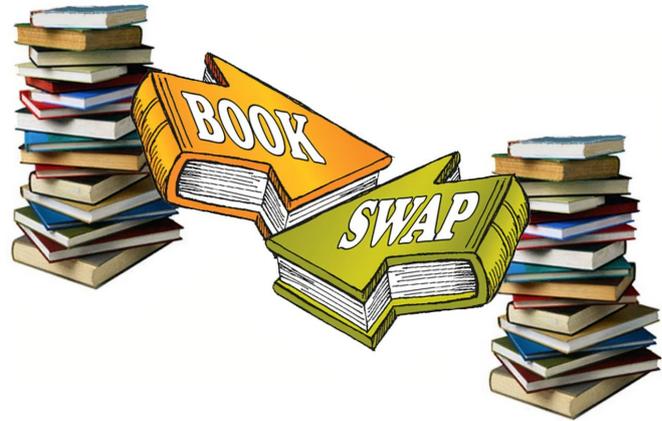


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Reading for Pleasure - The RLK Book Swap

A big thank you to all who have donated books for the Book Swap today. We had a fantastic 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 and talking about your child's book with them.



We understand the children like to play after school. Could I please ask that your children utilize the local play parks rather than the school playground and in and around the trees at the back of the playground as we still have after school clubs on site.

Thank you



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
Diarrhoea 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



Advice and guidance

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

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 above which explains if you should be sending your child to school or not. Thank you for your continued support.

Take a look at what we have done in Reception this week

This week, Reception have immersed themselves in the wonderful worlds created by the famous author, Julia Donaldson.

Yesterday, everyone in Class 1 and 2, including the adults, came dressed up as a character from one of her books. Thank you to the parents as it added such a fun and exciting element to the day, everyone looked wonderful! We took part in activities such as making (and eating) iced buns, painting Zog masks, conjuring potions, mixing Gruffalo crumbles, and making a Stick Man flag.

A wonderful day was had by all, and the children were brilliantly behaved!





We would like to share with you a letter we have received from
Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education

A message from Bridget Phillipson



Dear Susan,

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Robert Le Kyng Primary School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

There are real opportunities available for you to support improvement for a wider group of pupils including through:

- engaging actively with [your region's RISE networks](#) and partnering with nearby schools and trusts;
- contributing to regional roundtables and professional communities to spread the approaches that are working in your context; and
- sustaining excellence by continuing to focus on disadvantaged pupils

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

Your sincerely,

Bridget Phillipson
Secretary of State for Education



MUSEUM & ART SWINDON
WHAT'S ON FOR FAMILIES
JAN & FEB 2026

MUSEUM EXPLORER TRAIL & ART EXPLORER TRAIL
MUSEUM OPENING HOURS THROUGHOUT THE SPRING **FREE!**

DRAWING WORKSHOPS - FANTASTICAL WORLDS
SAT 14TH FEB - 11AM TO 12PM & 2PM TO 3PM. AGES 7+. **£5**

FANTASTICAL WORLDS - CREATIVE DROP-IN
WED 18TH, SAT 21ST FEB - 10.30AM TO 4.30PM. ALL AGES. **FREE!**

FOSSIL HUNTERS STORYTELLING, FOSSIL HANDLING & FOSSIL MAKING
TUES 17TH FEB - 11AM TO 12.15PM & 2PM TO 3.15PM. AGES 5+. **£5**

Dive into Jurassic seas with storyteller Kirsty Hartsjot as she spins tall tales of sea dragons, devil's toenails and other fantastical beasts! Hold real-life fossils and make your own clay fossil to take home!

PANCAKES WITH THE MAYOR! **FREE!**
TUES 17TH FEB - 12.15PM & 3.15PM

A unique opportunity to celebrate Shrove Tuesday by decorating your own pancake to eat with Swindon's Mayor! Get a sneak peek into the secrets of the Mayor's role, go on a behind-the-scenes tour around the Council Chambers and Mayor's Rooms and see the Museum's mayoral treasures!

More details at www.museumartswindon.com/whats-on
Email maslearning@swindon.gov.uk to book places.

MUSEUM & ART SWINDON
Pop in if you're in town!
FREE ENTRY!

In the Civic Building in the Town Centre
Over the road from the Wyvern Theatre

Open Tuesday to Saturday
10.30am to 4.30pm

- Free family trails
- Holiday activities
- Talks and tours
- Touring exhibitions
- Schools programme
- Disabled access

www.museumartswindon.com

Museum & Art Swindon tells the stories of Swindon from earliest times to the present day. Meet dinosaurs, Roman traders and Saxon warriors! Make a Roman mosaic from Lego, grind grain like an Anglo-Saxon, relax on bean bags, or dress up as an historic character! Discover stunning modern art in our Art Galleries.

The Blue Kite Academy Trust

Looking for free, fun-filled family activities for February half-term? They've got it covered at Museum & Art Swindon! Decorate pancakes with Swindon's Mayor or listen to tall tales about Jurassic sea monsters! Learn how to draw mythical creatures or make fossils from clay!

Sat 14th Feb - Fantastical Worlds drawing workshops

Tues 17th Feb - Fossil Hunters storytelling and clay craft

Tues 17th Feb - Pancakes with the Mayor and behind-the-scenes tour - FREE!

Wed 18th and Sat 21st Feb - Fantastical Worlds Creative Drop-In - FREE

Find more information and booking at www.museumartswindon.com/whats-on

Museum & Art Swindon is a free museum and art gallery in the town centre. It tells the stories of Swindon from prehistoric times to the present day and has a nationally-significant collection of modern art. Explore interactive galleries and try free trails. Create a Roman mosaic from Lego, grind grain like an Anglo-Saxon, or dress-up as an historical character! Open Tuesday to Saturday 10.30am to 4.30pm. Free entry. Over the road from the Wyvern Theatre, SN1 2JH.

Parent Support Advisor

NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme



As part of our safeguarding curriculum we are once again participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme. Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for children aged 6-7 and 9-11. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. Workshops for Years 2, 5 and 6 will take place in school next week.

Parents and carers are asked to let school know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme.

If you would like to know more about the programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout

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

ONLINE GROOMING

ACTIONS TAKEN TO MANIPULATE EMOTIONAL CONNECTION, USING THE INTERNET TO TRICK, PRESSURE OR FORCE A YOUNG PERSON INTO DOING SOMETHING SEXUAL, AND WITH THE AIM TO SEXUALLY ABUSE

700% INCREASE SINCE 2014

NCA said it had received 82,109 referrals for child sexual abuse images from social media companies in 2017

70% OF GROOMERS

Used SNAPCHAT, INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK

WHAT'S THE AIM OF THE GROOMER?

The goal of groomer is to sexually abuse a child. This can happen in two ways

Online sexual abuse

Increasingly children and young people are being tricked or coerced into sexual activity on webcam or into sending sexual images.

A physical meeting

Some people will try to persuade children and young people to meet them face-to-face, in order to abuse them. Make sure they talk to an adult if they want to meet someone they've only known online.

6 PLACES WHERE GROOMING CAN HAPPEN

social networking websites, instant messaging apps, chat rooms, dating apps, photo sharing apps and sites, like Snapchat and Instagram, online gaming sites

Meeting someone you don't know.

To keeping a secret.

X
SAY NO

Accepting messages from people you don't know. To giving personal information

HOW IS THE GROOMING OF CHILDREN DIFFERENT ONLINE?

grooming online is faster and anonymous and results in children trusting an online "friend" more quickly than someone they had just met 'face to face'.

1 IN 3

Children and young people who go online at least once a week, report having received unwanted sexual comments via email, chat, text, instant messenger (IM) and social media sites

WARNING SIGNS

There isn't one clear sign of online grooming. A young person who is being groomed may be pressured to keep it a secret from you.

YOU MAY NOTICE SOME OF THESE SIGNS

WITHDRAWN
mood swings, upset or outraged after using the internet or their mobile phone

SECRECY
about who they are talking to and what they're doing online or on their mobile phone, switching screens when you come near them.

MOBILES
or devices you haven't given them in their possession

DISTRACTED
we can all get caught up in ourselves if things are worrying us, they may seem unusually preoccupied

NEW PHONE NUMBERS,
texts or email addresses on their mobile phone, tablet or computer

LIVE STREAMING

98% of victims are 13 or younger

96% of victims were girls, and on their own at home

40% of the abuse was categorised as Category A or B, which includes rape, sexual torture and serious sexual abuse.

JUST 30 MINUTES

For a sexual predator to convince a young person to meet. Someone online may be lying about who they are, their age, and their intentions of wanting to be friends

CHILDREN ADMIT THEY DON'T KNOW MORE THAN

50%

OF THEIR CONNECTIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

100%

of images had been harvested from their original upload locations.



WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I BELIEVE A CHILD IS IN DANGER

FOR IMMEDIATE RISK CALL POLICE ON 999	IF YOU'RE AN ADULT WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD CALL NSPCC HELPLINE 0800 800 5000	IF YOU'RE A CHILD & NEED TO TALK CALL CHIDLIN 0800 1111
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#KIDSSAFEZONE



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RLK Supporters News

The Supporters have had their first meeting of 2026 and are starting to plan events for the coming terms. Watch out for more information about the Easter Raffle and Summer Fair early next term. 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 using supporters@robertlekyng.bluekitetrust.org

Come along and find out what we do!

**Date for your diary - the Summer Fair will be on
Saturday 20th June 2-4pm**



FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

With Lighthouse



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

**WHERE: RUSKIN JUNIOR SCHOOL (SN2 7NG)
WHEN: THURSDAYS 1.00-2.45PM, 26TH FEB-26TH MARCH
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 OR
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)

Our next Trust Family Foundations course will be held at Ruskin Junior School. If you are experiencing some unwanted behaviour at home or would like some fresh ideas for strategies to support your behaviour management, I would highly recommend it!

Feedback from parents that have attended so far has been overwhelmingly positive.



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.

