

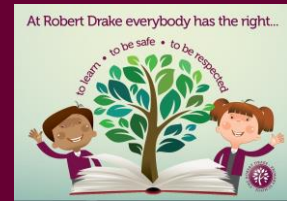


We are all special different unique

School values:

Our School Values
Kindness
Honesty
Respect

School Rules:



Year 5 & 6 Performance 'Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies'



The pupils in year 5 and 6 recently performed 'Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies', complete with songs, solos, costumes and props. The audiences that came to see the production were very complimentary as were staff members and other pupils in the school. A fantastic time was had by all and pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the shows.

Children in need



We raised an amazing £143 for Children in Need and have had some wonderful entries for our colouring competition! Well done!

Christmas Post Boxes – from Friday 1 December



As from Friday 1 December the children can post their Christmas cards in the post boxes placed in KS1 & KS2 corridors. EYFS have their own box in the corridor outside their classroom. Please make sure that the envelopes are clearly marked with the recipient's full name and their class. Thank you



Eco Warriors strive to keep our streets litter free!

On Friday 24 November, The Robert Drake Eco Warriors went for a litter picking journey along Church Road up to Manor Trading Estate. We were amazed at the amount of rubbish we found on the grass verges, pavement and bushes. This mainly consisted of food wrappers, paper cups, cans and even an old shoe! Please can you help us keep our local environment clean and safe by placing your rubbish in the bin!



Christmas Diary Dates

- 27 and 28 November: Christmas Bazaar
- 30 November: Cinderella Pantomime at Towngate Theatre (Y1 – 6)
- 6 and 7 December, 9 am: KS1 Christmas Performance to parents / carers
- 4 December, 9 am: Tea and Talk with Mrs Jackson
- 8 December, 2 pm: Y 3/4 Carol Concert, St Peter's Church
- 8 December, 3.30 – 6.30 pm: Winter Wonderland
- 13 and 14 December, 9.15 am: EYFS Christmas Performance
- 15 December: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner – **book by 6/12/23**
- 20 December: Talent Show



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Designated Safeguarding Leads:
Mrs Jackson – Mrs Coe
Deputy Safeguarding Leads:
Mr Smith - Mr Chaplin
Safeguarding Governor:
Mrs Foster

House colours:

Dragon	Green
Griffin	Yellow
Pegasus	Blue
Phoenix	Red



Total words read by the pupils of Robert Drake to date: **9,941, 227!**

Reading
The expectation is that children should read at least four times a week.

PE Days

CLASS	DAYS
EYFS	Wed and Thu
ER	Thu and Fri
NB	Mon and Fri
SG	Mon and Fri
ML	Tue and Thu
CMDH	Tue and Fri
DC	Tue and Fri
KS	Mon and Wed
DN	Tue and Fri
NP	Tue and Fri

All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons by the pupils themselves or at home before coming to school

Menu
Details for this week's menu can be found at: <https://robertdrake.co.uk/about-us/school-dinner-menu>

Attendance

National expectation for regular attendance is that children must be in school every day. Every second counts and we must work together to improve attendance and punctuality.

Class	Week 10	Week 11
Miss Baldwin	91.9	97.1
Miss Simpkin	95.7	96.5
Miss Ramsey	93.3	91.0
Miss Bradfield	90.3	91.0
Miss Glover	97.2	99.0
Miss Leckerman	97.3	94.7
Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert	95.5	84.8
Mr Chaplin	95.8	95.2
Mr Smith	98.3	96.7
Mr Newton	100	97.7
Mrs Parrag	97.3	97.0



Geraldine the Giraffe

Congratulations to Mr Newton's class in year 6 for attaining 100% attendance in the school for week 10! Amazing!

Geraldine will be spending this week with Miss Glover's Class in year 2! Fantastic!

Well done to those classes, and all pupils that are in school every day!



Dates for Class Assemblies, all start 9 am:

Miss Glover: Friday 19 January
Miss Bradfield: Thursday 8 February
Miss Ramsey: Thursday 14 March
Year 5: 26 June
Year 6: 22 July

Dates for Parent Consultations:

All years: 4 and 5 March
All years: 11 July – open evening

Please note all dates are subject to change



Term Dates:

Christmas: 21 December to 3 January
Non pupil day: 16 February
Half term: 19 to 23 February
Easter: 29 March to 12 April
Half term: 27 May to 7 June
Non pupil day: 12 July
Summer: from 24 July

Achievements

Last week and this week we are proud to celebrate the following who received Achievement awards:



Miss Ramsey: Jessie & Esmee

Miss Bradfield: Ted B & Lucy

Miss Glover: Arthur & Harper G

Miss Leckerman: Leonel & Ariana

Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert: Sam & James S

Mr Chaplin: Harry & Olive & Jessie

Mr Smith: Aimee & Gabriella

Mrs Parrag: Harlow & Rosie & Issy A

Mr Newton: Amelia & Blake & Grace T

Sport News

Paralympics Competition



Ten pupils from years 5 and 6 took the opportunity to represent Robert Drake at a Paralympics competition held at the Deanes School. The team participated in new age kurling and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The children were delighted to win gold in the boccia. Consequently, we are through to the finals...more details to come.

A special mention for Bella C who participated in a swimming gala at the London Aquatics Centre. Bella swam in the 50m front crawl and she came 1st. She also swam with her team in the mixed 50m front crawl cannon relay race and her team came 2nd. Well Done Bella!

Well done all, but remember that all our pupils are stars!

If your child has any achievements outside of school, please do ask them to share them with us so that we can recognise them and their accomplishments.

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 6 November 2023**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2024**.

From 6 November 2023, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

<p>Nut Free School/Packed Lunches</p> <p>The Robert Drake Primary is NUT FREE. We have pupils with severe air borne nut allergies and to safeguard our children all visitors must refrain from eating nuts and nut based products for at least 6 hours before visiting the school.</p> <p>- All packed lunches should be healthy and nut free.</p> 	<p>Pre-Loved Uniform Shop</p> <p>Each item is priced at £1.00; all payments to be made via ParentPay.</p> <p>Purchases can be made as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The pre-loved uniform shop is open in the small hall at 3.15 pm on the last Friday of each month - Parents/carers can email into admin@robertdrake.essex.sch.uk with details of the items they require, ie, item required, size, gender, etc - Parents/carers can enquire at the school office. 
<p>Water Bottles</p>  <p>It is important that all pupils bring in a water bottle each day filled with plain water; it can be filled up at water stations during the day. This helps the children to remain hydrated and helps them to focus on their learning - 'knowing more and remembering more'.</p> <p>The water bottles should have a sports cap to avoid spills.</p>	<p>Uniform</p> <p>All pupils should adhere to the school's uniform policy. The policy can be found on the school's website at https://robertdrake.co.uk/about-us/school-uniform</p>  <p>Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled.</p> <p>A reminder that if hair can be tied up, then it should be.</p>
<p>Safeguarding Information for Parents and Carers</p> <p>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk</p> <p>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/</p> <p>Parenting tips and support for dealing with difficult situations.</p>	<p>School Premises/Parking</p>  <p>Please note that dogs should not be brought on to the school grounds at any time, unless they are assistance dogs for the blind; this includes whether on a lead or being carried.</p> <p>We would also request that all parents/carers respect the school's neighbours and only park legally and with consideration for others. For safety reasons, at no time of the day should cars pull into the school's driveway.</p> 
<p>School Council</p>  <p>School Councillors are voted for by the children during the school year. Two per class.</p> <p>The councillors meet regularly and discuss and decide upon events and changes they would like to put forward, ie, menu items, fundraising days, sport played in school, to give some examples.</p> <p>The next council meeting will be taking place in the new year.</p>	<p>Clubs</p>  <p>There are several clubs that take place at the school every week; full details are available on the school's website https://robertdrake.co.uk/clubs or from the office.</p> <p>Taking into account parents' views at the Tea and Talk sessions, the school has introduced new clubs and is trying to provide a broad spectrum of clubs available, and these include, among others, drama, football, karate, netball, computing, music, fencing, crafting, Bricks4Kidz, etc.</p>
<p>Friends of Robert Drake</p> <p>The school has an active fundraising group. They are always looking for volunteers and hold regular meetings at the school; everyone is welcome.</p> <p>They can be contacted through their Facebook page:</p>  <p>'Friends of Robert Drake School' Please check out their site for full details of forthcoming fundraising events.</p>	<p>Pupil Premium / Free School Meals</p> <p>You may register your child for Free School Meals if you receive a range of benefits with qualifying conditions such as Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance and Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit run-on, and Universal Credit.</p> <p>If you think you may be eligible:</p> <p>If your child is in Year 2 or below, please call the School Office and we will send you through a form to complete.</p> <p>If your child is in Years 3—6, Essex County Council has an online application form on their website: https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals</p>

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding if you child is too ill for school. Please find below a link to the NHS website which provides guidance on common childhood illnesses and advice. [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

The Governing Body of The Robert Drake Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment