

## Parking issues in and around the school



Westcott Street is very busy in the mornings, with staff and disabled transport requiring access to the school. On top of this there are many vehicles that need access to the sheltered housing. Cars are mounting pavements in a bid to get as close as possible to the school and some drivers are performing 3 point turns in the road with little or no regard to pupils and parents crossing. We also routinely have cars parked on double yellow lines and blocking dropped kerbs and families are dodging between the cars to get into school. The double yellow lines are installed to say that it is not safe to park in those places—please pay attention to them. We have had 2 very near misses recently—I do understand that there is no easy answer to this problem, but at the moment, we are at high risk of a serious accident happening.

Mrs Smith has met with Swindon Borough Council recently who will be attending during the school run periodically along with Police and traffic enforcement to ensure the safety of us all.

The car park is for staff only and there is no access for parents unless of course you have a blue badge.

**Please consider others when thinking about your journey to school. The safety of our children, parents & staff is paramount!**



We sadly told you of the death of our very valued Midday Supervisor last term. In recognition of Mrs Miles' years of dedication to the school we have purchased a bell very similar to the one she often used and engraved it with the words

**'In Loving Memory of our MDSA  
Fran Miles'**

We will be displaying her bell on a shelf in the dinner hall.



The email address for all correspondence is  
**[officerlk@robertlekyng.bluekitetrust.org](mailto:officerlk@robertlekyng.bluekitetrust.org)**

On Tuesday a team of dentists from Abbey Meads Dental Practice carried out oral health screening to those children from Reception to Year 6 whose parents had consented.

267 children were seen; they had paperwork to bring home informing you of the outcome of their dental check. The children were very well behaved and the dental team remarked on this. Well done !





We continue to have quite a high number of illness related absences and although some of these absences are unavoidable we would encourage your child's attendance if they are displaying symptoms of a cold or cough without a temperature as they are unlikely to be contagious.

Please check the information opposite which explains if you should be sending your child to school or not.

Thank you for your continued support.



UK Health Security Agency



## Should I keep my child off school?

### Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

### No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek





**SCAN ME**

**Advice and guidance**  
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.



The Reception children had an exciting start to the week with the launch of their new topic; Chinese New Year. The children tried noodles, egg fried rice, spring rolls, prawn crackers and some even tried sweet chilli sauce!

## Parent Support Advisor

Next week is Swindon Loan Shark Awareness week and to support this there are a number of events and courses happening to help advise people on financial issues. To mark this, Acorn Community Bank (which was formerly called Wiltshire and Swindon Credit Union) are launching a number of accounts to encourage financial planning, saving even the smallest amount every month. I have attached the flyer for their school uniform saver which requires you to save £5 a month, with £20 added by them if you regularly save. I've attached the poster, but there are a number of other accounts available to help plan ahead.

Beginning on Thursday 27th February, Crosslight Advice will be running a free Money Advice Course at Pattern Church. Financial education and accessing good debt advice are both key elements of financial wellbeing and Crosslight are an important organisation offering support to residents. The course will run on Thursdays- 27th February,

6th March and 13th March from 12.30pm-2.30pm at Pattern Church, Swindon, SN5 7LJ. A light lunch is included. To sign up call 020 3540 5608 or go to [Join — The Money Course](#)

**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](mailto: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**



**UNIFORM SAVER**

Start saving early this year to help with uniform costs in September 2025. Save a fixed amount of £5 per month from February to July 2025 and we will add a bonus of £20 on top of your savings. Savings and bonus balance will be available for withdrawal by 10th of Aug 2025.

Monthly Savings	Total Savings	Additional Bonus
£5	£30	£20

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To open an UNIFORM saver you will need to be a member of Acorn Community Bank

- ✓ To join Acorn simply visit our website and submit a membership application
- ✓ Once accepted you will need to pay the membership fee to activate your account.
- ✓ Visit our website and complete the form online to open the Uniform Saver.

**Membership fee** = **£2** (One time non-refundable admin fee) + **£1** (Minimum balance requirement)

**ACORN Community Bank** fscs Protected **STOP LOAN SHARKS** Intervention Support Education

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**FAMILY FOUNDATIONS**  
With Lighthouse

**A SIX WEEK COURSE HELPING FAMILIES TO CREATE A MORE HARMONIOUS HOME**

**WHERE: FERNDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL, SN2 1NX**  
**WHEN: TUESDAYS, 9-11AM, 25TH FEBRUARY- 1ST APRIL**  
**WHAT: PRACTICAL IDEAS AND STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT BEHAVIOUR, RELATIONSHIPS AND HAPPINESS AT HOME**

TO BOOK A SPACE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE CONTACT [GWOLLEN@BLUEKITETRUST.ORG](mailto:GWOLLEN@BLUEKITETRUST.ORG) OR  
[VDAVID@BLUEKITETRUST.ORG](mailto:VDAVID@BLUEKITETRUST.ORG)

Follow our Instagram page for dates of other courses and general family life tips on [@lighthouse\\_bluekitetrust](https://www.instagram.com/lighthouse_bluekitetrust)

Please see the details opposite of our next Family Foundations programme run by the Blue Kite Lighthouse team.

This course will be starting on **Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9am at Ferndale Primary School** and aims to help parents tackle those tricky situations and challenging behaviour that comes along from time to time and to just generally have a happier home.

Any Blue Kite parent is welcome to attend but you will need to email [gwsollen@bluekitetrust.org](mailto:gwsollen@bluekitetrust.org) or [vdavid@bluekitetrust.org](mailto:vdavid@bluekitetrust.org) to book a space.

Messy church is a family worship initiative run by the Old Town Partnership of Churches in Swindon (Christ Church CofE, Bath Road Methodist Church, and Immanuel United Reformed Church, see <https://www.sotpc.org.uk>).

Messy Church takes place on the 1st Sunday of each month at Bath Road Methodist Church 3.00pm-4.30pm. Activities are aimed at families with children aged 0-10 who attend together, with worship and tea & cake. (No unaccompanied children please). Our next Old Town Messy Church is on Sunday, 2nd February when we will be thinking about the story of the good Samaritan.

It's a time for families to share crafts and worship together as well as drinks and cakes - and a chance to catch up with one another.

**Messy CHURCH**

**Come and join us at**  
**Bath Road Methodist Church**  
**3pm - 4:30pm**

January 5th 2025  
February 2nd 2025  
March 2nd 2025  
April 6th 2025

Messy fun for all the family!  
Worship, Games, Crafts,  
Stories & Tea!

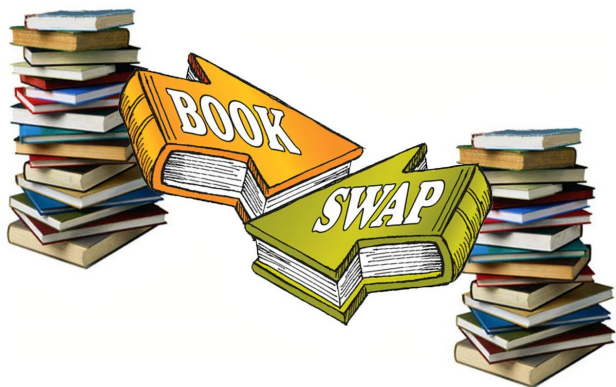
"Messy Church Old Town"  
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Old Town Partnership of Churches  
Bath Road Methodist - Christ Church C of E - Immanuel URC



## SUPPORTERS NEWS

### Reading for Pleasure – The RLK Book Swap



A **BIG** thank you to all who have donated books for the book swap today. We had an amazing range of books and the children enjoyed browsing the selection and choosing one to bring home. Some of the younger children were even able to bring home more than one book! We hope that you enjoy sharing or talking

about your child's book with them.



The Robert le Kyng Supporters will be having their first meeting of the new calendar year on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7 p.m.** in Mrs Beale's classroom. All welcome. If you would like to know a little more about what we do please see Mrs Beale or email the Supporters at [support-](mailto:support-rlk@robertlekyngprimary.co.uk)

## **Junior Parkrun at GWR Park**

"Volunteers are being sought to help support a new Junior Parkrun being planned at GWR park (Faringdon park).

Junior parkrun UK is a free, weekly, timed 2k run/jog/walk on a Sunday for children aged 4 to 14. Organised by volunteers.

Volunteers are generally needed for 1hr on a Sunday morning (around 9-10am) to marshal and be a friendly face to ensure the event runs smoothly. You don't need to commit to every week but at least once a month is ideal.



If you think you might be able to help get this fantastic community

initiative off the ground at GWR park please get in touch with Emma Sperring:

[ESperring@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:ESperring@swindon.gov.uk)"

## **2024 -2025 remaining TD DAYS**

**14th February**

**24th February**—School closed  
Blue Kite Trust  
Collaboration Day

**27th June**



## **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)