



Dear Parents/carers

Welcome back to school, and to our first newsletter of the new school year. The children have returned to school looking smart and smiley despite the scorching temperatures last week! We are looking forward to a great first half term. We will send out regular newsletters to keep you informed of all that goes on at school including trips, events and dates for your diary and we hope you will find a few minutes to read through it. Newsletters are sent out via email. The newsletter is also posted on our website at: www.robinswood.academy

We welcome new staff members across the school Miss Thompson (teacher) in Year 2, Mr Knott in Year 3, who has moved across from Waterwells Primary and Miss Haines in year 4, who has now become a fully-fledged teacher. We hope you settle in well at Robinswood.

The newsletter has information on future events which is regularly updated (there may be date changes from time-to-time) but we try to avoid this as much as possible.

Please keep the date sheet at the back of the newsletter and watch out for text messages to update you on events. It is important we have up to date contact details for you. We will be sending home the contact forms so you can fill in all your up to date details.

HOUSE CELEBRATIONS

At Robinswood, every child belongs to one of four Houses – Wilson (Green), Rowling (Yellow), Holst (Blue) or Stokes (Red). Each House group is named after famous people that are linked to Gloucester.

Each year, Year 6 pupils are elected as house captains who lead their house in school sports and competitions. Last week, the Year 6 prospective house captains gave their presentations in front of their fellow housemates ready for the house captain elections. They will find out the results today. Good luck all! House Captains are responsible for collecting and distributing house points, showing visitors around the school and acting as ambassadors.

After a year of collecting BEST points, it was announced that **HOLST** were the overall winners for 2022-2023. Congratulations Holst house!



ATTENDANCE



'The World is Run by Those Who Show Up'

It's been great to see everyone back in school and keen to get back to their learning. The new school times has started well, with the vast majority of the school being on time! Please remember that any child arriving between **8.50am and 9.00am** will now be marked on their register as 'late'. Those arriving **after 9:00am** will be marked as an 'unauthorised late.' Continued unauthorised late arrivals can lead on to a prosecution from Gloucester County Council.

If you are having difficulties getting your child to school, please do come and speak to Mrs Andrews to see how we can best support.

Absences



If your child is unwell or unable to attend school for any reason, please remember you must report them absent by 9am. You can call 01452 530430, option 1, where you can leave a message. Please state your child's name and class and the nature of their illness (this needs to be more than just 'unwell'). Alternatively, you can email attendance@robinswood.academy. If you are unsure if your child needs to stay off school, please use the link below for guidance from the NHS.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

PLEASE REMEMBER, ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

PE lessons

PE lessons will have started this week and children will need to bring their PE kit to school. PE Kit is black or navy jogging bottoms or shorts, a school PE –shirt in the house colour and trainers.

Friends of Robinswood Primary School

If any new Reception parents or carers would like to join the Friends of Robinswood Primary School please drop into the school office. Similarly, if any parents from any other year group would like to join then drop in too. We need new members to keep up our fund raising efforts and to help out at events.

Pre-School

The pre-school children start their settling sessions this week after home visits taking place last week. We look forward to seeing the children learning lots, building their confidence and experiencing new things over the coming year. The pre-school outside area has had some improvements over the holidays to make it more accessible especially in the wetter and colder months, with hardwearing artificial grassed areas and an enclosed bark area. I am sure you'll agree it is a huge improvement and the children are going to enjoy their outdoor time whatever the weather!



Reception

Reception have been amazing at coming to school and settling in so well. Monday saw us experiencing school lunches for the first time. It was a busy day! We have also been learning about the school values and have even started learning our sounds! Great job everyone.



Year 1

It has been a fantastic start for us all in Year 1. We have found our way around our new classrooms and have enjoyed some time in the sunshine in our outdoor area. In maths, we are using tens frames to help us explore numbers to 20 and beyond. Our class book this term is 'the Snail and the Whale' and we have been trying to use interesting adjectives to describe the characters.

On Friday, we had a vote and have elected Marco, Aminah, Molly and William as our school council representatives.



Year 2

This week in Year 2, the children have had a brilliant week back and are settling in nicely!

In Maths, we have been identifying the place value of 2-digit numbers and in English we have been writing predictions of the front cover of a story book.

In Science, we will be finding out about properties of materials and in History, we are looking forward to learning about The Great Fire of London!

Year 3

Year 3 have had a great start to their new year despite the heat. Both classes have been relocated to different parts of the school in order to help them remain cool and all of the pupils must be commended for their maturity and resilience.

Pupils have enjoyed getting stuck in to their new subjects and working alongside their new teachers this week. There has been lots of reading at home already which is great to see. We are all looking forward to the weather being a little cooler next week so that we can be back in our classrooms and more comfortable.

Year 4

We have had an amazing start to the term! We survived the heat and have wowed our teachers with our attitudes and they are looking forward to the rest of the year with us.

We are learning about a new book in writing and are creating our own stories about what we think is going to happen.

In maths, we are working with 4-digit numbers this year and building on what we learnt in year 3.

We have starting to learn about the digestive system and what happens to food when we eat.

We are going to be printing in art this term, learning about Berenice Sydney.

Cedar class will start to learn how to play the violin this term, with Maple learning after Christmas. We apologise to the rest of the school for our squeaks!



Year 5

We have had a positive start to year 5 and we have begun our history topic: The Ancient Egyptians. As a year group, we used the entire hall and unravelled our 'toilet roll of time' to see just how far back in time the ancient Egyptians were. We were amazed at how small a part of the timeline we had been alive for and that we had to use the entire roll to get near to the time of the Egyptians.



Year 6

Well done to Year 6 for an excellent start to the term. Despite the hot weather, the children have impressed us with their enthusiasm, attitude and focus during the first few days of school. Last Friday saw several children read speeches to all the children in their house in a bid to secure important roles as House Captains and Sports Captains. Each child who read their speech should feel proud of their achievement; the successful candidates will be announced shortly ahead of the first BEST assembly. In the upcoming weeks, there will be more opportunities for year 6 to become young leaders in a variety of roles (ABMs, School Council, Well-being Ambassadors etc.) so watch this space!

Year 6 Leaders

Congratulations to our year 6 leaders on their appointments as House captains and sports leaders. We look forward to seeing you perform your roles with confidence and respect.

House captains	6 Holst	Charlie & Lola K
	6 Rowling	Millie & Arthur
	6 Stokes	Freya & Mollie
	6 Wilson	Harrison & Laicey
Sports leaders	6 Holst	Mitchell-Jai & Lola B
	6 Rowling	Alamein & Lilliann
	6 Stokes	Harvey-Leigh & Alicja
	6 Wilson	Syara & Brody

Other roles and responsibilities that the staff will be working with the children on are:

- School councilors (Year 1 to Year 6 representatives voted for by each class)
- Poddies (Years 2, 4 & 5 designated helpers to organize the Play Pod equipment and support play with their peers)
- Y6 Associate Board Members (ABMs) These children work with our Board of Trustees to monitor education across our school.
- Librarians (Year 4) to manage the books on offer and ensure our library runs smoothly)

September 2023 edition

Key dates and events

Date	School Event
Monday 11 th September	Individual instrument tuition starts (every Monday)
Tuesday 12 th September	Community cricket (after school every Tuesday)
Thursday 14 th September	GL4 Dance club (after school every Thursday)
Tuesday 19 th September	Y4 violin lessons (every Tuesday)
Thursday 28 th September	Y6 trip to Redwood Forest Macmillan Afternoon Tea fundraiser
Monday 2 nd October	Black History Month
Monday 16 th October	SEND parent's group 2pm
Wednesday 18 th October	Individual photos
Monday 23 rd October	Open afternoon for parents
Tuesday 24 th October & Wednesday 25 th October	Parents Evenings
Thursday 26 th October	BEST assemblies
Friday 27 th October	Teacher's INSET days – No children in school
28 th October - 5 th November	Half Term
Monday 6 th November	Back to School SEND parent group 2pm
Monday 13 th November	World Kindness day Start of Anti-bullying week
Tuesday 14 th & Wednesday 15 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 24 th November	Reception, Y1,2,3,4,5 & 6 trip to watch Mother Goose Pantomime (more details to follow soon)
Monday 4 th December	SEND parent's group 2pm
Monday 18 th December	SEND parent's group 2pm
Friday 22 nd December	BEST assemblies Last day of term
Saturday 23 rd December-Sunday 7 th January	Christmas holidays
Monday 8 th January 2024	Teacher's INSET days – No children in school
Tuesday 9 th January	Back to School

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS



2023/24

SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER									
Mon	4	11	18	25	Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27				
Tues	5	12	19	26	Tues	3	10	17	24	31	Tues	7	14	21	28				
Wed		6	13	20	27	Wed	4	11	18	25	Wed	1	8	15	22	29			
Thur		7	14	21	28	Thur	5	12	19	26	Thur	2	9	16	23	30			
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	Fri	6	13	20	27	Fri	3	10	17	24				
Sat		2	9	16	23	30	Sat		7	14	21	28	Sat		4	11	18	25	
Sun		3	10	17	24	Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun		5	12	19	26		
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY									
Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon		5	12	19	26		
Tues		5	12	19	26	Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues		6	13	20	27		
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Fri	1	8	15	22	29	Fri	5	12	19	26	Fri	2	9	16	23				
Sat		2	9	16	23	30	Sat		6	13	20	27	Sat		3	10	17	24	
Sun		3	10	17	24	31	Sun		7	14	21	28	Sun		4	11	18	25	
MARCH					APRIL					MAY									
Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon		6	13	20	27		
Tues		5	12	19	26	Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues		7	14	21	28		
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Sun		3	10	17	24	31	Sun		7	14	21	28	Sun		5	12	19	26	
JUNE					JULY					AUGUST									
Mon		3	10	17	24	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon		5	12	19	26		
Tues		4	11	18	25	Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues		6	13	20	27		
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Sun		2	9	16	23	30	Sun		7	14	21	28	Sun		4	11	18	25	

Term Time	Holidays
Bank Holiday	Inset Days
22nd July to be taken as twilights over academic year	
Term 1: Mon 4 th Sept – Fri 27 th Oct 2023	40 days
Term 2: Mon 6 th Nov – Fri 22 nd Dec 2023	35 days
Term 3: Mon 8 th Jan - Fri 9 th Feb 2024	25 days
Term 4: Mon 19 th Feb – Fri 22 nd Mar 2024	25 days
Term 5: Mon 8 th April – Fri 24 th May 2024	34 days
Term 6: Mon 3 rd June – Mon 22 nd July 2024	36 days
Total	195 days*

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 th December 2023
	26 th December 2023
New Year Bank Holiday	1 st January 2024
Good Friday	29 th March 2024
Easter Monday	1 st April 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	6 th May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 th May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 th August 2024