

The Robert Drake Primary School - Newsletter 9

Quiz Night

The fundraisers would like to thank everyone who attended the Quiz Night. Held in memory of Matthew Pegg, a former student of Robert Drake, the event raised £1,125.02.

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FRIENDS OF ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Quiz Night Made a Difference

Thank you to everyone who joined us

RAISED
£1,125.02

 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Matthew Pegg

We are so proud to share that our quiz night raised an incredible **£1,125.02** for **Little Havens Children's Hospice**. Every pound raised goes directly toward caring for children and families across Essex — at absolutely no cost to them.

£1,125 TOTAL RAISED	25 Apr 2026	Gift Aid CLAIMED ✓
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Havens Hospices provides free, expert, compassionate care — **making every day count** for today's families and tomorrow's future. Your support made this possible. Thank you. 🧡

Support Little Havens
havenshospices.org.uk

#LittleHavens #HavensHospices #RobertDrakePrimarySchool #QuizNight
#CommunityKindness

Year 3 /4 Trip to the Museum of Power

Year 3 and 4 had a lovely time on their trip to the Museum of Power. They learnt all about how sound and light travels. There was even a magic show and a train ride!

The Label Performance

We were delighted to welcome a performance from the local girl band, The Label. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and loved singing along.



Year 1/2 Panathlon

The children had a fantastic time taking part in this year's Panathlon. They showed great determination and effort throughout, and we were incredibly proud of them all. Well done!





Early Years Trip to Barleylands

Early Years had a lovely day at Barleylands Farm in the sunshine. We listened to the story of the little red hen and finding out what ingredients she used and then using those ingredients we made our own bread rolls just like in the story. We had a very bumpy tractor ride around the farm and got to feed some animals such as goats and sheep.











Awards

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

KS1 Awards

Miss Simpkin/Mrs Worboys - Elsie R

Miss Imbush - Jessica

Miss Ramsey - Max

Miss Covey - Bobby

Miss Leckerman - Taylor & Ruby

LKS2 Awards

Mrs Herbert/ Mrs Malyan - Leo & Milly

Mr Chaplin - Charlie

Miss Glover - Issac

UKS2 Awards

Miss Woodward -Jaxon

Mr Newton - Harley

Mrs Parrag - Lexi

Gratitude - Thank You Moments

We are delighted to share that both staff and children continue to celebrate kindness and gratitude during our celebration assemblies. We are very proud of all the children, and they have had a busy term filled with lots of activities. We look forward to all the wonderful opportunities ahead. Kindness and gratitude continue to be celebrated by both staff and pupils during our celebration assemblies. We are very proud of the children and all that they have achieved during a busy and enjoyable term. We are excited about the wonderful opportunities still to come.

Head Pupils

Head Pupils:-

Ted V & Ariana C-T

Deputy Head Pupils:-

Kyle C & Alexa C

Attendance

EYFS

Miss Simpkin/Mrs Worboys -

- Week 29 97.3%
- Week 30 91.5%

Miss Imbush -

- Week 29 98.2%
- Week 30 94.9%

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KS1

Miss Ramsey -

- Week 29 93.3%
- Week 30 98.3%

Miss Covey -

- Week 29 96.3%
- Week 30 95.8%

Miss Leckerman -

- Week 29 98.6%
- Week 30 98.3%

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LKS2

Mrs Herbert/Mrs Malyan -

- Week 29 97.9%
- Week 30 98.4%

Mr Chaplin -

- Week 29 95.8%
- Week 30 95.6%
- Miss Glover -
- Week 29 98.5%
- Week 30 97.7%

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UKS2

Mrs Parrag -

- Week 29 99.3%
- Week 30 97.9%

Mr Newton -

- Week 29 95.2%
- Week 30 96.0%

Miss Woodward -

- Week 29 92.7%
- Week 30 95.8%



Well done to Mrs Parrag's class for attaining the highest attendance in week 29! Amazing! Miss Herbert/Miss Malyan attained the highest attendance in week 30. Geraldine will be spending the week in this class.

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

Adult Community Learning Courses (ACL):

ACL currently have a wide host of parenting courses available, including sessions such as:

[Understanding ADHD and Autism in Children](#), [understanding anxiety](#), [raising girls](#), [strengthening family self-esteem](#), [Managing anger in young people](#), [zones of regulation](#) and [separation anxiety](#) to name but a few! Parents can be signposted to these sessions via school newsletters or individually to form part of an attendance support plan. For a full course list please see here: [ACL Essex Course List](#)

Keeping Our Children Safe Online

As technology becomes a bigger part of everyday life, many of our pupils are spending more time on phones, tablets, computers and gaming devices. Screens can offer wonderful learning opportunities, but it's important that children use them safely and responsibly.

We kindly encourage all parents and carers to keep a close eye on what their child is watching and playing at home. Many popular apps, videos and games may look child-friendly at first glance but can include content that isn't suitable for younger viewers. Checking age ratings, using parental controls and talking with your child about what they enjoy online can make a big difference.

A few simple steps can help keep screen time positive:

- Make sure videos, games and apps are **age-appropriate**
- Set clear boundaries around **when and how long** screens can be used
- Keep devices in **shared family spaces** where possible
- Encourage children to talk to you if they see anything that makes them feel unsure or uncomfortable

By working together, we can help our children build healthy digital habits and enjoy the online world safely and confidently.

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.

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

We are delighted to announce that the school has won the prestigious **Young Carers in Schools Award Plus** for our work in supporting pupils who have caring responsibilities at home.

We are very proud to share that we are only the **second school in Essex** to achieve this award.

The award was formally presented to the school on 23rd February 2026.

This recognition reflects the dedication, compassion, and hard work of all our staff in supporting our pupils and ensuring their needs are always at the heart of everything we do. As a school, we remain committed to continually improving our provision so that every child receives the understanding, support, and opportunities they deserve.

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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22.04.2026	Y1/2 Panathalon, Deanes
24.04.2026	Football AWAY v Thundersley Boys year 5/6
29.04.2026	Football AWAY v Thundersley Girls 5/6
29.04.2026	Girl Band - The Label coming to perform
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
11.05.2026	KS2 SAT's Week
14.05.2026	Inflatables Event after school
15.05.2026	Non Uniform Day
01.06.2026	Coin Drive
05.06.2026	Tea and Talk
11.06.2026	EYFS Parental Involvement Afternoon
11.06.2026	Junior Music Festival, Cliffs Pavilion
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
08.07.2026	BATIC District Sports
10.07.2026	School council fundraising day
13.07.2026	Drake Fest - Year 6 leavers festival