



Dear Parents/carers

Welcome to this month's newsletter here at Robinswood. We are looking forward to lots of fun activities this term which has started with World Book Day on Thursday last week and is followed in a week by Red Nose Day 2024.

This term is only 5 weeks long but there are already lots of events going on. As always, please check the dates on the back page to ensure that you keep up to date with events going on at school.

Red Nose Day returns on Friday 15th March!

Children can purchase red noses through ParentPay (no cash purchases) for £2 and on this date the children can wear something red, have crazy hair or wear funny costumes- anything to make us laugh! We look forward to celebrating with you.

RED NOSES

CHECK OUT THIS YEAR'S RED NOSES

Are you Red Nose Reddy? This year there are four fun characters to collect – as well as a 1 in 166 chance to get your hands on a super limited edition Rare 'Gold' Nose! Available from Amazon, the official home of the Red Nose - you can even buy this year's Red Noses in bulk with our Family Packs and Schools Packs, they're perfect if you've got lots of Noses waiting to Do Something Funny for Money! Go on, you Nose you want to.

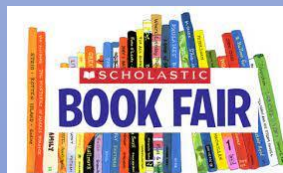


Book Fair 2024

We are currently hosting our annual book fair after school until Wednesday 13th March in the top hall.

Books are available at various prices and the children can use their £1 off voucher issued on World Book Day towards the cost. The book fair is cashless so parents will need to pay with a credit or debit card.

The school receives a portion of the profits to buy books for our school library and book corners. Thanks to everyone for your support with this event and promoting a love of lifelong reading.



Illustrator competition

Do you have a budding artist at home? Do you feel they have a talent in this area to bring the pages of a book to life? If so, please encourage your child to enter the competition detailed below!

We are running a competition for 4 of our children to become the official illustrators of our two shared writing stories that we all contributed to, writing sections of the story in our classes and year groups on World Book Day in KS2.

The hopeful candidates will have an extract of the story to illustrate and the winners will be chosen by Mrs Davis in the coming weeks. The winners will then have a copy of the story to add the illustrations to and once finished, the children will have their very own copy of their finished book and we will add copies to the class book corners for all to see.

Further details will be posted on Dojo this week!

Good luck to our budding illustrators!



Books in the Community

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, KS1 have hidden books around Matson for children to find and enjoy. Read and enjoy the story together, chat about the characters. Keep the story for as long as you like and re-hide the book in a new secret location for other treasure hunters to discover.

Thank you to 'Read With Me', a charity who support schools with reading volunteers and book donations. Their kind donation of books that we can share with the community is part of our 'World Book Day' activities. More information can be found here: <https://readwithme.org.uk>



Y6 PGL

Year 6 had an absolute blast at PGL this term too! They learnt incredible new skills, faced many fears and practised being independent while away for a week. They made us feel very proud as they got involved with everything, supported each other and kept their rooms surprisingly tidy! Some of the activities included: giant swing, rock climbing, abseiling, archery and buggy building!

Future Year 6's: the best week of your lives is pending!



ATTENDANCE

As the Government's Attendance Campaign continues, please take a look at just some of the reasons why School Attendance is so important.

Robinswood Primary School's attendance is currently 93.3% - we are constantly striving to increase this! Let's see if together we can increase this over the remainder of the academic year!

Why is good attendance important?

Good school attendance is vital for children's success in the future. Being in school every day that it is open is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

If children do not attend school regularly, they may:

- struggle to keep up with schoolwork
- have few opportunities to catch up on missed learning
- miss out on the social side of school life
- miss opportunities to make and keep friendships



What might the impact of poor attendance be on your child?

Research shows children who are not regularly attending school are:

- more likely to become involved in or be a victim of crime and antisocial behaviour
- more likely to fall behind due to the strong link between attendance and achieving good results
- less likely to achieve 5 good GCSE's (grades 9-5) compared with those with fewer than eight days' absence
- more likely to have increased levels of anxiety due to inconsistencies and uncertainty in their routine
- more likely to have reduced self-esteem due to finding learning increasingly hard having missed out on important information

Please remember that your child's teacher and our Inclusion Team are here to provide support to you and your child should you face challenges in them coming to school. Please do pop in for a chat.



Pre-School

What a busy start to the term! There is a real buzz in pre-school! The children have settled back well and are ready to learn! We have introduced a new topic 'Yum, Yum in my Tum!' and celebrated Pancake Day, Lunar New Year and World book day. Celebrations and festivals are ideal for encouraging the children to learn about different cultures and festivals around the world. It helps them to think of others, to be kind and celebrate each other's similarities and differences. It prepares them to accept our diverse school community and the world we live in.



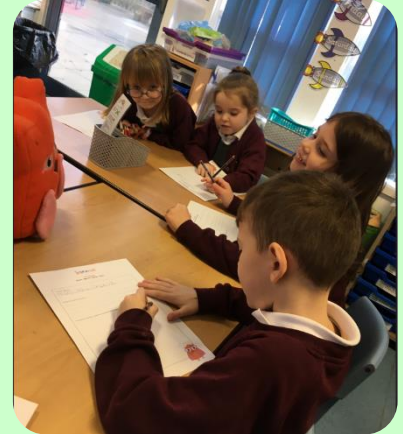
Reception

One of our books this term is the Gruffalo. We took an opportunity to visit Forest School and create our own dens for a fox, a snake or an owl. When back inside, the creativity did not stop! The children used mixed materials to make our very own class Gruffalo.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy few weeks. In Geography, we have been exploring the school and our local area using maps. In PE, we have been practising our underarm and overarm throws. In RE, we are beginning to think about the Easter story. We are really enjoying all of the activities linked to the Reading Festival and of course, we had an amazing day out at Slimbridge!



Year 2

Year 2 has had a wonderful start to the new term. In maths, we have been focusing on fractions; including halves and quarters. In writing, we have started a new book called 'The Man on the Moon.' All the children have loved learning about space suits, aliens, the moon and have even written instructions about how to make lunch on the moon! In DT, we will soon be making our own fire engines to be used in The Great Fire of London using wheels and axles. Lastly, in Science, we have been learning about different habitats and hope to have our own butterfly gardens very soon! We even had a special treat from author Catherine Barr, who delivered a wonderful reading workshop online.



Year 3

Year 3 have been learning all about how volcanoes, mountains and earthquakes are made. We had great fun looking at convergence, divergence and transformation using biscuits, jam and cream to demonstrate our understanding of plate tectonics. We had even more fun eating the biscuits!



Year 4

We have already had a great start to the term with fun PE sessions trying Cheerleading and Fencing, whilst also continuing our swimming lessons. In year 4 this term, we are making Easter Egg boxes; hopefully they'll be ready to take home at the end of term. Maple class have nearly finished their Violin lessons too and are still having so much fun!



Year 5

Year 5 had a wonderful world book day. One activity we really enjoyed was looking at *Esio Trot* and then trying to decipher the mysterious tortoise language that appears in the book. After a while, the children worked out this mystical language and were soon writing it themselves. We wondered if you could work it out too?

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Year 6

Year 6 loved reading with Pre-School (despite constant interruptions to their story telling! Haha) and Year 3 on World Book Day! They also became authors themselves as they wrote up their own stories into booklets which they can't wait to take home. No doubt there will be another competition between Sycamore and Chestnut for the winners of The Masked Reader too!



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Date	School Event
Tuesday 12 th March	Y4 & Y5 Swimming Lessons (every week) Y4 Violin lessons (every week) Community cricket 4-6pm (every week)
Wednesday 13 th March	Pre-School visiting library (a.m group)
Thursday 14 th March	GL4 Dance Club (every week)
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief-Red Nose day Birch class Greystones Park trip
Monday 18 th March	Ribston Y6 Shakespeare Performance
Wednesday 20 th & Thursday 21 st March	BEST SHOP
Thursday 21 st March	Reception at Multi-skills event
Friday 22 nd March	Hazel class Greystones Park trip BEST Assemblies Last day before Holidays-3:15pm finish
Saturday 23 rd March -Sunday 7 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 8 th April	Teachers INSET day – No children in school
Tuesday 9 th April	Back to School Go Beyond parent meeting 9-9:30 Community cricket 4-6pm (every week)
Monday 15 th –Friday 19 th April	Year 6 Bikeability week Go Beyond break for selected pupils
Wednesday 17 th April	Noisy Garden Show for Y3 & 4
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 13 th - 17 th Friday May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 17 th May	Wear it Green Day for Mental Health Awareness week
Thursday 23 rd May	No Pens day BEST Assemblies Last day before Half Term-3:15pm finish
Friday 24 th May	Teachers INSET day – No children in school
Saturday 25 th May- Sunday 2 nd June	Half Term

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Monday 3 rd June	Teachers INSET day – No children in school
Tuesday 4 th June	Back to School
Monday 10 th June-Friday 14 th June	Year 1/2 Phonics Screening Check
Wednesday 12 th June	Cattle Country trip for Y6 school leaders only
Monday 24 th June	Thrive day
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term- finish at 1:30pm
Monday 22 nd July	Teacher's INSET days – No children in school
Tuesday 23 rd July	Summer Holidays

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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

2024/25



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

Term 1: Mon 2nd Sept – Fri 25th Oct 2024	40 days
Term 2: Mon 4th Nov – Fri 20th Dec 2024	35 days
Term 3: Mon 6th Jan - Fri 14th Feb 2025	30 days
Term 4: Mon 24th Feb – Fri 11th Apr 2025	35 days
Term 5: Mon 28th April – Fri 23rd May 2025	19 days
Term 6: Mon 2nd June – Mon 21st July 2025	36 days
Total	195 days*

Christmas Bank Holidays	25th December 2024
	26th December 2024
New Year Bank Holiday	1st January 2025
Good Friday	18th April 2025
Easter Monday	21st April 2025
Early May Bank Holiday	5th May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26th May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25th August 2025

INSET DAYS HIGHLIGHTED - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL (TEACHER TRAINING DAYS)