



**Robert
Wilkinson**

PRIMARY ACADEMY

Newsletter

Friday 8TH OCTOBER 2022



We have enjoyed an extra busy week in school this week. Our Ebor visitors on Tuesday enjoyed meeting parents, watching teaching and learning, talking to the children about their school and even had a school lunch. There has been digging, choir learning their Young Voices songs, Orchestra filling the music room, football galore and of course lots of amazing and enthusiastic learning.

NURSERY PLACES

Children can start coming to Nursery in the afternoons (12 - 3pm) from the term before they turn 3 years old.

We are open 8.30-3pm Monday to Friday for children over the age of 3 years old.

Places are filling up fast so if you want your children to come and join us please get in touch asap preschool.rws@ebor.academy.

THE BIG DIG

THIS IS AN ARTICLE THAT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE EBOR ONLINE MAGAZINE THAT IS SHARED WITH ALL OUR EBOR SCHOOLS.

Sunday, 1st October saw the first ever Big Dig event at Robert Wilkinson. The aim of the event was to establish our brand new allotment site and nearly 50 people attended from all over the community to help fill our raised beds with soil, dig out new planting spaces and build paths. Not content with digging, the team also managed to assemble a compost site, collect pollinating flower cuttings and create willow bird feeders too! With so many people in attendance, it was inevitable that new ideas would bubble up and there are now plans afoot to start a Herbology bed full of magical plants and a Spanish garden to link with our MFL curriculum.

Thanks to the support from Friends of Robert Wilkinson, we all had fancy, brand new tools and equipment to use. We were also able to apply lots of new found expertise thanks to the support of Learning through Landscapes and the Yorkshire Agricultural Society.

Teachers Claire Hollis and Sian Boyd who organised the event, couldn't believe how transformed the space looked. "We never imagined in a million years that we would have so many amazing helpers on the day and we are simply staggered by how wonderful the space now looks. This will be a brilliant opportunity for all our children to learn how to observe, nurture and harvest plants and we hope it helps to inspire them to become active, conscious custodians of the changing environment they live in."

Ian Davidson, a governor at Robert Wilkinson, continued " I think and hope this can be just the start of a fantastic adventure where we can enhance outside facilities at the school and really bring the community on the journey with us."

You can follow the progress of our allotment site and all the other outdoor projects we are planning this year on our brand new instagram channel @robwilkoutdoor. Watch this space for more exciting news!

An enormous thank you to Mrs Hollis and Mrs Boyd for their energy and enthusiasm in organising this project. Thank you to all the families who attended, we love it!!

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK FROM MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER

Our school is taking part in Walk to School Week. As in previous years cycling and scooting counts as well as walking so everyone can join in. We just ask that the car is left at home and not used at all for the journey to school. The **Jack Archer trophy** is awarded to the school that has the highest percentage of children leaving the car at home and walking, cycling or scooting to school over the week.

Children love walking, cycling and scooting to school, and it helps keep them fit and healthy. Reducing the number of cars on the journey to school helps make the roads safer and helps cut harmful air pollution around school, which children are more susceptible to. This is even more important now at a time when everyone is being encouraged to walk or cycle their journeys where they can.

PARKING

We know that parking is a big issue around the school and one of our biggest frustrations is that there are no designated disabled parking spaces. As a result of this our disabled badge holders are allocated the space in front of the double gates. Please make sure that you **DO NOT** park here. Access is required all day for our disabled badge holders. Pedestrians must take extra care around this area as vehicles have no choice to reverse out of the spaces. **PLEASE** watch your children and treat this area as a road, taking the necessary precautions. Thank you

WEBSITE

Although we have had some technical issues with our website this week there have been many updates since September. Don't forget to visit our Friends of RWPA pages. They include information about forthcoming events, how to get involved as well as a link to our lottery tickets!

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE.



Parental controls: Parental controls have been designed to help you manage your child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally foolproof so they shouldn't replace the need for you to support and advise your child using the internet. For more information and step by step instructions on setting up parental controls, visit [Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides - Internet Matters](#).

Supervise their online activity: Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as the living room or kitchen, where an adult is able to supervise. Primary-age children should not access the internet in private spaces alone, such as in a bedroom or bathroom.

Explore together and chat little and often: Ask your child to show you their favourite apps, games and sites and encourage them to teach you how to use these. Ask them if anything ever worries them online. Make sure they know they won't be in trouble and can get help by talking to you or another adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried, sad or scared.

Take a look at Thinkuknow: Thinkuknow is the national online safety education programme from the National Crime Agency. Thinkuknow offers learning activities, advice and support for children and young people aged 4-18 and their families. The [Jessie & Friends animations](#) for 4 to 7s will help you start a conversation about online safety and for 8-10's, there's the [Play Like Share animations](#) and the [Band Runner game and advice website](#).

Help your child identify trusted adults who can help them if they are worried: This includes you and other adults at home, as well as adults from wider family, school or other support services who they are able to contact at this time. Encourage them to draw a picture or write a list of their trusted adults.

Talk about how their online actions affect others: If your child is engaging with others online, remind them to consider how someone else might feel before they post or share something. If they are considering sharing a photo/video of somebody else, they should always ask permission first.

Use 'SafeSearch': Most web search engines will have a 'SafeSearch' function, which will allow you to limit the content your child can access whilst online. Look out for the 'Settings' button on your web browser homepage, which is often shaped like a small cog.

Visit Thinkuknow.co.uk/parents for more information on keeping your child safer online.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Additional dates are being arranged and we will let you know our full schedule as soon as it is confirmed. Here are some that already confirmed

DATE	ACTIVITY
Monday 10th October	Flu immunisations in school

Wednesday 12th October	Governors meeting
Friday 14th October	SCHOOL HALLOWEEN DISCO
Thursday 20th October	HARVEST ASSEMBLY
Friday 21st October	School closes for Half term
Monday 31st October	School re opens
Thursday 3rd November	Year 2 and 3 3.20-4.30 children's books available in the Brown Hall Year 4,5 and 6 books available in the White Hall
Monday 7th November	Individual photos
Week commencing Monday 7th November	Parent teacher School Cloud meetings
Week commencing Monday 14th November	Anti bullying week
Friday 18th November	CHILDREN IN NEED Wear something spotty or yellow or a Pudsey top or onsie. Further details to follow CHRISTMAS FAIR (please contact forw@ebor.academy if you can offer any help)
Friday 25th November	Staff training day- school closed
Wednesday 30th November	Governors meeting
Thursday 8th December	Christingle assembly Pensioners Christmas tea
Friday 9th December	Christmas Disco
Wednesday 14th December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Services
Friday 16th December	School closes for Christmas holidays

Tuesday 3rd January 2023	School re opens

We will also add these dates to the school calendar on our website for your reference.

Have a great weekend

Best wishes

Donna Bedford

Headteacher