

Friday 24th October 2025

**ROBERT PEEL**  
**Primary School**



## **Busy Half Term**

It certainly has been a long half term! The children have been incredibly enthusiastic with their learning and have already made great progress. It has been lovely to see so many of you this week at Parent's Evening. This is such an important opportunity for Class Teachers to discuss how your child has started their new year and what their next steps are.

Thank you all for your kind donations for our Harvest Festival last week. These have already been collected by The Need Project and will help so many families in the local area. After half term we will be supporting the Royal British Legion in their poppy sales and creating our Garden of Remembrance at the front of the school.

With the winter weather heading our way children need to have a winter coat at school each day and hats, gloves and scarfs would be really helpful. Children also need to have a winter PE kit with a jumper/hoodie and track suit bottoms as many PE lessons will be outside.

Sometimes we have to say a goodbye to members of staff and this is the case now. Miss Soper and Mrs Brooks will be leaving Robert Peel after the half-term holiday after both working at the school for a great number of years. Both Miss Soper and Mrs Brooks will be undertaking a change of career and I'm sure you will join me in wishing them both all the best of luck for the future.

Next half-term is looking to be a busy one so I have included the key dates on the next page. I think we are all ready for a week's rest to power up ready for the run up to Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 3rd November.

*Best wishes*

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## Dates for the Diary

Monday 3rd November—Start of term

Friday 14th November—Level 1 Bikeability

Friday 21st November—Flu Immunization

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th November—Level 1 & 2 Bikeability

Tuesday 25th November—Year 3 Ukulele Concert—in the morning; time to follow

Friday 5th December—Christmas Decoration day

Tuesday 9th December—Reception Christmas Performance at 9.10

Wednesday 10th December—Reception Christmas Performance at 9.10

Thursday 11th December —Nursery Christmas Performance at 9.10

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th December –Year 6 Assembly to parents at 9.15

Friday 19th December—Christingle

Friday 19th December—Last day of term

### Friends of Robert Peel Volunteers

As we start the new academic year, we say goodbye to some of our incredible FORP members who are stepping down this year. We want to extend our deepest gratitude to them as their commitment has brought so much joy and support to our school. From unforgettable events to essential fundraising and tireless behind-the-scenes work thank you for all you have done.

Therefore, we are reaching out to the parent community and asking if anyone is interested in joining the team. Whether you can give a little time or a lot, **every bit helps** – and your involvement can make a big impact on our children's experience. This may be helping out at school discos, wrapping presents for the Secret Present room, helping out at the Summer Fair or just giving up a few hours here or there when events are coming up and we need some extra jobs doing.

Every single penny that is raised through school events goes directly back to help enrich the experiences of the children and the events are also great fun.

FORP is supported throughout by staff members and every contribution from parents is welcome.

If you are interested and require more information, please speak to Mr James or Miss Ganney and we can talk through what is involved a bit more. As these roles involve being in school you will be required to complete a DBS check as this is part of our safeguarding procedures.

We look forward to you joining our Friends of Robert Peel Team.

## Nursery Spaces

We have spaces available in our Nursery and are taking registrations for our January and April intakes. Children can start the term after they turn 3 years old.

The children are entitled to 15 hours free Nursery care and you can apply for a place by completing a quick and simple application form from the school office. We also offer 30 hour places to those families who receive this funding and lunch sessions and additional sessions can be provided for a fee.

If you have any questions about our provision or would like to visit please call the school office who will be able to arrange this.



# Squirrels Out of School Club

Squirrels breakfast and after school club are currently taking bookings for children from Reception to Year 6. Forms have been sent out to families who already use the service but if you are interested in registering your child please pop into the school office or email:

[squirrels@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk](mailto:squirrels@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk)

7:30-8:40am	£6.00
8:00-8:40am	£4.00
3:20-4:20pm	£6.00
3:20-5:20pm	£12.00
3:20-6:00pm (Friday 5:20pm)	£15.00

If you need to make contact with your child's year group, the email addresses are listed below.

Nursery - <a href="mailto:nursery@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk">nursery@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk</a>	Reception - <a href="mailto:reception@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk">reception@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk</a>
Year 1 - <a href="mailto:Year1@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk">Year1@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk</a>	Year 2 - <a href="mailto:Year2@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk">Year2@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk</a>
Year 3 - <a href="mailto:Year3@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk">Year3@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk</a>	Year 4 - <a href="mailto:Year4@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk">Year4@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk</a>
Year 5 - <a href="mailto:Year5@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk">Year5@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk</a>	Year 6 - <a href="mailto:Year6@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk">Year6@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk</a>

## Academic Calendar 2025-26

School Holidays ■

Bank Holidays ■

Training Days ■

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29		Mon		6	13	20	27		Mon	3	10	17	24		Mon	1	8	15	22	29		
Tue	2	9	16	23	30		Tue		7	14	21	28		Tue	4	11	18	25		Tue	2	9	16	23	30		
Wed	3	10	17	24			Wed	1	8	15	22	29		Wed	5	12	19	26		Wed	3	10	17	24	31		
Thu	4	11	18	25			Thu	2	9	16	23	30		Thu	6	13	20	27		Thu	4	11	18	25			
Fri	5	12	19	26			Fri	3	10	17	24	31		Fri	7	14	21	28		Fri	5	12	19	26			
Sat	6	13	20	27			Sat	4	11	18	25		Sat	1	8	15	22	29		Sat	6	13	20	27			
Sun	7	14	21	28			Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	2	9	16	23	30		Sun	7	14	21	28			
January 2026							February 2026							March 2026							April 2026						
Mon		5	12	19	26		Mon	2	9	16	23		Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon		6	13	20	27			
Tue		6	13	20	27		Tue	3	10	17	24		Tue	3	10	17	24	31	Tue		7	14	21	28			
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Thu		8	15	22	29		Thu	5	12	19	26		Thu	5	12	19	26		Thu	2	9	16	23	30			
Fri		9	16	23	30		Fri	6	13	20	27		Fri	6	13	20	27		Fri	3	10	17	24				
Sat		3	10	17	24	31	Sat	7	14	21	28		Sat	7	14	21	28		Sat	4	11	18	25				
Sun		4	11	18	25		Sun	1	8	15	22		Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26				
May 2026							June 2026							July 2026							August 2026						
Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon		3	10	17	24	31		
Tue		5	12	19	26		Tue	2	9	16	23	30	Tue		7	14	21	28	Tue		4	11	18	25			
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Autumn Term - 75 days

Spring Term - 55 days

Summer Term 65 days = 195 days

Pupil contact will amount to 190 of the 195 days. Schools will be closed on five of the 195 days to enable teacher training to take place in accordance with Teachers' Conditions of Service.

# Cleaner Required

We are looking to appoint a new cleaner to join our premises team. ***The hours can either be in the morning from 6am till 8.30am or after school 3.30pm to 6.00pm Monday to Friday.***

This is term time with some holiday work. If you are interested and would like further details, these can be found on the school website. <https://www.robertpeelprimaryschool.org/welcome/>

Robert Peel Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The appointment will be subject to satisfactory references being gained, an enhanced disclosure through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), online profile check and criminal convictions declaration.

Deadline for applications is Monday 8th November. Applications reviewed on receipt.



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**Are you entitled to financial support for school lunches, daily snack, milk and school trips?**

**One quick phone call is all it takes, just a minute of your time to make a massive difference to you and your child.**

We know that there are lots of things for your family to consider when the school starts but you could be missing out on some financial support for your child at school. Parents are able to register their child for Free School Meals which enables the school to gain additional funding to support with trips, milk and snacks. If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 and you pay for hot lunches at the moment, by registering for Free School Meals you could save yourself nearly £400 on lunches alone.

It is a quick and easy process and all children from Nursery up are entitled to this additional funding if you as a parent are receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and you're annual gross income does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (during the initial roll-out of this benefit)
- If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call

**0300 300 8306.**

When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner

Dates of birth for your children

If you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number.

***Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 and already get a free meal, do still apply as the school will receive funding to support your child in other ways.***

***It is so easy to apply, please call today!***

# Uniform & PE Kit

I just wanted to remind everyone of our expectations in terms of school uniform and equipment. Children need to be properly equipped for school so that they can access all their learning.

The school has a uniform which is kept as simple as possible and all children are expected to wear it. This contributes to a child's feeling of belonging and pride in their appearance.

Boys	Girls
Grey or black trousers or shorts. White shirt, or red or white polo shirt Red jumper, sweatshirt or fleece Sensible black shoes	Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore White shirt, or red or white polo shirt Red jumper, cardigan, sweatshirt or fleece Sensible black shoes

Year 5 & 6 have the option of wearing a school tie with a white shirt. These can be purchased from the School Office.

**No jewellery** is permitted except a watch and small stud or sleeper earrings. All jewellery should be removed and stored safely during swimming and PE.

***Long hair must be tied up each day and no extreme haircuts like tram lines, mohawks and hair dyeing. If children wear earrings these are to be a small stud earring and will need to be removed or covered for PE .***

All children need a PE kit in a drawstring bag of:

- White T-Shirt
- Black Shorts
- Trainers/Plimsolls
- Socks
- Jumper/tracksuit in the winter

**Please ensure your child's clothes and possessions are clearly named.**

Also all children need a book bag (school bag for Year 5 & 6) and water bottle. Year 5 & 6 can bring their own pencil cases.

# Safeguarding Section

## **Keeping children safe when trick-or-treating**

Many children love Halloween, and no doubt so many of your children are very excited about going Trick or Treating on 31st October this year. However, with the dark nights drawing in, it is important for children to stay safe whilst they enjoy the Halloween fun. Below are some helpful Halloween Safety Tips.



## **HALLOWEEN SAFETY GUIDE**

Before you go Trick or Treating, make sure you're fully prepared and stay safe.

### **ROAD SAFETY**

- Plan Your Route - No one wants to get lost, or find themselves far away from home on Halloween night, so make sure you plan your trick or treating route in advance.
- Cross with care - If you come to cross a road, remove your mask, and make sure the road is completely clear when you come to make your move.
- Know your curfew - If you are not trick or treating with an adult, make sure you know when you are expected home, to save your parents any unwanted worry.



### **WHERE TO KNOCK**

It is important only to trick or treat at houses which are well lit, or which are decorated with Halloween themed decorations. Some people may not want to be disturbed.



### **COSTUME**

If you are dressing up this Halloween, why not add some reflective accessories to your spooky get up, to make sure you are extra visible to cars. Small light up goodies are also a good way to make yourself visible to night time traffic.



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### **CHECK YOUR SWEETS**

Make sure you or your parents check your sweets to make sure you are not allergic to any of your Halloween treats, or that you have received any treats that aren't worth eating... nobody wants to be poorly for Bonfire Night.

### **ENJOY!**

Last but not least, enjoy your time Trick or Treating, it only comes round once a year.



## Be Bright & Be Seen

During the Autumn and Winter months, 'Be Bright, Be Seen' is so important as the school run is often in the dark. This means you are harder to see on a dull day and the visibility is much poorer for a motorist. We want to spread awareness of road safety and ensuring your children can easily be seen when near traffic.

As a school we will teach children about road safety, but something as simple as wearing a high visibility coat instead of a dark school coat will significantly increase your children's safety on these darker mornings and evenings.

## **WEARING BRIGHT AND HIGH VISIBILITY COLOURS**

- This could be a bright coloured coat
- Wearing high visibility strips on your coat
- High visibility reflectors on your bag or a brightly coloured bag
- Another key point, if you have a dark coat: try adding fluorescent armbands that can be put over coats and clothing.

# REFLECTIVE CLOTHING AT NIGHT

- Reflective clothing is highly effective as it can be seen from car and bike headlamps from the reflection.
- Likewise, add on reflective armbands if you do not have reflective clothing as this will have the same impact.
- Reflective is important for night-time as brightly coloured clothing does not show up as well as a reflective fabric.
- Remember; if your child is a little older and refuses to wear brighter colours, they can still opt for a brighter coloured bag or simply adding reflective strips to their coats and bags. We also recommend that all adults should be wearing bright clothing and reflective strips for their own safety.

## 5 TIPS ON ROAD SAFETY:

- Firstly, stay visible - Be Seen and Safe
- Learn road safety basics (Safe Cross Code)
- Always be aware of your surroundings
- Pay extra attention to driveway safety on dark nights
- Finally, bike safely on dark nights - Use reflectors/night lights



## THE GREEN CROSS CODE

A thorough knowledge of the Green Cross Code is vitally important to primary school children **over 7 years:**

1. First find a safe place to cross
2. Stop just before you get to the kerb
3. Look all around for traffic and listen
4. If traffic is coming, let it pass, look all around again and listen
5. When it is safe go straight across the road - do not run
6. Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross

## STOP - LOOK - LISTEN


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