

Term 3 2024-25



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Dear Parents/carers,

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We have had a fantastic start to 2025! Year 3 and 5 have coped brilliantly being out of their classrooms and Year 4 and 6 have enjoyed being back in theirs!

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I can't believe that we are already half way through this academic year! The mornings and evenings are getting lighter and the flowers are beginning to burst forth from the frozen soil. The children have really shown a focused attitude this term and this was shown in our final BEST assembly. Well done to all those that received certificates this time!

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Even though the weather is beginning to warm up we would still ask that your child brings a coat to school to ensure that we can get outside whatever the weather!

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Next term is going to be busy with Young Voices, Year 6 PGL, World Book Day (please wear PJs), Comic Relief and Pancake day! We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 24th February. Have a lovely break.

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Staffing news

Congratulations to Miss Doyle and her husband Tom. They welcomed Olive to the World on the 6th January. We hope they are enjoying every moment and Olive is not giving them too many sleepless nights!

Miss Kirby joined the Robinswood family on the 6th January. She has loved getting to know you all!

Sadly, Miss Walker left on the 17th January. We are missing her but she's already been back to visit the Link centre in her new job role so we will see her still!

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House Treat

Rowling House were the winners in Term 2. Children in Reception to Year 2 enjoyed soft play this week. Children in Years 3-6 enjoyed some time on the laptops.

I wonder which house will win for Term 3?

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ATTENDANCE

Notice to Improve (NTI) Requests

Following the legislative changes to the 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance' (2024), the Education Inclusion Service are now able to accept Notice to Improve requests from schools and issue them to parents/carers. A Notice to Improve is a final opportunity for parents/carers to engage in support and improve their child's attendance before a Penalty Notice is issued.

- **Code G:** Absent without leave for the purpose of a holiday.
- **Code N:** Circumstances of the pupil's absence not yet established.
- **Code O:** Unauthorised absence
- **Code U:** Attended after the register ended but before the end of the session, where no other code applies.

If you would like any further information on this, please contact Mrs Andrews at: attendance@robinswoodprimary.co.uk

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



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Pre-School

We have been investigating bubble painting. I shared with children what we needed to make bubble paint. Each child was given a straw, then I demonstrated how to create the bubbles by blowing through the straw into the bubble paint mixture. I showed the children how to catch the bubbles onto a piece of paper then it was their turn. The children engaged well and blew some fantastic big bubbles with lots of laughter too. This activity helped the children to learn a new painting technique and to investigate how colours change when mixed together.



Reception

Our overarching theme for this term is 'Under the Sea'. As part of our learning experience we took a close look at a lobster. We experienced the smell and feel of the crustation (not alive), as well as its component parts i.e. the claws and what it looks like underneath the shell. The vast majority of the children were happy to get up and close satisfying their curiosities, some more than others.



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Year 1

The children came back after their break to discover that a UFO had landed in the outside area. We found out that it belonged to an alien called 'Beegu'. The children have enjoyed reading Beegu's story and writing about her adventures. In maths we are continuing to work on our number bonds, addition and subtraction facts with numbers from 11 to 16. In Science, we are looking at deciduous and evergreen trees and in PE we are focusing on ball skills. We certainly are keeping busy in Y1!

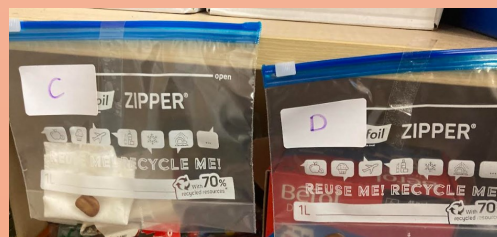


Year 2

In Science this term we have been investigating plants. We have sorted beans, seeds and bulbs, looked at the life cycle of plants and now we are moving onto germination. In Pine and Beech class we have planted some beans in different conditions:

- A. Inside window (water, light, warmth)
- B. Inside window (no water, light, warmth)
- C. Dark cupboard (no light, warmth, water)
- D. Dark cupboard (no light, warmth, no water)
- E. Outside window (no warmth, water, light)
- F. Outside window (no warmth, no water, light)

We then made our predictions as to which conditions are the best for germination.



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Year 3

It has been business as usual in year 3 despite moving to temporary classrooms. We have been busy coding in computing and making a mess building a model Iron Age Hill fort in history! In Jigsaw, we have also been designing our own calm gardens, learning to work as a team and designing a special place for ourselves and family members to visit. We have made the most of our temporary space but are looking forward to returning to our classes soon!



Year 4

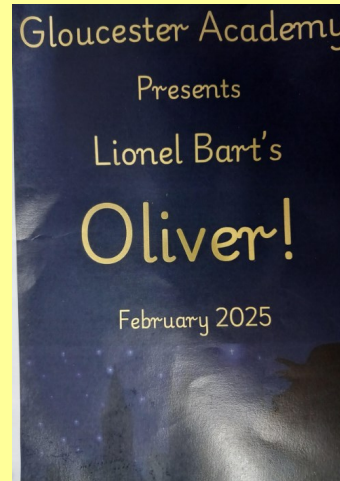
This term we have had so much fun exploring Forest School. Year 4 have been amazing with their outdoor learning: getting fully involved with the activities Mr Meadows planned and also creating their own fun as well! We have also loved learning about sound this term in Science. We have investigated using instruments, making our own string telephones and created our own harmonicas! Our termly trip to library was excellent as usual and we all chose a new reading for pleasure book to keep in the classroom.



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Year 5

On Monday 10th of February, the entirety of Year 5 were lucky enough to go to Gloucester Academy to watch their dress rehearsal performance of Oliver Twist and, without doubt, the children were all asking 'please sir, can we see some more?'. It was great to see their children producing such an excellent performance and I think we saw a few thespians in the making on stage as well as quite a few sitting in the audience. Our children were a credit to the school too, watching attentively and really appearing to enjoy it. A big thank you to Miss Greenfield for inviting us.



Year 6

To kick start our History learning, the children looked at artefacts and made inferences about the time period and what had happened! They walked into a breakfast table which had been abandoned due to an air-raid. They have continued to learn about WWII with a focus on the code-breaking that happened at Bletchley Park.





Ash Class Writing Café

Who? Parents/carers and their Ash Class children

When? Monday 10th March, 9:00 to 9:30 am

Where? Ash Class

- Join your child in class and find out how they learn to write.
- Go home with useful resources so you can continue supporting them with their writing at home.
 - Squash and biscuits provided!



Oak Class Writing Café

Who? Parents/carers and their Ash Class children

When? Monday 17th March, 9:00 to 9:30 am

Where? Oak Class

- Join your child in class and find out how they learn to write.
- Go home with useful resources so you can continue supporting them with their writing at home.
 - Squash and biscuits provided!

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Sporting News-

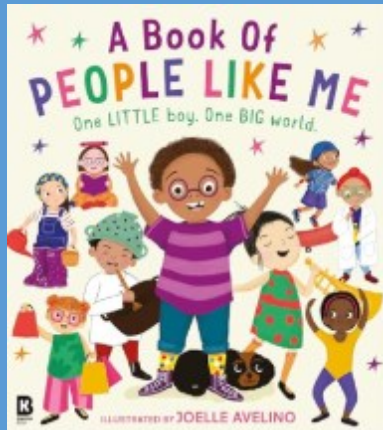
Sports Hall Athletics:

Earlier this term, a team of 28 KS2 children to Oxstalls Sports Arena for an athletics competition. The committed athletes took part in a range of events including: running, jumping and throwing. Due to their positive attitude and determination to succeed, team Robinswood achieved first place amongst 12 local schools. What was most impressive was their sportmanship throughout the competition and their encouragement towards each other. A special mention to Saffie for being the only year 4 to be selected and Sky in year 6 for competing for the last 3 years! A brilliant achievement. Well done Team Robinswood!

KS2 Panathlon:

This term, a team of 10 KS2 children took part in a panathlon at Gloucester Academy. They participated in a range of activities including table tennis, kurling, basketball and football. Due to their positive attitude and their team spirit, Robinswood achieved second place overall. Well done team Robinswood!

Each term we will highlight a new book that your child might like to read. If your child is in Reception – Year 2 they might like to read:



Kenny loves purple, he loves eating spaghetti and riding his bike and most of all he really loves his dog Ketchup. Kenny wonders if there is anyone else in the world like him and he sets out to discover the answer.

Spring Activities:

As the mornings and evenings begin to get a little lighter we can again begin to spend some more time outside. 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.



Create a cress egg head.

Go on a bug hunt in your garden or park.



Create a spring tree using your hand!

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Robinswood Term dates and key events 2024-25

Date	School Event
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)
Monday 10 th March	Ash Class Writing Cafe 9am
Monday 17 th March	Oak Class Writing Cafe 9am
Week beginning 7 th April	Year 6 Bikeability (all week)
Wednesday 9 th April	Reception at Multiskills pm
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

