednesday

- Roast Chicken, Stuffing and roast potatoes with Seasonal Greens & Carrots
- Vegetable & Lentil Loaf with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy with Seasonal Greens & Carrots
- Jacket potato with a choice of Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans.
- Strawberry Jelly.

Thursday

- Sweetcorn Pizza with Pasta Salad & Broccoli, Carrots & Cauliflower or Mixed Salad
- Pitta Bread filled with Vegetable Arrabbiata Sauce with Vegetable Sticks & Broccoli, Carrots & Cauliflower or Mixed Salad
- Jacket potato with a choice of Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans.
- Fruit Slices & Vanilla Cookie

Friday

- INSET DAY

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 DISCORD

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?



Launched in 2015, and with over 90 million daily active users, Discord has become one of the main ways gamers communicate – with text, voice, and video chat helping people connect around shared interests. For many young people, Discord can be a useful way to talk with friends, join communities, and explore hobbies. However, like any online platform built around communication, it also carries risks around strangers, inappropriate content, spending money, and time spent online. This guide looks at what parents and educators need to know.

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, influencers, cooking and sport. Some large servers focus on popular games like Minecraft or Fortnite, but many are private, invite-only spaces where friends or communities with shared interests can chat across phones, computers, and gaming consoles.

A HARASSMENT RISK

There is also a risk from people a young person already knows in the real world. Bullying in the real world can continue online, and Discord servers can make this feel more intimidating, especially if someone uses anonymous or multiple accounts to carry out threatening behaviours. Because Discord works across computers, phones, and gaming consoles, unwanted contact can follow young people into online spaces that should feel safe and private.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real time-sink. Although it does not rely on endless scrolling in the same way as some apps, constant messages, group chats, and voice channels can keep young people engaged for long periods, especially in larger servers. As Discord is closely linked to gaming, it may also increase the time they spend playing games.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

This huge amount of choice can help young people “find their tribe”, especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may still encounter unsuitable or distressing content. Even in spaces linked to child-friendly games, Discord cannot directly control every conversation, image, or video shared by other users.

STRANGER DANGER

Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but joining public servers will most likely bring them into contact with strangers. Many users are just friendly enthusiasts, yet others could have harmful intentions, including grooming, extortion, or radicalisation. In these types of environments, anyone can claim to be another teenager, which can make it harder for young people to judge who is safe to talk to.

A MONEY DRAIN

Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This may include Discord ‘Nitro’, a monthly subscription that unlocks customisation features and larger media uploads, or purchases through the ‘Shop’ for profile cosmetics and game-related items. Small purchases can add up quickly, especially if spending controls are not in place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents and carers should make use of Discord’s ‘Family Centre’, which gives an overview of a younger user’s activity while respecting their privacy. Messages are not shared, but adults can view an activity feed and receive weekly email summaries. Discord says this is designed to support conversations about online behaviour, rather than be about constant monitoring.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off unnecessary notifications and leave servers that feel overwhelming. If Discord is mainly used alongside gaming, discuss healthy limits for both activities so that schoolwork, sleep, and offline friendships are not affected.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT

Review Discord’s privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages. Use this as a chance to talk to them about strangers, privacy, and personal information, making sure young people know to question suspicious behaviour, such as requests to keep conversations secret. Show them how to block and report these kinds of users and reassure them that asking for help will not get them into trouble.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young people in your care understand that digital items still cost real money. Check payment settings on the device they use, avoid storing card details where possible, and consider adding approval requirements for purchases, particularly for younger or more impulsive users.

Meet Our Expert

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