

VICTORIA ROAD NEWSLETTER

Spring 2 2025/26

Headteachers Message:

Although this half term has been a short one, it has been wonderful to see so many of our children continue to flourish and grow in confidence. I have thoroughly enjoyed presenting my Headteacher's Awards during our Friday celebration assemblies each week. It is always a privilege to share in those moments of pride—both from the children receiving their awards and from their classmates cheering them on. Their achievements, big and small, truly highlight the hard work and positive attitudes they bring to school each day.

Our five classes want to share some of their experiences with you:

Robins

This term, we explored the stories *Elephant's Umbrella* and *Chimpanzee*, using them to learn about changes in weather and seasons and how these affect different animals and their habitats. In PE lessons, we practiced balancing and developed our coordination skills through activities such as riding bikes. The children also enjoyed creative experiences like chalk drawing. Alongside this, we spent time exploring our emotions and learning how to celebrate our friends by congratulating them when they achieved something special. Overall, it has been a fun and engaging term full of learning and growth.



Wrens

Wrens have had a busy and exciting time with their learning this term! In history, we have been exploring houses and shops and how they have changed since 1950, and we really enjoyed our local area walk to spot the different shops we could find. In science, we have been investigating materials and their properties, with a particular highlight being our exploration of LEGO! In English, we have been inspired by *Stanley's Stick* to write imaginative diary entries about what our own magical sticks could become. In maths, we have been learning about measures and loved putting our skills into practice by making cakes and biscuits—another fantastic activity to tick off our passports.



Goldfinches

Goldfinches have been busy writing imaginative narratives inspired by *The Iron Man*, which they have also been using to support their reading work alongside *Blue John*. In Maths, the class has been strengthening and securing their understanding of fractions. Their Science learning has taken them through climate change, the water cycle and the different states of matter. Meanwhile, in DT, the children have been exploring what makes a balanced diet and how to make healthy food choices.



Starlings

The Starlings have had a busy half term exploring the text 'The Lost Book Of Adventure'. We became adventurers ourselves and enjoyed a forest school session with Miss Roberts. The children learnt a range of survival skills including, building a shelter and filtering water. This came in handy when writing their own explanation texts on how to survive in the wild. We also enjoyed a visit to the Catalyst Museum to develop our science knowledge.



Owls

Year 6 have been diving into a wide range of exciting learning this term. The children have explored evolution and inheritance in Science, discovering how living things adapt and change over time. Their Geography work has focused on trade and globalisation, uncovering how products travel across the world before reaching our homes. They have also been busy in DT, designing and building their own structures. In English, pupils have studied The Lady of Shalott and produced poems, narratives and letters inspired by Wonder. Alongside all of this, they continue to work incredibly hard as they prepare for their end of KS2 assessments.



Other News!

Our Easter Bingo night was a huge success with some great prizes on offer. Thank you to Mrs L Moore for sourcing those prizes and the local businesses who donated. Also a big thank you to the PTA for helping set for the event.

We managed to raise £516.00 which will go towards our sensory room project.

A big thank you to those who attended we hope you all had a great night!



Parental Debt!

Unfortunately, parental debt remains a problem at our school. We currently have a debt balance of **£2874.54** - this is broken down as follows: Lunch debt = **£1778.64**
After School Club = **£738.80**
Breakfast Club = **£357.10**

From Monday 13th April, parents will be asked to provide a packed lunch if they have not booked a dinner.

Breakfast and After School Club will be on Arbor and will need booking in advance (Please see email sent via Arbor). These will also require a credit in your account to book. If any parent is having a problem accessing ParentPay or Arbor please see the school office for assistance.



EVENTS

Palm Sunday	Sunday 29th March 2026
Good Friday	Friday 3rd April 2026
Easter Sunday	Sunday 5th April 2026
Easter Monday	Monday 6th April 2026
Children back in school	Monday 13th April 2026
Reception 2026 places published	Thursday 16th April 2026
Robins "Learn With Me" parents/carers session	Friday 17th April 2026 @ 2.45pm
St Georges Day	Thursday 23rd April 2026
Robins trip to Peak Wildlife Park	Thursday 23rd April 2026
Northwich Sings – Brio Centre	Thursday 23rd April 2026 (after school)
May Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)	Monday 4th May 2026
Robins "Learn With Me" parents/carers session	Friday 8th May 2026 @ 2.45pm
KS2 Assessment week (Year 6)	Monday 11th – 14th May 2026
LAC Governors Meeting	Monday 11 th May 4-6pm
Trust Fundraising Day	Friday 15th May 2026
Robins "Learn With Me" parents/carers session	Friday 22nd May 2026 @ 2.45pm
School breaks up half term	Friday 22 nd May 2026 (normal time)
Staff INSET day (no children in school)	Monday 1 st June 2026
Children return to school	Tuesday 2 nd June 2026
Year 4 Multiplication Timetable Checks	WC Tuesday 2 nd June 2026
Year 6 London Trip	Thursday 4 th June 2026
Robins "Learn With Me" parents/carers session	Friday 5 th June 2026 @ 2.45pm
Year 1 Phonics screener	WC Monday 8 th May 2026
Possible Sports Day (all year groups)	Wednesday 10 th June 2026
Year 4 trip to the Halle	Thursday 18 th June 2026
Robins "Learn With Me" parents/carers session	Friday 19 th June 2026 @ 2.45pm
Year 5 & 6 Trust Careers Fayre - Ash Grove Academy	Friday 19 th June 2026
Reception trip to Formby beach	Tuesday 23 rd June 2026
Start of Year 6 transition visits to high schools (various dates over 2 weeks)	WC Monday 29 th June 2026

Breakfast Club / After School Club

We would like to remind parents/carers that paid breakfast club opens from 8am at a cost of £1 and needs booking in advance. The free breakfast club runs from 8.15am to 8.45am.

After school club runs until 4.15 at a cost of £4 or from 3.15-6pm at a cost of £8.50.

Both clubs will now need booking and paying for via Arbor 24hours in advance. Anyone with a debt will not be able to book until the debt is cleared.

Summer Fayre

With the run up to Summer, we are starting to plan our Summer Fayre!

We are looking for donations of good quality toys, books, games, gift sets etc for our Raffle and Tombola

Also if you know of any local businesses who would like to donate a prize for our Raffle that would be greatly appreciated.

All profits made from fundraising this year will go towards our Sensory Room project.



Attendance Headlines

This terms whole school attendance is 95.11%.

Robins = 98.06%

Starlings = 93.98%

Wrens = 94.58%

Goldfinches = 95.4%

Owls = 94.87%

Every Day Matters

Missing school affects your child's learning and development. Currently, 23.38% of our pupils are classified as persistently absent (missing 10% or more of school) which is significantly higher than national at 18.62%.

Even a few days here and there can quickly add up and impact your child's progress.

96% or Above

5 Children achieved 96% or above this term, with 34 achieving 100% attendance. Well done!

Most Improved Attendance

All classes have improved overall attendance this term. However congratulations to Robins for the most improved class!

Punctuality

Regular, small amounts of daily lateness add up to a significant amount of lost education over an academic year.

5 mins late each day = Over 3 days
10 mins late each day = 6.5 days lost
15 mins late each day = 10 days
20 mins late each day = 13 days
30 mins late each day = 19 days

Holiday Dates

Holiday dates 2025 TO 2026

	Date of opening (First day back at school for pupils)	Date of closing (Last day in school for pupils)
2025 Autumn Term	Wednesday 3rd September	Thursday 23rd October
Autumn Term	Monday 3rd November	Friday 19th December 1.15pm Finish
2026 Spring Term	Tuesday 6th January	Friday 13th February
Spring Term	Monday 23rd February	Friday 27th March 1.15pm Finish
2026 Summer Term	Monday 13th April (Bank Holiday Monday 4th May)	Friday 22nd May
Summer	Tuesday 2nd June	Friday 17th July 1.15pm Finish

INSET DAYS 2025-2026 (Staff Only)

INSET DAY 1 - Monday 1st September 2025

INSET DAY 2 - Tuesday 2nd September 2025

AET TRUST DAY - Friday 24th October 2025

INSET DAY 4- Monday 5th January 2026

INSET DAY 5 - Monday 1st June 2026

INSET DAY 6 - Monday 20th July 2026

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Spring Term 1	Tuesday 5th January	Friday 12th February
Spring Term 2	Monday 22nd February	Thursday 25th March 1.15pm Finish
Summer Term 1	Monday 12th April (Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May)	Friday 28th May
Summer Term 2	Monday 7th June	Friday 16th July 1.15pm Finish

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