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Upcoming Events

Week beginning 17th November

Thurs 20th November Year 4 Class Assembly

Week beginning 24th November

Thurs 27th November Year 2 Class Assembly

Week beginning 1st December

Mon 1st December "Elf on a Shelf" begins

Tues 2nd December Year 5 Science Museum

Thurs 4th December Year 1 Class Assembly

Week beginning 8th December

8th to 19th December Zonation Project

Thurs 11th December Christmas Jumper Day

Week beginning 15th December

Mon 15th December EYFS Christmas Carols

Weds 17th December Winter Warmer for Families

Thurs 18th December Christmas lunch

Friday 19th December last day of Autumn Term

22nd December – 2nd January 2026 Christmas Holiday

Monday 5th January Students return to school

See our website or click here for all term dates

for the academic year 2025/2026.

Newsletter

14th November 2025

Message from Ms Liney

At Robert Blair, our values are that **we care for each other and work together**. As a school, we pride ourselves on the children's kindness and concern for others. This was particularly evident this week, as we joined in with the nationwide Anti-Bullying focus. I was very impressed by our students' conversations in class and the role play they carried out. They were really able to define what bullying is and how to combat it. This is just one of our many strengths and reasons to belong to Robert Blair.

Knowing that parents are looking ahead for Reception places at this time of year, I have included helpful information about how to apply and join tours of our school (pages 2 and 3). For existing parents, if you would like to become more involved in the direction of the school, we have two Parent Governor vacancies coming up. More details on page 4. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to me personally about either matter if you would like to know more. In the meantime, we welcome the return of Year 6, who have thoroughly enjoyed their residential trip to Cardfields. Huge thanks go to the staff who accompanied them and made the trip possible. Ms Liney, Head of School



CHILDREN'S CENTRE

House Points

2,310

Paradise park

2,310

Clock Tower

2,170

Colly Bridge

2,000

Market Road



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Starting Reception in 2026

Is your child starting school in 2026?

The deadline to apply for a reception place for September 2026 is midnight on January 15th 2026.

Applications have been open since September.

Read on for information about applying to **Robert Blair**.



Putting Children First

Offer day:
16 April
2026

Islington Schools: Inspiring Learning and Achievement

Your guide to the school application process
for children born between: **1 September 2021**
and **31 August 2022**

Closing date: 15 January 2026

Click on the links below:

[Apply for a primary school place](#)

Please call the school on **0207 607 4115** to contact Ms Salik if you would like support with your application.

[Islington Primary School Admission Guide](#)

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Why join us at Robert Blair School?

There are many reasons to choose Robert Blair School. We are a small, vibrant community where **we care for each other and work together**. Take a look at our website and our latest Ofsted Report.

[Robert Blair School Ofsted Report November 2024](#)



“Pupils are proud to be members of this diverse school community. They are safe and happy and know that staff listen to them.”

“Pupils behave well. Clear routines and expectations are in place to support this. Pupils are polite and helpful. They are focused on their work and are keen to answer questions.”

“The school has high expectations for all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and provides an ambitious curriculum.”



Come and see for yourself – join us for a **tour** with Ms Liney, Head of School

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-10:30

Call the school office to book a place on 0207 607 4115.

Everyone is welcome, including families with children already in our Nursery or Children's Centre.

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PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES 2025



We currently have one Parent Governor vacancy and a second position upcoming on our school's Governing Body. We are inviting applications from any parents who would like to take on this important and rewarding role.

Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance. We very much hope that parents from all the many communities in the school would be interested in standing.

The Governing Body plays a vital part in the leadership of the school. Governors work closely with the Headteacher and senior leaders to help set the school's vision and strategic direction, monitor performance and ensure accountability. Being a governor is an excellent opportunity to contribute to the continued success of our school and take part in important decision making.

Who can apply? Anyone who has parental responsibility may stand for election as a staff governor, provided they are not disqualified under the school governance regulations. The term of office is typically four years, though you may step down earlier if your circumstances change.

How to apply: **see the email sent out today for full details and an application form. For more information, please speak to Ms Liney.**

The school office should receive all nominations by 3pm on Monday 24th November.

Ballot papers and election statements will then be sent home by pupil post on Weds 26th November.

The closing date for the return of ballot papers is Monday 8th December. They will be counted at 4pm on Thursday 11th December, and all candidates are invited to attend. The ballot is secret; you may send or post the ballot paper back in a sealed envelope addressed to the returning officer, or drop it into the secure ballot box in the school office by Thursday 11th December at 4pm.

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ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025

Power for Good

Every year, bullying impacts the lives of countless young people and silence helps it grow.

That's why, this Anti-Bullying Week, we're empowering young people to use their Power for Good to safely speak up and raise awareness when they see bullying, face to face or online.

Lasting change needs all of us. From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones — we all have a part to play.

Together, we can use our Power for Good to end bullying — for good. >>

Click on this link to a very useful video about ending bullying

[Anti-Bullying Week 2025: Power for Good](#)

Please watch this video with your children to reinforce the message of ending bullying.



At Robert Blair, we kick started out Anti-bullying week with class workshops with the Three discovery team. We reinforced the message by wearing odd socks to school on Monday. Every class then had lessons about what bullying is, different types of bullying and how we can prevent it.



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YEAR 6 at CARDFIELDS 2025



I've had so much fun!
Harley

I have really enjoyed the
campfires and BMX riding.
I would recommend
Cardfields to everyone!
Esma

Cardfields is a great,
calming place with lots of
fun activities to do. My
favourite was BMXing!
Ja'zion

We have missed Year 6 and look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return. Thank you to the staff who made this trip possible – we hope you catch up on some sleep!

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YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 TOWER OF LONDON



Trip to the Tower of London

This week, Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a tremendously enriching and successful visit to the Tower of London.

It was a fantastic way to connect what they've learned in class with real history. The children fully immersed themselves in the atmosphere of London's famous royal fortress.

They looked at how castles were built and how important the White Tower is. They learned all about the significance and incredible sparkle of the Crown Jewels. They also met the six resident ravens and discovered the awesome legends behind these famous birds!

The children behaved beautifully and were so enthusiastic throughout the day, making it a truly memorable trip!

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RB HOUSE



This term, RB House has been exploring Autumn and seasonal celebrations.

This week, the children took part in a variety of hands-on activities linked to our Autumn theme.

They enjoyed painting pumpkins, hammering golf tees into pumpkins, and stretching elastic bands around the tees to support their fine motor development. The children also made pumpkin biscuits and explored the inside of a pumpkin by cutting it open, examining the seeds and collecting them for an art activity next week.



Remembrance Day 11th November 2025



We held a special assembly and a minute's silence at 11am.

As we remembered those who have died, we also thought about the importance of **kindness, friendship and working together** to make the world a more peaceful place.

Even small acts of **kindness** in school and in our communities can help to spread **peace**.



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Attendance and Punctuality Matters

Attendance is everyone's responsibility

Attendance Leader Board

Africa class (REC)	97.6%
Antarctica (Year 1)	93.0%
South America (Year 2)	96.1%
Oceania (Year 3)	97.3%
Europe (Year 4)	95.3%
Asia (Year 5)	96.3%

This week winner is:

North America (Year 6)
98.5%

'Education is the passport to the future, and attendance is the stamp to get you there!'

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

Our whole school attendance this week is: **96.2%**

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.