



Newsletter

13th March 2026



Upcoming Events

Week 16th March

Year 6 Mock SATS

Year 5 Swimming

Tues 17th Y5/6 Girls' Football

Week 23rd March

Mon 23rd EID Celebration 3:30-4:30 bring a dish

Wednesday 25th March – Year 3 and 4 Spring Mini Concert – 9am-9.30am – middle hall

Thursday 26th March – Easter bonnet parade

Friday 27th March - Last day of term

Easter Holidays:

Mon 30th March - Fri 10th April 2026

See our website or click here for all [term dates](#) for the academic year 2025/2026.

Message from Ms Liney

This week's newsletter is full of the exciting events and activities which have been happening, including trips to the theatre, music, sports and museums. It is so important to us that our children get to experience all that London has to offer. Your participation is greatly appreciated and we have been super impressed by the high quality of engineering in the bridges children have constructed for Science Week! Thank you for entering into the spirit of Science Week and supporting them. Similarly, thank you for coming in to read with the children for World Book Day.

I am excited to announce that our tag rugby teams were the proud winners of last week's inter-schools competition at Market Road. Both teams beat St John Evangelist...not that we are competitive! We were extremely proud of their teamwork and sporting behaviour.

As Eid approaches, we are organising a celebration of our own. Please join us after school on Monday 23rd March where we will take this opportunity to come together as a community to share delicious food from all our cultures.

Have a good weekend.

Ms Liney, Head of School



EID MUBARAK

Please join us for our Eid Celebration
Monday 23rd March
3:30 - 4:30

Bring a dish from your home country to share. Please include a list of ingredients and allergens. No nuts - remember we are a nut-free school.

Party clothes!

Children are welcome to dress up in party clothes. They should wear school uniform and bring their party clothes in a bag. We will organise for them to get changed before home time.

Home time

Children will be dismissed at 3:15 as usual before the celebration begins. Please collect your child from the teacher promptly at home time.

We look forward to celebrating together!

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Eid Celebration Monday 23rd March

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Robert Blair School

Eid Celebration

Monday 23rd March
3:30 - 4:30

Dishes

Bring a dish from your home country to share. Please include a list of ingredients and allergens and no nuts please.

Dress up

Children can dress up in Party/Eid clothes. They should wear school uniform and bring their party clothes in a bag to be worn just before school.

**Children will be dismissed at 3:15pm
as usual for collection before the
celebration begins**

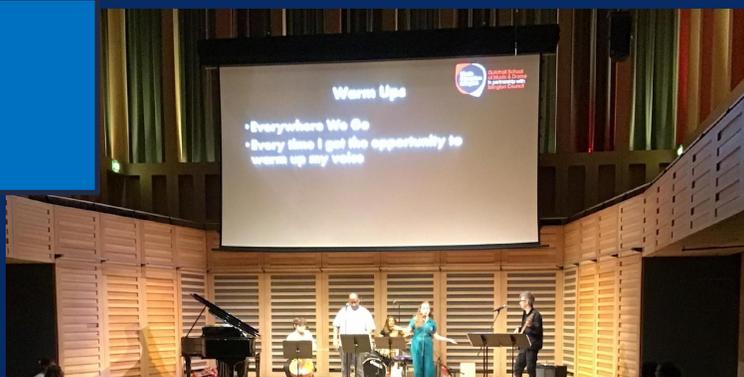
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Singlington 2026 Years 1 and 2



Singlington 2026

Singing in the News and singing in Islington: Join Singlington 2026!



Our Year 1 and 2 children were invited to sing with other schools in the community and the Guildhall School of Music, and they did an incredible job! After their exciting trip to Singlington 2026 they put on a fantastic assembly that left us all beaming. They performed every single song brilliantly, showing excellent listening and attention skills for singing as a group and singing confidently before an audience.

It was such a joy to see them having so much fun on stage and sharing everything they've been working on. We extend a huge well done to all the children for their hard work, and thank you to everyone (families and staff) who helped make the trip and the assembly such a success.



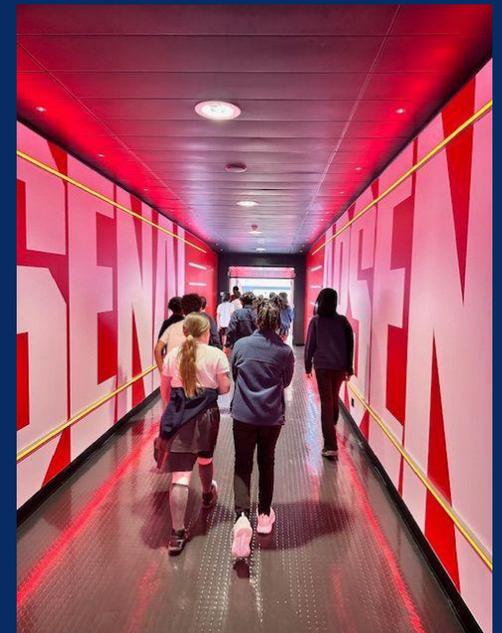


Year 5 at the Almeida Theatre and the Emirates Stadium



Last week, Year 5 enjoyed two fantastic trips that supported their learning and celebrated important events. On Thursday 5th March, for World Book Day, the children visited the **Almeida Theatre** to watch performances written by Year 5 pupils from Laycock Primary School. Seeing the plays brought to life on stage was a wonderful experience and inspired our pupils to think creatively about their own writing and the exciting outcomes it can have.

Later in the week, Year 5 had an unforgettable visit to the **Emirates Stadium**, home of Arsenal F.C., to celebrate International Women's Day. The day was packed with energy and excitement as the children took part in a variety of fun activities and inspiring workshops. The highlight for many was the incredible stadium tour, where they explored behind the scenes and experienced what it feels like to be in one of the most famous football stadiums in the country. To top off an amazing day, every child also received a free book to take home. It was a truly memorable week full of inspiration, celebration and new experiences.





Year 6



Last week, year 6 enjoyed an education visit to the British Museum. There, we studied Ancient Greek pottery and took part in an augmented reality tour of the Parthenon.

Back in class, we have continued our learning about Ancient Greece. We have been writing our own versions of modern myths in English and have created fact files about Alexander the Great.

We are currently working hard to prepare for our SATS, but took a break from arithmetic and grammar to complete an activity for British Science Week. We learnt about how boats float and conducted an enquiry to see if we could make a floating vessel out of card that could carry cargo before sinking.



Alexander the Great

Full name: Alexander
Date of Birth: 356 BC
Date of Death: 323 BC
Where was he born?: Pella, Macedonia

Reason for Name:
Alexander the Great was given his name due to his father, having fought on the frontiers with his men and how he had spread Greek art, language and culture. Before he had turned 33, he created among the largest empires, leaving an unforgettable legacy.

Early life:
As a child, he had a tutor, Aristotle, who happened to be a philosopher. His parents were King Philip II and Queen Olympias. He had 4 horses, who would look anyone else who tried they attempted to ride him. He had realised the horse was scared of its shadow so he forced it to stand the sun and successfully rode it across the field.

Empire
His empire consisted of Greece, India, Egypt, etc., Macedonia and Persia. His descendants and strategists helped him immensely.

Where did he die?: In Babylon.

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Science Week 9th - 13th March

Science Week was a fantastic celebration of **curiosity**, inspired by the theme “*What is your question?*” Throughout the week, the children explored fascinating questions such as *How do planes fly?* and *Why do birds build nests?* Through hands-on activities, they investigated these ideas by designing and testing their own paper planes and helicopters, as well as building their own nests just like birds. Many classes also enjoyed a fun soil exploration session with Caroline, discovering more about the ground beneath our feet, and children had the opportunity to put their engineering skills to the test by constructing their own bridges. It was wonderful to see so much creativity, teamwork and scientific thinking across the school. A reminder that the deadline for bringing in your bridges is **Monday 16th March 2026**. Well done to all the teachers and children for making the week such a success!



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The Habits of Mind

Our current focus is for Science Week is
Questioning and Posing Problems.

We are learning to ask “powerful questions” which encourage a full answer. If we ask closed questions, the answer is limited to yes or no. We can find out so much by asking **why, how, what, when...?**



Finding Humor

Laugh a little!

Finding the whimsical, incongruous and unexpected. Being able to laugh at one's self.



Thinking & Communicating with Clarity and Precision

Be clear!

Striving for accurate communication in both written and oral form; avoiding over-generalizations, distortions, deletions and exaggerations.



Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations

Use what you learn!

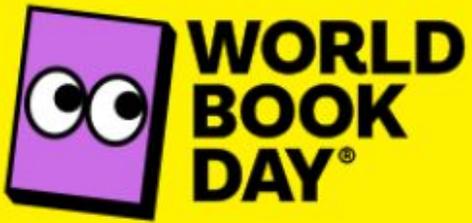
Accessing prior knowledge; transferring knowledge beyond the situation in which it was learned.



Questioning and Posing Problems

How do you know?

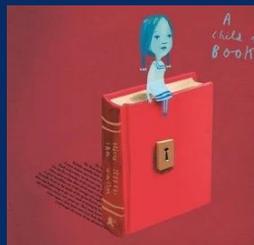
Having a questioning attitude; knowing what data are needed & developing questioning strategies to produce those data. Finding problems to solve.



World Book Day 2026



On Thursday 5th March we celebrated World Book Day at Robert Blair. It was a wonderful celebration of reading across the whole school. We began the day with a special assembly where we announced the winners of the 'Re-imagine the cover' competition- a huge congratulations to Malak in year 4, Aisha in year 2 and Eliza in year 1. This was followed by a fantastic costume parade, where pupils proudly showed off their favourite book characters. As a school, we shared the beautiful text '*A Child of Books*' by Oliver Jeffers, which inspired our own artwork and creative writing. During the day, the bell rang for our "Drop Everything and Read" moments, giving everyone time to enjoy a good book. Throughout the week we also welcomed parents into school for our "Share a Story" reading sessions – thank you to all the parents who joined us and helped make the week so special.



Remember to use your £1 book token at participating book shops. There are plenty of £1 books to choose from or you can use the token towards a book of your choice,

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Sport @ Robert Blair!

ROBERT
BLAIR
SCHOOL
& CHILDREN'S CENTRE



A huge congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 children **and** our Year 3 and 4 pupils, who won both of their matches at the Maamulaha Tag Rugby tournament on Monday!

We are very proud of their teamwork, sportsmanship and determination throughout the tournament! Well done team!

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Our School Ecology Garden

Last week, some of our pupils in their Nature Nurture session made an exciting discovery in our school ecology garden – they found a newt! 🦎

The children were full of wonder and awe as they carefully observed the newt and learnt more about it. With the guidance of our fantastic Environmental Officer, Caroline, they discovered how to identify whether the newt was male or female and learnt more about this fascinating creature.

It was a wonderful hands-on learning experience and a great example of how our outdoor environment helps spark curiosity about nature. 🌿



Be Mindful
Be Ready
Be Safe

Attendance and Punctuality Matters

Attendance is everyone's responsibility

Attendance Leaderboard

“Here today, ready for tomorrow.”

Africa class (Reception)	91.11%
Antarctica (Year 1)	92.31%
South America (Year 2)	98.18%
Oceania (Year 3)	99.17%
Europe (Year 4)	95.29%
Asia (Year 5)	92.86%
North America (year 6)	98.57%

Class with the highest attendance this week:

Oceania (Year 3) 99.17%

Well done Year 3!

They continue to be the class with the highest attendance. Fantastic!

Our home-school partnership is key to successful outcomes for our pupils

Our whole school attendance this week is: 95.67%

Holiday during term time.

A reminder that, like all Islington schools, we do not authorise holidays taken in term time. Some parents may believe that there is a right to a certain number of days holiday during term time. This is not true. **You may be served with a Penalty Notice or a summons to court for your child/ren's unauthorised absence** once your child turns 5 years old and will incur a fine from the Local Authority.

Extended Day Provision

8-8.45 am Breakfast club
8.45-9am Soft Start
9am Registration
(any child arriving after 9am is marked as late)
3.15pm Collection time
3.30-4.45 Enrichment clubs
3.30-6pm extended day provision.