



St Robert Southwell School Newsletter

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Vision: Aiming For Excellence, **Being The Best We Can Be.**

Mission Statement Summary

*Following Jesus' footsteps and inspired by St Robert Southwell
we work hard, aim high and treat everyone with honesty and gentleness.*

Catholic Life Of The School

February is the Month dedicated to The Holy Family

God made us a family, we need one another.
We love one another. we forgive one another.
We work together, we play together, we worship together.
Together we use God's word, together we grow in Christ.
Together we love all people, together we serve our God.
Together we hope for Heaven. These are our hopes and ideals,
Help us to attain them O God. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
Amen

E – Safety

Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday 5th February. The children learn about internet safety at the start of each term and as part of their computing topics throughout the year. We also discuss E-Safety in assemblies.

Here are some websites that we hope will be helpful to you.

Managing screen time with children;

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/resources/>

<https://cdn.macrumors.com/article-new/2018/07/screentimemainscreen.jpg>

Parents' guide to technology;

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guidetechnology>

Child friendly search engines for your children KS1 (Year R, Year 1 and Year 2)

<http://www.kidrex.org/>

<https://www.kiddle.co>

KS2 (Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5)

<https://www.juniorsafesearch.com/>

<https://swiggle.org.uk/>

<https://www.safesearchkids.com/>

Do You Know What Your Children Are Doing Online? Remember to keep talking to your child about what they are doing online so that they are confident to share any worries or concerns they may have. Remind them about how to keep safe, particularly on sites like YouTube. Please ensure you set the appropriate parental settings and that your children play age-appropriate games. If you are not sure about the certificate of a game your child is playing, you can check it on the following website: www.pegi.info.

Great alternatives might be games such as Minecraft or Lego City, which encourage creative play and are age-appropriate

Parents and carers can also register for an online course, funded by the school.

Please find below the URL you need to visit to register your account:

<https://lms.nationalonlinesafety.com/school/strobertsouthwell>

This term our subject in focus is Art

The teachers practised their drawing skills at a staff meeting before planning the skills they are teaching the children. We have some very talented artists. The children will display some of their work for parents to view at the end of term.

The World In Our School

We are encouraging our children to celebrate diversity and value their personal heritage. Please look out for a letter about some optional home-learning activities next week, which supports this ongoing work.

Instrumental lessons

We are fortunate to offer a range of instrumental lessons provided by a mixture of different music teachers. Some teachers take payment directly from the parents which considerably reduces the administration to the school office. The lessons from Brent Music Service tutors are invoiced to the school. They provide a minimum of 30 lessons across a school year. The number of lessons may vary as to the length of each term. It is unreasonable for parents to withdraw their child from these lessons without giving sufficient notice for us to fill the place. We have to pay for the lessons each term. Please ensure that if your child is giving up then you give us at least one term's notice, in writing (not a verbal message at the office). We reserve the right to charge for the full term, even if your child does not attend, if insufficient notice is given.

School Trips

We provide a broad number of trips and experiences for all the children, linked to their learning, and for life experience and opportunity.

We spend considerable administrative time reminding parents and obtaining consent for trips. We are looking at other methods of gaining consent to make the administration easier. In the interests of increased safeguarding, we are also looking to recruit school trip volunteers willing to accompany any class or year group on a trip, not just one with their own children. These parents would be DBS checked and also provided with some simple safeguarding training. If you are interested in becoming a general school trip volunteer, please e-mail your name, the year groups your children are in, and your contact details to admin@robsouth.org

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March 2019. Children are encouraged to dress up as a book character on this day.

Health and Well-Being

As part of our continuing focus on health and well-being, there will be three prizes for lunch boxes noted as being good examples of healthy eating and balanced lunches. These will be selected by staff next week and the winners announced at Friday's assembly.

After Half-Term, we will choose three school dinner winners for those who select and eat a balanced plate.

Playtime Snacks

At morning break time, please remember that, as a healthy school, we do not allow children to bring chocolate, crisps, cake or fizzy drinks. Children may bring in fruit and water only for their mid-morning snack.

Parent Feedback

There was some wonderful parent feedback on the school Twitter page about the Year 5 Gordon Brown trip. Thank you.

Parking

Please think before you stop, drop and park near the school. Keep all our children safe by being considerate and courteous.

Blocking Local Driveways

Local residents are so frustrated they now send us photographs of inconsiderate and rude parents blocking their driveways. This is one of many photographs we have been sent.



Most recently a resident made the following comment:

“Parents are still blocking the driveway and are so aggressive. When I approach them they are being so rude it’s really upsetting. Is this what they are teaching their children?”

Dinner Money

It is very important that parents/carers keep on top of dinner money payments to the school. Considerable administration time is spent reminding late payers that money is

owed. We will withdraw the option to have a school dinner to parents who ignore reminders and accumulate debt. Please follow the school policy of paying for meals in advance. Thank you.

School Dinner/Packed Lunch

If your child changes from packed lunch to school dinners or vice versa please make sure you notify the school office. The school has to pay for all lunches and these are ordered based on our information of who is having a school dinner. Equally, when more children take a dinner than have ordered one, then we may run out of food. Please help us ensure the system runs smoothly by keeping us up to date.

Cold Weather

A big thank you to all the staff for their commitment to the children and learning during the recent bad weather. Special thanks to Mr Carey who cleared the paths to make access safe and to Mr O’Sullivan for regularly gritting our icy patches each day. We are blessed to have such amazing staff.

School Website

For your information, our school website address is: www.robsouth.org

Parents’ Forum

The next Parents’ Forum will take place after half term: Thursday 7th March at 2pm and 7pm.

Masses This Term

Mass at Hay Lane Tuesday 9.00	Class
26th February 2019	5R
5th March 2019	5S
12th March 2019	3R
19th March 2019	3S

Assembly

Date	Assembly class
Thursday 7th March 2019	2R
Thursday 14th March 2019	Reception
Friday 29th March 2019	Year 1 Palm Sunday
Tuesday 2nd April 2019	Year 2 Last Supper
Thursday 4th April 2019	Year 4 Way of the Cross

Parent Consultations

Year 6 Consultations will take place Wednesday March 6th 3.30 pm-5.30 pm and Friday 8th March 9 am to 3 pm

Consultations for Years 1 to 5 Wednesday 13th March 3pm -6pm
Wednesday 20th March 3pm to 6pm

Reception Consultation dates will be confirmed shortly.

FEBRUARY

DATE	TIME	EVENT	OTHER INFORMATION
14/2/19	1 class am, 1 class pm	Y3 Welsh Harp	
18-26/2/19		Half Term Week	
26/2/19	All Morning	Reception Wheelie Day	Sponsored Event
28/2/19	All Day	Y6 trip to Kidzania	

MARCH

DATE	TIME	EVENT	OTHER INFORMATION
1/3/19		St David's Day	
6/3/19		Ash Wednesday	
7/3/19		World Book Day	Dress as a book character
7/3/19	2pm & 7pm	Parents' Forum	
12/3/19	1pm	Y1 Sports Festival at Kingsbury High School – parent volunteers needed	Free
15/3/19		Nursery Comic Relief Red nose Day	Nursery only
17/3/19		St Patrick's Day	
19/3/19		Y2 Sports Festival at Kingsbury High School - parent volunteers needed	Free
25/3/19	9.30am	Reception Music Concert for parents	
28/3/19	10.00am	Choir to Uxendon Manor	
29/3/19	9.00am	Year 1 Palm Sunday Assembly	

APRIL

DATE	TIME	EVENT	OTHER INFORMATION
2/4/19	9.15	Year 2 Last Supper Assembly	
4/4/19	9.15	Year 4 Way of The Cross	
4/4/19		Last Day For Nursery	
5/4/19	9.15	Easter Raffle Assembly	

5/4/19	2.00	School Closes for Easter	
23/4/19		First Day of Term	
23/4/19		St George's Day	
25/4/19		Reception to the Welsh Harp	
25/4/19		Theatre company show in school	

MAY

DATE	TIME	EVENT	OTHER INFORMATION
2/5/19		Y1 to Kew Gardens	
13/5/19		KS2 SAT's Week	
14/5/19	1pm	Y3 Sports Festival at Kingsbury High School - parent volunteers needed	Free
21/5/19	1pm	Y4 Sports Festival at Kingsbury High School - parent volunteers needed	Free
27/5/19		Half term Holiday	

JUNE

DATE	TIME	EVENT	OTHER INFORMATION
3/6/19		Reception to Willow Farm	
3/6/19		Y4 Buckden	
5/6/19		Y4 Buckden	
6/6/19		Nursery to Bekonscot	
11/6/19	1pm	Y1 Sports Festival at Kingsbury High School - parent volunteers needed	Free
18/6/19	1pm	Y2 Sports Festival at Kingsbury High School - parent volunteers needed	Free
20/6/19		Y1 to Buckingham Palace	Free
24/6/19		Y6 PGL week	
24/6/19	1pm	Y4 Pond Dipping at St Gregory's	Free
28/6/19	6.30pm	Receptions Got Talent	

JULY

DATE	TIME	EVENT	OTHER INFORMATION
8/7/19		Y6 to Sporting Challenge at Kingsbury High School - parent volunteers needed	Free
18/7/19		Last day Nursery	
19/7/19	2pm	School Finishes for Summer	

Event dates are subject to change and updates. We will always do our very best to avoid changes and inform parents, as far as possible in advance, if dates do need to change.



The term dates for the next academic year can now be found on the school website. Please ensure that you are aware of these dates when booking holidays so your children are not missing any days from school, and valuable learning experiences. Absence during term time can only be authorised for 'very exceptional circumstances', schools are not permitted to authorise school absence based on travel prices.

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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2019

SPRING TERM 2019

Half Term Holiday: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February 2019
Term Ends for School: Friday 5th April 2019 – 2.00 p.m.

SUMMER TERM 2019

First Day for Children: Tuesday 23rd April 2019
May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2019
Half Term Holiday: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019
Term Ends for School: Friday 19th July 2019 – 2.00 p.m.
Inset Days: Monday 22nd July & Tuesday 23rd July 2019

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2019-2020
AUTUMN TERM 2019

Inset Days:	Monday 2nd September 2019
First Day for Children:	Tuesday 3rd September 2019
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October 2019
Inset Day:	Friday 1st November 2019
Term Ends for School:	Friday 20th December 2019 – 2.00 p.m.

SPRING TERM 2020

First Day for Children:	Monday 7th January 2020
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February
Term Ends for School:	Friday 3rd April 2020 – 2.00 p.m.

SUMMER TERM 2020

First Day for Children:	Tuesday 20th April 2020
May Bank Holiday:	Monday 4th May 2020
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2020
Term Ends for School:	Friday 17th July 2020 – 2.00 p.m.
Inset Days:	Monday 20th July & Tuesday 21st July 2020

Don't let your child miss out on learning– Note the Holiday Dates and make sure your child doesn't miss school.

