



Dear Parents/carers,

What another hectic term we have had and the last couple of weeks has been filled with Christmas activities. We've been singing at the services, performing in our Christmas shows and watching the Pantomime! Wow – we really are all ready for a rest! The children really enjoyed the disco and we raised nearly £450 to spend on the BEST shop and House treats. Thank you very much!

The weather has really turned colder and wetter with the recent storms that we have had. Please ensure your children have their gloves, hats, jumpers and coats in school and named as we want to make sure that children stay warm and dry and can enjoy their time outside.

Just a reminder that Friday 20th December and Monday 6th January are INSET days for the staff. The school will reopen to the children on **Tuesday 7th January**.

We hope that you all have a wonderful break and are able to spend some quality time with family and friends! Everyone at Robinswood would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Staffing news

Sadly, Mrs Dawe left Robinswood, last Friday, as she has secured a new Teaching Assistant Job in a school much closer to home. She has worked with so many of our children in years 1,4 & 5 over the last four years. Thank you for your dedication to Robinswood and good luck in your new job!

It is with great sadness that we are saying goodbye to Mr Merrett at Christmas as he leaves us for a new job. He has worked for Robinswood over a number of years across both KS1 and KS2. Good luck Mr Merrett!

Miss Eve Kirby will be joining the team in January as the Acting Deputy Head. She is really looking forward to being part of our school and working with children, parents and staff. Please give her a big Robinswood welcome!

Finally, Miss Walker's last day at Robinswood will be Friday 17th January. Miss Walker has led the school for the last five years and has always encouraged all of us to be 'The BEST we can be'. If you would like to send a message to Miss Walker please use this link:

<https://forms.gle/RNFGkkVDT8gtte5FA> The deadline for these messages is **Monday 13th January**.

We wish her all the best in her new role and know that she won't be a stranger as she continues to work in the community.

House Treat

Holst were the house treat winners for Term 1, earning the most BEST points.

They have enjoyed their House treats: Reception – Year 2 enjoyed a soft play session and Years 3-6 loved having an ice cream factory treat!

ATTENDANCE

We have 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

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.

To celebrate Willow getting a full house on their Attendance Bingo chart so early on in the academic year, they were treated by Mrs Andrews to a delicious afternoon of pancakes and hot chocolates with cream and marshmallows. The children topped off their pancakes with a choice of fresh fruit and chocolate sauce.

There were happy and chocolatey faces all round.

Well done Willow!



Pre-School

We can't believe this is our last few days in Pre-school before the Christmas break.

In the build up to Christmas the children have been busy creating items that are unique to them and not clones, copies, production lines or replicas of a design dictated by the adult. This enables all their creations not to look exactly the same. It was important for us to capture a moment in time where our children are at their most creative, expressive and have the confidence to create fantastic artwork with individuality. They have had the opportunity to make Christmas crafts which they will share with you. Be proud of their creation because we are!



Reception

Reception have been very busy getting into the Spirit of Christmas in our local community. Firstly, we sang our hearts out at St. Katharine's Christingle service. All the children were amazing and really enjoyed having our Year 6 helpers to walk with us. We also brought smiles to people's faces at Gloucester Services too with our fantastic singing! We especially enjoyed the hot chocolate afterwards.



Year 1

Year 1 have been super busy this term. We have been writing all about Traction Man and the adventures he goes on. We have been writing number sentences and learning how to add and take away. It has been super fun in science, learning about the seasons and what changes happen. In Geography we have been learning about the UK, what countries make up the UK and their capital cities. In DT we have been making things move! We have been very busy practicing for our winter show and hope you enjoyed it!



Year 2

On Wednesday 11th December Year 2 visited Multiskills at Barnwood Park. We had so much fun! In the hall we could chase Father Christmas, complete obstacle courses and dress up as Christmas elves!



Year 3

Year 3 have been thinking about what Christmas means to us and the special traditions and activities our families participate in at this time of year. We have enjoyed helping our teachers decorate the classrooms and had some circle times where we have shared our special memories. We enjoyed practising for our Christmas performance singing the song from 'The Grinch' and 'Home Alone'.



Year 4

Year 4 have had a great term, Cedar class have finished their music lessons and have had fun learning to play the recorder and violin! We also had a great time for Children in Need and loved all the colours and bright lights.



Year 5

On the 14th November, year 5 spent an enjoyable day at Redwood Forest near Dursley. We had a great time developing our map and compass reading skills and playing games using these. The highlight of the day was when they were able to go, in groups, into the forest to experience orienteering. We were lucky to have beautiful weather and we are all hoping to go back again in the spring or summer term.



Year 6

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Redwood Forest earlier in the term where they navigated themselves using a compass, found 6-figure grid references, read a map and orienteered around the woods. They also made their own 3D map using natural resources and were praised for their creativity with this.

Last week, Year 6 became Mudlarkers after being inspired by their class book: October, October! In a local river, the treasurer-hunters used their hawk eyes to seek lost treasure. Amazingly, they found an old rusty key, a bracelet, rings and old coins! This week, they are off to Robinswood Hill as part of their Geography field work! It's all go in Year 6!



Sporting News

The successful start to the year continued this term and we're feeling proud of what our amazing children can achieve.

Year 2 Football Fun

This term saw our first ever KS1 football team take on Castle Hill in a fixture at home. The team were brilliant, tried their best and improved greatly throughout the game. Castle Hill took the win this time after scoring four fantastic goals but with some practise and determination, I'm sure Robinswood will take them on again the New Year and go for the win!

Year 4 Dance Festival

A group of Year 4 children have been working hard in a dance club with Mrs Reid for the last six weeks and look forward to taking part in a dance festival on Wednesday 18th December at Ribston Hall High School. Good Luck, have fun and shine on stage!

Robinswood in the Community

Christmas Tree Festival

Our trees are up in the Matson Baptist Church! If you can, please go and see them while they're up (Until 19th December). Thank you to Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 made this year's decorations and they're fabulous!



Lantern Parade

On the 16th November some of our children took part in the carol service and lantern parade in Gloucester. We were really lucky that our children got to lead off the parade. They did a great job!



Winter Activities:

As the longer Christmas break 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.

Christmas Scavenger Hunt:

At first glance, winter woods might appear brown and dull. But look a little closer and there's lots to discover – from vibrant berries to colourful fungi!

Challenge your family to complete this festive scavenger hunt and find all eight items in nature.

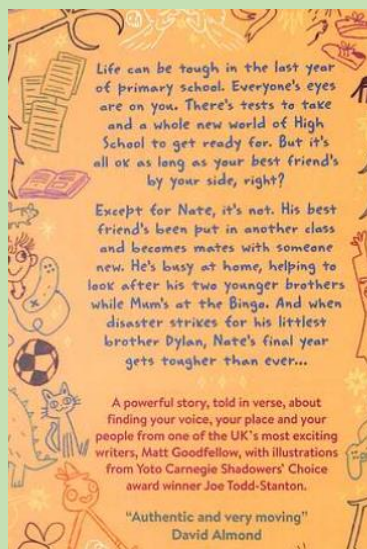
Can you find something that is:

- Fluffy like Santa's beard
- Red like Rudolph's nose
- Green like an elf's outfit
- White like mistletoe berries
- Orange like a snowman's nose
- Round like a bauble
- Shiny like a gold star
- Curved like a candy cane



Or you could have a go at creating a twig star ornament.

Each term we will highlight a new book that your child might like to read. If your child is in Years 5 or 6 they might like to read this book.



SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS
2024/25



| SEPTEMBER | | | | | OCTOBER | | | | | NOVEMBER | | | | | | | |
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| 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 | | |
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| Sun | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Sun | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | Sun | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | | |
| JUNE | | | | | JULY | | | | | AUGUST | | | | | | | |
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| Term Time | Holidays |
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| Bank Holiday | Inset Days |

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| 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* |

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| 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 |

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

Term 2 2024-25

Robinswood Term dates and key events 2024-25

| Date | School Event |
|---|---|
| 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 |
| Friday 17 th January | Miss Walker's Last Day |
| Monday 3 rd February | Children's Mental Health Week |
| Monday 10 th February | Y4 trip to watch In the Net at Abbeymead Primary School |
| Tuesday 11 th February | Safer Internet Day |
| Tuesday 11 th February | Parents' Evening |
| Wednesday 12 th February | Parents' Evening |
| Friday 14 th February | Last day of term |
| 15th February-23rd February | HALF TERM |
| Monday 24 th February | Back to school |
| Friday 28 th February | Young Voices Concert |
| Monday 3 rd March - Friday 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 |