



Newsletter

24th April 2026



Upcoming Events

Week of 27th April:

Tues 28th April Actually autistic parents' workshop

Week of 4th May:

Mon 4th May BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Thurs 7th Y2 Class assembly

Week of 11th May:

Mon - Thurs Year 6 SATS

Week of 18th May:

Thurs 21st Y5 Class assembly

Week of 25th May: HALF TERM

Week of 1st June watch this space

Week of 8th June:

Thurs 11th Y3 Class assembly

Week of 15th June: watch this space

Week of 22nd June:

Thurs 25th Y1 Class assembly

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

Week of 13th July:

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

See our website or click here for all [term dates](#)

for the academic year 2025/2026.

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Message from Ms Liney

We have had a great start to the Summer Term. We welcomed Ms Peart, our new Pastoral Care Manager leading on attendance, behaviour and pupil voice as well as safeguarding. To get to know the school, she has met with School Council and spent time in each class in addition to joining playtimes. Please read on for her message on page 2.

You may know from the children that we have some exciting news: we will soon have three new members of the school who will be...chickens! The space which is currently fenced off in front of the Reception playground will be turned into a "palatial" chicken coop. One of the first tasks will be for the children to name the chickens, before learning how to look after them and collect their eggs (which I imagine will surely qualify as free range). We cannot wait!

On page 3, you will see our themes for this half term. In Summer 2, we are planning a whole school topic with our partner school, Hargrave Park. The theme will focus on what it means to attend both our schools, so for us it will be Robert Blair School - past, present and future. It will thread through all our subjects and outcomes will be multi-media, including visual arts and drama as well as writing opportunities. You will all be invited to an exhibition where we will display the learning for the school community. If you know of anybody who used to come to our school, or work here, and you think they would be willing to share their stories, please put them in touch with us. Thank you.

Ms Liney, Head of School

House Points

4,590

Paradise park

5,310

Clock Tower

4,430

Cally Bridge

4,350

Market Road





Ms Peart - Pastoral Care Manager introduction



Dear Parents and carers

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new **pastoral care manager** at Robert Blair school, It has been a real pleasure to join the school community and I have already thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and seeing the warmth, energy and enthusiasm they bring each day.

Over the past week I have had the opportunity to meet some children individually as well as spend time with members of the school council. Listening to their ideas, experiences and hopes for our school has been incredible valuable, and I look forward to continuing these conversations with more pupils across the school.

I am very excited to be part of this journey and to work closely with families, staff and pupils to continue building a happy and successful school community. Parent and carer feedback is always welcome, and I would love to hear your thoughts and ideas as we move forward together.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have already received. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the coming weeks.

Warm regards

Ms Peart
Pastoral Care Manager
Robert Blair school

FUTURE FOCUS

- SUPPORTING PUPIL WELLBEING
- CAPTURING AND CELEBRATING STUDENT VOICE
- PROMOTING STRONG ATTENDANCE
- NUTURING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR
- CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE CHILDREN FEEL SAFE, VALUED AND PROUD TO BE PART OF ROBERT BLAIR SCHOOL!!!!



Themes for Summer 1

Nursery and Reception

This half term, our theme is **Under the Sea**.

We will be exploring the sea and its many fascinating creatures.



Year 1 and Year 2

We will be learning about **Islands**. This will include exploring different island countries and identifying the 7 continents and 5 Oceans of the world..



Year 3 and Year 4

Our theme this half term is **Oceania**. This will include learning about its unique wildlife and famous landmarks, comparing climate zones, and understanding environmental issues such as pollution.



Year 5 and Year 6

Our theme is **Amazonia** which is all about the Amazon Rainforest. This will include its location, climate zones and its rich biodiversity and consider environmental issues such as deforestation and conservation.





Measles

Measles is a serious disease caused by a very infectious virus. It can be dangerous, especially for babies, young children and pregnant women.

Catching measles

Measles spreads easily when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes.

The virus can stay in the air and on surfaces for up to 2 hours. You can catch measles just by being in a room where an infected person has been, even up to 2 hours after they have left.

A person with measles can spread the infection in the 4 days before they get the rash until 4 days after the rash appears.

Symptoms of measles



rash



fever



loss of appetite



sore, red eyes



cough

Other early symptoms include sneezing and a runny or blocked nose. A person with measles will feel very unwell. They will have to spend about five days in bed and will be off school or work for around 2 weeks. There is no treatment or cure for measles.

If you think you might have measles, it's important to call your GP surgery. You will need to stay away from other people to avoid spreading the disease.

Treatment of measles

There is no treatment for measles. Doctors usually treat the fever and advice rest whilst your body fights the virus.

Possible long-term complications of measles



hearing loss



blindness



pneumonia



encephalitis



brain damage



death

If you get measles when you're pregnant, it could harm your baby. It can cause miscarriage or stillbirth, premature birth, or your baby having a low birthweight.

Measles in numbers

9 out of 10 unvaccinated people will catch measles if they come into contact with an infected person.



1 in 5 people with measles will be admitted to hospital.



1 in 15 children with measles will get one or more complications.



1 in 5,000 people with measles is likely to die.



Preventing measles

The best way to prevent measles is by vaccination following the UK Routine Immunisation Schedule.

If any doses from the schedule are missed, contact your GP practice who can advise you and book the necessary vaccine(s).

NHS Measles Webpage



UKHSA Measles Guidelines Webpage



Oxford Vaccine Knowledge Measles Webpage



DISCLAIMER: This document is not to be used as a tool for diagnosing a child or adult with measles. If you or your child have any of the above symptoms, contact your GP or call 111 right away.

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PARENT WORKSHOP

Tuesday 28th April at Robert Blair

Actually Autistic Workshop for parents and carers Tuesday 28th April 9 - 11:30 am

Led by Claire Buckley

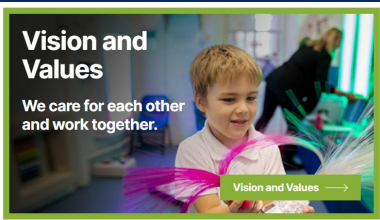
Please join us to discuss and learn more about

- life after diagnosis/identification,
- the nervous system,
- sensory profiles,
- executive function,
- masking
- regulation

Please ask Ms Leal, our SENCO, for more details.

Vision and Values

We care for each other and work together.



Reception 2026

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Starting Reception Parent/Carer workshops

The Family Hubs Early Years Therapies team, together with the Health Visiting service & Early Years Foundation Stage Team, are running workshops for Parents / Carers with advice and practical tips for children around starting reception.

Parents and carers are invited to join us for a workshop where we will share ideas and helpful steps with them around starting reception including what parents/carers can do at home to build their child's development, confidence and independence for starting reception. Please can you share with your teams and families you work with.

Booking can be made via Eventbrite using the links on the poster for the events below:

[Register for Wednesday 29th April, 9.30-10.30am, Archway Children's Centre](#)

[Register for Wednesday 13th May, 1:30 – 2:30pm, Online – MS Teams](#)

For further queries, please contact: Family Hubs Universal Therapies team: whh-tr.universaltherapiestraining@nhs.net

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STARTING RECEPTION

Workshop for Parents / Carers with advice and practical tips for children starting reception

The Family Hubs Universal Therapies Team, Health Visiting service & Early Years Foundation Stage Team will provide advice on:

- Growing Independence
 - Building
 - Communication & Relationships
- Physical Development
- Healthy Routines

Choose a date & register with EventBrite by scanning the QR code or using the link.

Unfortunately we cannot provide a crèche so are asking if you can please come to the workshop while your child is at nursery.

Wednesday 15th April 9.30-10.30am
New River Green Children's Centre
23 Ramsey Walk London N1 2SX
[Click here to register](#)

Wednesday 22nd April 9:30 – 10:30am
Bemerton Children's Centre
1a Carnoustie Drive, N1 0DX
[Click here to register](#)

Wednesday 29th April 9.30-10.30am
Archway Children's Centre
Vorley Road, N19 5HE
[Click here to register](#)

Wednesday 13th May 1:30 – 2:30pm
ONLINE – MS Teams
[Click here to register](#)



Baby and Toddler Rooms 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/>



**Be Mindful
Be Ready
Be Safe**

Behaviour Policy Reminders

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At Robert Blair, our behaviour system has different stages

Statement of Intent:

Good behaviour is essential for effective teaching and learning to take place. A sound approach to behaviour management is a vital foundation for the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of children. At Robert Blair, we believe that pupils and staff have the right to work in an environment that is safe, friendly, peaceful and fair. Good behaviour must be carefully developed and supported. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to work with the school in helping their children to behave well.

There are consequences for inappropriate behaviour. After class teachers have implemented a range of behaviour strategies (for low level behaviour), one verbal warning will be given before the child's card is changed to blue. The following system will be employed. These are displayed on the whole class behaviour chart and serve as a visual reminder to children.

Gold card when a child has demonstrated exceptional behaviour. When a child gets 15, 30, 50 and 100 gold cards, their achievement is acknowledged in assembly with specific rewards.

Green card Each child will start the day on green. If they remain on green all week they will get a green sticker on Friday.

Blue card After a clear warning, the card will be changed to blue card. It is expected that the child will improve their behaviour; when the behaviour improves, they will be moved **back to green**.

Orange card When a child receives an orange warning, they are sent to the reflection table for a fixed period of time. During this period, they will reflect on their behaviour choices.

Red card When a child receives a red warning, the Pastoral and Welfare Lead is informed. A restorative conversation will take place during lunch time as a form of reflection. Parents will be informed of the red sanction and a letter will be issued. Behaviour will be logged on our behaviour system. Parents may be contacted to discuss the behaviour further if needed.

Each class will also have in-class rewards

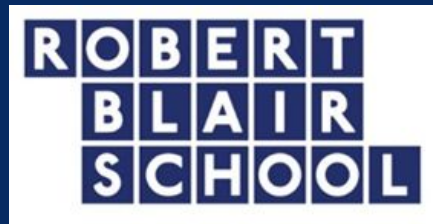
The School has high expectations around learning behaviour. We have three school rules:

- **Be mindful**
- **Be ready**
- **Be safe**





Attendance and Punctuality Matters



Attendance this year to date

Our whole school attendance this academic year is 93.3%

Holidays 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.

This is below the national average of 94.6%

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.

Africa class (Reception)	90.4%
Antarctica (Year 1)	93.8%
South America (Year 2)	95.4%
Oceania (Year 3)	95.6%
Europe (Year 4)	94.3%
Asia (Year 5)	93.2%
North America (year 6)	95.2%

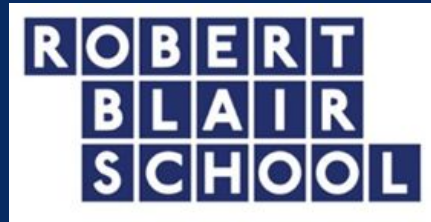
Class with the highest attendance this year so far is:

Oceania (Year 3)

Please help us raise the attendance level across the school by ensuring you send your child to school every day.



Attendance and Punctuality Matters



Attendance is everyone's responsibility

Why attendance matters and what we are doing to improve it?

At Robert Blair, we know that every day in school matters. Research shows that even a few days of missed school can significantly affect a child's learning and long-term opportunities. With a national drop in attendance, we are committed to ensuring our pupils are in school regularly and on time.

We work closely with our Attendance and Welfare Officer, Bright Futures and Early Help to support families whenever needed. Our aim is to remove barriers to attendance and help every child thrive.

To celebrate and encourage excellent attendance, we offer a range of rewards:

- **Weekly** recognition for the class with the highest attendance
- **Half-termly** recognition at assembly for those who are on target
- **Termly** awards for individual pupils with 98–100% attendance
- An **end-of-year treat** for pupils who achieve 99–100% attendance

We are proud to see our numbers of high-attending pupils grow year after year, and we're excited to see even more children reach these milestones this year. Let's continue working together to give every child the best chance to succeed — because **every day really does count.**

How much could I be fined if my child misses school?

In the majority of cases, the school and the local authority will work to support families to help improve attendance. If that is not effective, parents may be fined or issued a court warning for poor attendance. Parents are also fined for taking pupils on holiday during term time. Under national rules, all schools are required to consider a fine when a child misses 5 days of school for unauthorised reasons. Fines for all school absences across the country are £80 per child per parent (if paid within 21 days) or £160 per child per parent (if paid within 28 days).

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Reminder gate timing

Morning drop off:

Blundell Street Gate:

- ☐ opens at 8:45am
- ☐ closes at 9am

Brewery Road Gate:

- ☐ will open at 8:55
- ☐ closes at 9am

Home time-collection

Blundell Street Gate:

- ☐ opens at 3:10pm
- ☐ closes at 3:25am

Brewery Road Gate:

- ☐ will open at 3:15pm
- ☐ closes at 3:30pm

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

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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.



Attendance and Punctuality Matters



“Success in school begins with showing up. Your attendance shapes your academic journey”.

Your child can attend school with...

- Toothache
- Earache
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Conjunctivitis
- Glandular fever
- Head lice
- Threadworm
- Tonsillitis
- Athlete’s foot
- Cold sores
- Hand, foot and mouth
- Molluscum Contagiosum (Viral skin condition)
- Warts and verrucae

Please be reassured that we will contact you immediately, if we feel your child is too unwell to remain in school

If your child is diagnosed with following:

- Chicken pox**- child can return back to school when all the spots have crusted over
- Diarrhoea and vomiting**-child can return to school 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
- Influenza (flu)**-child can return back to school when they have recovered
- German measles (Rubella)**- Keep child off school 4 days from onset of the rash
- Impetigo**-until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics treatment
- Measles**- keep child off school for 4 days from the onset of the rash
- Mumps**-keep child of school 5 days after onset of the swelling
- Scabies**-Child can return to school after first treatment
- Whooping cough**-child can return to school 48 hours from commencing antibiotics treatment or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotics treatment

A doctor’s note will be required for all the above.

Where possible, please try to make appointments after school and during the school holidays

Reporting your child’s absence

We ask all parents and carers to contact the school **before 9:00am** to report any absence.
Call us on 020 7607 4115 and select Option 1 to leave a message.
 If we do not receive a message from you, a member of staff will contact you to find out the reason for your child’s absence. This helps us ensure that every child’s absence is recorded correctly. Please note:
 If your child is absent for **three consecutive days**, you will be asked to provide evidence to support the absence (e.g., a doctor’s note, appointment card, or prescription).
 Thank you for your support in helping us keep accurate attendance records and ensuring the wellbeing of all our pupils.

Medications in Schools.

If your child requires administration of medication in school. Please note we will only administer prescribed medication from GP. You will be asked to complete a care plan.
 When a child is administered medication in school parent will be notified via the Medical Tracker.

All medications needs to be handed to the school office and please ensure that the medication is in its original box with it’s label on.

2026 – 2027 term dates

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 Inset Day
(no school for students)

 Bank Holiday

 School Holidays

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