



**Robert  
Wilkinson**

PRIMARY ACADEMY

# September Newsletter

Wow, what a start to the new school year! The children are super smart in both their PE and school uniforms so thank you for making sure they are dressed according to school standards. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the start of term and their learning behaviour is fantastic.

## OUR AMAZING NEW LIBRARY

Due to some classroom moves within school this year, we had to relocate our school library. It was reopened to the children this week and they were so excited to visit! We were also extremely lucky to have a very kind donation of cushions and throws from Furn Home (check out their huge range of soft furnishings at [www.furn.com](http://www.furn.com)) to make the 'cosy corner' extra special. Year 5's verdict was that "It's even better than before!"

We would also like to have a supply of magazines and comics in the library for children to share and enjoy. If you have any spare copies, which have already been read, please send them into school with your child.



## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**

We would love one or more volunteers to help our school librarians run our library at lunchtime. If you could spare 45 minutes on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday lunchtime please see the office staff. Thank you.

Of course we are also always on the lookout for parent volunteers in school to help with swimming!

## **WRAPAROUND CARE**

We are delighted with our new Wraparound Care space and the children love it! The advantage of our new space is that we are able to take more children which has eliminated our waiting lists. A big thank you to the Wilkinson Cobb and Hodgson Trust for their generous donation which made our initial idea a reality and also to our very own Friends of Robert Wilkinson for their financial support.

## **ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL**

Just a reminder that children should not arrive earlier than 8.40am. Thank you

## **ADVENTURE TRAIL**

Our school adventure trail must remain closed at both the start and end of the school day.

It is designed and safe for particular age groups of children and is checked before playtime to ensure it is safe for the children to use. If the wood is wet or the slide and metal parts are too hot the children are not allowed on it. It is also carefully supervised and this is not the case at the start and end of the school day.

## **SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Ed, our lollypop man who has helped our children cross the road safely for many years. There is at this time no replacement so please please make sure your children are extra careful on the road outside school. It is a very busy road.

## **FILTERING AND MONITORING INTERNET USE IN SCHOOL**

We now have a new system in school which enables key people to monitor internet usage in school. Talk Straight has always provided a really robust service for blocking dangerous and inappropriate content and we have always had the ability to alert them to any content we wished to be blocked. The new dashboard now lets us drill down even further so we can monitor individual users, input our own list of keywords we wish to be blocked and will alert us to any concerning content that has been accessed (knowingly or unknowingly).

As Designated Safeguarding Lead, Jo Evans will continue to have overall responsibility for the monitoring of the system.

## **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE**

See the poster on the right for some useful hints and tips.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

You have told us that early notice of school events is appreciated so we are working hard to make this a reality. Here are some of the dates for the new academic year. More will be added as they are confirmed.

**Skips Safety Net** Keeping children safe online

**Parent Guides to Online Safety**

- A Parent's Guide to Social Media
- A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures
- A Parent's Guide to Gaming
- A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming
- A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming
- A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers
- A Parent's Guide to Fake News
- A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Skips [www.skipsafetynet.org](http://www.skipsafetynet.org)

DATE	ACTIVITY
Thursday 26th Sep 2pm	FS2 Phonics meeting - Reading with children in the classrooms
Thursday 5th October	Harvest assembly with donations to the Trussell Trust
Friday 20th October	Halloween discos
Week commencing 23rd October	Parent teacher appointments
Friday 27th October	School closes for half term
HALF TERM	
Monday 6th November	Children return to school INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS
Wednesday 8th November	Flowers classes visit the theatre
Wednesday 15th November	5-6pm New starters evening for reception intake of 2024
Friday 24th November	CHRISTMAS FAIR
Thursday 7th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day
Friday 8th December	STAFF TRAINING DAY
Tuesday 12th December	Carol Concerts for Key Stage 2
Wednesday 13th December	5-6pm Trees Nativity Performance
Thursday 14th December	2-3pm Trees Nativity Performance
Friday 15th December	Christmas Discos

Friday 22nd December	School closes for Christmas holidays
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
Monday 8th January 2024	School opens for Spring term
Friday 9th February	School closes for half term
HALF TERM	
Monday 19th February	School opens
Tuesday 27th February	Parents of KS1 and KS2 to look at their child's books in the white and brown halls.
Thursday 7th March	WORLD BOOK DAY
Week commencing 11th March	Parent teacher appointments
Friday 22nd March	School closes for Easter holidays
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Monday 8th April	School opens for summer term
Friday 12th April	STAFF TRAINING DAY
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Week commencing 13th May	Key Stage 2 SATS tests
Friday 24th May	School closes for half term
HALF TERM	
Monday 3rd June	School opens

Monday 10th June	Class photos
Wednesday 12th June	6-7pm New Reception Parents meeting
Friday 14th June	Sports Day
Friday 21st June	Back up Sports Day
Monday 24th June	New classes announced
Friday 28th June	STAFF TRAINING DAY
Week commencing 1st July	SPORTS WEEK
Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July	Year 4 Trip to Murton Park
Tuesday 16th July	Reports to parents Year 6 performance
Wednesday 17th July	Year 6 performance Graduation
Friday 19th July	School closes for Summer holidays

We have also added these dates to the school calendar on our website for your reference.

Best wishes  
Donna Bedford

Headteacher

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