

Friday 4th April 2025

ROBERT PEEL Primary School



A Time for a Break

After a very busy half term I am sure, like me, you are all looking forward to a well earned break. As we had hoped, the weather this week has been lovely and sunny and we have been able to have the children playing on the field, as they love this. Can we ask though that if you are passing the school when the children are out at play you don't call them over to the fence. The children know that they aren't to go near the fences and not to put their arms through the railings, as they know this is to keep them safe. Sometimes they get upset as parents call them over and they know they shouldn't go. If you are passing just give them a smile and a wave.

After the break children can wear summer uniform and we encourage every child to have a hat. For PE they need a white t-shirt and black shorts and trainers. Next half term we will also be getting the pool back up and running to start lessons after the half term break.

Over the last few weeks we have had a number of families enquiring about Free School Meals and the application process. It takes just one call to 0300 300 8306 and the team at the LA will be able to confirm if you meet the criteria. One quick phone call is all it takes and your child will benefit from support for hot school lunches, daily snacks and milk and support for trips and experiences.

The next half term will be very busy and I have included key dates on the next page. An important week for Year 6 is their SATs week of 12th May, they are all being superstars and we are all so proud of them, we know they will tackle these with great confidence.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter Break and see you on Wednesday 23rd April.

Best wishes

Miss L Gannev





Diary Dates

23rd April—Children return to school

25th April—Fire Brigade visit to Year 2

Bank Holiday Monday 5th May

Week of 12th May—Year 6 SATs week

15th May—Safari Stu Nursery, Year 1 & Year 6

20th May—Year 1 Trip to Cambridge

21st May—SEND Coffee Morning

22nd May—Year 4 First Aid Training

23rd May—Year 2 Assembly to parents at 9.15

Half Term

Children return to school on Tuesday 3rd June

Week of 2nd June—Year 4 Times Tables Check

6th June—Year 3 Trip to London

12th June—Year 6 First Aid Training

12th June—Wycombe Pastures farm visit for Nursery

12th June—Year 2 to visit Whipsnade

20th June—Image Theatre

27th June—Summer Fayre

3rd/4th July—Year 5 Space Centre and Sleepover

9th July—Year 4 Sing-Up Concert

10th/11th July—Year 4 Sleepover and Bromham Activity Day

11th July—Disco

14th—16th Year 6 Residential

18th July—Year 1 Assembly to Parents at 9.15

21st July—Leavers Assembly

22nd July—Last Day of Term

Nursery Intake For September 2025

Our Nursery is becoming more and more popular and we currently have no available spaces. We are however organising our intake for September, with children being able to 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. In addition, we do accept 30 hour codes and parents can pay for lunch sessions and additional sessions if there is availability.

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.

*An Evening of Clairvoyance
With
Philip Kinsella
Friday 9th May 2025*

*Doors open @ 6.30pm
Starts @ 7pm
at Robert Peel Primary School*

*Limited tickets available on
Parentmail NOW*

*Over 18's only
£10 per person*

*Refreshments available to purchase on the night.
CASH ONLY.*

Safeguarding Section

As the days get longer and with the holidays approaching it is important that children understand how to keep themselves safe when out playing. We talk to the children all the time about making safe choices when out playing and what to do if they are worried if they see something that doesn't seem right. Below are all the things we tell the children to do to keep themselves and their friends safe:

- ✓ ***Do not talk to strangers***
- ✓ ***Walk to and from school or play areas in groups***
- ✓ ***Never accept rides from strangers***
- ✓ ***Do not take gifts or sweets from people you don't know***
- ✓ ***Report all suspicious behaviour in person and online to an adult***
- ✓ ***Never leave home without telling your parents/carers where you're going***
- ✓ ***Shout loudly if someone is asking you to do something you're not happy about***
- ✓ ***Never take shortcuts. Always stick to routes selected by parents/carers, and stay on main roads***
- ✓ ***If you go out with your friends make sure you stay together, even if you fall out***

***Most importantly:
Tell someone you
trust if someone is
making you feel
uncomfortable***

***Robert Peel's
Helping Hand***

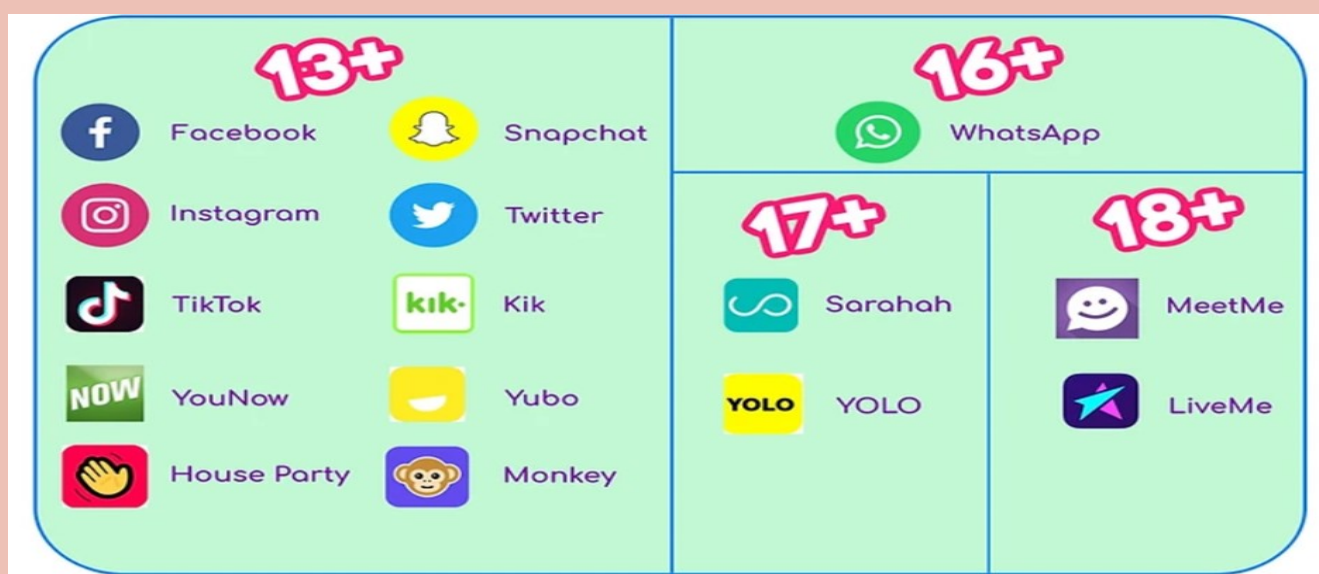


Online Safety

Over recent weeks we are having an increasing number of reports of children being unkind to each other online and particularly through Whatsapp. They are using language which is hurtful and inappropriate which is causing upset for lots of children.

As a school we teach the children about how to communicate on line using age appropriate platforms but we are unable to control what happens online outside of school. Many of the platforms the children are communicating through are not suitable for primary age children and have age ratings shown below.

As the parent or carer, if you have made the decision to give your child a mobile phone and access to these platforms then you have responsibility to monitor their behaviour online and put in place the necessary safety measures. Again we urge all parents to review what platforms your child is using and the ways they are communicating with each other.



Need Help Over Easter

If you have a worry over Easter please email Mrs Savage who will be available for parts of the break and will make contact.

familysupportworker@robertpeel.beds.sch.uk

If you are worried about a child, you can contact Central Bedfordshire Council's safeguarding team on: **0300 300 8585** or **0300 300 8123** out of hours.

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Picnic lunch provided.

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Biggleswade Youth Centre, SG18 8JU

SEND Forest School Forest school activities for children with SEND needs aged 3 – 12 years plus siblings.

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Robert Peel Primary Forest School Garden, SG19 1QJ

Easter Craft Session Easter themed craft session for children aged 3-12 years.

£1 per child.

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Biggleswade Youth Centre, SG18 8JU

Mindfit session For HAF families and their siblings.

Physical activities for years Reception to year 4 to promote positive mental health.

Lunch included.

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Robert Peel Primary School Field, SG19 1QJ

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HAF programmes are for families entitled to Free school meals

To book call 0300 300 8114 / 0300 300 8134

Easter Activities 2025

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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!