



St Robert's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter- Week 3

As we come to the end of Week 3, I can hardly believe how quickly this half term is passing by! It has been another busy and joyful week in school, full of opportunities for our children to learn, grow and live out our school values.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Father Simon to celebrate Mass with us for the beginning of the new school year and the Feast of St Robert. It was a wonderful occasion. Our Year 6 pupils read confidently and reverently, and prepared the offertory beautifully. The whole school were in fine voice throughout the celebration, and it was a pleasure to see the children's love of singing shine through. We look forward to welcoming Father Simon into school regularly throughout the year and continuing to strengthen the close links between our school and parish communities.

This week has also seen the start of our School Council and Eco Council selection process. It has been wonderful to see so many children putting themselves forward for these important leadership roles. Voting and elections provide a great opportunity for our children to experience democracy in action and understand how they can make a positive contribution to school life.

Finally, I am delighted to congratulate Aurora and Patrick on their appointment as our new Head Pupils. They impressed Mrs Ward and I with their thoughtful applications, confidence and commitment to serving our school community. I am sure they will be excellent ambassadors for our school and outstanding role models for the younger children. We wish them every success in their new roles. Congratulations to them both!

ICT Acceptable Use Agreement

An ICT Acceptable Use Agreement will be sent home with all children in Years 1 to 6 today. This agreement helps us to ensure that technology and online resources are used safely, responsibly and appropriately in school. We would be grateful if you could take the time to discuss the agreement with your child and **return the signed form to your child's teacher by Monday 28th September**. Please note that, without a signed agreement, your child will be unable to access the full computing curriculum and related technology-based learning opportunities in school. Thank you for your support in helping us promote safe and responsible use of technology.

Medical and Allergy Information Update

Thank you to all the families who have already completed our Medical and Allergy Information Update Survey. We really appreciate your support in helping us keep our records accurate and up to date so that we can provide the best possible care for all children.

If you have not yet completed the survey, we would be grateful if you could do so as soon as possible. The link for completing the form is [Annual Medical Information Update – Fill out form](#)

Over the coming week, we will be preparing draft Individual Healthcare Plans for children with known allergies. These plans will then be shared with parents and carers for comments and feedback before they are finalised, helping to ensure that the information we hold is accurate and reflects each child's individual needs

Wharfe Valley Active School Clubs

There is still time to sign up for these new clubs. UV Dodgeball starts today for Years 1-3 and there are still places available. At the moment, the uptake for Friday's Multi-skills (Years 4 to 6) and the Friday Morning Fitness Club (Years 1-4) are low and will not be able to go ahead unless the numbers increase. If you are interested, please sign up today. More details will follow about Lego Club for KS2 on Wednesdays.

<https://wharfevalleyactive.pembee.app/>

Attendance Matters – Every Day Counts

We know that children thrive when they are in school regularly, enjoying their learning, building friendships and taking part in the many opportunities school life offers. While we understand that occasional illness is unavoidable, every day in school really does make a difference. As a guide, attendance of **95% or above** is considered good, **91% to 95%** can be a cause for concern, and attendance **below 90%** means a child is likely to miss a significant amount of learning and may find it harder to keep up with their peers.

We are committed to working positively with families to support good attendance. If your child's attendance falls below **90%**, you will receive a letter and an invitation to meet with me so that we can discuss any difficulties and identify ways in which we can work together to improve attendance. Our aim is always to support families and ensure every child has the best possible chance to succeed.

A reminder that holidays during term time will not be authorised, except in exceptional circumstances. Where unauthorised leave is taken, penalty notices may be issued in line with North Yorkshire guidance and our school's Attendance Policy. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child make the most of every school day.

Arriving on Time

A positive start to the school day makes a real difference to children's learning, confidence and wellbeing. Our school day begins promptly, and children should arrive between **8:45am and 8:55am** so they have time to settle, meet friends and be ready to learn from the very start of the day. Even a few minutes missed each day can soon add up and mean children miss important learning and key messages from their teacher.

We understand that mornings can sometimes be challenging, and we are always happy to work with families where there are difficulties. If a child is persistently late, parents/ carers will be invited to meet with me so that we can discuss any barriers and explore ways we can work together to help ensure their child arrives on time and ready for a successful day at school.

**Attendance
this half-term is
97.2%
(national
average 95.6%)
Thank you!**

**11.5 hours of learning time have been lost
this half term due to lateness.**



Star of the Week – w/c 14th September 2026

Wrens: Edie	Robins: Max	Starlings: Emily
Merlins: Edidiong	Owls: Freyja	Kestrels: Robyn
Kites: Teddy	Falcons: Simbarashe	Eagles: Jan
Little Fish: George		Big Fish: Austin

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Rhodes