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Picnic in memory of Mrs Miles

Today we had a lovely picnic together remembering Mrs Miles who sadly passed away recently and had worked here at RLK as an MDSA for 37 years. Thank you so much for your donations for the Prospect Hospice, the charity chosen by Mrs Miles' family. The staff provided all picnic food and **together we have raised over £750 for the Prospect Hospice in memory of Mrs Miles.** It was so lovely that members of Mrs Miles' family also attended. We will inform you next week of our exact total.

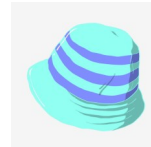


Parents' Evenings

Year 1—Year 6 Parents' Evening Wednesday 4th (3.30pm—5.30pm) & Thursday 5th June (3.30pm—7pm)



As the weather is getting warmer, please can your child have sun cream applied before school and wear a sun hat.



Also, can you please ensure that if your child wears summer uniform ie- school dresses or shorts in the nice weather that they are school shorts and not cycling shorts or very short shorts.

Can I please also remind you that jewellery should not be worn to school.
Thank you.

Last week, Year 3 went to the Victorian school in Sevington. Both classes had an amazing time and learnt so much about life in a Victorian school!

They run open days for families during the summer, have a look at their website for dates if you are interested.





Early Help Navigators

**Here to Help Parents Thrive:
Support and Signposting**



Drop In Sessions:

Tuesday 27th May 2025

West Swindon Library: 10am - 12pm

Central Library: 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday 28th May 2025

North Swindon Library: 10am-12pm

Park Library - 2pm-4pm

Mental Health, Finances, Community Groups, Youth Projects, SEND, Domestic Abuse, Substance Misuse, Food Banks, Prenatal and perinatal support.



Parent Support Advisor

This week I was made aware of something called the Tenant Academy at Swindon Borough council. Originally aimed at council tenants, but now open to everyone subject to eligibility, they are running a large number of free courses which cover a variety of topics. Currently running until June are:

Award in Food Safety L1
Sleep Well
Getting better connected
Getting Connected
Functional Skills English Entry L2
New To English
Everyday English - speaking & Listening
Everyday English reading & Writing
Moving on with English - reading & writing
English for Work
Functional Skills Maths
Cookery - eat well pay less for beginners
Cookery cooking eat well pay less with more confidence
Essential English skills in spelling, punctuation & grammar
Getting to grips with your garden
Understanding and supporting your child's anxiety
Upcycling
DIY
5 Steps to Wellbeing

Please scan the QR Code below to enrol for the Cookery course



I have attached the QR code for the cookery course, but the email address should you be interested in any of the others is **TenantAcademy@swindon.gov.uk**

Also run by the Tenant Academy is a 'Library of Things', aimed at cutting costs for residents, it enables you to borrow an item rather than buying it, for example a lawn mower or items for one off jobs around the home. Registration is free at [SBC Library of Things](#) and you can browse the catalogue to see if there's anything you need to borrow!

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.

Tara Ward - Parent Support Advisor



SAFEGUARDING

What is Grooming and how would I spot it?

Sometimes people involved in crime will take advantage of young people and manipulate them into doing things they wouldn't normally do, such as helping to sell drugs, carrying weapons or stealing, which puts young people at risk. By understanding what to look for, such as potential warning signs that a young person is perhaps being exploited and knowing what information can help prevent crime, we can all play a vital part in keeping young people safe and saving lives.

Grooming tactics

The tactics that these people use are clever, and someone might not understand they are being used or 'groomed'. They can include:

- making a young person feel that they will be looked after
- that they will gain respect or money
- gifts such as trainers or phones

These tactics often mean the young person is then in their debt and will owe them favours, such as carrying weapons or selling drugs. They have no problem with putting a young person at risk to make money. We know that some young people, when put in a difficult and frightening situation, have made decisions in the heat of the moment that have unfortunately changed their lives and others forever. Knowing the signs of gang grooming to spot can mean that you can help a young person before it's too late – before they either get hurt or do something that they ending up regretting.

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SAFEGUARDING continued.....

What shall I look for?

If you are concerned about a young person then there are things you can look for - subtle changes in behaviour that could be an indicator:

- Are they being secretive about where they are, what they are doing, who they are seeing?
 - Will they let you look in their bags or pockets?
 - Will they let you look at their phone, are they secretive about who is calling or messaging? Do they have multiple mobile phones?
 - Are they coming home with items they can't afford, or they are unwilling explain where they got them – such as phones, expensive trainers or clothes?
 - Are they going missing for periods of time or playing truant from school?
 - Have they stopped engaging with teachers or going to school or perhaps they aren't doing as well?
 - Have they stopped doing after school activities or going to clubs they used to like?
 - Are they scared to go out or perhaps reticent to go to certain places?
 - Have they started to hang around with different or older people, have an older boy or girlfriend and perhaps aren't seeing their existing friends as much?
 - Do they seem scared, quiet or angry a lot more than they used to?
- Do they have marks or injuries that they seem very secretive about?

Many of these signs might just be down to typical teenage challenges and part of growing up, exam pressure, teenage relationships or other stressful issues. But they could also be signs that a young person is being groomed or used by criminals or gangs.

If you have concerns that a young person is being groomed talk to the young person and outline your concerns. Ask about them about their own worries and discuss what you can do to help. You can also talk to their school, your local police team or the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000. If you are concerned this grooming is happening online the CEOP website (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) can offer advice and a way to report concerning behaviour at [CEOP Safety Centre](#). Sometimes having difficult conversations, whilst uncomfortable at the time, can prevent something more serious from happening.

SUPPORTERS NEWS

Summer Fair

The Summer Fair is fast approaching. We are currently looking for items that can be used for our prize draw. Please let us know if you or a company you work for would be able to donate a prize for our prize draw. It could be something simple such as a voucher for a meal, hair or beauty treatment. If you are able to help us in this way or have any other ideas for a prize, please contact the RLK Supporters. You can speak to Mrs Beale, leave a note at the Office or email us at Supporters@robertlekyng.bluekitetrust.org

A letter with more information about the Summer Fair will be coming out next week.

We are always looking for new members to join the Supporters. If you would like to find out more about what we do and how you can help on a regular basis, please see Mrs Beale or email us at the address above.



Reading for Pleasure

It can sometimes be tricky to find new ways of reading together or encouraging reluctant readers to read at home. Websites such as www.booktrust.org and www.booksfortopics.com offer suggestions for how to reignite the love of reading and sharing books. Here are a few tips for reading together that might be useful:

Tip 1 – read with different people

Why not encourage your child to share a book or read with a different family member? This could be someone you are visiting or somebody who has come to stay. Children will love to impress family members with their reading skills and their love of books.

Tip 2 – pick your time

When everybody's life is so busy, it can be tricky to find the time to share books or read with your child. It's important to try to pick a time that works well for everyone. Many children need a bit of a break after a busy school day, so a quiet time such as bedtime or after tea may be a better time.

Tip 3 – pack a book

If you are off out somewhere why not pack a book in your bag or get them to choose a book and pack it in their bag? Children can often enjoy sharing a book somewhere different such as the beach or in the park or on a journey. It can make the reading experience a little different for them. Audio books are also great for sharing on journeys!

Supporters' Easter Raffle

A big thank you to all those who donated chocolate items or bought tickets for the Supporters' Easter Raffle. We had an amazing response and raised **£231**.

Thank you for making this such a success!





We have been asked by the Swindon Healthy Schools team at Swindon Borough Council to share this information with you.

Help with home insulation measures to keep homes warm!

Have you just come through another winter struggling to keep your home warm? If so, it could be a lack of insulation is causing heat to be lost from your home, heat that you have paid for. There are schemes available to help with the cost of loft and cavity wall insulation, including some that don't depend on how much money you earn. For example through the Great British Insulation Scheme if you live in home with a Council Tax Band of A to D, and your home has an energy performance certificate (EPC) of D to G then you could get these measures for free. It is only for home owners or people renting from a private landlord. If you want to find out more, contact the Swindon Borough Council backed Warm & Safe Wiltshire advice service and they will be able to talk you through the options and refer you to an installer.

www.cse.org.uk/wsw

Freephone: [0800 038 5722](tel:0800 038 5722)

Email: warmandsafe@cse.org.uk





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.



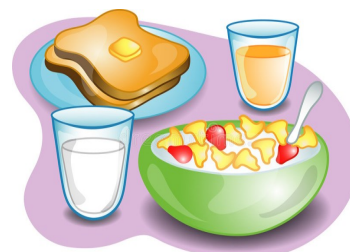
Please note that the main platform for school communication is Parent-mail, telephone calls and the school office email address. (The Facebook page does not allow messages between parents and school and any personal posts added will be removed)



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.