

Be Mindful
Be Ready
Be Safe

Upcoming Events

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

school closes at 2pm

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

28th November 2025



Message from Ms Liney

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of November! The Christmas tree is being put up and decorated today, getting us all into the festive spirit. Our Xmas Elf has emerged from hibernation and is ready to begin playing hide and seek again on Monday. Christmas songs and carols can be heard in assemblies, clubs and around the school – all culminating in our wonderful Winter Warmer on 17th December. Please see page 3 for how to contribute and prepare - we hope you will be able to join us.

Our parent governor elections are taking place over the next couple of weeks - details on page 2. It has been really encouraging for us to receive six nominations and I would like to thank those parents who have come forward. It is heartening to know there is this commitment to get involved in the direction of the school. I look forward to working with the two candidates elected and I warmly encourage the others (as well as you!) to get involved in other ways – we hope to revive the PTA, for example. In the meantime, I would like to thank Emine as her term as parent governor comes to an end in January. She has made a valuable contribution.

Ms Liney, Head of School

House Points

2,310

Paradise park

2,610

Clock Tower

2,430

Colly Bridge

2,480

Market Road



In the Newsletter today:
P1- From Ms Liney
P2-Parent Governors
P3 – Christmas!
P4, P5- safe behaviour online
P6- attendance matters.
P7 – Habits of Mind
P8, P9 starting Reception

**Be Mindful
Be Ready
Be Safe**

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS



A big thank you to our six candidates who have put themselves forward for the position of Parent Governor at Robert Blair. In this election, there are two posts available – the first is to fill an existing vacancy and the second is to fill the position becoming vacant in January 2026.

This is when Emine's term comes to an end; I would like to take this opportunity to thank Emine for her dedication and the valuable contribution she has made to the strategic leadership of the school.

Details of our six candidates were sent by email and voting opened on 26th November. Please take a moment to read through the candidates' statements and cast your vote using the ballot paper provided. Paper copies will be available in the office and the playground.

Completed ballot papers should be returned to the school office no later than

3:00pm on Monday, 8th December 2025.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to participate in this election. Your voice matters, and your involvement helps shape the future of our school community. The candidates standing in this election are committed to making a positive impact, not only for their own children, but for every pupil attending Robert Blair School.



Be Mindful
Be Ready
Be Safe

Winter Warmer update 2025

Elfridges is coming 🎁

If your child would like to choose a special gift for a family member or friend, our magical **Elfridges Gift Shop** will be open on **Wednesday 17th December** from **3:15pm–4:30pm**.

- ✨ Every gift is just £1!
 - ✨ Located in the Assembly Hall
 - ✨ Children only — no parents allowed!
- (Our elves want to keep the surprises secret!)

We would be very grateful for any **donations of wrapping paper** to help our little shoppers wrap their gifts beautifully.



Winter Festive Week

Monday 15th -Friday 19th December



For our Winter Warmer fair we are asking for donations for our Elfridges stall and class hampers

Please send in your unwanted gifts for regifting. children will be able to purchase a gift **for their families** for a £1 at our Elfridges stall



Our Winter warmer will take place on

Wednesday 17th December, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Sing-a-long will take place at 2.30pm and stalls will be open from 3.15pm.

All donations of items and non-perishable food to be sent in by Wednesday 12th December

**Be Mindful
Be Ready
Be Safe**

SAFE BEHAVIOUR ONLINE

We have recently encountered several issues in school involving children accessing online games and platforms. We kindly ask all parents to remain vigilant about what your children are accessing at home and to regularly talk to them about how to stay safe online. Please also remind your children of the importance of being a good citizen both offline and online—showing respect, kindness, and responsible behaviour at all times.

Here are some links to online safety Websites

Internet Matters

Practical guides for setting parental controls, age-appropriate advice, and safety recommendations for apps, games, and devices.

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

NSPCC – Online Safety

Guidance on social media, gaming, sharing images, online grooming, and how to talk to children about staying safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

ThinkUKnow (CEOP)

Government-backed education site with videos, advice, and activities for children aged 4–7 and 8–10, plus a parent section.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

UK Safer Internet Centre

Tips for parents and carers, resources on cyberbullying, reporting harmful content, and annual Safer Internet Day materials.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk>

Childnet

Clear advice on safe gaming, social media, privacy, and positive digital citizenship for children and parents.

<https://www.childnet.com>

What parents should do to help keep kids safe online

- Talk openly and regularly.** Have honest, age-appropriate conversations with your child about what they do online — which apps they use, who they chat with, what they watch or play. Encourage them to tell you if something makes them uncomfortable or worried.
- Set rules and boundaries around internet use.** Agree together on screen-time limits (when and how long they use devices), which apps/games are allowed, and when devices are or are not OK to use (e.g. not at bedtime, during meals).
- Teach safe online behaviour.** Help them understand not to share personal information (real name, address, school, phone number, photos) with strangers. Teach them that not everyone online is who they say they are, and that they should not meet people in real life whom they only met online.
- Use technical protections.** Use parental controls, content filters, safe-search settings and privacy settings on devices, games, social media and web-browsing.
- Promote kindness, respect and digital citizenship.** Remind children to treat others with respect online, avoid unkind language, and think before posting messages or comments — as tone and intent can be misunderstood in written form. **Stay involved and informed.** Know which games, apps or websites your child uses and monitor their activity in a way that respects their trust while keeping them safe. Keeping up with new apps/trends helps you guide them better.



Take this online quiz with your child to see how well they understand about keeping safe online

[Online safety quiz | NSPCC](#)



Be Mindful
Be Ready
Be Safe

SAFE BEHAVIOUR ONLINE

APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

13+



Facebook



Snapchat



Instagram



Twitter



TikTok



Kik



YouNow



Yubo



House Party



Monkey

16+



WhatsApp

17+



Sarahah



YOLO

18+



MeetMe



LiveMe

Be Mindful
Be Ready
Be Safe

Attendance and Punctuality Matters

Attendance is everyone's responsibility

Attendance Leader Board

Africa class (REC)	88.8%
Antarctica (Year 1)	87.6%
South America (Year 2)	88.3%
Oceania (Year 3)	84.3%
Europe (Year 4)	93.3%
Asia (Year 5)	92.2%

This week winner is:

North America (Year 6)
94.8%

"Be here today, achieve tomorrow."

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

Our whole school attendance this week is: **90.2%**

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.

Be Mindful
Be Ready
Be Safe

The Habits of Mind



Our focus is **Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations** – using what we learn!

We take something we already know and see how it might apply to a new situation.

Learning is not complete until we reflect on it and ask ourselves, “What have I learnt from this?”

Think about your past knowledge to become a good problem solver.

We discussed these ideas and thought about when these skills will help us. Examples the children suggested were in lessons such as maths, or when learning a new dance and playing sport.

**Be Mindful
Be Ready
Be Safe**

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](#)

Be Mindful
Be Ready
Be Safe

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.