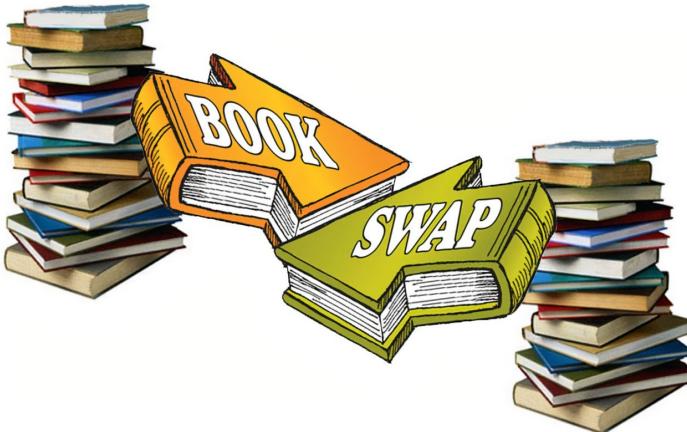


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The RLK Book Swap

The RLK Book Swap is back! We will be holding our book swap on **Friday 30th January 2026**. If you are having a clear out of your children's books during the Christmas holiday, please keep them to donate to the Book Swap. Watch out for more information in the Book Swap letter early next term.

The Huddle children took part in the IncFest SEND Christmas concert at The Platform yesterday. The children enjoyed singing and dancing to Christmas songs dressed up in their festive jumpers. They were especially excited to see their parents supporting them. Our favourite song was The Christmas Conga which we got to sing with the three other schools taking part. It was a lovely morning and a great way to get into the festive spirit. The children should be very proud of themselves.





Year 2 recently enjoyed a sunny (and very chilly!) walk to the Town Gardens. The children behaved beautifully for the entire morning and were incredibly excited to complete their science and geography scavenger hunts. Our favourite part was watching the birds flying about in their aviary and talking about the different plants and habitats that we could see. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who volunteered to walk up with us and make the trip possible.



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In this years Swindon Cross Country Championships we failed to win one of the races for the first time since we first entered in 2010. However, all the children that represented us gave their all and their behaviour was exemplary. Well done to the 15 children and thank you for your outstanding attitude. RLK are exceptionally good at hockey, rugby, athletics, cricket and football but we could benefit from more children coming through in the younger year groups being able to run longer distances. The GWR Junior Parkrun would be ideal training for cross country and the 600m race that is part of the Blue Kite Games and the Swindon Athletics' competition. Of course, it is also great fun and good for our physical and mental health. The GWR Parkrun is on every Sunday at 9am. Please speak to me if you have any questions.



Our football season is well underway. We have had some really tough matches in the league and cup. The team have won some and lost some but all the players are improving every game and against an excellent Brookfield team they won in what Mr Baldwin and I rate as one of the best performances from a RLK team we can remember. Well done to the team! We have also had 15 Year 3 and 4 children represent the school and we have football tournaments coming up in the New Year for girls, our Year 6 B team and more Year 3 and 4 tournaments.

We also have the Wyvern Theatre dance festival for 19 Year 6 children.

Also working well at RLK is our Freewheelers Bike scheme. Children have been using our bikes to learn to ride. Our Huddle have also been visiting Moredon Sporting Hub to use cycles. Thank you to one of our parents

Mrs Cox for making this happen.

Mr Barnett

junior parkrun



A big thank you to all who sent coin donations in for our recent Children in Need fund-raising event.

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Bev, Donna and Koren - our catering staff - will be cooking a lovely Christmas dinner on 17th December. All orders need to be made on School Gateway. If your child does not usually have school dinners but would like to enjoy this meal with their friends, please bring £2.50 cash to the school office.

Dinners cost £2.50 but children in KS1 and those in KS2 entitled to benefit based free school meals do not need to pay for school dinners.



Parent Support Advisor

Social and hobby groups for parents

Recently one of our parents told me about all the groups that are run at **Swindon Hub** in the town centre. I wasn't aware of all of the things that they offered but there are a number of groups held during the day, Wednesday - Saturday that could be of interest. For example, on Thursdays from 10.30-12pm they have a women's group that a number of our mum's attend, which is free, includes a craft activity and a cuppa. The Hub holds art groups, creative writing groups and even a Story Time for 0-5 year olds on Thursday mornings. If you have free time while the children are at school, pop along to the Hub at 36 The Parade in the town centre and see if there's a group that interests you!

SEN Support



<https://www.witerslackgroup.co.uk/campaigns/day-to-day-support-pack>

This link is for a resource which was shared by a colleague called Empowering Neurodivergent Children. It is a day-to-day support pack and has tips and advice for supporting your child with things like eating, toileting, transitions and bedtime routines. Although aimed at families where there is a neurodiverse child, the advice given is equally relevant for all children and so if you are struggling with behaviour at any of these times it would definitely be worth a look. The wider website contains a wealth of resources to support parents and siblings including an Understanding ADHD pack, Understanding Autism and a SEN Sibling support pack. These packs include explanatory articles and links to videos and websites.

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.bluekitetrust.org

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

Child Exploitation

Last week we had a visit from Wiltshire Police to talk to our children in Years 5 and 6 about child exploitation and county lines. This is part of a Swindon wide initiative to educate children about the ways in which older children or adults may seem to befriend them before drawing them into some kind of illegal activity. Children drawn into this kind of exploitation find it hard to leave both through fear or potential drug addiction, and both the child and their wider family may be threatened. Child exploitation is a form of modern slavery.

Parents may notice their child has money or new possessions that they cannot explain, a new friendship group and an isolation away from existing friends and family. Children can have periods of going missing, or appearing excessively tired. Changes in behaviour and attitude or injuries they cannot explain can also be a sign that they are being exploited.

I have attached a document from the charity Escapeline which gives more detailed guidance of the warning signs that your child may be being exploited, some parenting strategies to use and where to seek further advice if you have any concerns that this is the case.

If you have a child in Years 5 or 6, why not ask them about the talk and see how much they have understood the messages given?

There is still time to order school photos for Christmas delivery!

If you haven't placed your order yet, you can still do so now and your prints will arrive to your home address before Christmas. For anyone who may have misplaced proof cards, please email the sales team directly at sales@fraserportraits.com.





SUPPORTERS NEWS



The Christmas Fair is nearly here! A big thank you for all the donations you have sent in over the last few weeks. We look forward to seeing you there tomorrow between 2 p.m. and 4.p.m.

Reading for Pleasure

Looking for books to give as gifts this Christmas but not sure where to start? Choosing quality books can be challenging when there is so much choice out there! A good place to start would be booklists produced by book related organisations such as 'Books for Topics' or 'Booktrust'. Comprehensive lists of quality texts can be found using these links:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book-recommendations/great-books-guide/>
<https://www.booksfortopics.com/ages/>

If you would like to find out more about what the Supporters do or you are interested in joining the Supporters, please contact us at the following email address:

supporters@robertlekyng.bluekitetrust.org

or see Mrs Beale in Class 4.

Please find below links to the current Blue Kite Academy Trust Admissions Policy & the changes being made to this.....

[BKAT-Admissions-Policy-2027-2028-for-consultation.pdf](#)

[Changes-to-the-BKAT-Admission-Policy-2027-to-2028-for-consultation.pdf](#)

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)



2025–2026 TD DAYS

1st September

3rd November

13th February

23rd February - School closed
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Collaboration Day

22nd May

26th June

Every Friday afternoon all surplus fruit, veg and milk cartons will be put out in the KS2 playground for you to help yourselves.

