

Great fun was had yesterday as we celebrated World Book Day at Robert Le Kyng.

The children were treated to a performance of Little Red Riding Hood, before spending the day taking part in different activities based on the story.



Parent Support Advisor

This term I have had lots of conversations with children about Roblox, which is clearly as popular as ever! Part of the reason it remains so popular is that it has developed almost 24 million games or 'experiences' within it that have different themes. As a lot of these are user-generated, they may be inappropriate for young children and can contain graphic violence and inappropriate content. Next time your child is playing please take a look and ensure they are playing something age appropriate (it has a PEGI rating of age 7 and the app is 12+ on the Apple app store). I have attached a Parent's Guide to Roblox for more information.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be running some maths skills workshops. There will be one for our Reception parents and another for the rest of the school. These will be fun afternoons for you to come in and play some games or make something with your child, without even realising it's maths based! Everyone that attends will receive a 'thank-you' gift to take home, so please come along if you can! There will be a Parentmail with more details to follow.

Swindon Educational
Psychology Service



Understanding and supporting your child's anxiety

Course Dates: Thursday
5th June 2025
Times: 10:00am to 12:00pm
Location: Online

This online workshop is designed to help you understand anxiety in primary-aged children.

We will cover what anxiety is, how it can show up in behaviours, and explore effective ways to support your child in managing their feelings. You'll learn practical strategies for helping your child regulate their emotions and build coping skills.

Join us to gain insights and tools to support your child's mental well-being and create a calm, supportive environment at home.



Swindon Educational Psychology service have made us aware of a workshop they are running soon to help parents understand anxiety in primary age-children. This could be really valuable if you have concerns about your child,(see flyer opposite)

As always, I am here to offer support and advice to all parents of children here at RLK. Parents/carers do not need to be referred but instead can contact me directly via the school office, or by emailing psa@robertlekyng.swindon.sch.uk

Drop in sessions happen every Tuesday. Please email me or ring the office if you would like to book a slot to discuss any issues, big or small, regarding parenting.

In addition to Tuesday morning drop in sessions, I also open the school library on Mondays until 4pm where I am also available to discuss any issues.

Tara Ward - Parent Support Advisor

To request a place on this course:



01793 466482

aci@swindon.gov.uk

Find details of more Adult Community Learning courses using the QR code above or www.swindon.gov.uk/adultlearning

* To be eligible to enrol on these free courses you need to: be over 19 years old as of 31st August 2024; have lived in the UK or EU for at least the last three years; or be a refugee (or asylum seeker and lived in the UK for at least 6 months); be a Homeless or Families for Ukraine visa holder; be an Afghan ABAP or ASAC visa holder; be a Hong Kong (BNO) visa holder (only for English for Speakers of Other Languages courses); be unemployed, or working and earning less than £25,000 a year. For more information about our eligibility criteria please visit our website www.swindon.gov.uk/adultlearning



RLK Safeguarding

Young Carers Action Day

This year the 12th March is Young Carers Action Day. Here at Robert Le Kyng we have our own Young Carers group to support our children with caring responsibilities.

What is a Young Carer?

A young carer is someone 18 years old or under who helps look after a relative with a disability, illness, mental health condition, or drug or alcohol problem. This could be a parent or a sibling. Some children begin giving care from a very young age, and others become carers overnight. Research shows that as many as one in five children and young people are young carers.

What do young carers do?

The responsibility of a young carer is wide and varied. It can include:

- **Practical tasks**, such as cooking, housework and shopping.
- **Physical care**, like helping someone out of bed.
- **Emotional support**, including talking to someone who is distressed.
- **Personal care**, such as helping someone dress.
- Managing the **family budget** and collecting **prescriptions**.
- Helping to give **medicine**.
- Helping someone **communicate**.
- **Looking after** brothers and sisters.

What impact does being a young carer have?

Caring for someone can be very isolating, worrying, and stressful. For young carers, this can negatively impact their experience in education. **Over a quarter of young carers aged 11-15 regularly miss school**. This can have a lasting effect on their life chances. One in three young carers said that their caring role makes them feel stressed. Research also shows that **23% of young carers in the UK said that their caring role had stopped them making friends**.

Another problem for young carers is recognising themselves as young carers. It's usually only when they reach secondary school that they realise their home life is different from their friends'.

More recently, new research by Action for Children and Carers Trust found that eight out of ten young carers feel lonely during summer holidays. The research also highlighted that **over a third of young carers do not look forward to summer**.

If you feel that a child in your household could be classed as a young carer, please get in touch with the school office.

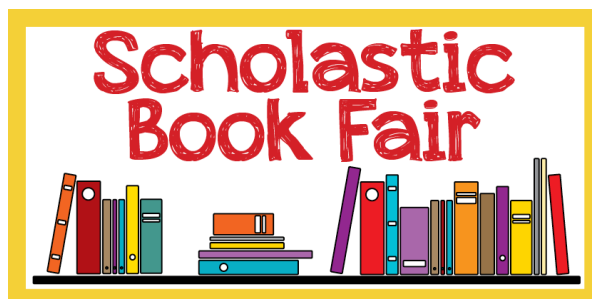


Reading for Pleasure

The children have now received their World Book Day Voucher which can be used in several ways. It can be exchanged in book shops and some supermarkets for one of the books specially printed for World Book Day. Alternatively, the voucher can be used towards the cost of a children's book, reducing the price of the book by £1.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be returning on Tuesday March 11th. **The books will be on sale on Tuesday 11th, Friday 14th and Monday 17th March.** As in previous years, you will be able to use your child's World Book Day voucher towards the cost of their book. We look forward to seeing you there!



SUPPORTERS NEWS

Easter Raffle

The Supporters are busy planning the next event, the Easter Raffle, which will be held at the end of this term. Information about how to donate items and how to take part in the raffle will come home with the children early next week.

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY



2-4PM



If you have any ideas for events we could hold or would like to know a little more about what we do please see Mrs Beale or email the Supporters at supporters@robertlekyng.bluekitetrust.org



We have finalised next year's calendar, please see below for term dates including TD days and school holidays.

The Blue Kite Academy Trust

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2025 -2026



September 2025							October 2025							November 2025						
M		1	8	15	22	29	M		6	13	20	27		M		3	10	17	24	
Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu		7	14	21	28		Tu		4	11	18	25	
W		3	10	17	24		W	1	8	15	22	29		W		5	12	19	26	
Th		4	11	18	25		Th	2	9	16	23	30		Th		6	13	20	27	
F		5	12	19	26		F	3	10	17	24	31		F		7	14	21	28	
Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa	4	11	18	25			Sa	1	8	15	22	29	
Su		7	14	21	28		Su	5	12	19	26			Su	2	9	16	23	30	
December 2025							January 2026							February 2026						
M		1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26		M		2	9	16	23	
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March 2026							April 2026							May 2026						
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School Holidays
Bank Holidays



Blue Kite Day School Closed



Schools will select 5 additional school closures for Teacher Development Days (TDDs)



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BRANCHES SUPPORT GROUP EVERYONE WELCOME

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BRANCHES is a support group open to all parents and carers of children and young people with any Special Educational Need or Disability, aged 0-25 years



2024 -2025 remaining TD DAY
27th June

Our breakfast club is open from 7.45 am every school day. Please contact the office if you'd like to book a space for your child.

A number of different activities are available each day and of course breakfast.



Booking and paying in advance for the next term attracts a 20% discount on the price.

Did you know that we have a Facebook page?



Just search for 'Robert le Kyng Primary School' on Facebook, look for the RLK school logo and select 'Like' to follow our page.

We use this page for general updates, photos and sharing of useful education based Facebook links.



Please note that the main platform for school communication is Parent-mail, telephone calls and the school office email address. (The Facebook page does not allow messages between parents and school and any personal posts added will be removed)