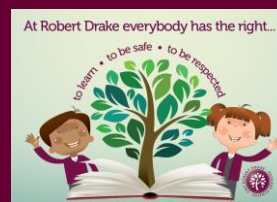




School values:



School Rules:



Well done to all our lovely pupils for a fantastic first term back at school.



We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year! We look forward to seeing you all on the 4 January 2024.

EYFS Christmas Nativity

Congratulations to our EYFS children who completed their first Christmas performance. They performed to both the parents and school and were amazing!



Trip to Cardfields – Years 5 & 6

All pupils enjoyed the festive educational visit. They were very artistic with their wreath making made from foliage, decorating ornaments and learning about a traditional Victorian Christmas. The day finished with all pupils singing carols around the Christmas tree.



Christmas Jumper/Christmas Dinner Day

All of the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed Christmas dinner day, and getting to wear their Christmas jumpers.



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

House colours:

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| Dragon | Green |
| Griffin | Yellow |
| Pegasus | Blue |
| Phoenix | Red |



Total words read by the pupils of Robert Drake to date:
12,641,931!

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>

Diary Dates (all dates are subject to change)

- 20 December: Talent Show
- 20 December: Last day of term
- 18 January: Y 5/6 Flight Simulator
- 24 January: Y 3 Dance Festival
- 5 February: Class photographs
- 9 February: Fundraisers Quiz Night – details to follow
- 28 February: Cross Country Competition
- 7 March: World Book Day
- 8 March: Y 1/2 Parent Involvement Morning
- 17 March: Comic Relief
- 19 March: Y 5/6 Parent Involvement Morning
- 20 March: KS1 trip to Braintree Museum
- 27 March: Easter discos
- March: EYFS walk to St Peter's Church (TBC)
- 10 May: EYFS trip to Barleylands
- 13 May: SAT's week
- 23 May: KS1 trip to Sealife Adventure
- 17 – 21 June: Y6 residential trip to Stubbers
- 21 June: Y 3/4 Parent Involvement morning
- 24 – 28 June: Book Fair
- 27 June: Sports Day
- 2 July: Railway Children production to school
- 6 July: Summer Fun Day
- 11 July: Reports and Open Evening
- 15 July: Leavers' Disco

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 14 | | |
|------------------------|---------|--|--|
| Miss Baldwin | 94.8 | | |
| Miss Simpkin | 94.3 | | |
| Miss Ramsey | 92.6 | | |
| Miss Bradfield | 94.0 | | |
| Miss Glover | 95.9 | | |
| Miss Leckerman | 96.0 | | |
| Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert | 97.2 | | |
| Mr Chaplin | 98.1 | | |
| Mr Smith | 93.3 | | |
| Mr Newton | 98.0 | | |
| Mrs Parrag | 96.3 | | |



Geraldine the Giraffe

Congratulations Mr Chaplin's class in Year 4 for the best attendance for week 14! Amazing!

Geraldine will be spending this week with Mr Chaplin's Class in year 4! 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: Younes
Miss Bradfield: Olivia
Miss Glover: Angela
Miss Leckerman: Noah

Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert: Noah R
Mr Chaplin: Henry
Mr Smith: Drew & Leo B
Mrs Parrag: Jess

Mr Newton: Jake E

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.

House Points Winners!



Well done to Pegasus who won the most house points this term! On the last day of term (Wednesday 20 December) members of Pegasus House may wear a blue item of clothing as a reward.

Essex ActivAte

Working with locally trusted organisations across the county, Essex ActivAte run face-to-face activity clubs during the school holidays and half-term breaks. These clubs are FREE for children and young people who're eligible for benefits based free school meals.

Essex ActivAte are also able to extend this support to a number of other children who may otherwise experience inactivity or social isolation without access to this free support. This is decided on a case by case basis, therefore please speak to the organisation running the club you are interested in. Please see [Essex ActivAte website](https://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) for more information or contact the School Office.

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.

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| <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></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All packed lunches should be healthy and nut free. <p></p> | <p>Pre-Loved Uniform Shop</p> <p>Each item is priced at £1.00; all payments to be made via ParentPay.</p> <p></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></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></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></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></p> |
| <p>School Council</p> <p></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></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></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