

Key Dates for your Diary

Class Assemblies
7th March - Year 5
14th March - Year 3
21st March—Year 1

7th March
World Book Day

11th March
KS2 Maamulaha Rugby Tournament

18th March
Year 4 and 5 visit to the Lethaby Gallery

Friends and Families Workshops
Wednesday 6th March @ 2.30pm
Wednesday 13th March @ 9.00am
Wednesday 20th March @ 9.00am
Wednesday 27th March @ 9.00am

Easter Holiday
Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April

First day back to school
Monday 15th April

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to announce that our new website is now having its soft launch. It has been a long time coming. We are both happy and proud that it reflects our happy, creative and hard working school. Please take the time to feedback to the leadership team and admin staff. Check out your class pages! we appreciate feedback, suggestions and ideas ready for our celebration and launch in the community. [Home | Robert Blair School](#)

Our Children's Centre had an Ofsted in the week before half term. We are very much looking forward to the report and will send it out to the whole school community when it is published

Thank you to everyone who celebrated Gail Sylvester's retirement with the Children's Centre and school. Gail was a member of our team for over 25 years and had made an impact, not only on the children she worked with, but the community. She will be very much missed. We look forward to her visits which we hope will be many and frequent.

We are delighted to announce that ZooNation has moved into our building. We are looking forward to collaborations between members of their community, our staff and pupils. If you would be interested in contributing to a core group to think about and develop the work we will be doing together, please contact the Headteacher in person or through the school office.

Our work with UAL saint Martins is ongoing. See the latest news on our website or [Central Saint Martins x Robert Blair School | Central Saint Martins \(arts.ac.uk\)](#)

We will be sending out our annual school surveys over the coming weeks. Please look out for the links. We encourage everyone to respond and have their say. It provides us with important information on how to keep improving our school.

A big thank you to Local Works Studio <https://localworksstudio.com/> who donated the wonderful trees in our playground. They were part of an installation in Granary Square.

House Points

Year totals so far...



Paradise Park



Clock Tower:



Cally Bridge



Market Road

Reception

This week in Reception we have changed our role play area into a Vet's Surgery link in to our topic of Animals. The children have enjoyed setting up the Vet's Surgery and role playing how to look after the animals that have been to the surgery.



This week the children at Nursery have been crawling with excitement as they walked into the playground cascading with thick webs and a family of spiders. We entered the fictive world of "Aaaarrgghh Spider!" By Lydia Monks and enjoyed painting and creating cool crafts of spiders and their webs using a variety of materials. We have also been using our fine motor skills to construct our own webs for our spider play using elastic bands and making meaningful marks to represent our fascination with spiders. The children's knowledge and fascination about spiders has been supported by pictures, books, videos and opportunities for exploration through play where they have collected intriguing facts to fuel their imagination.

During phonics we witnessed a moment of magic as we began to segment and blend using the sounds that we know, whilst building on our knowledge of set 1 sounds. In Maths we have attempted to strengthen our knowledge of number by comparing amounts and learning about one more than a given number within 5. Next week our gaze turns to-

This week in English we continued to read the story 'Giraffes Can't Dance' by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees.

The children have enjoyed re-enacting the story using animal props.



In maths the children have been learning about subtraction sums using objects to work out a subtraction sum. They have also been writing subtraction sums using $-$ and $=$ symbols.



Years One, Two & Three

Year 2

An exciting week for Year 2!

We participated in a Road Safety Puppet Show which taught us how to cross roads safely in the city! We had a fun trip to King Henry's Walk Garden and learned about sustainability with The Garden Classroom. Also, our school has received a donation of books for our class and school libraries



Year 3

As part of OAA (Outdoor Adventure Activities), the children in Year 3 have been focusing on team-building tasks. Here, the children were tasked with using the pads to make it from one side of the hall to the other. The children built upon a range of skills such as problem-solving, communication, and reflection.

As part of our mission to become sustainability champions, the children went to King Henry's Garden Walk to learn about ways we can be more sustainable. The children worked in teams to complete a range of activities and learned what they can do to help keep our planet healthy.



Year 1

Year one have had an amazing month. We concluded our topic of castles by going to the tower on London. Year One loved it! we got to see the crown jewels and all the different armor kings wore during their time. We even got to see ravens flying around! This week we went to King Henry's Walk and learnt so much about sustainability and how important it is to the world.



Years Four, Five & Six

Year 4

This week, the children have had assessment week and they've done a fantastic job with completing their tests. We have also started making circuits in Science using both pictures and symbols and we have done some research into the Stone Age Neolithic settlement and created presentations ready to present to the class next lesson! Unfortunately, the trip on Wednesday did not go to plan however the children had a lot of fun in the adventure playground we went to. A special thank you to all parents and carers who joined us - a special mention to Barin's mother who kindly bought the children hot chocolates! The children also got to plant some lettuce seeds with Caroline and they will be keeping them watered in the classroom!



Year 5

This week the school have been continuing their efforts to show that Robert Blair is not only a school, it is part of the wider community – after all, Our **School** is Our **Classroom**, Our **City** is Our **School**.

We have facilitated this through amazing collaborations with both the Garden Classroom, in which the children learnt all about sustainability and our partnership with the UAL in which our children have been learning to think about innovation with regard to classrooms and architecture!

In addition, this half term we have been thrilled to embark on our upcoming topic focusing on Plague, Pox, and Antibiotics here in Year 5! Exploring the fascinating world of diseases, their historical impact, and modern treatments is both educational and thought-



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Year 6

This term, for topic, Year 6 are learning about 'Plague, pox, and antibiotics'. We are learning about cause and effect and how the plagues spread rapidly across cities and countries. We are doing different experiments such as the 'Mouldy bread experiment' to also highlight the importance of hygiene. More experiments on the way!



ATTENDANCE

Target 96.5%

Best Attendance this month

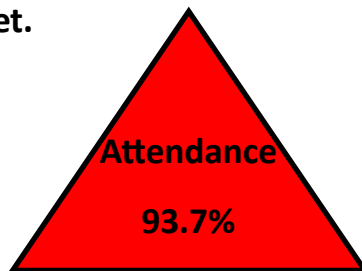
Year 6: 96.7%



Best Punctuality this month

Year 4: 99.1%

Unfortunately, due to high levels of sickness and a number of persistent absentees we have not met our target.



We expect every child to be in school, on time, every day!



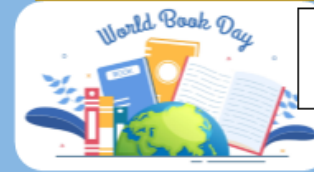
We remind you that all holidays during term time will not be authorised and will incur a fine from the Local Authority.

ROBERT
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SCHOOL

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March 2024

This Year's Theme...



'Read Your Way This World Book Day'

Please come dressed in your favourite book character.

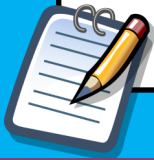
You don't need to spend money just be creative with what you have at home.



Parents/carers come and join us with your child/ren to a story telling/reading session
EYFS and KS1 from 9am-9:45am
KS2 9:45-10.30am

The whole school will be reading the book 'Supertato'.
The children will be eating some fruit and vegetable snacks at the end of the day.
Any contribution of fruits and vegetables (e.g. carrot, snap peas) from parents will be much appreciated.





Little Reminders...

**Travelling Book
Fair**

11/03/24

**Computing workshops for
all classes**

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15/03/24**

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