



Dear Parents/carers

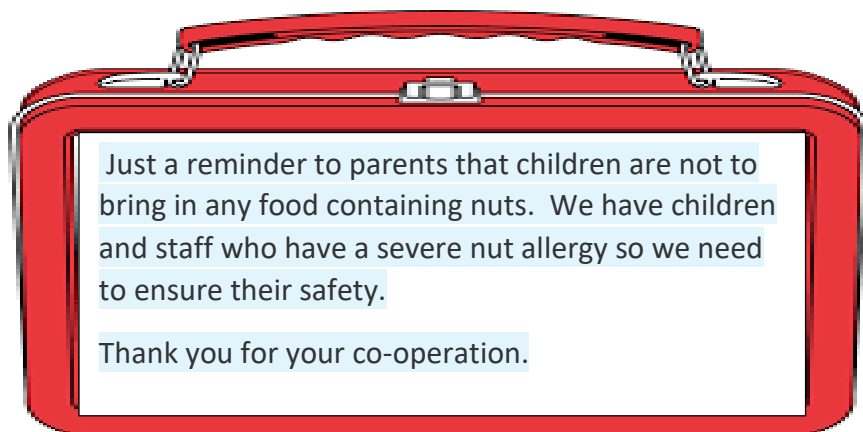
Welcome back to school, and to our first newsletter of the new school year. The children have returned to school looking smart and are now fully settled into their new classes. We will send out termly newsletters and monthly key dates to keep you informed. All information will be sent out via email. The newsletter is also posted on our website at: <https://www.robinswood.academy/>

Please ensure your children have their jumpers and coats named as there have been a few misplaced items recently and it makes it extremely difficult to reunite the lost clothes with their owners if they are unnamed.

House Treat

Wilson were the house treat winners at the end of the last academic year, earning the most BEST points for the term.

They have enjoyed their House treats: Years 1 and 2 had time using the soft play; Years 3 and 4 spent some time in the Computing Suite and Years 5 and 6 made pancakes!



31st October 2024 for your secondary school place in September 2025

ATTENDANCE

School attendance has got off to a great start this academic year! Thank you for supporting this and understanding the importance of regular school attendance and its significant benefits.

We have however seen a few bugs doing the rounds. Please remember that not all illnesses require your child to stay off school. The majority of minor ailments should not prevent a child from attending. Therefore, if your child is suffering from one of the following complaints, we would suggest that you administer paracetamol or ibuprofen and bring them into school, should their condition deteriorate, we will always call you:

- Hay fever
- Colds
- Headaches
- Tiredness
- Sore throat
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If your child is suffering sickness and diarrhoea or from a condition that is contagious, we would of course expect you to keep them at home until they are well enough to attend school. [Click here to read the latest DfE guidance](#) on school related absence and childhood illness.

A few other key points to remember:

- You must contact the school on your child's first day of absence before 9am. This can be done by calling 01452 530430 and selecting Option 1 to leave a message, or by emailing attendance@robinswoodprimary.co.uk. You must state your child's name, class and reason for absence. This must be specific and more than just they are unwell.
- All holidays in term time will be unauthorised and penalty notices requested if the criteria is met. Information about the new legal process for unauthorised absences was sent out at the end of the last academic year. If you would like a reminder, please contact me on the above email address and I will be happy to send this back out to you.
- Arriving after the registers have closed will affect your child's attendance and they will receive an unauthorised mark for the morning. Unauthorised absence can lead to penalty notices being issued. Arriving late is not only disruptive to your child, but the rest of the class also.
- If you have any concerns around attendance, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance. If your concerns continue, an appointment can be made with Mrs Andrews who will be happy to help you and your child to break down any barriers to attendance.

Attendance Ambassador Opportunity

Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to apply for an Attendance Ambassador role. If your child has great attendance and knows why coming to school every day is so important, please encourage your child to write a short letter to Mrs Andrews, explaining why they will be great for the role.

Pre-School

The children have been busy exploring their new Pre-school environment. It has been lovely meeting all our new Parents, Carers and extended family members. The children are beginning to settle and build relationships with their class and the pre-school team staff. We cannot wait to share more fun activities and learning experiences through lots of play!

“Children need the freedom and time to play. Play is not a luxury. Play is a necessity.” – Kay Redfield Jamison”



Reception

Reception have settled well into school and we have been very busy! We are learning all about school life, our school values and remembering our routines. Exploring the school has been fun, going to forest school and the hall for PE.



Year 1

The children have settled so well into their new routines in Year 1. We have enjoyed reading the story of 'The Snail and the Whale' which has inspired some great writing. We are really remembering to use our finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Our latest PE lesson was so much fun. We had a visit from a Paralympic athlete who told us all about blind football.



Year 2

What a busy term it has been in Year 2. We have been finding out all about 'The Great Fire of London' in History. In Science, we have been investigating different kinds of materials and their properties. In September, we visited Matson Library where we did further research on our Science topic.



Year 3

We have had a super successful term in Year 3! In maths we have been investigating and identifying three digit numbers. In writing, the children have loved writing kenning poems about our current book 'The Green Ship.' We have also been very creative this term and have designed cave art in History, as well as abstract line art inspired by Joan Miro. We also loved our wear yellow day for mental health!



Year 4

Year 4 had an excellent start to the school year! The children had a super visit to Matson Library to help deepen their love of reading and every child chose a library book that they have in school for independent reading time – it has been amazing to see children excited about reading their chosen book and sharing their interests! Year 4 have especially enjoyed their Science this term where we have been learning about the digestive system: how it works, how to keep our teeth healthy and what happens to food as it moves through our bodies. The children particularly loved recreating the digestive system – this got a bit messy but was such a fantastic learning experience. Thanks for a great first term Year 4 and let's hope next term is even better!!



Year 5

On Wednesday 16th, the children of Year 5 welcomed High School students from Tokyo to the school. The children were on a visit to England and were keen to experience English culture. In the morning, they received a tour from our wonderful House Captains, before taking part in a Year 5 writing lesson. All of KS2 then watched the Japanese students give an assembly on Japanese culture. After break, the Japanese students then held a variety of workshops in the Year 5 classrooms, which the children really enjoyed. It was a really enjoyable and educational experience.



Year 6

This term, Year 6 visited an interactive life skills village where they learnt how to keep themselves safe whether at home or in their community. They assessed a range of scenarios (travelling on a bus, playing in a park, level crossings etc.) and thought about being safe. It was fantastic to see the children fully engaging in the experience and gaining new knowledge that could potentially save their life!



School Council



Alex McIntyre the new MP for Gloucester came into school and met with our newly elected School Councillors. They enjoyed meeting him and asking questions about his new job!

Online Safety

Keeping your children safe online can be a huge worry, but there are some simple things you can do to help keep them safe. Parental controls can be used in various ways, for example to help ensure that children access only age-appropriate content, to set usage times, to monitor activity or to help prevent in-app purchases.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/parental-controls>



Sporting News

We have had an extremely successful start to the year and we're feeling proud of what we've achieved already.

Boys' football:

Due to their positive attitude, hard work and team spirit, the year 5/6 boys' football team made it through to the second round of the ESFA-7-A-Sides tournament. This was after a fantastic display of football at Upton St Leonards Primary School where the Robins won 1-0 against Coney Hill, drew with Barnwood 1-1 and lost to the hosts 3-1. A special shout out to Samuel in Year 5 who scored the goal of the tournament! They boys played extremely well in the second round but did not make it through to the semi-finals. Well done for trying your best!

Girls' football:

The girls' Robinswood football team has gone from strength to strength over the last couple of years and for the first time in recent history, we also entered a girls' team into the ESFA knock out tournament. A huge well done to the captain Bonnie-Rae for scoring the first goal of the season, followed by Dottie and Atipa in a competitive game against Croft, which finished 3-1 to Robinswood. In the same tournament, the fierce girls also lost to Upton St Leonards 0-1, which is an improvement from the last time they played at home losing 2-0. Miss Thompson is really enjoying coaching the girls and loves the enthusiasm they show for the game.



Another first: we also entered a KS1 girls' football festival for the first time ever and the ten possible future lionesses loved learning new skills, scoring goals and making new friends. #RobinswoodGirlsCan

Other events:

- Miss Caddy took a group of children to a Netball festival at Henley Bank School. The team were fantastic and played lots of games to prepare for the season ahead. Watch this space for the results of upcoming fixtures.
- After practising in PE, ten Year 4 children represented the school in a Bench Ball competition at Longford Park. They improved throughout the morning and finished 4th out of 8 schools. What was most impressive was their effort, attitude and focus towards the games.
- Finally, we recently entered a KS2 table tennis competition at Upton St Leonards. 4 girls and 4 boys played in 3 matches each and their points added to their overall score. Amazingly, the newly formed team finished third and received medals for their achievement.



Autumn Activities:

As half-term approaches here are some activities you could complete with your children. We would love to see the results. Please either post them onto Dojo in your child's individual portfolio or bring them into school after the holidays.

Leaf Rubbing Collage

Collect some fallen leaves on a local walk and use them to create a stunning piece of nature-inspired artwork. For best results, try out a variety of materials, surfaces and colours. Explore the structure of the leaves while you're creating your collage.

Create your very own leaf creature or carve a pumpkin!



Each term we will highlight a new book that your child might like to read. If your child is in Years 3 or 4 they might like to read this book.



*There is nowhere
to run, my pet,
When I've come
to set you free.*

*I wouldn't shout
and scream,
At a magical creature
such as me.*

Term 1 edition 2024-25

Date	School Event
26th October- 3rd November	HALF TERM
Monday 4 th November	INSET DAY – No children in school
Tuesday 5 th November	First day back
Thursday 7 th November	New Reception 2025 Open morning (9-10am) Year 6 Redwell Forest
Tuesday 12 th November	Year 5 and 6 Choir singing at Gloucester Services (South) 10am
Wednesday 13 th November	New Reception 2025 Open afternoon (2-3pm)
Thursday 14 th November	Year 5 trip to Redwell Forest
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 20 th November	Reception Parents Coffee afternoon (2:15pm)
Tuesday 10 th December	Pantomime Cinderella Years 4-6 (in school)
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Disco Rec & KS1 2pm - 3.15pm KS2 3.30-5pm
Thursday 12 th December	Reception Carol Singing at Gloucester Services (South) (10.00)
Thursday 19 th December	Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk, Years Rec-Year 3 (in school)
Thursday 19 th December	Last day before Christmas Holidays
Friday 20 th December	Teachers INSET DAY – No children in school
21st December to 5th January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Monday 6 th January	Teachers INSET day – No children in school
Tuesday 7 th January	Back to School
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
15th February-23rd February	HALF TERM
Monday 24 th February	Back to school
3 rd March - 7 th March	Year 6 Residential
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (wear PJs)
Week beginning 7 th April	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 10 th April	Last day before Easter Holidays
Friday 11 th April	Teachers INSET DAY – No children in school
12th April- 27th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 28 th April	Back to school
Monday 5 th May	BANK HOLIDAY– No children in school
Week beginning 12 th - 15 th May	Year 6 SATs
Friday 23 rd May	Last day of term
24th May- 1st June	HALF TERM
Monday 2 nd June	Teachers INSET DAY – No children in school
Week beginning 2 nd June - 6 th June	Year 4 Multiplication tests
Week beginning 9 th June-13 th June	Year 1/2 Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 17 th July	LAST DAY BEFORE HOLIDAYS
Friday 18 th July & Monday 21 st July	INSET DAYS – No children in school
Tuesday 22 nd July	Summer Holidays

**SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS
2024/25**



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	
Thur	5	12	19	26	Thur	3	10	17	24	31	Thur	7	14	21	28	
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						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24	
Tues	3	10	17	24	31	Tues	7	14	21	28	Tues	4	11	18	25	
Wed	4	11	18	25	Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thur	5	12	19	26	Thur	2	9	16	23	30	Thur	6	13	20	27	
Fri	6	13	20	27	Fri	3	10	17	24	31	Fri	7	14	21	28	
Sat	7	14	21	28	Sat	4	11	18	25	Sat	1	8	15	22		
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26	Sun	2	9	16	23	
MARCH					APRIL					MAY						
Mon	3	10	17	24	31	Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	5	12	19	26	
Tues	4	11	18	25	Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues	6	13	20	27	
Wed	5	12	19	26	Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed	7	14	21	28	
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Sat	1	8	15	22	29	Sat	5	12	19	26	Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	Sun	6	13	20	27	Sun	4	11	18	25	
JUNE					JULY					AUGUST						
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	
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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	31

Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		Inset Days	

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

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

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