

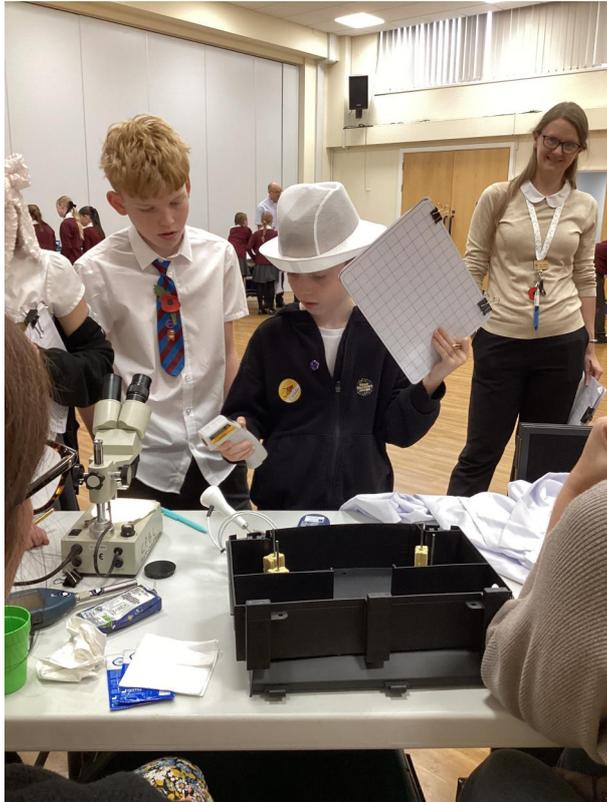
The Robert Drake Primary School - Newsletter 4



Year 5 and 6 Careers Day

On 5th November, our school hosted an inspiring Careers Day where the children in years 5 and 6 were given the opportunity to question a wide range of professionals about their roles and experiences. From an Air Ambulance Paramedic to a Transport for London Prosecutor, Midwives, a Planning Officer and even a Technical Manager from the Cliffs Pavilion. The pupils explored diverse career paths and gained valuable insights into the skills and responsibilities involved in each profession. Their curiosity and thoughtful questions made the day a fantastic learning experience, broadening their understanding of the world of work.













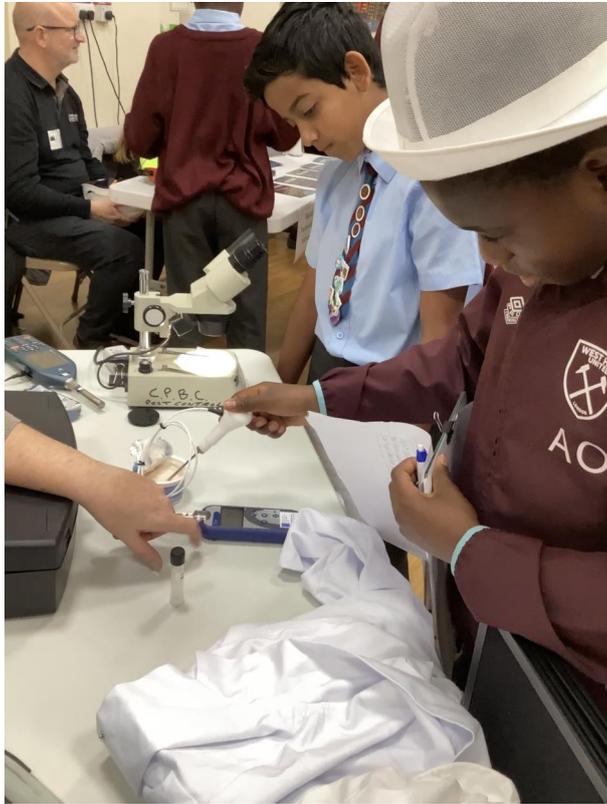














EYFS - Parental Involvement Day

We had a fantastic time during our parental involvement session! Everyone joined in the fun with *Dough Disco*, using playdough to strengthen the muscles in our hands and fingers. We explored phonics by learning the **e** and **r** sounds and applying our knowledge to read words. In maths, we focused on understanding how and why we subitise.

The children loved sharing their learning with their adults, and we hope it gave parents a valuable insight into what happens in our classroom every day.





KS1 Xmas performance 2025



A huge congratulations to all the children in KS1! They have shown incredible dedication in learning their lines and songs, and we are so proud of their hard work and effort.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers—your continued support makes this possible.

We hope you enjoyed the performance as much as we did!

Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies

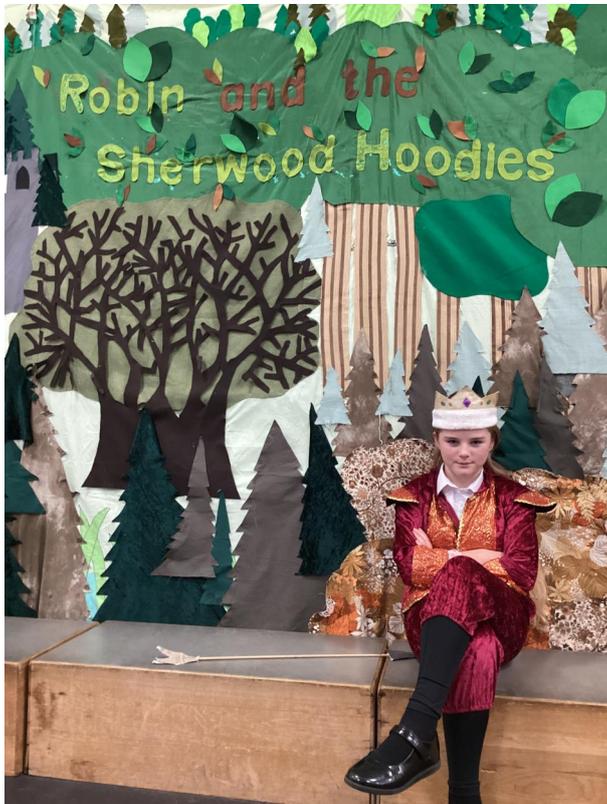
Well done to our amazing Year 5 and 6 students for their fantastic performance of *Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies*! This lively and humorous take on the classic Robin Hood tale was packed with energy and plenty of laughs. From the brave outlaws to the mischievous villains, every child brought their character to life with confidence and enthusiasm. The play showcased not only their acting talents but also their excellent singing ability leaving families and staff thoroughly entertained. We are so proud of the effort, creativity, and teamwork they showed throughout the production. A huge thank you to all the pupils and staff who worked so hard to make this production a memorable success!







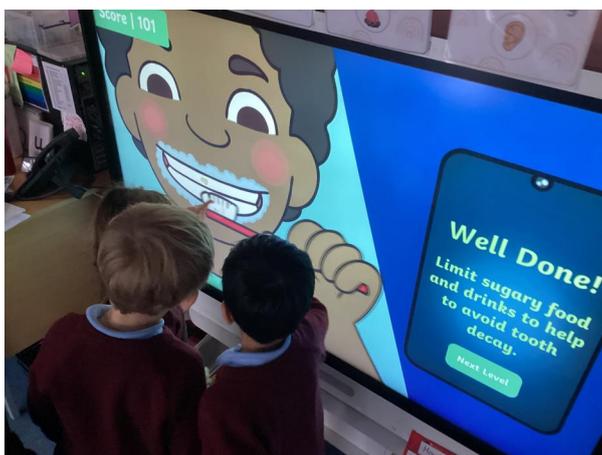




EYFS Oral Health Day

We had a wonderful day learning all about how to keep our teeth clean! The children enjoyed listening to fun songs and taking part in classroom activities focused on dental care. They practiced brushing teeth using toothbrushes and worked on sequencing the steps for cleaning teeth properly.

We're already looking forward to doing it all again in the spring term!



Christmas Bazaar

The children all really enjoyed taking part in the Christmas Bazaar this year. We raised an amazing £1979.28! Thank you for the donations of wrapping paper and to all the volunteers who kindly gave up their time to help out. And thank you to the Fundraisers for organising this wonderful event.



Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert

Thank you to all of those parents who were able to attend the Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert at St Peter's Church. It was a wonderful concert which certainly left everyone feeling very festive!

The church also sent us this message of thanks:-

I just wanted to drop you a note to say if you would be willing to pass on a BIG THANK YOU from myself & the church family at St Peter's for the very generous donation of £125 that was given from the parents & families following the concert last Friday. We are blown away by their kindness. Thank you.

Please also pass on again a BIG THANK YOU to all the children too, they gave us a cracking concert & a creative take on the Christmas Story we were truly blessed 😊 Thank you again.

Rev Marcus Giddy



EYFS Police Visit

We were thrilled to welcome a police officer to our classroom! She showed us all the equipment she carries for her job and taught us the important numbers to call if we ever need help. The children loved trying on her coat and hat and listening to a story about the emergency services.

The highlight of the visit was sitting in a real police car! We even saw the blue lights flash and heard the siren—it was such an exciting experience!





Christmas Crafts

This week the children have enjoyed taking part in a variety of Christmas Crafts to decorate and make the school look very Christmassy. They had to listen carefully to the instructions and work together. Well done everyone!





Children in Need/Cake Sale











Our School Council did a fantastic job this year choosing our Children in Need fundraising activities. After a vote, the children decided on a Pyjama Day and an after-school cake sale—and both were a huge success!

There was a wonderful sense of fun across the school, and it was lovely to see everyone taking part. Thank you to all families for your kindness and generous donations. Together, we raised £352.10!

We would also like to say big congratulations to the winners of our Pudsey colouring competition. The School Council were amazed at the number of entries we received and they had a hard time choosing the winners below:

EYFS winner - Elsie

KS1 winner - Mylah-Rose (ML)

KS1 runner up - Lyra F (ML)

LKS2 joint winners - Ava and Frankie M (CMDH)

UKS2 winner - Tabitha (CW)

UKS2 runner up - Jake A (NP)

Well done, everyone!

Awards

We are proud to celebrate the following children who have received Achievement awards

KS1 Awards

Miss Ramsey - Blakely & Miley

Miss Covey - Jude R & Harry

Miss Leckerman - Primrose, Riley S & Sienna

LKS2 Awards

Mrs Herbert/ Mrs Malyan - Sebastian, Kayden & Issac

Mr Chaplin - Ryan, Charlie, Sonny & Riley

Miss Glover - Ted, Bobby S & Teddy

UKS2 Awards

Miss Woodward - Selen, Charlie, Eliza E, Isla L, Leonel & Mia

Mr Newton - Ariana, Noah R & Ashleigh

Mrs Parrag - Karabo, Sam, Henry & Alice

Gratitude - Thank You Moments

Head Pupils

Head Pupils:-

Ted V & Ariana C-T

Deputy Head Pupils:-

Kyle C & Alexa C

Attendance

EYFS

Miss Simpkin/Mrs Worboys -

- Week 11 94.5%
- Week 12 91.8%

Miss Imbush -

- Week 11 98.6%
- Week 12 94.9%

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KS1

Miss Ramsey -

- Week 11 98.7%
- Week 12 95.3%

Miss Covey -

- Week 11 100%
- Week 12 99.3%

Miss Leckerman -

- Week 11 96.8%
- Week 12 99.0%

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LKS2

Mrs Herbert/Mrs Malyan -

- Week 11 93.0%
- Week 12 89.0%

Mr Chaplin -

- Week 11 96.7%
- Week 12 96.7%
- Miss Glover -
- Week 11 96.9%
- Week 12 91.7%

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UKS2

Miss Woodward -

- Week 11 92.7%
- Week 12 94.3%

Mrs Parrag -

- Week 11 98.7%
- Week 12 98.3%

Mr Newton -

- Week 11 98.7%
- Week 12 96.5%



Well done to Miss Covey's class for attaining the highest attendance in week 11 & 12 ! Amazing! Geraldine will be spending this week with Miss Covey's class for the highest attendance .

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

School Council - Help Needed!

The school council would like to create a snake of happiness for our Forest School. Therefore, we are asking for donations of smooth stones, at least 3" in length. If you have any you can kindly donate, please leave them at the office.

General Information

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.

Allergy Aware School

The Robert Drake Primary is an **Allergy Aware School**. We have pupils with severe **airborne nut and banana allergies** and to safeguard our children all visitors must refrain from bringing nuts/products containing nuts and bananas into the school, and refrain from eating nuts/products containing nuts for at least 6 hours before visiting the school.

Uniform and Water Bottles

All pupils should adhere to the school's uniform policy. The policy can be found on the schools website at

[School Uniform Policy](#)

It is important that all pupils bring in a water bottle each day filled with 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'. Water bottles should have a sports cap to avoid spills.

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

2025-2026 Diary Dates

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| 02.12.2025 | Rocksteady Performance |
| 04.12.2025 | Yr 5/6 Football away – Thundersley 3.15pm |
| 04.12.2025 | KS1 Performance to parents 9am |
| 05.12.2025 | KS1 Performance to parents 9am |
| 05.12.2025 | Year 3 and 4 Performance at the church |
| 05.12.2025 | Year 5 and 6 Trip to Cardfelds |
| 10.12.2025 | Pantomime at Towngate Theatre |
| 11.12.2025 | Winter Ball – EYFS & KS1 4pm-5pm – KS2 5:30pm – 6.30pm |
| 12.12.2025 | Christmas Dinner Day |
| 12.12.2025 | Christmas Jumper Day |
| 16.12.2025 | EYFS Xmas Production - am |
| 17.12.2025 | EYFS Xmas Production - am |
| 18.12.2025 | Talent Show |
| 19.12.2025 | Inset Day |
| 09.01.2026 | Year 5 Maya Day |
| 07.01.2026 | Y5/6 Dodgeball, Deanes |
| 15.01.2026 | Year 5/6 football match away vs Montgomerie |
| 20.01.2026 | MSC Parent Session - Mental Health Awareness |
| 22.01.2026 | Dance Festival Year 3 – 9am- 11.30am |
| 02.01.2026 | Y5/6 boys football Home vs Hadleigh |
| 22.01.2026 | BATICS Got Talent |
| 22.01.2026 | Year 2 Class assembly 9am |
| 22.01.2026 | Y5/6 Boys Football Home vs Hadleigh |
| 30.01.2026 | Parental Involvement Year 3 and 4 |
| 02.02.2026 | Art Challenge |
| 03.02.2026 | Class Photos |
| 05.02.2026 | Year 1 and 2 Class Assembly |
| 09.02.2026 | Safer Internet week |
| 12.02.2026 | Year 1 Class Assembly |
| 13.02.2026 | Non-Uniform Day |
| 26.02.2026 | KS1 Parental Involvement |
| 27.02.2026 | Quiz Night |
| 02.03.2026 | EYFS and Y3 dental education visit |
| 05.03.2026 | World Book Day |
| 06.03.2026 | KS1 Trip to Weald Park |
| 10.03.2026 | Tea and Talk 9am |
| 10.03.2026 | Parent Consultations |
| 11.03.2026 | EYFS and Y3 dental screening visit |
| 12.03.2026 | Parent Consultations |
| 20.03.2026 | Sports Relief |
| 20.03.2026 | Year 5 and 6 Parental Involvement |
| 20.03.2026 | Year 6 SAT's and Stubbers Parents meeting |
| 20.03.2026 | Red Nose Day |
| 23.03.2026 | World Maths Day |
| 25.03.2026 | Easter Discos - EYFS & KS1 2pm-3pm – KS2 4pm – 5.15pm |
| 01.05.2026 | Year 3 and 4 Trip to Museum of Power |
| 05.06.2025 | Tea and Talk 2.30pm |
| 08.05.2026 | EYFS Trip to Barleylands |
| 14.05.2026 | Inflatables Event after school |
| 15.05.2026 | Non Uniform Day |
| 01.06.2026 | Coin Drive |
| 11.06.2026 | EYFS Parental Involvement Afternoon |
| 12.06.2026 | Sports Day |
| 15.06.2026 | Stubbers Week |
| 22.06.2026 | Year 5 Trip to Danbury |
| 22.06.2026 | Book Fair week |
| 23.06.2026 | Year 6 Transition Day |
| 24.06.2026 | Year 6 Transition Day |
| 24.06.2026 | Y1/2 Summer Games Festival, Deanes (AM) |
| 26.06.2026 | Year 1 & 2 Sealife Centre Trip |
| 26.06.2026 | Year 5 Assembly to Parents |
| 29.06.2026 | Jungle Book Production – Year 6 Workshop |
| 30.06.2026 | Meet the teacher |
| 02.07.2026 | Open Evening |
| 03.07.2026 | Inset Day |