

The Robert Drake Primary School - Newsletter 10

Science Day

Wow- what a day! Firstly, an enormous thank you to everyone at home that contributed to their child's costumes. We were blown away by the dedication and attention to detail that was shown.

All of the children were presented with a story containing a problem. Through applying the taught scientific steps, they were able to make predictions and hypothesise what could happen if they changed certain variables. Then, the children all had a superb time completing various different experiments to help them solve a variety of problems. This culminated in creating a scientifically backed solution to their original problem.

Throughout the day, staff were keenly observing (as good scientists should) the children that had the best attitude and asked the most inquisitive questions. These children were then selected as the Star Scientists, for the selections see below:

EYFS- Leo and Katerina

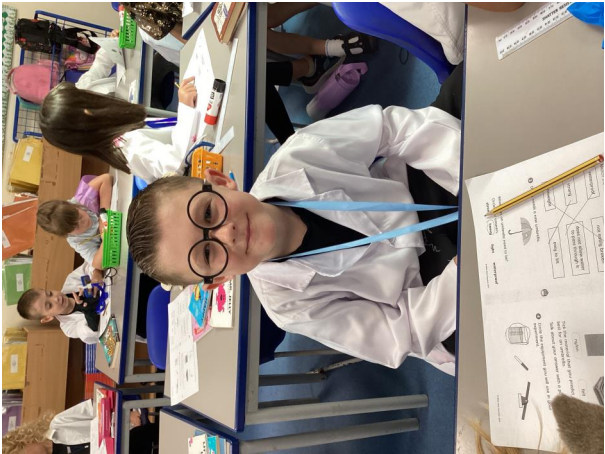
KS1- Amelia NG, Amelia W and Isabella

LKS2- Robin A, Harry C, Erin J

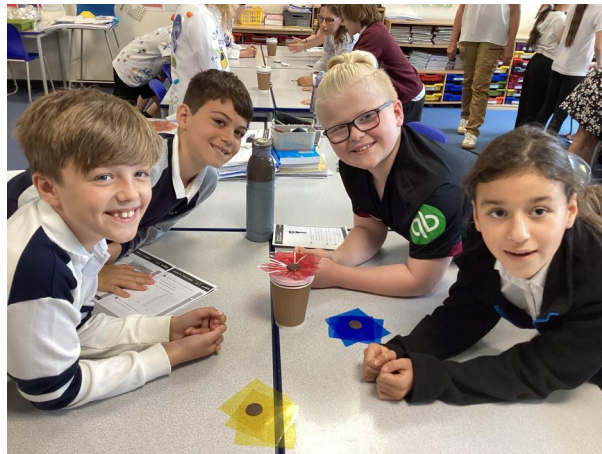
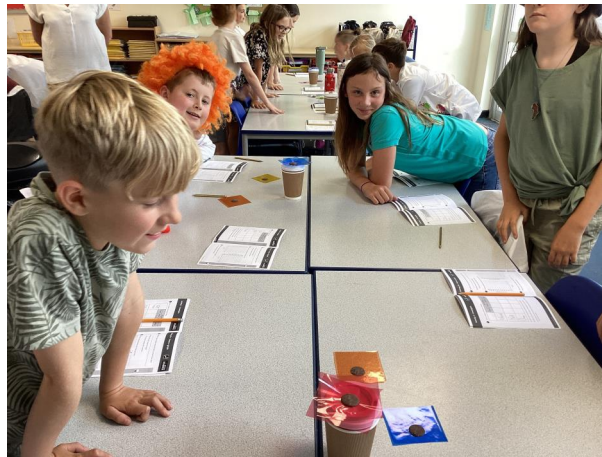
UKS2- Dusty A, Ariana CT, Scarlet M, Eliza M and Eliza E













Junior Music Festival

What an amazing evening! I am incredibly proud of the group of Year 5 pupils who performed at this year's Junior Musical Festival. Their commitment and enthusiasm truly shone through the smiles on their faces and their dance moves, as they took to the stage.

Joining pupils from a range of local schools, they delivered an outstanding performance in front of a full audience at the Cliffs Pavilion on Thursday night. It was a memorable experience for all involved.

It has been an absolute privilege to work with this group of children over many months. Their dedication and positive attitude have been inspirational, and they represented the school brilliantly. Well done to every single one of them!



EYFS Parental Involvement



Sports Day

KS1 Totals -

1st Pegasus - 1330

2nd Dragon - 1329

3rd Phoenix - 1231

4th Griffin - 1200

KS2 Totals -

1st Phoenix - 1910

2nd Griffin - 1721

3rd Pegasus - 1627

4th Dragon - 1605

Stubbers 2026

We had an amazing time at Stubbers this year. The children were a credit to the school and behaved impeccably throughout the week. They supported one another as they faced and overcame different challenges. Once again, the banana boats were an absolute hit!!



Thank you!

The Friends of Robert Drake would like to thank local business Castle Point Motors for their very generous donation of £500 towards our KS2 play apparatus. Their kindness and support will make a real difference to our pupils, helping to enhance play opportunities and enrich their school experience. We are extremely grateful for their contribution to our school community.

Multi Schools Council Meeting

On Tuesday 16th June, Robert Drake hosted a Multi Schools Council Meeting. Children from a number of local primary schools attend these meetings, and they focus on inclusion for everyone. They allow pupils to have their say and the children debate issues important to them. Throughout the morning, children thought about how sports days could be improved, how schools can keep pupils better informed about foods and what do they think would make a good Christmas song. It was lovely to see the children making new friends and gaining confidence when talking in front of new people



Eco Warrior News



Save The Animals

On Friday 18th May pupils at Robert Drake wore green or clothes with animal pictures to support Battersea Cats and Dogs home. Thanks to your generosity we raised £150. If you wish to make a donation you can still do so via ParentPay.

Eco Warriors strive to keep our streets litter free!

On Friday 18th May, Robert Drake Eco Warriors went for a litter picking journey along Church Road up to Manor Trading. We mostly found food wrappers, plastic bottles and cans. We then returned to school and recycled what we could using the recycle bins outside the school gates. Please can you help us keep our local environment clean and safe by placing your rubbish in the bin!

Book Sale

A great big THANK YOU for all the books which have been donated so far. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold the book sale last term due to the inflatables afternoon being cancelled because of the weather. Once the fundraisers have confirmed a new date, the book sale will go ahead on the rescheduled date of the inflatables afternoon. All books will cost £1. If you still have any spare children's books in good condition please give them to the office or your class teacher. All money raised will go towards purchasing new books for the classrooms.

Recycle your clothes -1st July

Our last fund raising event will be held on Wednesday 1st July. The Little Recyclers will be returning to school to collect any clothes which are in good condition, which you no longer wear/need. Clothes can be stored in any plastic bags and brought into school on the morning of the collection date. We raised over £100 in February, so please give generously and start sorting out those wardrobes!

Thank you for all your support.





1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:

1 JULY
WEDNESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

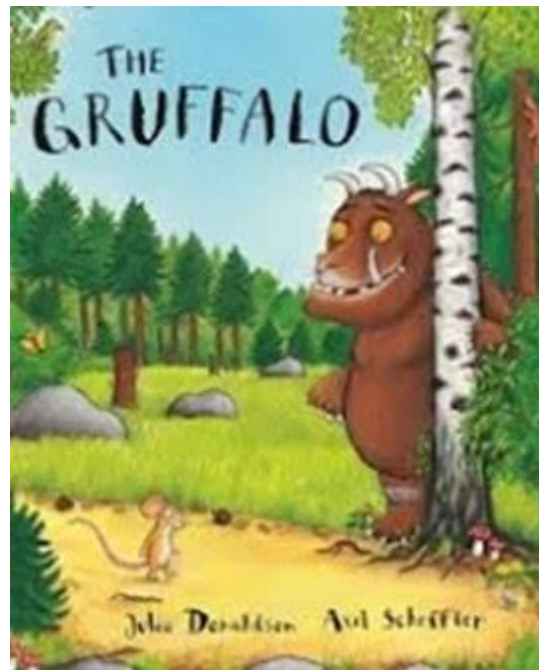
✓ WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

✗ WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!





Awards

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

KS1 Awards

Miss Simpkin/Mrs Worboys - Isabella & Siddy

Miss Imbush /Miss Baldwin- Ava & Nancy

Miss Ramsey - London & Rhiella

Miss Covey - Harry & Teddy

Miss Leckerman - Ruby & Richie

LKS2 Awards

Mrs Herbert/ Mrs Malyan - Marnie & Sebastian

Mr Chaplin - Hudson & Ollie

Miss Glover - Isla & Dolly

UKS2 Awards

Miss Woodward -Anastasia & Jess

Mr Newton - Paige & Rosie

Mrs Parrag - Lillie & Edee

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 33 93.3%
- Week 34 82.3%

Miss Imbush/Miss Baldwin -

- Week 33 95.4%
- Week 34 85.9%

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KS1

Miss Ramsey -

- Week 33 94.9%

- Week 34 94.3%

Miss Covey -

- Week 33 96.8%
- Week 34 94.7%

Miss Leckerman -

- Week 33 96.6%
- Week 34 98.6%

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LKS2

Mrs Herbert/Mrs Malyan -

- Week 33 93.8%
- Week 34 92.4%

Mr Chaplin -

- Week 33 96.1%
- Week 34 92.9%
- Miss Glover -
- Week 33 95.8%
- Week 34 93.6%

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UKS2

Mrs Parrag -

- Week 33 98.1%
- Week 34 99.0%

Mr Newton -

- Week 33 95.5%
- Week 34 93.9%

Miss Woodward -

- Week 33 93.7%

- Week 34 92.3%



Well done to Mrs Parrag's class for attaining the highest attendance in week 33 & 34!
Amazing! 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

08.07.2026	BATIC District Sports
10.07.2026	School council fundraising day
10.07.2026	Piano Fun Club Concert
13.07.2026	Drake Fest - Year 6 leavers festival
14.07.2026	Rocksteady Concert
15.07.2026	Drumming Concert