

# The Robert Drake Primary School - Christmas 2025



## Sleeping Beauty - Pantomime 2025

Our annual pantomime trip for Years 1–6 to the Towngate Theatre was an absolute triumph! The children were on the edge of their seats as they watched *Sleeping Beauty* come to life. There were screams, cheers, and plenty of boos as the story unfolded in true pantomime style! And the highlight? Our very own Mr Chaplin had his own starring role that had everyone in stitches—almost bringing the pantomime to an early finish! What a performance! A huge thank you to everyone who made this magical day possible. It's safe to say the children (and staff!) will be talking about this for weeks to come! 🌟





## Elf Visit

Thankyou to the Friends of Robert Drake Fundraisers for arranging a fantastic visit from the Elf! The children really enjoyed it!





## Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day

The children all looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers and enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner provided by the wonderful ladies in the kitchen!







## EYFS Nativity

The EYFS children performed their nativity amazingly well. They enjoyed singing the songs and joining in with the actions. The favourite song was the Reindeer Pokey.







## Visit from Father Christmas

We would like to say a big thankyou to Father Christmas and his helpers from Castle Point Motors for their surprise visit!







## 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!

## 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



## 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!





## Year 5 & 6 Trip to Cardfields

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils recently stepped back in time for a magical Victorian Christmas experience at Cardfields. The children immersed themselves in festive traditions, learning how Christmas was celebrated over a century ago. They showed incredible creativity as they crafted beautiful Christmas baubles, woolly hat tree decorations and charming wreaths to take home. It was a wonderful day filled with laughter, hands-on activities, and the spirit of Christmas – a trip that truly brought history to life!































## Team Winners!

The winners for this term are Pegasus! Well Done!

Griffin - 605

Dragons - 571

Phoenix - 531

Pegasus - 719

## St Peter's Church Carol Concert

St Peter's Church in Thundersley have extended an invitation to all our parents/carers and children to attend a carol service on 21st December at 5pm.

## Head Pupils

**Head Pupils:-**

Ted V & Ariana C-T

**Deputy Head Pupils:-**

Kyle C & Alexa C

## 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

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