

Newsletter

12th June 2026



Upcoming Events

Week of 8th June:

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Thurs 11th Y3 Class assembly

Week of 15th June:

Tues 16th 9:45-2pm SPORTS DAY Reception to Year 6

Week of 22nd June:

Thurs 25th Y1 Class assembly

Thurs 25th Y5 Trip to Fire Station

Week of 29th June:

Mon 29th June Y6 Swimming begins (2 weeks)

Thurs 2nd July Y4 Class assembly

Week of 6th July: watch this space

Fri 10th July 3:15 - 5pm SUMMER FAIR and EXHIBITION

Week of 13th July:

Mon 13th July 9:30 Year 6 Show:

THESEUS AND THE MINOTAUR

Mon 13th 3:45-5pm Year 6 Disco

Thurs 16th July Y6 Leavers' assembly

Friday 17th July last day of term - school ends at 2pm

Term dates for 2026/2027 are at the end of this newsletter.

Message from Ms Liney

We are looking forward to Sports day next week! Important information can be found on pages 2 and 3. The House Teams have met to prepare their flags, this year's chants have been composed and the weather forecast is perfect. Everything is in place for a great day. Please join us on Tuesday to support the children, enjoy a picnic together and hopefully take part in the parents' race. Don't forget your trainers!

A day of fresh air and fun is well timed, as this week we completed our statutory assessments. The phonics screening for Year 1 and the multiplication check for Year 4 both went very well. As always, the staff team were brilliant at making sure the checks were carried out in a supportive way so that the children felt comfortable; many even enjoyed showing off what they could do! I would like to thank everyone for working so hard across the year and achieving incredible progress.

Some of you may know that our SENCo, Ms Leal, is going to be leaving us at the end of this year. We wish her all the best for her new role and thank her for her work with families and external professionals to develop inclusive provision at Robert Blair. Since this is such an important role, we are planning a thorough handover to our new SENCo, successfully recruited before half term. If you have any questions, please continue to speak to Ms Leal, myself or any member of the leadership team. We remain committed to ensuring all our children can access high quality teaching, and that our staff become expert at adapting learning for all.

Ms Liney, Head of School

House Points

4,590

Paradise park

5,310

Clock Tower

4,430

Cally Bridge

4,350

Market Road



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Sports Day



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Tuesday 16th June @ Market Road Football Pitches

Children should arrive from **9:30am**. The event is expected to finish at approximately **2:00pm for children in Years 1–6**, and **1:00pm for children in Reception**.

All children from **Reception to Year 6** will take part.

Parents are welcome to bring a picnic lunch to share with their child at lunchtime. Please bring a **blanket to sit on**, as there will be no chairs or benches available.

Please do **not bring any nuts or foods containing nuts** due to allergies.

Children are encouraged to wear their PE kit and house colour.

We can't wait to see you all there!

Which House will be the 2026 sports day champion?



House Colours

Market Road

Cally Bridge

Paradise Park

Clock Tower

Sports Day



Important Information regarding the Dismissal of Children on Sports Day

To ensure the safeguarding of all children, at the end of Sports Day, **all children must be signed out by their House Leader** before leaving Market Road.

Once they have marked your child as collected on the register, you will be given a **green slip** to present at the gate. This slip confirms that your child has been signed out and accounted for.

We are grateful for your support and cooperation with this procedure.

The safety and wellbeing of all children remain our highest priority at all times.

My child has been signed out

House Leaders:

Clock Tower - Ms Meaker - Year 1 teacher

Cally Bridge- Ms Begum - Year 2 teacher

Market Road - Mr Davies - Year 6 teacher

Paradise Park - Ms Rhaman - Year 5 teacher

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Summer Fair

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Summer Fair Tombola and Raffle Prizes



Can you help with donations?



We need:

- ✓ Nearly new toys
- ✓ Unwanted gifts
- ✓ Teddies
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Games for school ages children



When we need it:

We can start collecting from **NOW** right up until **Monday 6th July.**
Please send donations in with your child or drop them at the school office.

Robert
Blair

**SUMMER
FAIR**

Friday 10th
July



3.15pm-5pm

Video Games and Literacy

Did you know that video games can help develop literacy skills? Video games are a significant cultural and creative force, often involving a number of art forms, including narrative, design and audio composition. Research from the National Literacy Trust shows that many games encourage children to read instructions, follow storylines, solve problems and communicate with others. For some children, gaming can build confidence with reading and storytelling, particularly if they are less enthusiastic about traditional books. As with all screen-based activities, a healthy balance is important. Talking to your child about their favourite games, characters and adventures can be a great way to support their language and literacy development at home.

Follow this link to a resource of video games that encourage and enable reading and writing skills:

<https://www.familygamingdatabase.com/en-gb/search/list/Get+Children+Reading>



Video games can...



Give young people a route into reading and writing



Improve confidence in young people's reading skills



Immerse young people in stories



Support positive communication with family and friends

One young person said: "Video games help me stay in touch with my cousin as he lives hundreds of miles away."



Increase empathy and support wellbeing

As one young person explained: "Playing games can help you create your own imaginary world and understand other people's view of life."



Engage boys and reluctant readers with literacy

In fact, 3 in 4 (73%) young people who don't enjoy reading said playing video games helps them feel more part of a story than reading a book-based text.

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Summer Fair and Exhibition



SUMMER FAIR
Friday 10th July 2026
3.15pm - 5pm
Join us for lots of family fun!

- Food Stalls
- Live Raffle
- Bouncy Castle
- Inflatable Slide
- Tombola
- Face Painting
- Snacks and Drinks
- Penalty Shoot Out!

£1 ENTRY

Summer 2 Learning

As part of our whole school topic *'The Past, Present and Future of Robert Blair'*, we warmly welcome you to an exhibition of your child's work on Friday 10th July.

The exhibition will take place in the middle hall and will be open for you to browse during the Summer Fair.

The children will be creating artwork inspired by Stephen Wiltshire and Jeannie Baker's *Window*. We look forward to showcasing the children's creativity and celebrating all of their learning with you.





Applying for Year 7 for September 2027



Information for Year 5 parents applying for a secondary school place for September 2027

Please note that the new admissions brochure for the September 2027 intake has not yet been published. As soon as we receive the updated admissions brochure, we will share it with you. In the meantime, please find below some helpful information.

Islington Council Secondary Admissions Information: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools>

The previous **Admissions Brochure** for September 2026, to give you an idea of what is to come: [Previous Admissions Pack](#)

Current 2027/2028 Determined admissions criteria

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/school-admissions-informatio>

The aptitude test at **St Mary Magdalene Academy** for students applying for a Year 7 place in September 2027 is **now open**. The registration period will close **at noon on Friday 3 July 2026**, so parents and carers are encouraged to complete the registration before this deadline.

St Mary Magdalene Academy aptitude test registration: <https://www.smmacademy.org/2452/aptitude-test-2026-entry-into-year-7-in-2027>

If you have any questions or require any support with the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the Ms Peart, Pastoral Care Manager.



UNIFORM REMINDER FOR SUMMER TERM



As we move into our next Summer term, we would like to remind all families of our school uniform expectations to help ensure children are comfortable, safe and ready for learning each day.

Summer Uniform Expectations

Children may wear appropriate summer uniform during the warmer months, including:

- Blue gingham summer dresses
- White polo T-shirts
- Black or white sandals
- Black or white trainers or sneakers

Please ensure all clothing and footwear remain suitable for an active school day and continue to follow our school uniform policy

Sun Safety

With warmer weather approaching, please support your child by ensuring they:

- Bring a clearly named water bottle to school every day
- Have sun cream applied before arriving at school
- Bring additional sun cream in their school bag if needed
- Wear sunglasses if required during outdoor activities and playtimes

We also encourage children to wear hats during sunny periods to help protect them from the sun.



UNIFORM REMINDER FOR SUMMER TERM



Footwear Reminder – Crocs Are Not Allowed

Although Crocs are popular during the summer months, they are not suitable for school and should not be worn.

Crocs are not permitted because they:

- Do not provide enough support for children's feet
- Can easily slip off during play and movement
- Increase the risk of trips, slips and injuries
- Are unsafe for running, climbing stairs and participating in outdoor activities

Children should wear sensible, secure footwear that supports safe movement throughout the school day.

Jewellery Reminder

For health and safety reasons, children should not wear jewellery to school. This includes necklaces, bracelets, rings and large earrings. Small stud earrings may be worn, but these must be removed or covered for PE lessons.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining high standards and ensuring all children are safe, comfortable and ready to learn.

A full copy of our school uniform list can be found on our school website here:

<https://www.robertblairschool.com/parents-carers/school-uniform/>





NURSERY and UNDER 3s SPACES AVAILABLE for September 2026



Spaces available for September 2026

We are pleased to share that we have a small number of spaces available in our Baby and Toddler Rooms in September 2026. We also have some spaces available in our Nursery. If you are in need of a space or know of someone who may be interested in either a part time place of two and half days or a full time place of five days please do follow the link below to make an inquiry.

Under 3s -

<https://www.robertblairschool.com/childrens-centre/admissions/>

Nursery -

<https://www.robertblairschool.com/parents-carers/admissions/>



2026 – 2027 term dates

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 Inset Day
(no school for students)

 Bank Holiday

 School Holidays

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