



Dear Parents/carers

2024 got off to a great start at school, with the children working hard and after school clubs in full swing too. As ever, we have lots of events coming up in the next few weeks so please check the dates page on the newsletter and Class Dojo to ensure that you don't miss anything!

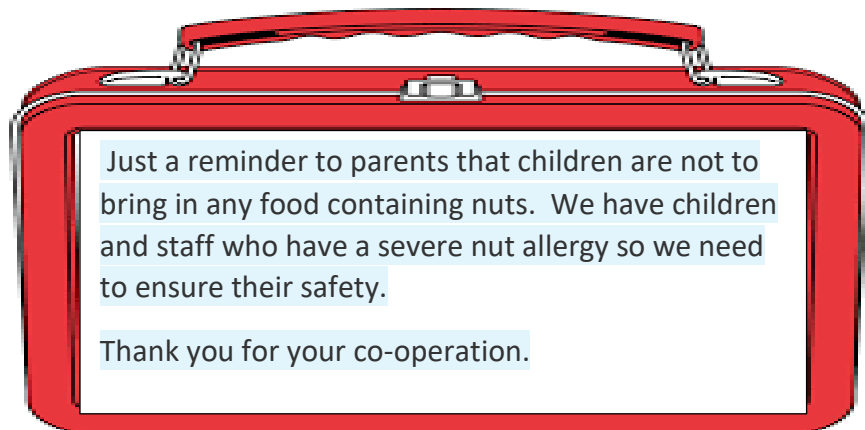
The next academic year's term dates are on the very last page. This lets you know well ahead of time when our INSET days are as well as the school holidays.

Please ensure your children have their gloves, hats, jumpers and coats named as the weather has been particularly cold and the children really need to keep warm whilst outside.

House Treat

Stokes were the house treat winners at the end of December, earning the most BEST points for the term.

The house captains are now busy surveying the children in Stokes to find out what they'd like for their treat in the next week or two.



Pre-School places for September 2024

We are currently organising our Pre-school for September 2024. If you know anyone who would like their child to join us please ask them to email us at admin@robinswoodprimary.co.uk or pop into the school reception to collect a form. This needs to be completed and returned promptly. The child's date of birth needs to be between September 2020 and August 2021 for a September 2024 start.

If you have already requested a place we will be contacting you in due course.



ATTENDANCE

Please remember, if your child is not in school, that you must report it on their first day of absence and every other day thereafter. You can do this by either calling the school or leaving a message on the absence line or by emailing the attendance mailbox.

To report an absence via phone, please call 01452 530430 and select Option 1.

To report an absence via email, please email attendance@robinswoodprimary.co.uk

***Please note that the Attendance email address has now changed to attendance@robinswoodprimary.co.uk**



Please state your child's full name, class and the reason they are absent.

If you are unsure if your child needs to stay off school, please follow this link for NHS guidance

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

The Government are currently running a National School Attendance campaign.

The campaign's aims include:

- Reminding parents that every school day is important; **moments matter, attendance counts.**
- Reassure parents that the NHS and the [Chief Medical Officer](#) say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat.



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

In 2018/19, **just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards**, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.

But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

Pre-School

In Pre-school and in the home environment, it's easy to forget to celebrate your child's smaller milestones, as we get caught up in everyday life. However, celebrating children's achievements big or small is important, as it boosts their confidence and self-esteem. In pre-school we celebrate your child in many different ways. We have a 'celebration wall' for you to bring in good new vouchers, pictures or certificates they have achieved at home. We love celebrating with the children so please continue to share their good news with us.



Reception

This term our topic title is 'Out at Sea'. We started by reading a story called the 'Runaway Iceberg'. We compared an Arctic environment to the one that we live in. We talked about the fact that the Arctic is one of the coldest places on earth! This led us to the 'blubber experiment'. It helped us to understand how Arctic animals survive the cold conditions. The children put both hands in a bowl of icy water, but one of them was covered in lard (blubber). The children were able to directly compare how each hand felt. In warmer climes we have also talked about the diverse range of tropical fish in the sea. The children used bubble wrap in order to add texture to their fish paintings.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy start to the New Year. On our first day back, we were surprised to find that a UFO had landed outside our classroom.. When we investigated, we found out that the spaceship belongs to our character in our new book 'Beegu'. In maths, we have been exploring cubes, cuboids, pyramids and spheres. We also had a great time in PE this week when we had a cricket lesson taught by specialist coaches. We can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for us.



Year 2

Happy New Year from Pine and Beech Class! What an amazing start to the year! In Writing, we are learning all about penguins in 'The Emperor's Egg'. We are starting to learn our 2, 5 and 10 times table in Maths and in Science we are finding out about plants. As you can see from our photograph, we had a very chilly day in Forest School, with some hot drinks to keep us warm!



Year 3

Over this term, Year 3 will be looking at forces and magnets in science. On Friday, we started to learn how friction plays a big part with forces and magnets. Friction happens where two objects or surfaces move against each other. Our experiment involved using a trainer, an elastic band and a ruler to measure which surfaces have greater friction out of a table, carpet, metal bench, wooden beam and concrete. The children were very engaged and worked together as a team to gather their results. Great job Year 3!



Year 4

Year four have started swimming this term and Maple class has started their violin lessons, which will carry on for the next 10 weeks . We are learning all about the Vikings in History and in Art we are focusing on Jacob Lawrence. Science this term is all about sound and we have already used instruments such as drums and ukuleles to see how sound travels and how that may look.

Year 5

As well as going swimming this term, where the children have shown great enthusiasm and determination, Year 5 has started the New Year looking at the fabulous picture book *The Journey* by Francesca Sanna. The children have used the illustrations as a wonderful stimulus to their writing. They have used similes, metaphors and figurative language, as well as looking at a balanced argument to decide what the family should do.



Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to this term and thoroughly enjoyed their first Forest School lesson of 2024 with Mr Meadows. Following an exciting project they worked on in DT last term, they are hoping to work alongside Mr Meadows to build a bird hide! Check out some photos of the children building their bird hide prototypes below - watch this space for the real thing!



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Sporting News poem- Sports Hall Athletics 2024

I'm so proud of the Robinswood team,
For believing in themselves and their collective dream.
With the determination to top their personal best,
On Wednesday 10th January, they achieved great success.

Up first was Sky, Millie, Lola and Leigha-May
Who couldn't have given us a better start to the day.
They won their race by about a mile,
And each of them wore the biggest smile.

Up next were the ninjas: Michael, Liam, Jayshon and Riley.
Who were definitely the best they could be.
They took the obstacle course by storm!
And really showed everyone we were on top form.

Lillian, Syara, Atipa and N'Mayah smashed their relay races
And put all the other schools through their paces.
The girls were fierce and focused on what they had to do.
The whistle sounded and off they flew!

David, Toby and Xavier were next to take the floor.
They couldn't have given anymore!
Working as a team, they ran as fast as they could.
Making us all feel proud to be Team Robinswood.

With a challenge ahead of them, N'Mayah, Alicja, Harvey and Alamein were next in line,
In a six lap contest, their performance was truly sublime
They didn't give up and gave it their all,
Adding crucial points to the overall score.

Next was the moment Charlie and Freya were waiting all day for,
They joined Lillian and Atipa to become the fantastic four.
With an abundance of enthusiasm they ran faster than sonic!
When they passed the finish line first, the atmosphere was electric!

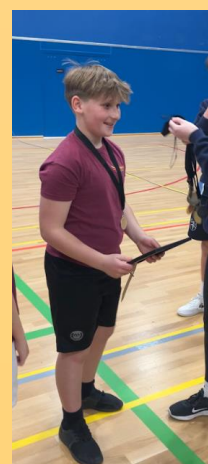
Alamein, Harvey, David and Xavier remained focused for the last rest of the day
Together they took on the four-by-1 lap relay.
They kept their cool and had each other's back
And that was the end of the races on track.

While the runners triumphed, there were field event specialists working hard too.
The experts in jumping, throwing and bouncing - we couldn't have done it without you.
A special mention must be made to Tyler, Charlie and Laicey for their tremendous long jump ability.
And also to Zara for her super quick speed bounce agility.

Joel, Henry's, Savanah's and Brody's javelin throw showed they were very able.
While my attempt in the staff throw-off knocked out the scorers on the top table!
Alyssa and Arthur showed their strengths in the chest push event.
While David jumped higher than any child ever has- what an achievement!

I know I am highly competitive and I love to win
But even for me finishing first was not the most important thing.
For the effort, focus and attitude that was shown by our Robinswood family,
Was what truly makes us the best we can be.

Thank you to Miss Izatt, Mrs Duran and the parent helpers for a day we won't forget
And for all the friends we made and sports leaders we met.
We were the most supportive and encouraging team there by far,
I think that's what makes us, in my eyes, the outstanding school we are.



Date	School Event
Tuesday 16 th January	Community cricket (4pm) Y4/5 swimming (weekly) Y4 violin lessons (weekly)
Thursday 18 th January	Robinswood Vs Parton Manor
Wednesday 24 th January	Young Voices –Resorts World Arena, Birmingham
Thursday 25 th January	School Council trip to the Services
Wednesday 31 st January	Year 6 Final Residential Meeting
Thursday 1 st February	Y6 trip to Bletchley Park
Friday 2 nd February	Open Afternoon for parents
Week beginning Monday 5 th February	Children's Mental Health Week 2024
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day/PCSO visit
Wednesday 7 th February	Now and Beyond Mental Health & Wellbeing Festival for Schools
Tuesday 6 th & Wednesday 7 th February	Parents Evenings
Friday 9 th February	BEST Assemblies
Saturday 10 th -Sunday 18 th February	Half Term
Monday 19 th February	Back to School Y6 Residential
Friday 23 rd February	Y6 Return from residential
Monday 4 th -Friday 8 th March	Really Wild Reading festival
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day-dress up as a book character
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief-Red Nose day
Friday 22 nd March	BEST Assemblies Last day before Holidays-3:15pm finish
Saturday 23 rd March -Sunday 7 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 8 th April	Teachers INSET day – No children in school
Tuesday 9 th April	Back to School
Monday 15 th –Friday 19 th April	Year 6 Bikeability week
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday

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Monday 13 th - 17 th Friday May	Year 6 SATs week
Thursday 25 th May	Last day before Half Term-3:15pm finish
Friday 24 th May	Teachers INSET day – No children in school
Saturday 25 th May- Sunday 2 nd June	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	Teachers INSET day – No children in school
Tuesday 4 th June	Back to School
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term- finish at 1:30pm
Monday 22 nd July	Teacher's INSET days – No children in school
Tuesday 23 rd July	Summer Holidays

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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

2024/25



Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		4	11	18	25		
Tues		3	10	17	24		Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues		5	12	19	26		
Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		6	13	20	27		
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Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	1	8	15	22	29		
Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	2	9	16	23	30		
Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	3	10	17	24			
DECEMBER							JANUARY							FEBRUARY						
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MARCH							APRIL							MAY						
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Term Time	Holidays
Bank Holiday	

Christmas Bank Holidays	25th December 2024 26th December 2024
New Year Bank Holiday	1st January 2025
Good Friday	18th April 2025
Easter Monday	21st April 2025
Early May Bank Holiday	5th May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26th May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25th August 2025

Term 1: Mon 2nd Sept – Fri 25th Oct 2024	40 days
Term 2: Mon 4th Nov – Fri 20th Dec 2024	35 days
Term 3: Mon 6th Jan - Fri 14th Feb 2025	30 days
Term 4: Mon 24th Feb – Fri 11th Apr 2025	35 days
Term 5: Mon 28th April – Fri 23rd May 2025	19 days
Term 6: Mon 2nd June – Mon 21st July 2025	36 days
Total	195 days*

INSET DAYS HIGHLIGHTED - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL (TEACHER TRAINING DAYS)