

The Robert Drake Primary School - Newsletter 6

Miss Leckerman's Class Assembly



We are incredibly proud of the children for all their hard work in preparing for our Florence Nightingale class assembly. They demonstrated wonderful enthusiasm and confidence throughout. Thank you to all parents and carers for providing costumes and supporting the children as they learned their lines. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Dance Festival Year 3

A group of Year 3 pupils recently had the opportunity to learn and perform a dance routine as part of the Junior Dance Festival at the Palace Theatre. The pupils spent four weeks learning the routine before performing on stage to a sold out crowd. They were amazing on stage and had everyone in the audience dancing along with them. Well done to everyone who took part!



Year 3 & 4 Parental Involvement

A group of Year 3 pupils recently had the fantastic opportunity to learn and perform a dance routine as part of the Junior Dance Festival at the Palace Theatre. After four weeks of dedicated rehearsals, they took to the stage in front of a sold-out audience and absolutely shone. Their energy was infectious, and they had everyone in the crowd dancing along with them. Well done to all who took part—you were amazing!

Miss Covey's Class Assembly

Our wonderful Year 1/2 class proudly performed their assembly of *The Three Little Pigs*. The children worked incredibly hard to learn their lines, rehearse their songs, and perform with confidence. Their teamwork was fantastic, and they truly brought the story to life! A big thank you to everyone who came along to watch and support them.



Music Mission Assembly

Last week, the children who take part in Music Mission lessons, along with their parents, were invited to attend a special performance assembly. The event was full of energy, with the children showcasing their skills through an impressive selection of songs ranging from Michael Jackson to Dua Lipa. The talent displayed by every performer was exceptional, and we were incredibly proud of them all. Well done to every child who took part.



If your child is interested in learning to play the drums, please contact Music Mission for further information.

Awards

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

KS1 Awards

Miss Simpkin/Mrs Worboys - Mia W, Iman & Vinnie

Miss Imbush - Henry, Sophie & Polly

Miss Ramsey - Dolcie, Oscar & Zack

Miss Covey - Jude R, Jayna, Casey & Oscar

Miss Leckerman - Mila, Willow, Ellis & Flynn

LKS2 Awards

Mrs Herbert/ Mrs Malyan - Issac, Kerry & Frankie

Mr Chaplin - Ryan, Olly & Hudson

Miss Glover - Elouise ,Gisela, Dolly & Adriel

UKS2 Awards

Miss Woodward - Isla E, Eliza M, Tristan Eden

Mr Newton - Joshua, David , Bella & Ashleigh

Mrs Parrag - Luna, Jimmy, Isabella, Tyler, Henry & Jake A

Gratitude - Thank You Moments

We are delighted to share that both staff and children returned to school with smiles and enthusiasm. We all look forward to all the wonderful opportunities and experiences the new year will bring.

Head Pupils

Head Pupils:-

Ted V & Ariana C-T

Deputy Head Pupils:-

Kyle C & Alexa C

Attendance

EYFS

Miss Simpkin/Mrs Worboys -

- Week 17 - 100%
- Week 18 - 96.4%
- Week 19 - 93.6%

Miss Imbush -

- Week 17 - 99.1%
- Week 18- 92.7%
- Week 19 - 88.2%

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KS1

Miss Ramsey -

- Week 17 - 95.3%
- Week 18 - 89.3%
- Week 19 - 96.7%

Miss Covey -

- Week 17 - 96.7%

- Week 18 - 99.3%
- Week 19 - 99.3%

Miss Leckerman -

- Week 17 - 92.7%
- Week 18 - 95.0%
- Week 19 - 92.7%

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LKS2

Mrs Herbert/Mrs Malyan -

- Week 17 - 99.0%
- Week 18 - 95.2%
- Week 19 - 93.4%

Mr Chaplin -

- Week 17 - 92.9%
- Week 18 - 96.1%
- Week 19 - 95.8%
- Miss Glover -
- Week 17 - 92.1%
- Week 18 - 97.9%
- Week 19 - 95.8%

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UKS2

Miss Woodward -

- Week 17 - 98.6%
- Week 18 - 96.9%
- Week 19 - 96.9%

Mrs Parrag -

- Week 17 - 98.7%

- Week 18 - 100%
- Week 19 - 96.0%

Mr Newton -

- Week 17 - 95.8%
- Week 18 - 94.2%
- Week 19 - 98.1%



Well done to Miss Simpkin/Mrs Worboy's class for attaining the highest attendance in week 17 & Mrs Parrag's class for the highest attendance in week 18 ! Amazing! Geraldine will be spending this week with Miss Covey's class for the highest attendance in week 19.

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.

RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES



Following our previous success, the Eco Warriors have organised another clothes collection for **Wednesday 11th February**. Thanks to your support during the last collection, we raised over £200, which contributed to improvements around the school grounds.

A leaflet will be sent home shortly with details of what items can be recycled. Please note: **no school uniform**, thank you.

On the morning of the collection, there will be a designated drop-off area in the infant playground for you to leave your bags.

All funds raised from this collection will go towards developing our Forest Schools Area. We would greatly appreciate your support once again—please donate any clothing you no longer wear.

Thank you.



Essex Fire Museum - Family Open days (February half term)

Essex Fire Museum
Open Day 2026



17th and 22nd Of February
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

 **Book Now** 
Free Entry



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

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.

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 EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2, please call the School Office and we will send you through a form to complete.

If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6, Essex County Council has an online application form on their website: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Young Carers

What is a young carer?

A young carer is a child or young person under 18 who helps to look after a family member who has an illness, disability, mental health condition, or struggles with substance misuse. This caring role can involve practical tasks, emotional support, or taking on responsibilities beyond what is typical for their age.

How can we help?

At our school, we are committed to supporting young carers so they can thrive both academically and personally. If you think your child may be a young carer, please contact the school. There is lots of support available, and we can access this in a confidential and supportive way to ensure your child and family receives the help they need.

Your partnership is vital in helping us provide the best care and opportunities for every child.

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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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	Dental Survey of 5 year old children
22.01.2026	Y5/6 Boys Football Home vs Hadleigh
28.01.2026	Blast Off workshop Y5/6 - Appleton
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
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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