











#### Dear Parents/carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of the summer term. We hope you had a lovely Easter break, although the holidays now seem a distant memory after an action-packed first week back at School!

If you have changed your phone numbers or address, please ensure you have let the school office know so that we are able to update your contact details on our school system. This is especially important should we need to contact you in an emergency.

Let's hope the fine weather continues this term so that the children are able to use the school field at playtimes. Please continue to send your child in with a coat in case we have a turn for the worse in the weather.

As always, please take note of the dates on the back page so that you are aware of all the upcoming events this term.

#### Illustrator competition winners

Congratulations to Arthur, Rilan and Tyler for their winning illustrations for 'The Loop' shared story written on World Book Day and to Aaliyah and Lena for their illustrations for 'Trouble in Whisperville'.

It was incredibly difficult to choose from all the wonderful entries I received. I met with the illustrators last week and we should hopefully see their full story illustrations soon!



# **Pre-School places for September 2024**

We are currently organising our Pre-school for September 2024. If you know anyone who would like their child to join us please ask them to email us at admin@robinswoodprimary.co.uk or pop into the school reception to collect a form. This needs to be completed and returned promptly. The child's date of birth needs to be between September 2020 and August 2021 for a September 2024 start.

If you have already requested a place we will be contacting you shortly.

#### **ATTENDANCE**



A big WELL DONE to **Oak** and **Maple** for having the best attendance in KS1 and KS2 over Terms 3 and 4!

They all enjoyed sharing the sweet jars.



Please remember that if your child is unwell and unable to attend school, you MUST report their absence before 9am on the first day of absence and every other day thereafter. You can contact the school on **01452 530430**, **Option 1** and leave a message stating your child's name, class and nature of their absence (this needs to be more than just saying they are unwell). You can also provide this information by emailing **attendance@robinswoodprimary.co.uk**.

If we do not hear from you, a text message will be generated to parents asking for you to contact the school to update us immediately.

If we still have had no updates on the whereabouts of your child, a phone call home will be made to parents and those on their contact lists.

On the rare occasions that we are still unable to identify where your child is, a home visit may be conducted. If we are still unable to make contact, we may ask the Police to conduct a welfare check if we are concerned.

Please remember that as parents/carers, you have a legal responsibility to ensure that your child attends school every day they possibly can.

If you are struggling to get your child in to school, please do come and speak to Mrs Andrews or a member of the Inclusion Team who will be happy to support you.



#### **Pre-School**

The children have just been introduced to Read Write Inc. phonics. They have met Fred the frog who only speaks in sounds. The children have engaged well and are excited to see which sounds they will be learning next. So far, they have learnt m, a, s, d, t and i. All the children have been given a RWI pack with information for you to support them at home. In learning time, the children have been exploring a variety of activities linked to the sounds they have learnt, this has helped to recognise and recall the sounds.







# Reception

Right at the end of last term, the Reception children had the wonderful experience of learning about real chicks and watching them grow and develop. They helped to look after them and even got to hold them. Next, we will be learning about giants this term. Look out Reception, there could be a giant at the top of the

beanstalk!









#### Year 1

Year 1 have come back full of enthusiasm and ready to learn for the summer term. In maths, we have been finding halves and quarters of amounts. Our new book 'Pattan's Pumpkin' is set in India. We have enjoyed finding out what India is like and describing what it might be like to live there. We are so pleased the daily mile is back. We hope that the sun keeps shining so we can get out for some extra fresh air and exercise every day.







#### Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful start to the new term. After a long wait, our caterpillars have finally hatched into beautiful butterflies and have recently been released. The children have loved this experience- and have been very patient in waiting for them to hatch! We have started a new book in writing this term called 'Anna Hibiscus' and have been exploring her life in amazing Africa. In Maths, our focus has been money and in Art we have been investigating how recycled materials can make fabulous artwork!





#### Year 3

Recently, year 3 visited Greystones farm in Bourton-on-the-water to see how Iron Age people would live. We all had a great time and learned so much.



# Year 4

Year 4 have had an amazing start to term 5. They have started to explore their new writing book – 'Podkin One Ear' by predicting what it is about through writing character descriptions. In maths, they are learning all about decimal numbers. They are looking forward to getting creative in Art where they will be creating their own sculptures inspired by nature – look out for their recycling items lists to come! They have been lucky enough to experience cheerleading and fencing sessions delivered by coaches and cannot wait to be able to attend their after school clubs! Year 4 are also working really hard on their times tables getting ready for the test in June! There is a battle on TTRS if you haven't had a go yet!

#### Year 5

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, members of Oxford University's teaching staff came to teach Year 5 all about Science as part of our 'Into the Blue' topic. The children were split into groups and tried to solve a potential crime using a variety of scientific techniques, sharing their findings to other members of their group. The children really enjoyed the activities and were a credit to the school.





# Year 6

Year 6 have been working with Oxford University on a science project looking at how science has shaped art and has helped us to understand it more. When they visited this term, the children used science to solve a mystery: how did 'Ada' die? Was it the paint she used, her wallpaper or some poisoned sweets? They studied fingerprints, tested blood and used chromatography to check some ink samples.











# **Sporting news**

A selection of children enjoyed a morning at the Festival of Sport, Gloucester Academy. They participated in a variety of adapted sports. Lots of fun was had by all and the chief photographer did an amazing job. Their behaviour was impeccable and they represented Robinswood well. Well done to Savannah and Rowan who obtained the special recognition for going above and beyond. Medals and biscuits were given out and lots of singing on the walk back to school.









# April edition 2024

Date	School Event								
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> –Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 Bikeability week								
	Go Beyond break for selected pupils								
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Noisy Garden Show for Y3 & 4								
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception library visit Tag Rugby Fixture - Home vs Heron								
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Gloucester Rugby - Premiership Cup Tour visiting the school Hedgehog Finds Her Voice Project (Y4)								
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Quadkids Athletics Competition for your years 1/2 & 3/4								
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Phonics Showcase Y1 ( and selected Y2 children's parents)  Tag Rugby Fixture - Away @ Coney Hill								
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception & Year 1 Redwell Centre trip -Skydiver show								
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	SEND parent group 2pm								
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 4 library visit								
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Tag Rugby Fixture - Away @ Abbeymead								
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Children's Football referee course with GSSN								
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday								
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Tag Rugby Fixture - Home vs Upton St Leonards								
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> Friday May	Year 6 SATs week								
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Tag Rugby Fixture - Home vs Finlay Reception Library Visit								
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Wear it Green Day for Mental Health Awareness week KS2 Spelling Bee Soak the teacher (After school)								
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	SEND parent group Young Carers input								
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 4 Matson Library visit								
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	No Pens day BEST Assemblies Last day before Half Term-3:15pm finish								
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Teachers INSET day – No children in school								

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Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May- Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term							
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Teachers INSET day – No children in school							
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Back to School In The Net Show - Year 4							
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Cricket CPD - Y6 and Y4  Tag Rugby Fixture - Semi-Final/Play-Offs  Pre-school morning group trip to Perrygrove railway (pre-school closed for afternoon group)							
Friday 7th June	Year 6 trip to the Science Festival							
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June-Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1/2 Phonics Screening Check							
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Cattle Country trip for Y6 school leaders only Y4 Matson Library visit Y2 Dance Festival session							
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Library Visit Cricket CPD - Y6 and Y4 Tag Rugby Fixture - Final/3rd Place Play-Offs							
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	SEND parent group 2pm							
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 Dance Festival session							
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Cricket CPD - Y6 and Y4 Pre-school afternoon group trip to Perrygrove railway (pre-school closed for morning group)							
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Thrive day							
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 Dance Festival session							
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Cricket CPD - Y6 and Y4							
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	SEND parent group							
Tuesday 2nd July	Y6 Trip to Oxford							
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Cricket CPD - Y6 and Y4							
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y1 trip to Nature in Art Y2 Dance Festival session							
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Library Visit Cricket CPD - Y6 and Y4 Y2 Summer Dance Festival							
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	SEND parent group 2pm							
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Cricket CPD - Y6 and Y4 Y6 Leavers' Party (6-9pm)							
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term-finish at 1:30pm							

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