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

The immunisation team will be visiting on: **Monday 2nd November 2026**

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

Most children are offered a nasal spray vaccine which is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose.

Please complete the consent form (yes or no) using the link or QR code below.

Flu Vaccination Consent Form

Please use the school code: **WT149130**







We are proud to be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal again this year and will be selling poppy merchandise in the main office.

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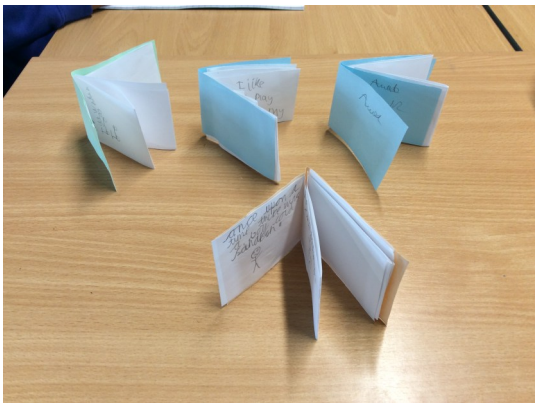
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Year 1, 2 and 3 had a great start to the week with an assembly from Love Ssega, the author of "The Elementals". We were introduced to the characters in his new story "Wanzu Sets Sail" and learnt how creativity can take us on all sorts of journeys. After break, Year 2 had the extra opportunity of participating in a workshop where they started to map out their own adventure story. Some of the children even made their own mini chapter books when they got back to class!







The individual and sibling photo proofs have been sent home with your child this week. Please place any orders directly with Fraser Portraits by **midnight on Tuesday 3rd November** as late orders will incur a delivery charge

FRASER PORTRAITS



Sadly we are saying goodbye to Mrs O'Donaghue today who is leaving to return to her native Australia.

Mrs O'Donaghue has worked at RLK for 16 years and we will all miss her very much.

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This week, our Reception children have been learning about **People Who Help Us** through some wonderful real-life visits from the fire brigade and our PCSO.

The children enjoyed finding out about the important roles that firefighters and police officers play in our community and discussed the many different ways they help and protect us. A particular highlight was the opportunity to sit inside a fire engine and explore some of the equipment used by firefighters.

It was a fantastic experience that brought their learning to life and helped the children develop a deeper understanding of the people who help us every day.







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This week, Year 4 visited the Railway Village as part of our topic 'Booming Swindon'. We looked around the museum set up to look like a house from the 1800's, had a guided walk around the important buildings and an opportunity to look closely at some artefacts. This really helped the children to understand what life was like when the railway came to Swindon.





Reading for Pleasure

Christmas is getting nearer and you may be looking for ideas for gifts for children. Books can make ideal small gifts, but there can sometimes seem to be too much choice. The Booktrust charity have recently released their Best Book Guide which highlights the best books of 2026-27.

The guide can be found using the link below:
Great Books Guide | BookTrust

BookTrust
Getting children reading

Parent Support Advisor

This week I was made aware of a free online course for parents of neurodivergent children. Coram Family Lives (www.coramfamilylives.org.uk) are an organisation providing advice and guidance to all parents, for any parenting challenges they may be experiencing. This new course takes up to 3 hours and can be completed online at your own pace and covers topics such as managing transitions, sensory issues and low demand parenting strategies. See Parenting Neurodivergent Children online course - Coram Family Lives for more information.

Screen Time

Apple have released the new iOs 27 for Iphone's and Ipad's which has a range of enhanced parental controls, including setting a time allowance for the day and an 'Ask to buy' and 'Ask to browse' feature for those on Family Sharing. For information on how to set these features up see Use Screen Time to manage your child's iPhone or iPad – Apple Support (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

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

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SAFEGUARDING



Child-on-child abuse

Tips for parents and carers

How to prevent child-on-child abuse from happening and what to do if it does.

internet matters.org

What is child-on-child/ peer-on-peer abuse?

Child-on-child abuse is when one child or young person causes harm to another, either in person or online. KCSIE [Working Together to Safeguard Children] references different forms of child-on-child abuse:

- Bullying (including cyberbullying, prejudice-based and discriminatory bullying)
- Abuse in intimate personal relationships between children
- Physical abuse
- Sexual violence and sexual harassment
- Consensual and non-consensual sharing of nude and semi-nude images
- Causing someone to engage in sexual activity without consent
- Upskirting (taking a photo under someone's clothing without their permission)
- Initiation/hazing type violence and rituals

How to protect your child

Below are tips for what parents and carers can do to help prevent child-on-child abuse happening, whether purposeful or by accident.

Tip 1: Have age-appropriate conversations

Make sure your child or teen understands what child-on-child abuse is by having regular conversations.

Explain to them what inappropriate behaviour looks like as appropriate to their age and empower them to report anything that makes them uncomfortable, even if it's done by a close friend. It's important they don't brush abusive behaviour off as harmless banter.

Improve you knowledge about the different online issues children may face and how they might be targeted here.

Helpful resources

- Conversation guide
- Advice by age

Parent story

Mum of 1, Emma, experienced child-on-child abuse first-hand when her 12-year-old daughter was made to view distressing violent images.

The 12-year-old's AirDrop had not been turned off and one day on the school bus, she received the image straight to her phone.

Talking to your child about their personal safety and setting up privacy controls can help prevent this type of child-on-child abuse from happening.

Tip 2: Set up privacy and security controls

Most apps, platforms and devices have privacy and security settings users can use to keep themselves safe online.

With your child or teen, set up these controls. Explain how they work and what impact they could have on their safety. Setting them up together can help them develop their understanding and take ownership of their safety. Get the whole family involved in digital boundaries and online safety with a family agreement.

Tip 3: Teach digital resilience and responsibility

Just like learning to cross the road safely or getting a road license, accessing everything the online world has to offer needs a certain amount of knowledge, responsibility and resilience.

When they get their first device, help your child learn how to use the internet properly. This could include how to communicate with others and where to get help when they need it.

Go along with them on their journey as they pass milestones like getting a new device or joining social media platforms to help them have positive interactions with others.

Creating a responsible digital citizen

- To help children learn to use the internet and their devices appropriately, try some of the following:
- keep track of how they interact online, asking them to show you what they are doing and reducing the frequency as they become responsible
- limit where they can have their devices, giving them less limits as they grow older
- create joint accounts that you can access until they are old enough and can demonstrate proper understanding of safety online.

How to deal with child-on-child abuse

1. Watch out for the signs

Signs that a child might be a victim of child-on-child abuse could include:

- changes in their normal behaviour
- knowledge of things inappropriate for their age
- substance abuse
- problems with sleep
- school avoidance
- unexplained injuries
- self-harm

Behaviours associated with a child who may be abusive towards another child include:

- aggression
- impulsivity
- short-temperedness
- lack of empathy
- easily frustrated
- less likely to take responsibility for their actions
- a need to control or assert dominance

2. Acknowledge their feelings

Make space for what they might be feeling as a result of child-on-child abuse. Listen to how they feel – sad, angry, scared – and let them know that it's okay to feel those things as long as you support them as they heal.

However, children and young people who have been abused tend to blame themselves, and it's vital that you challenge these feelings of guilt. Their abuse didn't happen to them because they did something wrong. It is not their fault; they did not deserve the abuse. Help them externalise these thoughts instead of placing the blame on themselves.

3. Reach out to your child's school

If you are aware of child-on-child abuse that the school is not, it is critical that you inform them so they can put their own safeguards in place to protect your child. Ask them about their policies and their process for dealing with the issue; ask them for clear guidance on what you can do as their guardian.

[Child-on-child abuse: Guide for parents and carers | Internet Matters]

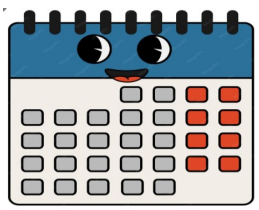
Every Friday afternoon all surplus fruit, veg and milk cartons will be put out in the KS2 playground for you to help yourselves.





2026—2027 TD DAYS

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



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MOREDON SPORTING HUB



OCTOBER HALF TERM

CYCLING TIMETABLE

Cycling Sessions for Kids & Families:

Book via the Moredon Sporting Hub website:

Family cycling - Staffed sessions on the track with bikes and equipment included (or bring your own). £5.50 per child (1 adult free)
Tue 27th 9:30-11:30am, Thurs 29th 1-3pm & Sat 31st 12-2pm

Limitless Family cycling (SEND families) - a staffed session with a range of bikes and adapted cycles included. £4.50 per child (1 adult free)
Wed 28th 12-2pm, Fri 30th 11.30-1.30pm & Sat 31st 2-3.30pm





Book via Swindon Cycle Campaign Eventbrite Page

Cycling Roadshow - Tuesday 27th October 10am - 1pm
FREE basic bike repairs, BikeRegister security marking, cycling maps & reflective freebies

Ditch the Stabilisers - Fun learn to cycle sessions for young people aged 4- 16 years old. Bikes & helmets included. £5.00 per child. **SEN sessions available**.
Next Steps - Skills development session for children who have recently learned to ride. Focusing on starting, stopping, manouvers & gears. £5.00 per child.

Dates and booking details: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/swindon-cycle-campaign-61575400583
(or scan QR code) Booking essential, limited spaces available.

Notes: Limitless Adult sessions continue as usual throughout the half term (Mon & Thurs 10-12), along with FREE adult learn to ride sessions (Tue 12-1pm). Timetable subject to change.
For any queries please contact Cycling Officer, Becky Cox: Email: cycling@centralswindonnorth-pc.gov.uk Call:07961908615



HARVEST DONATIONS 2026

The last day for harvest donations is next Tuesday (20th October). If you would still like to donate please do so before then.

The Swindon Food Collective are in particular need of household cleaners/toiletries and tinned produce to help keep families safe and well within their homes

Thank you very much for your support.

SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE

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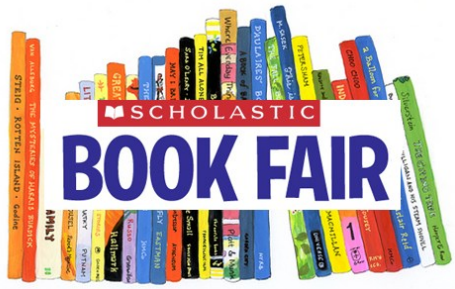
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SUPPORTERS NEWS



Planning for the Christmas Fair on Saturday 5th December is well under way and the Supporters are busy organising prizes for the Prize Draw. Tickets for the Prize Draw will be coming home with the children in early November. If you are having a bit of a clear out during the half term break, don't forget to keep any small items that you think might be suitable for the children's or adults' hook a bag stalls. More information about donations for the Christmas Fair will be coming out early next term.



The Scholastic book fair will be returning to school after the half term break. Books will be on sale in the hall after school on **Tuesday 3rd, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November**. We look forward to seeing you there.

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





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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)