



**Robert
Wilkinson**

PRIMARY ACADEMY

Newsletter

THURSDAY 2ND MARCH 2023



The second half of the Spring term has started well with the children working hard. We have been particularly impressed with the level of writing that is taking place in school at the moment right the way from our youngest children to our Year 6's. We would like to welcome a new member of staff to the PPA team, Ms Garcia is our new Spanish teacher and she is enjoying meeting the children who have shared their Spanish knowledge with her.

ROBERT WILKINSON 100 RECOMMENDED READS

Firstly thank you to those parents who attended our Reading for Pleasure presentation and the following reading sessions in classes. A great deal of thought and research has been put into our new project to support the engagement with reading. Parents and children often ask for recommendations regarding high quality texts to read and here it is! This is not a tick list of by any means an exhaustive list but one which might help to direct your child's journey as a reader.

[RWPA 100 RECOMMENDED READS](#)

New Online System for Wrap Around Care Bookings

We are changing the way parents book and pay for After School Club and Breakfast Club sessions. We have listened to many of your frustrations with our current ParentPay system and we are now going to use a company called Childcare Bookings for Schools (CBS).

The new system will start after Easter. You will be able to make bookings online for the Summer Term from **Monday 20th March**.

Therefore please do not make any bookings for Wrap Around Care in ParentPay for after the Easter holidays. Any bookings made will be cancelled.

Further details will be sent out over the next few weeks.

PARKING

Following some work on road safety some of our children have completed some posters which will be put up in the community to remind car users about safe parking. You may have also noticed the presence of two traffic wardens and the local PCSO this is in response to concerns raised by the community and school about the parking issues. Please think carefully about where you park. If you block a driveway or park in

the Forest Court car park you may receive a ticket. But even more important than consideration in parking is safety, which is the schools main concern.

RWPA RADIO BROADCASTING DAY



Exciting News! Robert Wilkinson pupils will be broadcasting **LIVE** to our community (and the world!) on **THURSDAY 9th MARCH at 2pm.**

6 schools in our Trust, including Robert Wilkinson, are pioneering a new radio project that has exciting opportunities to bring our community together and give children a chance to experience live broadcasting. During the hour-long live show, our children will be reporting on sport, current affairs, weather and other school issues. We hope you are able to join us LIVE at 2pm using the following link:

<https://learnradio.net/robert-wilkinson/>

There will be a 'text the show' function where your messages will come directly to the presenting team - so tell all the family and get involved in what promises to be a great event!

NAME THE TEDDY EASTER COMPETITION to raise funds for Oscar's Paediatric Brain Tumour Charity



We are encouraging everyone to name the Easter teddy (gifted to us by Tesco Askham Bryan) before Friday March 24th and donate £1 or more to the charity.

For details of how to enter please head to: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/rwpa-easterteddy>

EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

Time to get creative! We will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet Competition on Friday 31st March. Anything goes as long as it can be worn on your head!

Do you have any unwanted school uniform items you could donate?



We really need donations of:

Trousers, school shorts, skirts, summer dresses and pinafores.

We also need Shirts/polo shirts, jumpers, cardigans and PE kit...

Any school uniform items really

In school we often have items of uniform in our lost property boxes which are left unnamed and unclaimed. This led us to think about the possibility of recycling uniforms that are either unclaimed or unwanted. The uniform would be washed, sorted by size/age and then made available to our families.

The first step to trialling this is for parents/carers to bring into school any uniform they have which is no longer of any use to their children so we have a range of items and sizes available - We know that children grow at a rate of knots and unless there are siblings or other family members to pass unwanted uniforms on to, this can often go to waste.

We are also conscious of our environment and are constantly looking at ways to teach our children about sustainability, including a Trust wide project looking at the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which this initiative would also support.

Any donations can be handed in at the main reception and would be greatly appreciated.
More information will be shared with parents once the uniform exchange is up and running.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Check below for updates

DATE	ACTIVITY
Monday 6th March	Year 3 reading 2:45 - 3:10pm
Tuesday 7th March	Year 2 parents meeting 6pm
Wednesday 8th March	Year 6 reading 2:45 - 3:10pm
Thursday 9th March	Service families breakfast meeting 8.15am Radio broadcast day: https://learnradio.net/robert-wilkinson/
Saturday 11th March	Choir concert at Joseph Rowntrees Theatre
Wednesday 15th March	Possible industrial action
Thursday 16th March	Possible industrial action
Friday 17th March	Staff training day- school closed
Week commencing 20th March	STEM week

Monday 20th March	New online booking system for Breakfast Club & After School Club goes live
Friday 24th March	Trees reading 2:40 - 3:05pm School Easter Discos
Wednesday 29th March	RWPA music competition
Thursday 30th March	Year 5 reading 2:45 - 3:10pm
Friday 31st March	Easter Bonnet parade School closes for Easter holidays
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Monday 17th April	Children return to school
Monday 1st May	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 26th May	School closes for half term
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 5th June	Children return to school
Friday 23rd June	Sports day
Friday 30th June	Back up sports day
Monday 3rd July- Friday 7th July	Sports week
Friday 21st July	Children break up
Monday 24th July and Tuesday 25th July	Staff training days
SUMMER HOLIDAY	

Monday 4th September 2023	Staff training day
Tuesday 5th September	Children return to school

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

COMMUNITY NEWS




**SHOOTING STARS
NETBALL YORK**
PRESENTS
**JUNIOR NETBALL
ACADEMY**
TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM 28th FEB 2023

- * School Years 3 & 4 training: 5.30 - 6.30pm
- * School Years 5, 6, 7 & 8 training: 6.30 - 7.30pm

£90 for 18 training sessions up to Summer holidays!

STRENSALL RECREATION GROUND
Durlston Drive, Strensall, YORK, YO32 5AT
The deadline for registration is Friday the
24th of FEBRUARY.

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