



School values:



School Rules:



Yr 1 Assembly – Miss Ramsey’s Class

We want to say a massive well done to all the children in our class, during our class assembly. The children showed resilience and patience when faced with musical difficulties. We are so proud of what they achieved. We want to thank the parents for their support, for helping the children learn their lines, gather costumes and supporting on the day. Thank you



Infant Music Festival

The children from Year 2 had the opportunity to attend the Infant Music Festival in Westcliff-On-Sea. They sang and accompanied a range of weather-themed songs beautifully. They even sang one of their individual items acapella due to a technical issue on the day! All the children should be very proud of their performance - we certainly are!



Eco Warriors

On Thursday 20th March Charlotte Wells from Essex Wildlife Trust came to visit our school. She informed the pupils in assembly about how long it takes for different pieces of rubbish to decompose. She visited the EYFS and discussed which materials can be recycled. After that she taught children in Year 3 and 4 about the life cycle of a plastic bottle and the effects of rubbish in the rivers. She also helped the Eco Warriors to build bird boxes to be hung in trees around the school. A great day!



You Said, We Did

The children asked for more activities outside so the fundraisers kindly purchased Target boards and a Dart board for KS1 & KS2 playgrounds. Thank You!



Years 5 School Speed Watch session

During the School Crossing Patrol ‘Stop Means Stop’ campaign, the Safer Essex Road Partnership visited the Year 5 students at your school. During this visit, the students, along with police officers and road safety staff observed the speeds of vehicles on the road passed the school. Throughout the morning, 4 speeding drivers were identified as driving in excess of the speed limit and pulled over by the Police officer. The pupils then had the opportunity to question these drivers about the dangers and consequences of speeding. The highest speed recorded was **40 mph** on a 30 mph road.



Adidas Football Boots Raffle & Family Ticket to the Farm Raffle

Thank you to all parents/carers for supporting the school and entering the raffle. An amazing £147 was raised!!!

Prize winners:

Beau – size 3 football boots,
Abiola – size 4 football boots,
Samuel and Harley – size 5 football boots.

Many thanks to Arsenal Football Club for this generous donation.

Family Ticket to the Farm Raffle

An amazing £46 was raised, thank you! This was kindly donated by one of our parents.

Yr5/6 Parental Involvement Day



The Y5/6 Parental Involvement morning was spent building a wind-powered vehicle that the children then raced against each other. We saw brilliant teamwork and problem-solving skills throughout the session - we were really impressed!

Healthy School Festival



We are incredibly proud to announce that we have won the **Best Practice Award for Pupil Voice** at the Essex Healthy Schools Festival! This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of both our pupils, staff and governors. A huge thank you to all pupils who have shared their ideas and perspectives, helping staff to create a school environment where everyone's voice is heard. Your efforts have played a key role in making our lovely school an even better place to be, and we look forward to continuing this journey together. Let's keep up the fantastic work!!!



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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:

21,650,584!

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 24	Week 25	Week 26
Miss Baldwin	97.4	93.5	93.5
Miss Simpkin	93.3	95.7	99.0
Miss Ramsey	90.3	90.3	99.7
Miss Bradfield	93.3	92.7	95.7
Miss Glover	90.0	90.7	95.3
Miss Leckerman	97.2	98.6	98.6
Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert	96.0	96.0	96.7
Mr Chaplin	92.7	95.3	93.3
Miss Woodward	94.7	98.7	93.3
Mr Newton	92.9	99.0	99.0
Mrs Parrag	96.0	99.0	98.7



Geraldine the Giraffe

Well done to Miss Baldwin's class in EYFS for attaining the highest attendance in week 24. Amazing!

Geraldine was between Mr Newton's & Mrs Parrag's class in year 6 late week. This week Geraldine will be 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: Richie, Daisy & Freddie

Miss Bradfield: Hudson, Milana, Eva & Oscar

Miss Glover: Marnie, Ryan & Kerrie

Miss Leckerman: Charlie, Refilwe & Teddy

Mr Newton: Gabriella, Grace, Freddie & Frankie

Miss Baldwin: Vienna & Alice

Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert: Noah, Jonny & Zoe

Mr Chaplin: Jake, Klaydon & Jaxon

Ms Woodward: Ted & Noah

Mrs Parrag: Isla, Amelia, Garvika & Leonardo

Miss Simpkin: Joshua & Casey

Results

Football

Robert Drake 8-4 Kents Hill



Netball – Mixed

Robert Drake 9-3 Montgomerie

Robert Drake 14-1 William Read

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/>

Music Zoo - an introduction to our Junior Music Programme (Years 3 to 6)

Come and have a go at playing an instrument and finding out about the programme at our Music Zoo where there will be, toots, doods & djembe drums

When: Saturday 29 March 2025

Time: 11.30am – 12noon

Where: Thundersley Primary School, Dark Lane, Benfleet SS7 3PT

Book your place by emailing: Kathleen.curtis@essex.gov.uk



Dates for Class Assemblies, all start 9 am:

Year 5: 25th June 2025

Year 6: 22nd July 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:



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>



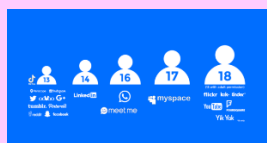
Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled.

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 School Council has been collecting views across the school. They have decided the following:

Accelerated Reader End of Spring Term Award:

- Shopping voucher or bowling voucher.

Attendance Reward End of Spring Term Award:

- Popcorn and movie in the hall.

Thank you to all the children for sharing their views.

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>

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.

March-July - Diary Dates

02/04 - Easter Disco - EYFS, KS1
02/04 - Easter Disco - KS2
08/04 – Autism Awareness Day
04/04/ - Year 1/2 Call of the Wild Zoo trip
22/04 – Yr 5/6 Football Home – v Kents Hills
23/04 - Year 1/2 - Panathalon
30/04 – Yr 3/4 Girls Football Away – v Thundersley
08/05 – Tea and talk
09/05 - EYFS Barleylands trip
12/05 – 15/05 – KS2 – SATS
15/05 – Census Day
16/05 - Non Uniform day – Raising money for Eco School Project
16/05 – Athlete Visit
21/05 – Junior Music Festival rehearsal
05/06 – Tea and Talk
07/06 – Summer Fun day
11/06 – Best Team Kwik Cricket Y5/6 – Deanes
12/06 – Junior Music Festival – Cliffs Pavillion
12/06 - Yr3/4 Trip to Wilderness Foundation
12/06 – EYFS Parental Involvement
16/06 – 22/06 – Year 6 Stubbers
19/06 – Y1/2 – Hedingham Castle Trip
23/06 – 27/06 – Book Fair
24/06 – 25/06 - Y6 Transition Day
25/06 – Year 5 Assembly
25/06 – Y1/2 Summer Games
30/06 – Wizard of Oz production – In school
02/07 – Y5 Danbury Outdoors Trip
03/07 – Open Evening
09/07 – District Sports (TBC)
10/07 – Sports Day (subject to weather)
14/07 – Drake Fest
22/07 – Y6 Leavers Assembly