Robert Le Kyng Primary School

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The email address for all correspondence is
officerlk@robertlekyng.bluekitetrust.org

As the weather gets colder and more wintry, it is more tempting to drive your child to school. Unfortunately, there is very limited parking close to the school site so we would encourage you where possible to still walk to 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. The car park is for staff only and there is no access for parents, unless of course you have a blue badge.

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.

In addition, if you are booking a taxi to pick you up after drop off, please do not give the school as the pick up point—either use Westcott Street—or ideally another road near to the school where you can walk and meet them.

HARVEST DONATIONS 2026

We will once again be collecting for the Swindon Food Collective. Collections will take place between 8th and 20th October—see the poster at the end of the newsletter for more information about how you can help.

Thank you very much for your support.

The **flu immunisation** team will be visiting on **Monday 2nd Nov 2026**

The consent form will be sent out next week. Please make sure that you fill this in if you wish for your child to have the immunisation.

It is helpful to us if you double check the class number that you record—please do not confuse this with your child's year group.

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School dinners

Our ladies in the kitchen serve up some very tasty meals at lunchtime for the children at RLK. Can we please ask that when booking school dinners for your child, please ensure that payment is made at the time of booking. Unfortunately, if your child's School Gateway account goes into arrears the ability to book further meals for your child is withdrawn until the outstanding balance is cleared.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals. School meals cost £2.60 daily however, your Year 3-6 child will also be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of universal credit.

To apply please complete the 'Free school Meal Eligibility & Pupil Premium Application Form' which is a form on Parentmail.

Packed lunches

The start of a New Year for many of us brings a resolution to eat more healthily, particularly if we've over indulged during the school break so now seemed a good time to revisit the kinds of items that should be in a child's packed lunch.

At RLK we encourage you to send in a healthy packed lunch, based on foods that your child likes, or would be willing to try. An easy way to plan a packed lunch is:-

Choose a main food

Choose a starchy based food in each packed lunch e.g. sandwich, wraps, bagels, pitta, rice, pasta, potatoes or couscous.

Choose a protein e.g. cheese, tuna, ham, chicken, hummus and/ or salad.



Add some fruit or salad

Choose a piece of fruit or salad in each packed lunch, carrot or pepper sticks are a great option.

Add a little something else

Choose an item that is low in sugar e.g. Rice cakes, popcorn, plain or low-sugar yoghurt and/or a packet of crisps

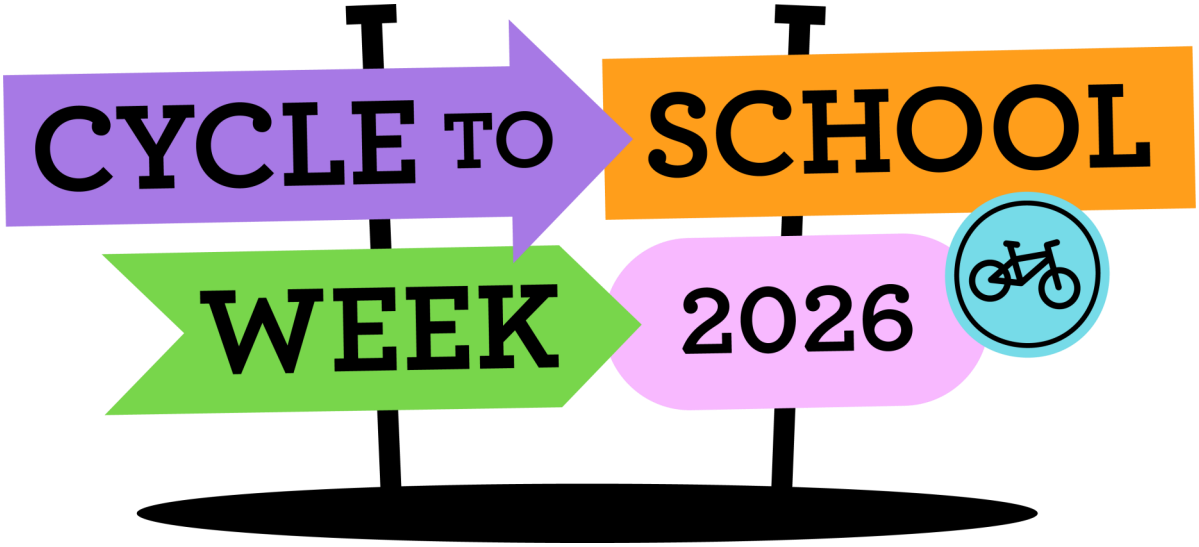
We ask that you do not send in sweets or chocolates and please limit the amount of sugary food packed, such as biscuits.

For some great recipe ideas and tips on how to make a packed lunch healthier have a look at https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/#swaps, great advice for adults and children alike!

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As a school we will be taking part in Cycle to School next week. As part of this event, it would be great to see as many of you as possible cycling to school during the week.

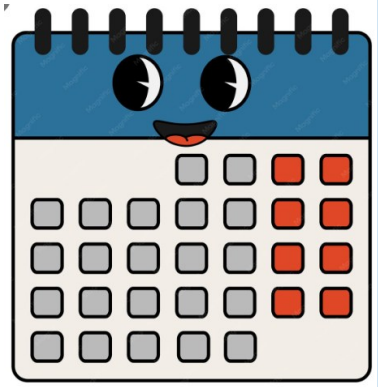
Free bike safety checks and basic repairs

In addition to this, we are excited to announce that on **Thursday 8th October** we will be hosting Mitchell Cycles on the Key Stage One playground after school. Who have kindly offered to provide Free bike safety checks and basic repairs! Also, Becky Cox from Moredon Sporting Hub will also provide Free BikeRegister security marking. We look forward to seeing you all on your bikes next week.

Hold the date!

Parents evening this term are on the **19th and 20th October** for all year groups.

Keep an eye on the Parents Evening tab on Parentmail in the week before this to book your slot.



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Parent Support Advisor

What is Domestic Abuse?

Domestic abuse is any type of controlling, bullying, threatening or violent behaviour between people in a relationship. It can seriously harm children and young people and witnessing domestic abuse is child abuse. It's important to remember domestic abuse:

· can happen inside and outside the home

· can happen over the phone, on the internet and on social networking sites

· can happen in any relationship and can continue even after the relationship has ended

· both men and women can be abused or abusers.

Types of Domestic Abuse

Domestic abuse can be emotional, physical, sexual, financial or psychological, such as:

· kicking, hitting, punching or cutting

· rape (including in a relationship)

· controlling someone's finances by withholding money or stopping someone earning

· controlling behaviour, like telling someone where they can go and what they can wear

· not letting someone leave the house

· reading emails, text messages or letters

· threatening to kill someone or harm them or another family member or pet

If you, or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse and would like some support, Paragon are working with Swindon Borough council to provide this. Swindon - Paragon Team can offer advice as well as practical help. Changing Suits is an organisation for women from South Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds who understand the cultural pressures and stigma around speaking out about domestic abuse and they can also offer advice and practical help. Their website is Domestic Abuse - Changing Suits. Free emergency injunctions and legal protection for all is available at www.ncdv.org.uk and this is something we can refer you to if it is appropriate. Please contact Mrs Ward either in person or email psa@robertlekyng.bluekitetrust.org if you would like to access this.

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Key Stage 2 Theatre performance



Last week the children in Key Stage 2 were treated to a performance of The Wizard of Oz by the M & M Theatre Company. The performance was then followed by a workshop with the Year 6 children. We've had some great feedback and the cast members were also complimentary about the behaviour of our children. The theatre company will be returning after Christmas to perform a pantomime for the children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One. A big thank you to the RLK Supporters for supporting the cost of this performance for our children.

Robert le Kyng Supporters

The new term is under way and the RLK Supporters have had their first meeting of the school year. We are already thinking ahead to the Christmas Fair on Saturday 5th December and beginning to make plans. More information about the Christmas Fair will come out shortly. If you would like to know a little more about what we do, please see Mrs Beale or email the Supporters at supporters@robertlekyng.bluekitetrust.org

Reading for Pleasure

We often share links with you from The Booktrust Charity which promotes reading and sharing stories with children. They have recently reissued a flyer with some great advice for sharing stories with young children. This advice is particularly useful to those of you with pre-school children or those in Reception or Year One, but could also be relevant to those with slightly older children. For more information see the attached flyer.

BookTrust
Getting children reading

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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?

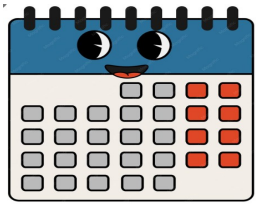
Just search for 'Robert le Kyng Primary School' on Facebook, look for the RLK school logo and select 'Like' to follow our page.

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 Parentmail, 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)

2026—2027 TD DAYS

1st September
21st October
4th January
22nd and 23rd February
25th June



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





SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE

Please support Swindon Food Bank this

HARVEST

During 2025, Swindon Food Collective provided over 90,000 meals to our local community. Demand continues to rise, each year, so if you are able to, please donate any of the following items this harvest season.

Thank you.

From Swindon, For Swindon.

WHAT WE NEED MOST:



TINNED MEALS (CURRY, MEATBALLS ETC)
TINNED MEAT
TINNED FISH
TINNED POTATOES
TINNED VEGETABLES
PASTA SAUCE
LONG LIFE MILK
RICE PUDDING, CUSTARD
SMALL PACKS OF TEA/COFFEE
SHAMPOO & CONDITOINER
SHOWER GEL
TOOTHPASTE
HOUSEHOLD CLEANING ITEMS



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