



St Robert's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter- Week 7

As you may already have heard, this week brought a very exciting and unexpected surprise for our school family with the arrival of baby Ewbank! We are delighted to share that both Mrs Ewbank and baby are doing well, and we send them our warmest congratulations and best wishes as they begin this special new chapter. Due to baby's earlier-than-expected arrival, we do need to apologise for postponing our Special Friends Assembly. Mr Redmile has very kindly stepped into the breach and taken on additional responsibilities at short notice, but understandably has not yet had the opportunity to organise the assembly. We look forward to rescheduling this special celebration very soon.

As we approach the end of my first half term at St Robert's, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the warm welcome you have given me. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our wonderful children, families and staff, and I am incredibly grateful for the kindness, support and encouragement I have received. I am excited about the journey ahead and look forward to all that we will achieve together as a school community.

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

On Friday 13th November, we will be supporting Children in Need and inviting children to accessorise their school uniform with something fun and colourful. Whether it's a spotty headband, bright socks, a Pudsey accessory or a splash of yellow, we look forward to seeing everyone's creativity on display while still wearing their school uniform. We are asking for a suggested donation of £2 per family, which can be paid either in cash or via ParentPay. As always, all donations, large or small, will be gratefully received and will help support the fantastic work carried out by this worthwhile charity. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Proposed Care Hub Development

Many of you may be aware of the proposed care hub development on land next to our school. While we fully recognise and support the need for high-quality care facilities within our community, we do have concerns about the potential impact on traffic, parking and road safety around the school, particularly at the busy start and end of the school day.

If you share these concerns, you may wish to submit your comments or objections to the planning application through the North Yorkshire Council planning portal [26/02724/FULMAJ | Erection of a 60-bed Care Hub building including landscaping and associated works. | Vacant Site Located Off Ainsty Road Harrogate HG1 4AP](https://www.northyorkshire.gov.uk/planning/26/02724/FULMAJ%20Erection%20of%20a%2060-bed%20Care%20Hub%20building%20including%20landscaping%20and%20associated%20works.%20Vacant%20Site%20Located%20Off%20Ainsty%20Road%20Harrogate%20HG1%204AP).

I have attached a draft objection letter that you may wish to submit or adapt. We believe it is important that the views of our school community are considered as part of the planning process. Should the proposal be approved, we will be keen to work closely with North Yorkshire Council and the applicant to ensure that every possible measure is taken to safeguard the children, families and staff of St Robert's and to maintain a safe environment around the school site. Thank you for taking the time to consider this important matter.

Reception 2027 Open Day

If your child will be **4 years old by 31st August 2027** and you are looking for a school place, we warmly invite you to attend our **Open Day on 12th November**. This is a wonderful opportunity to tour our school, meet our dedicated staff, and discover why our children are our very best ambassadors. See the school in action, explore our beautiful learning environment, and find out more about our ambitious curriculum and the exciting opportunities we offer. To book your place on a tour, please use the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/2002615184927?aff=oddtcreator>

We would be grateful if you could also share this information with family and friends who may be looking for a reception place. We look forward to welcoming you.

Before and After School Club Opportunities at Bobbies

We are currently looking for **Out of School Club Assistants** to join our team at **Bobbies**. Working alongside our Manager, you will help provide fun, engaging and enjoyable before and after school sessions for our children.

We have a variety of opportunities available to suit different circumstances:

- **Before School Club:** 7:30am to 8:45am
- **After School Club:** 3:30pm to 5:30pm

These roles may be particularly suited to parents with children attending the school. As an additional benefit, children (in St Robert's school) of successful applicants can attend the club **free of charge** while their parent is working.

The positions could also be ideal for anyone considering a future career in **childcare, education or teaching**, or for an **A Level student** looking to gain valuable experience while fitting work around their studies.

If you are enthusiastic, reliable and enjoy working with children, we would love to hear from you. For further details on how to apply, please see the link below:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/148381/EDV-2026-SRCPSVA-70509>

Closing date November 2nd

**Attendance this week is 95.7 %
(national average 95.6%)**

Have a brilliant half-term and we look forward to seeing you on the 2nd November!

Miss Rhodes