

Friday 10th October 2025

ROBERT PEEL
Primary School



Autumn is Here

I would say that Autumn is definitely here, cold clear mornings with lots of sunshine. It's important that the children get out each day for some fresh air so they do need a named jacket in school.

Next week we will be holding our Harvest Festival. As we have in previous years we are asking for any food donations for the festival which will go to The Need Project. All donations are welcomed and will make a massive difference to the work of the charity. Thank you to everyone who bought cakes at our Macmillan Cake sale we raised an amazing £117 for this great cause.

Clubs have started this week and thanks must again go to all the staff who are giving up their time to run these. This means again we are able to offer them all for free and ensure that no children miss out. Year 1 & 3 have been visiting sites in the local area, Nursery are planning a visit to the Library. Year 5 had a great time at Cromer a few weeks ago and this week Year 1 had a visit from Herrings Farm who brought a range of beautiful owls. All these experiences really bring learning to life for the children and make lasting memories for them.

On the next page I have included the main diary dates up until Christmas. Parent's Evening bookings are being set up and you can complete this through Parentmail. These meetings are so important as you will get the opportunity to discuss with your child's Class Teacher how your child has settled into their new class and how they are progressing.

Can I remind parents that if they do need to speak to their child's Class Teacher in the day then please use the year group emails. Teachers are not available during the school day to take calls as they are working with the children. By sending an email they can respond to you at a convenient time but please note this will not be in the evenings or at weekends.

Best wishes

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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.

Tuesday 14th October—Nursery & Reception—Stay and Play

Friday 17th October—Dr Bike in school

Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd October— Parents Evening

Friday 24th October—Year 5 Assembly to Parents at 9.15

Friday 24th October—Last day of term

HALF TERM

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

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.



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!

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1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?**

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You can also complete a paper application form which is available from
your local school or by contacting School Admissions

 admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk  **0300 300 8037**

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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

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| 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.

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| Nursery - nursery@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk | Reception - reception@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk |
| Year 1 - Year1@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk | Year 2 - Year2@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk |
| Year 3 - Year3@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk | Year 4 - Year4@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk |
| Year 5 - Year5@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk | Year 6 - Year6@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk |

Academic Calendar 2025-26

School Holidays ■

Bank Holidays ■

Training Days ■

| September 2025 | | | | | | | October 2025 | | | | | | | November 2025 | | | | | | | December 2025 | | | | | | |
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| January 2026 | | | | | | | February 2026 | | | | | | | March 2026 | | | | | | | April 2026 | | | | | | |
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| May 2026 | | | | | | | June 2026 | | | | | | | July 2026 | | | | | | | August 2026 | | | | | | |
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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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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 |
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| 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.

Transfer to Secondary 2026

Information for parents and carers of Year 6 children applying for secondary school

There is no automatic transfer to secondary school even if you live in the catchment area and/or attend a feeder school you must still make an application to the School Admissions Team.

All the information you will need regarding your Transfer to Secondary 2026 application is available on our website or our 2026 booklet and we strongly advise that you read it before submitting your application.

[School admissions | Central Bedfordshire Council](#)

Making your application

Legislation requires you to apply through your home local authority. If you live outside of Central Bedfordshire, you must contact the local authority you live in and apply to them.

We recommend that you apply online as it is quick, simple and safe. However, you can alternatively make a paper application; the forms can be downloaded from our website.

Do not make both a paper and online application, if you do only your latest application (submitted before the closing date) will be processed and your first application will be discarded.

All applications received by the School Admissions Team after the national closing dates will be classed as late and not processed until the late allocation round. Late applications are not dealt with until after all the on-time applications have been considered.

Please Note:

Parents are requested to consider how a child would be transported to school, as transport entitlement is only considered if a student meets all the other qualifying criteria set by the School Transport team.

National Closing Date for Transfer to Secondary 2026

31st October 2025

You must apply using your child's current primary address (where they live as of the national closing date).

How to make your application

If you live within Central Bedfordshire, you can either apply:

- online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or
- complete a paper application; this can be downloaded from our website.

Children being educated out of year group

If your child is currently being educated out of their normal year group, you will not be able to apply using the online application system as it will not recognise your child's date of birth. Instead, you will need to complete a paper application form and ensure it is received by the School Admissions Team by 31 October 2025.

Contact the School Admissions Team ...

Telephone: 0300 300 8037

Email: admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Web: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions