



School values:



School Rules:



Wishing all our children and families a very happy half term!



Art Challenge Winners

We are pleased to announce the winners of our watercolour art challenge. Thank you to Frameworks for kindly donating the frames for the winning art work.



Alfie – EYFS



Kayden – Year 1



Harper - Year 2



Eliza – Year 3



Toby - Year 4



Drew - Year 5



Frankie - Year 6



Barleylands Trip – EYFS

Early Years had a lovely day at Barleylands Farm in the sunshine. They enjoyed finding out where some of our food comes from and using those ingredients to make our own pizzas. They had a very bumpy tractor ride around the farm and got to feed some animals such as goats and cows



Mad Hair Day

The children really enjoyed taking part in Mad Hair day at school today. It was wonderful to see so many creations and styles!



Sealife Centre Trip – KS1

Our trip to Southend was lots of fun. The children enjoyed playing games on the beach and seeing all the amazing animals in the Sealife centre. Their favourite animals were the monkeys and the sharks! They also saw penguins, meerkats and a crocodile! It was a lovely fun day.



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

House colours: Term Totals

Dragon	Green – 2106
Griffin	Yellow – 1778
Pegasus	Blue – 2371
Phoenix	Red - 1573



Total words read by the pupils of Robert Drake to date: **37,498,190!**

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 17	Week 18
Miss Baldwin	97.6	94.8
Miss Simpkin	92.2	91.3
Miss Ramsey	96.8	96.1
Miss Bradfield	96.7	95.7
Miss Glover	98.7	91.7
Miss Leckerman	98.3	96.3
Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert	97.0	93.8
Mr Chaplin	98.8	95.5
Mr Smith	97.5	96.3
Mr Newton	99.2	99.7
Mrs Parrag	95.4	98.3



Geraldine the Giraffe

Well done to Mr Newton's class in year 5/6 for attaining the best attendance for week 17 and week 18. Amazing!

Geraldine will be spending this week with Mr Newton's class. 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

Tea and Talk Sessions - All are welcome to the 'Tea and Talk' sessions with the Co-Headteachers. The last session is: Monday 24 June, 2.30pm



Term Dates:

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: Rosie
Miss Bradfield: Harry
Miss Glover: Sonny
Miss Leckerman: Tristan

Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert: Sophie
Mr Chaplin: Bella
Mr Smith: Lily B
Mrs Parrag: Isla & Amelia

Miss Baldwin: Mateo
Miss Simpkin: Ellis
Mr Newton: Rosie B & Grace T

Year 6 SATs

Congratulations to all year 6 pupils on completing your SATs. Your resilience and determination shone through in your positive attitudes during the tests. We are so proud of you all!!

Most importantly, it was so lovely to see you being kind and supporting each other throughout the week. Well done!

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.

Year 6 School Speed Watch session

The Safer Essex Road Partnership visited the year 6 pupils this month, during which the pupils, along with police officers and road safety staff, observed the speeds of vehicles on the road outside of the school. During the session, 5 speeding drivers were pulled over & the year 6's had the opportunity to question the drivers about the dangers and consequences of speeding. Two of the stopped drivers were pulled over by the Police for driving at **40mph** along the 30mph road.

Please support the vision for zero road deaths, by making a pledge

<https://saferessexroads.org/visionzero/pledge/>



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 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 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. The children who attended Bricks 4 Kids club this week made this lovely piece for the end of term:-



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](#)

E Safety Newsletter - There is a new E-Safety Newsletter on the website for all parents and carers. Herewith the link for your convenience: <https://robertdrake.co.uk/about-us/e-safety>