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*Merry  
christmas  
and happy  
new year*

We hope you all have a happy and peaceful break.  
Stay safe and we will look forward to seeing you in the New Year!  
School reopens to pupils on Monday 5th January 2026



A **BIG** thank you to our Coombs Catering Team—Bev, Donna and Koren who made a delicious Christmas dinner for pupils and staff on Wednesday.

**On Monday, Year 3 had a lovely visit to the Evangelical Church in Old Town where they had fun finding out all about the Christmas story.**





## Christmas CHILDREN'S CHOIR

On Friday 12th December, the choir from Years 5 and 6 went to sing at the Brunel shopping centre. Well done to everyone who performed!



### Christmas concert at RLK



On Tuesday, we enjoyed a wonderful Christmas concert with performances from the choir, the band and a selection of musicians. It was a great showcase of all the talent and hard work we have here at RLK. Well done to all who performed!

## GEAR UP THIS

# Winter

All  
Welcome

**MOREDON  
SPORTING  
HUB**

**Tuesday 23rd  
December 2025  
11am - 2pm**

Come and get involved in gearing up for an Active festive period.

- Pick up brand new orienteering maps, the cycle map and maybe a festive treat
- Get your bike checked, tweaked or fixed with Doctor Bike
  - Get your bike security marked

**FREE goodies and refreshments!**



**MOREDON  
SPORTING HUB**



**SWINDON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



# Parent Support Advisor

Bags of Taste are offering a free, mentored home-cooking programme in Swindon, this initiative is designed to support individuals in improving their long-term health and food budgeting.

**About Bags of Taste** - Bags of Taste is a non-profit organisation committed to helping people gain control over their food choices, health, and budgets. They run courses across England supporting individuals who are struggling with their health or food bills. These may include:

- ◆ Young people
- ◆ Families and single parents
- ◆ Pensioners and socially isolated individuals
- ◆ People over-reliant on ready meals or fast food
- ◆ Those managing medical conditions or mental health challenges

**How the Programme Works** - they provide a free delivery of ingredients (enough for three tasty, low-cost meals (about 7 servings), remote mentoring via Whatsapp or phone over two weeks so participants can cook at their own pace and ongoing support. After completing dishes participants receive more recipes, a small gift and an invitation to join their graduates Facebook or Whatsapp group for continued guidance.

**If anyone would like to join the programme, please email me and I can refer you.**

Whilst the Christmas break is an opportunity to spend time with our families, for some it can be a stressful time.

[www.england.nhs.uk/south/wpcontent/uploads/sites/6/2025/12/BSW-Pharmacy-1.xlsx](http://www.england.nhs.uk/south/wpcontent/uploads/sites/6/2025/12/BSW-Pharmacy-1.xlsx) is the link that will take you to the opening hours of all pharmacies over the Christmas period. The hospital is expected to be very busy and pharmacists are able to treat most minor ailments so should be your first port of call.

All that remains is to wish you all a Merry Christmas and see you in 2026!

**COPING AT CHRISTMAS**

The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's Important to know there's always Someone you can Talk to...

<p>Call 111 &amp; select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7 <a href="http://Nhs.uk/mental-health">Nhs.uk/mental-health</a></p>	<p>Under 35s can Call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: <a href="mailto:pat@papyrus-uk.org">pat@papyrus-uk.org</a> 24/7 <a href="http://Papyrus-uk.org">Papyrus-uk.org</a></p>	<p>Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: <a href="mailto:jo@samaritans.org">jo@samaritans.org</a> for a reply within 24 hours <a href="http://Samaritans.org">Samaritans.org</a></p>
<p>Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday on 0300 102 1234 <a href="http://Mind.org.uk">Mind.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19 <a href="http://Giveushout.org">Giveushout.org</a></p>	<p>Mental Health Forum &amp; Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day Call or Whatsapp 0800 585858 <a href="http://Thecalmzone.net">Thecalmzone.net</a></p>

[ChristmasCountdown.uk](http://ChristmasCountdown.uk)

**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](mailto: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

### Online safety on new devices

I'm sure many of our children have asked for technology based gifts for Christmas, gaming consoles, tablets and phones (hopefully only for the older children!) all seem to be as popular as ever. For parents, how you set up a new device is crucial to ensure online safety for your child and restrictions around usage will save potential arguments further down the line.

Visit [www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/](http://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/) to find out how to set controls on devices:

The screenshot shows four panels from the Internet Matters website, each with a title, a dropdown menu, an icon, and a 'VIEW ALL' button.

- Smartphones & other devices:** Select the smartphone, other device or OS from the dropdown list.
- Broadband & mobile networks:** Select your network provider from the dropdown list.
- Social media:** Select the social media app or platform from the dropdown list.
- Video games & consoles:** Select the video game or console from the dropdown list.

Parental control apps like Google Family Link [Family Link from Google - Family Safety & Parental Control Tools](#), Screen Time [Parental control app for Android and iOS - Screen Time](#) and Microsoft Family [Microsoft Family Safety](#) can let you set limits across devices, apps and platforms.

### SAFE SETTINGS, CONTROLS & MONITORING

Apple, Android and Microsoft have tools to help you control what younger children can use and how long for. Click the images below for details. Once they are older and have your trust, the same tools can help avoid arguments and help them learn to self-regulate (how long have they really been on insta today? have they put down the phone at all in the last week?).

**Apple Screen Time**  
Great for both parental controls and teen self-regulation

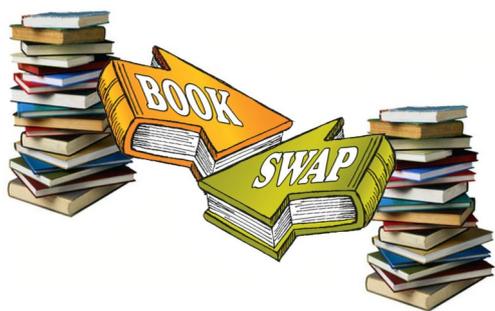
**Google Family Link**  
[Digital Wellbeing](#) is the next step for the older ones after Family Link

**Microsoft Family Safety**  
There are no self-regulation features for older teens, but Family Safety is great for the younger ones

## SUPPORTERS NEWS

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

A big thank you to all who helped make our Christmas Fair such a success. Thank you to anyone who donated prizes or came along to set up or run stalls. **We raised an amazing £1140.** The money raised will be used to pay for a visit from a theatre group for the Key Stage 1 children next term. We would also like to thank companies who donated prizes for the event, including Imagine Photography, Tesco, Clue HQ, Swindon Wildcats, Hollywood Bowl, Vue Cinema, Matt Fiddes Martial Arts and Cineworld.



As mentioned in the previous letter, our next Book Swap will be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January. If you are having a clear out of your children's books during the Christmas holidays, please keep them to donate to the Book Swap. Watch out for more information in the Book Swap letter early next term.

The Supporters will begin meeting again in the new year to start organising events for the rest of the school year. If you have any ideas for events or would like to find out more about being a Supporter, please contact us on [supporters@robertlekyng.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:supporters@robertlekyng.swindon.sch.uk) or contact Mrs Beale via the school office.



The Huddle have enjoyed 5 visits to Moredon Cycling Hub for their Inclusive Cycling sessions. The children got to try out trikes, balance bikes and two children managed to learn to ride a two wheeled bike - at great speed! As a reward for all of their hard work we visited the cafe for a cake or as it turned out ice cream which was the favourite choice! Well done to everyone for trying so hard.



If you are considering taking the next step towards becoming a teacher, we invite you to explore The Blue Kite Academy Trust's Initial Teacher Training Programme.

Visit the following website <https://thebluekitetrust.wixsite.com/inspire/initial-teacher-training> to learn more.

The Blue Kite is currently recruiting trainee teachers to begin their careers this September. There has been significant interest, with many candidates already securing their places. However, there's still time to apply, as interviews will continue through to the end of April 2026.

For more information about the programme, feel free to contact Kirsty Baker at The Blue Kite Academy Trust via email at [inspire@bluekitetrust.org](mailto:inspire@bluekitetrust.org)

To apply, click the following link or scan the QR code on the flyer below :

<https://www2.ambition.org.uk/l/330231/2023-06-20/twm58>

**TRAIN TO TEACH WITH US**

Want to become a primary school teacher?

**WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?**

- GCSE English\*
- GCSE Science\*
- GCSE Mathematics\*

\*Grade 4/C or above

**Degree in any subject**

☎ 01793 299175  
✉ [inspire@bluekitetrust.org](mailto:inspire@bluekitetrust.org)

Apply now! Scan the QR Code

**The Blue Kite** Academy Trust **Ambition Institute**



# Music Lessons

*Violin, Guitar, Ukulele & Piano  
At Robert Le Kyng Primary School*

## Why choose our lessons?

- Convenient: Lessons happen during the school day, no extra travel required
- Flexible: Arranged directly with you after application
- Expert Tuition: Professional, experienced music teachers



## Lesson Options & Prices

15 minute individual lesson or 30 minute paired lesson. £8.75

20 minute individual lesson. £11.70

30 minute individual lesson. £17.50

45 minute individual lesson (online only)

\*Prices are per lesson\*

Shared lesson options

(please note, not available for Piano or Drums)

-3 pupils in 30 minutes

-2 pupils in 20 minutes



01793 781973



[info@swindonmusiccoop.co.uk](mailto:info@swindonmusiccoop.co.uk)



Let the Music Begin- Apply now!



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  
Blue Kite Trust  
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.

