



School values:



School Rules:



Essex Fire Service

This week the Essex Fire Service came into school to talk to the children in years 5 & 6 about cyber security and keeping safe online.



Boccia Final Results

Children from years 5 & 6 attended the Boccia Finals at Basildon Sporting Village this week. They did amazingly well, placing 6th out of 14 schools. They represented the school beautifully and we are very proud of them. Well done!



Summer Fun Day

We will be holding our annual Summer Fun Day on Saturday 7th June, 12-4pm.

Diary Dates – we will list on the newsletter most diary dates. Please do check the calendar on the website as going forward that will be updated with all dates too. All dates are subject to change.

January- March - Diary Dates

- 16/01 - Y5/6 Boys Football away vs Thundersley, 3.15 pm
- 20/01 - Y5/6 Girls Football away vs Thundersley - 3.15 pm
- 20/01 - Y5/6 Boys Football away vs Hadleigh, 3.15pm
- 21/01 - Year 5 Speed Awareness am/ EYFS in Afternoon (small hall with parents)
- 21/01 - Year 3 Dance Festival
- 23/01 - Tea and Talk 2:30pm
- 23/01 - Year 2 class assembly to parents
- 23/01 - Y5/6 Girls Football away vs Kents Hill - 3.15 pm
- 24/01 - Year 6/5 Trip to Gunpowder Mills
- 28/01 - Girls home Netball match v Canvey Junior
- 28/01 - Teachrex Workshop
- 30/01 - Y5/6 Boys Football home vs Kents Hill, 3.15/3.30pm
- 03/02 - Class photographs
- 04/02 - Year 5/6 mixed match v Kingston home
- 06/02 - Year 3/4 Boys Football away to Thundersley - 3.15/3.30 pm kick off
- 07/02 - Times Tables Rockstars Day
- 11/02 - Safer Internet Day
- 13/02 - Year 2/1 Class assembly to parents
- 14/02 - Wear something Red Day
- 14/02 - Break up for Half Term
- 26/02 - Yrs 4-6 - Cross Country Competition
- 26/02 - Essex Police - Antisocial Behaviour (year 6)
- 27/02 - Mixed Netball match v Northwick Park Home
- 03/03 - Visiting Author - Karen Knoller
- 04/03 - Tea and Talk 9am
- 06/03 - World Book Day
- 07/03 - Year 5 Appleton Day
- 11/03 & 13/03 - Parent Consultations
- 07/03 - Science Week
- 13/03 - Red Nose Day Dance Festival
- 13/03 - Year One Class assembly to parents
- 14/03 - Fundraisers Evening
- 19/03 - Y5/6 - Dodgeball competition
- 20/03 - Y3/4 Boys Football home vs Kents Hill - 3.15/3.30 pm kick off
- 20/03 - Infant Music Festival
- 21/03 - Year 5/6 Parental Involvement Day
- 21/03 - World Poetry Day
- 21/03 - Comic Relief
- 26/03 - KS1 Parental Involvement Morning



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Mrs Jackson – Mrs Coe

Deputy Safeguarding Leads:

Mr Chaplin - Miss Bradfield

Miss Simpkin

Safeguarding Governor:

Mr King



Totals reset at the start of the new school year.

Total words read by the pupils of Robert Drake to date:

9, 535,180!

House colours:

Dragon	Green
Griffin	Yellow
Pegasus	Blue
Phoenix	Red

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
CW	Mon and Wed
DN	Tue and Fri
LR	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 15	Week 16
Miss Baldwin	89.7	96.1
Miss Simpkin	81.5	86.7
Miss Ramsey	90.4	99.3
Miss Bradfield	90.8	96.3
Miss Glover	77.5	93.7
Miss Leckerman	94.4	95.5
Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert	93.8	90.7
Mr Chaplin	91.3	97.0
Miss Woodward	95.4	95.0
Mr Newton	95.8	89.7
Mrs Parrag	94.6	94.0



Geraldine the Giraffe

Well done to Mr Newton's class in year 6 for attaining the highest attendance in week 15. Amazing!

Geraldine will be spending this week with Miss Ramsey's class in year 1. Well done!

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

Achievements - We are proud to celebrate the following who have received Achievement awards:



Miss Ramsey: Harry B
Miss Bradfield: Younes
Miss Glover: Finley B
Miss Leckerman: Bobby

Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert: Finley & Jake
Mr Chaplin: Tristan & Jaxon
Ms Woodward: Abiola
Mrs Parrag: Amelia, Aggie, Tommy & Ram

Miss Simpkin - Freddie
Miss Baldwin - Paige
Mr Newton: Oliver & Violet

Little Lions Family Hub is a warm and friendly centre for families. They offer a wide range of services include child health clinic sessions which are led by a health visitor along with lots of other services

<https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/hubs/little-lions-family-hub/>



Dates for Class Assemblies, all start 9 am:

Miss Glover: 23rd January 2025
Miss Bradfield: 13th February 2025
Miss Ramsey: 13th March 2025
Year 5: 25th June 2025
Year 6: 22nd July 2025

Dates for Parent Consultations:

All years: 11th & 13th March 2025

Head Pupils Deputy Head Pupils

Joseph & Poppy Robby & Harriet

Sports Captains

Freddie & Grace

Attendance

As of 19th August 2024, the DfE implemented the new statutory school attendance guidance. We circulated the relevant information before the summer holidays but we have sent the letter again explaining the changes via Parentmail.

Term Dates:



Half term: 17th February to 21st February 2025
Easter: 7th April to 21st April 2025
Non pupil day: 19th & 20th May 2025
Half term: 21st to 30th May 2025
Non pupil day: 4th July '25
Summer: From 23rd July '25



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 effects 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.

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

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>



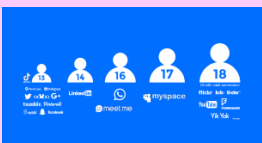
Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled.

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

E-Safety

E-Safety information from the Robert Drake website:
<https://robertdrake.co.uk/about-us/e-safety>

NSPCC website with useful information on online safety:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



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, i.e., menu items, fundraising days, sport played in school, to give some examples.

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, etc.

Nut Free School/Packed Lunches



The Robert Drake Primary is **NUT FREE & BANANA FREE**. We have pupils with severe air borne nut & banana allergies and to safeguard our children all visitors must refrain from eating nuts & bananas and nut/banana based products for at least 6 hours before visiting the school.

All packed lunches should be healthy and nut/banana free.



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>