

Newsletter

6th November 2026

ROBERT BLAIR SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Week beginning 9th November

9th-13th November Year 6 residential

Mon 9th KS2 Football Tournament

Fri 13th Children in Need- pyjama day

Week beginning 16th November

Anti-bullying Week

Mon 16th Odd Socks Day

Thurs 19th Y2 class assembly

Week beginning 23rd November

Thurs 26th Y3 class assembly

Week beginning 30th November

Mon 30th Y5/6 Imperial War Museum

Thurs 3rd December Y1 class assembly

Thurs 3rd Y2 Story Garden Workshop

Week beginning 7th December

Watch this space…

Week beginning 14th December

Tuesday 15th Xmas lunch and Xmas jumper day

Thurs 17th Winter Fair

Fri 18h December: last day of term 2pm finish

Message from Ms Liney

We have had such a great start to this half term! For some reason, despite the cold Autumn weather, we all seem to have a spring in our step. I hope you feel the same.

At Monday's staff training day, we had a renewed focus on behaviour for learning, our expectations and values: "We care for each other and work together." Partnerships with families are an extremely important part of this. We very much appreciate parents and carers approaching the school to resolve any issues of concern and bring about a positive solution. On our part, we aim to give more positive feedback to parents, so do not be surprised if you receive a phone call telling you your child has had a good day!

Another training focus was developing children's talk for thinking. In the younger years, this is through "sustained shared thinking" as adults play alongside children, responding to their interests. For older children, we are working on how teachers can use questioning to prompt fuller explanations and deeper reasoning. Read on for some examples.

Our new, half-termly themes have begun and the children are really enjoying them (page 2). We look forward to all the festive events on the horizon, the dates of which are shared in this newsletter. If you would like to get involved in the organisation or running of events, please let us know. Some parents have already asked, which is very welcome.

It has been a short week but I'd like to congratulate Year 3 for their 100% attendance - they have set the standard for the half term!

House Points

Year totals so far...

2220

Paradise park

1870

Clock Tower

1440

Cally Bridge

1980

Market Road



Themes for Autumn 2

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Nursery and Reception



This half term, our theme is **Superheroes**. We will think, "What makes me super?" We will create our own superhero characters and identify superheroes in our community, such as nurses, police and firefighters.

Year 1 and Year 2



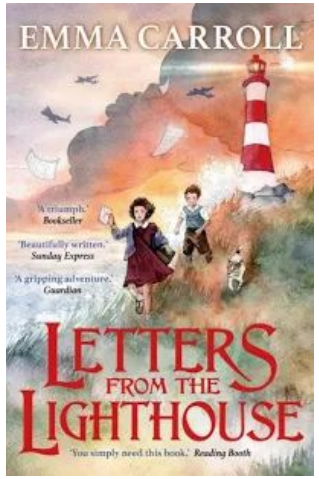
Our theme is **London's Burning.** This is a History focus about the Great Fire of London. We will learn about life in 1666, the causes of the firesequence of events and how it changed London.

Year 3 and Year 4

Our theme this half term is **Roman Rule.** This is a History focus about the Roman Empire, their invasion of Britain, their influence on life here and the legacy of their rule.



Year 5 and Year 6



Our theme this half term is **Home Front** This is a History focus about World War 2, sequencing key events, exploring cause and consequence, as well as life during the war.



Children in Need
Friday 13th November

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About Children in Need

BBC Children in Need raises money to support children and young people across the UK who are facing challenging circumstances. The charity funds local projects and organisations that help children experiencing poverty, disadvantage, illness or other difficulties, giving them the opportunity to feel safe, supported and able to reach their full potential. Every donation, no matter how small, helps make a difference!





Anti-Bullying Week
16th - 20th November 2026

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We will be celebrating **Anti-Bullying Week** in school with a special assembly led by our School Council. In class, children will also be learning more about what bullying is, how we can prevent it, what to do if we experience or witness bullying, and the importance of speaking out and supporting one another.

As part of the celebrations, we will be taking part in **Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November** to celebrate everyone's individuality and uniqueness!

Let's pull on our odd socks to show that **we are ALL unique and different!** Let's remember to be kind to one another, celebrate our differences and respect everyone's individuality.



Anti-bullying Week

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Throughout the week, assemblies and lessons will focus on how we can ensure children do not suffer from bullying, and what to do if it happens. Resources for parents and carers can be found here:





Every November schools throughout the United Kingdom take part in Anti-Bullying Week. This is an opportunity to spotlight bullying and consider the steps we can take together to stop it. Anti-Bullying Week 2026 will take place from Monday 16th – Friday 20th November, with the theme: **Break the Silence**

As a parent or carer, you are a vital piece of the puzzle in tackling bullying. You have a unique role to play in guiding and supporting your child through their school years and there are many positive steps you can take to help keep your child safe from bullying and harm.



Christmas Events

Our Winter Fair – Parent Volunteers Needed!

Our Winter Fair will take place on

Thursday 17th December after school.

We are looking for support from parents and carers to help make the event a success. We would really appreciate any help with preparing for the fair and running the stalls on the day. If you think you could spare some time to volunteer or have an idea for an additional stall that you think would be a great addition, please speak to **Ms Maguire or Ms Peart**. We would love to hear your ideas and welcome as much support as possible. Thank you for helping us make this a wonderful event for our school community!





A message from School Council



Hello to Parents and carers,

This has been our first week back after the half term. We are proud of the school achieving such high attendance figures and aim to encourage our peers to keep up the good attendance. A special shout out to Year 3 who achieved 100% attendance.

This week we are looking at the upcoming Anti-Bullying Week and are preparing to deliver a campaign assembly.

We have now been given our jobs for school council and are really excited to start in our roles. Our roles are:

~ Marketing and Media Manager - Isaiah
~ Playground Buddy - Micah
~ Assembly Helpers - Alkeo and Micah
~ Eco & Environment Monitors - Iona and Elijah
~ School Ambassador - Eliza
~ Lunch Monitors - Zahra and Saeed
~ Hall Monitors - Zahra and Iona

We look forward to keeping you posted on further updates in the future.

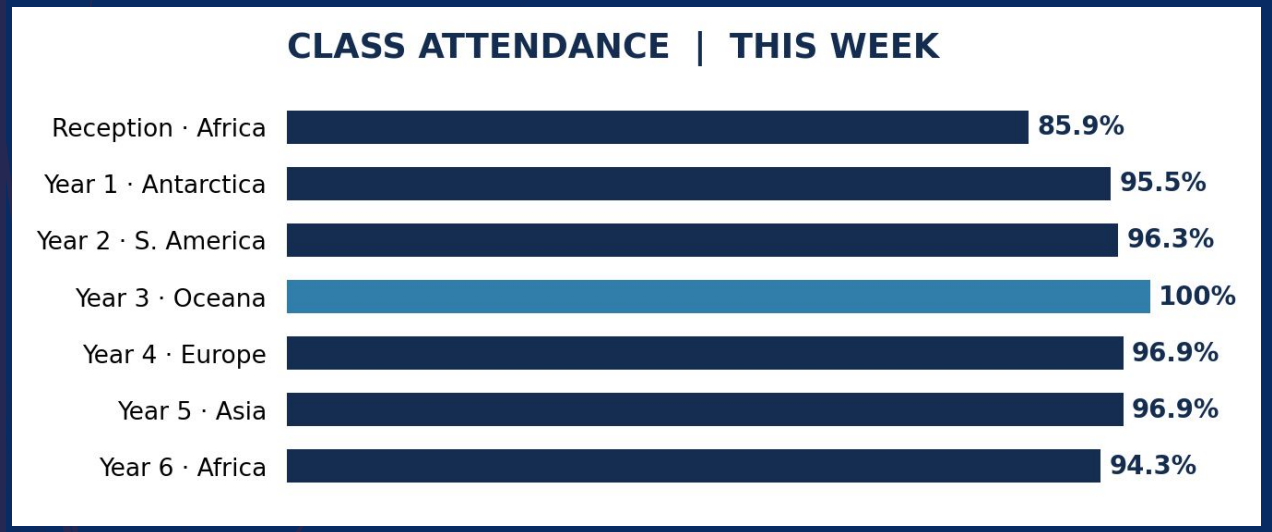
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Alkeo, Iona, Saeed, Idris, Isaiah,
Evana, Elijah, Zahra, Eliza and Micah

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

YEAR 3

100%



Being in school means:

- ✓ more learning
- ✓ stronger routines
- ✓ time with friends
- ✓ better progress

We will always work with families where there are genuine barriers to attendance. If attendance is becoming difficult, please speak to us early so that we can work together to support your child.

92.9%
Whole-school attendance this year to date

95.4%
National average

A SPECIAL WELL DONE TO THE SCHOOL FOR ACHIEVING 97% ATTENDANCE ON WEDNESDAY!!
KEEP IT UP!



Questioning to find out what children have understood

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Probing questions in the classroom

- How can you explain…?
- Why do you think…?
- What do you think would happen if…?
- How could we find out…?
- What did you mean when you said…?
- Tell me more about…
- How do you know that…?
- Why did you choose…?
- Can you give an example?
- Do you agree…why?

How can parents question children at home?

When you share a thought or story…

- "Why do you think that happened?"
- "Can you tell me a little more about that?"
- "How did you decide that?"
- "What do you think would happen if..?"

The Habits of Mind

Managing Impulsivity



Take your time!

Thinking before acting; remaining calm, thoughtful and deliberative.

Listening with Understanding and Empathy



Understand others!

Devoting mental energy to another person's thoughts and ideas. Making an effort to perceive another's point of view and emotions.

This term, we will focus on developing 4 habits which will support us in our learning as well as enabling us to work together effectively. They are important skills which help us succeed in all areas of life.

Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations



Use what you learn!

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

Thinking About Your Thinking (Metacognition)



Know your Knowing!

Being aware of your own thoughts, strategies, feelings and actions and their effects on others.



Reception Places

Reception 2027

If you have or know of a child due to start Reception in September 2027 and would like to find out more about school life at Robert Blair please do book onto one of our upcoming school tours. All tours start at 9:30am with an introduction from the Head of School

- Wednesday 18th November
- Wednesday 2nd December

Please do contact the school office to book onto one of the tour dates.

Places for Reception 2027 spaces can be made following the link below:

https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/how-to-apply#guide-sections

Current Reception class vacancies

We have a few remaining spaces in our Reception class this year. If you know of anyone looking for a space, please do encourage them to contact the school office to book a school tour.



Lunch Menu
from 2nd November

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ISLINGTON AUTUMN WINTER MENU 2026 / 2027

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		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE W/C 2nd Novemb 23rd Novemb 14th Decemb 18th January 8th February 8th March	Option One	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Vegetable Tagine with Rice (VE)	Lentil Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (VE)	Saucy Tomato and Bean Pasta Bake (VE)	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Homemade Tomato Sauce (V)
	Option Two	Autumn Harvest Lasagne (V)	Hearty Beef and Lentil Bolognaise with Spaghetti	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice and Turmeric Bread	Battered Fish with Chips & Homemade Tomato Sauce
	Sides	Broccoli (VE) Carrots (VE)	Green Beans (VE) Cauliflower (VE)	Sweetcorn (VE) Green Cabbage (VE)	Butternut Squash (VE) Cauliflower (VE)	Peas (VE) Bake Beans (VE)
	Dessert	Apple and Raisin Flapjack (VE)	Apple Crumb Cake with Custard (V)	Yoghurt (V) Fresh Fruit – Platter (VE)	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins (VE)	Yoghurt (V) Fresh Fruit – Salad (VE)
WEEK TWO W/C 9th Novembe 30th Novemb 4th January 25th January 22nd Februar 15th March	Option One	Tuna Pasta Bake	Lentil and Basil Whirl (VE) with Wedges(VE)	Lentil and Roasted Vegetable Pasta (VE)	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice (VE)	Tomato Butterbean Pasta (VE)
	Option Two	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges (V)	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	BBQ Chicken with Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips & Homemade Tomato Sauce
	Sides	Green Beans (VE) Cauliflower (VE)	Carrots (VE) Sweetcorn (VE)	Broccoli (VE) Peas (VE)	Carrots (VE) Courgettes (VE)	Peas (VE) Baked Beans (VE)
	Dessert	Peach Upside Down Cake (V)with Custard (V)	Chocolate and Banana Oaty Square (VE)	Yoghurt (V) Fresh Fruit – Platter (VE)	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble (VE) with Custard (V)	Yoghurt (V) Fresh Fruit – Salad (VE)
WEEK THREE W/C 16th Novem 7th Decemb 11th January 1st February 1st March 22nd March	Option One	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice (VE)	Hearty Spaghetti Bolognaise (VE)	Planet Friendly Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy (VE)	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice (VE)	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips (V)
	Option Two	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Minced Beef Cottage Pie	Fishfingers with Chips & Homemade Tomato Sauce
	Sides	Sweetcorn (VE) Peas (VE)	Carrots (VE) Broccoli (VE)	Green Beans (VE) Cauliflower (VE)	Carrots (VE) Butternut Squash (VE)	Baked Beans (VE) Peas(VE)
	Dessert	Yoghurt (V) with Fresh Fruit – Platter (VE)	Pear Crumble with Custard (V)	Yoghurt (V) and Fresh Fruit - Platter(VE)	Wholemeal Orange and Cinnamon Shortbread (VE)	Chocolate and Apple Sponge and Chocolate Sauce (V)

MENU KEY:

- Whole grain
- Plant based
- Added plant protein
- **(VE)** Vegan
- **(V)** Veggie

AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings (V/ VE), Salad Bar (V/ VE), Freshly Baked Bread (V/VE), Fresh Fruit (VE), Yoghurt (V)

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

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2026 – 2027 term dates

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Inset Day
(no school for students)

Bank Holiday

School Holidays