



School values:



School Rules:



### World Book Day

The children really enjoyed dressing up and taking part in world book day this year.



### Science Week

All the children across the school took part in Science experiments last week for Science week.



### Year 1-2 Parent Involvement Morning

Children and parents spent the morning together making vehicles. The children really enjoyed this fun activity. Thank you to the parents and carers that stayed behind to help tidy up.



### The Big Walk and Wheel

The children have been encouraged to walk and wheel to school. This is to help the children be more active, feel more energised & help the environment by replacing a car journey.



### Miss Ramsey's Class Assembly

The children performed 'The Chocolate Shop' to parents and the school. They were amazing, learning all of their lines and songs!



### Road Safety Walk & Presentation Year 5 & EYFS Children & Parents

The year 5 children and EYFS children & their parents enjoyed a walk & presentation by our Road Safety Officer.



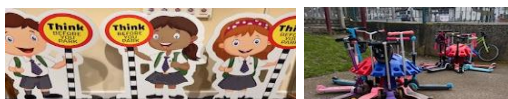
### Comic Relief

On Friday the children came into school wearing pyjamas & dressing gowns. A sum of £100 was raised for Comic Relief.



### Traffic Signs

We would like to say a big thank you to Councillor Beverley Egan for funding our new traffic signs and scooter pods.



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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:  
**27,328,998 !**

Congratulations to Beatrice on becoming our latest word millionaire!

### 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 9 | Week 10 |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Miss Baldwin           | 95.2   | 93.8    |
| Miss Simpkin           | 100    | 98.3    |
| Miss Ramsey            | 91.3   | 97.7    |
| Miss Bradfield         | 95.2   | 96.3    |
| Miss Glover            | 97.2   | 97.6    |
| Miss Leckerman         | 94.7   | 98.7    |
| Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert | 99.0   | 96.2    |
| Mr Chaplin             | 98.4   | 99.0    |
| Mr Smith               | 94.7   | 97.7    |
| Mr Newton              | 99.0   | 97.3    |
| Mrs Parrag             | 99.0   | 97.0    |



Geraldine the Giraffe

Well done to Miss Simpkin's class in EYFS for attaining 100% attendance in week 9. Amazing!

Geraldine will be spending this week with Mr Chaplin's class in year 4. Well done!

Well done all pupils that are in school every day and on time!



Dates for Class Assemblies, all start 9 am:

Year 5: Wednesday 26 June

Year 6: Tuesday 23 July

Dates for Parent Consultations:

All years: 11 July – Open Evening



Term Dates:

**Easter:** 29 March to 12 April

**Half term:** 27 May to 7 June

**Non pupil day:** 12 July

**Summer:** from 24 July

## Achievements

We are proud to celebrate the following pupils who have received Achievement awards, over the past two weeks



Miss Ramsey: Quinn & Harvey

Miss Bradfield: Sofia & Zoe

Miss Glover: Arthur & Bethany

Miss Leckerman: Noah R & Selen

Miss Baldwin: Bradley & Primrose

Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert: Frankie-Mae, Darcy & Lexi

Mr Chaplin: Bobby & Scarlett

Mr Smith: Ayla, Charlie & Freddie

Mrs Parrag: Leonardo, Isla & Emie

Miss Simpkin: Sienna & Henry

Mr Newton: Jake, Maddie & Ibrahim

### Football Matches

Great team performance by the players against Woodham Ley winning the game 2-1. We missed a hatful of chances and they scored with the last kick of the game. Everyone was superb, attitude, sportsmanship, and once again a credit to the school, the result should take us top of the League! Goals from Riley and Bobby. Great to see Mrs Parrag and Mr Newton attend and give the kids a great buzz.

Mark Hunter, Football Coach.

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.

**Tea and Talk Sessions** All are welcome to the 'Tea and Talk' sessions with the Co-Headteacher Mrs Jackson. Sessions are as follows:

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – 2.45pm

Thursday 9 May, 9 am

Monday 24 June, 2.30 pm

### Have Your Say: Healthy Weight Survey for All Schools

Essex County Council wants to support people to be a healthy weight and create a more supportive environment where healthy lifestyle choices are easy. To help shape a new strategy to achieve this, they want to hear from Essex adults (18+ years) about their healthy lifestyle and weight experiences, challenges, and suggestions. We would be grateful if parents/carers could please complete [this survey](#) by clicking on this link. Thank you.

Diary Dates (all dates are subject to change)

- 19 March: Infant Music Festival
- 20 March: Tea and Talk – 2.45pm
- 20 March: 9am Year 5/6 Parent Involvement Morning
- 21 March: EYFS Art Challenge Walk to Woodside Park
- 21 March: World Poetry day
- 25 March: 9am EYFS walk to St Peter's Church
- 26 March: 9am Y6 SAT's and Stubbers Meeting
- 27 March: Easter discos
- 22 April: Year 5/6 Mini Tennis
- 26 April: Fundraisers Quiz Night
- 8 May: Character and Life Skills event Year 5/6
- 9 May: 9am Tea and Talk with Mrs Jackson
- 10 May: EYFS trip to Barleylands
- 13 May: SAT's week
- 22 May: Year 6 Rounders Tournament
- 23 May: KS1 trip to Sealife Adventure
- 24 May: Mad Hair Day
- 3-21 June: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- 13 June: Junior Music Festival, Cliffs Pavilion
- 14 June: Year 3/4 Trip to Museum of Power
- 17 – 21 June: Year 6 Residential trip to Stubbers
- 19 June: KS1 Summer games - Deanes
- 21 June: Year 3/4 Parent Involvement morning
- 24 June: 2.30 pm Tea and Talk with Mrs Jackson
- 24 – 28 June: Book Fair
- 25 – 26 June: Year 6 Secondary School Transition days
- 26 June: 9am Year 5 Class Assembly
- 27 June: Sports Day
- 28 June: Year 5 Danbury Trip
- 2 July: Railway Children production to school
- 6 July: Summer Fun Day
- 10 July: District Sports
- 11 July: Reports and Open Evening
- 15 July: Leavers' Disco
- 23 July: 9am Leavers' Assembly



### Nut Free School/Packed Lunches

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.

- All packed lunches should be healthy and nut free.



### Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

Each item is priced at £1.00; all payments to be made via ParentPay.



Purchases can be made as follows:

- 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](mailto: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.

### Water Bottles



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'.

The water bottles should have a sports cap to avoid spills.

### Uniform

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>



Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled.

A reminder that if hair can be tied up, then it should be.



Robert Drake promotes healthy living and seeks to provide a no smoking environment, both within the school building and grounds, that help protect the health of the whole school community and visitors to the school. Also, the effect of second hand smoking has been shown to cause serious health issues.

We would therefore like to request that parents and carers refrain from smoking near the school and around other parents and children

### School Premises / Parking



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.

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.**



### School Council

School Councillors are voted for by the children during the school year. Two per class.



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.

Details of the most recent council meeting will be shared on the next newsletter.

### Clubs



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.

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.

### Friends of Robert Drake

The school has an active fundraising group. They are always looking for volunteers and hold regular meetings at the school; everyone is welcome.

They can be contacted through their Facebook page:



'Friends of Robert Drake School'  
Please check out their site for full details of forthcoming fundraising events.

### Pupil Premium / Free School Meals

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.

If you think you may be eligible:

**If your child is in Year 2 or below**, please call the School Office and we will send you through a form to complete.

**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>

### 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? A parent's guide to keeping kids healthy this school term](#)

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