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"A Place to Learn and Achieve"



With faith as small as a mustard seed, you can move mountains. – Matthew 13 verses 31- 35

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Dear Families,

School News!

The summer term is already racing by! I can't believe another two weeks have passed since my last newsletter. I've enjoyed visiting classrooms this week and seeing how engaged and enthusiastic the children are with their learning. In particular, it was great to see the children in Unit 2 working with photo editing on the computers in the IT suite – they were so excited about the task!



Cricket Festival

Well done to the brilliant children who represented the school at an Under 9 Cricket Festival this week. They were a great team, communicating and collaborating well and putting in a super effort. Many thanks to all the parents who joined us. In particular, we must say a huge thank you to Mr Smith who has been coming into school to give the children some extra cricket coaching to prepare them for the festival. The children have really enjoyed the sessions and have made super progress with their skills.

SATs Tests

Next week, the children in Year 6 will be taking their national tests, also known as SATs. They have been working really hard and we're proud of all of them already. We hope they have a relaxing, fun weekend and wish them all the best next week.

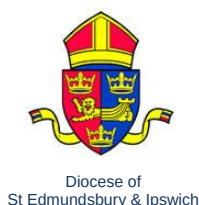
Picture News

We continue to use Picture News, which is linked to current affairs, during class assemblies in school to broaden children's horizons and start discussions. This week, the children used Picture News to think about Sir David Attenborough, who has celebrated his 100th birthday! They reflected on the contribution people can make to the world. You may wish to follow this up with the 'Take Home' sheet copied into the newsletter.

Headteacher Awards!

Many thanks to all the children who have shared their wonderful work with me over the last couple of weeks. It's always delightful to see their pride and the results of their hard work. Congratulations to the following children, who have been given a Headteacher's Award since the last newsletter:

Rocco – writing (Year 3); Isla – writing (Year 4); Annaliese – writing (Year 4)



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Julia Grainger – Interim Assistant Director for
Education Skills and Learning

Ready for the Arctic

Unit 1 have been learning about hot and cold places. They were very lucky to have Miss Bass come in to talk about her trip to the Arctic. It was a fascinating photography expedition, with explorers paired up with local people. After four flights to get there, Miss Bass saw some amazing things, including an Arctic Fox and a polar bear! It was great seeing all the photographs of her adventure! The children also had lots of fun getting Miss Moore to dress up in Miss Bass's Arctic attire! Many thanks to Miss Bass for coming in to share her experiences with the children.



Amazing Art

Well done to the children in Unit 2 have created lovely artwork inspired by Kehinde Wiley. They learned about contrasts, positive and negative spaces and used different techniques to paint backgrounds for a silhouetted tree.

Reminders

Please can I remind everyone to be really careful and supervise children in the car park at drop-off and pick-up times, making sure they don't run across the middle of the parking area. Also, please remember that dogs are not permitted on any part of the premises, including at the front of the school and the car park area. Please can we ensure that children walk beside their scooters or bikes once on the premises, rather than riding them in the playground and car park. At drop-off and pick-up times, please ensure you are parking considerately, being mindful of bus routes and bus stops outside the school so that bus drivers can get through easily and they can access the space where they are supposed to stop. This also applies to the school carpark, there have been a number of times recently when staff members, delivery drivers or official visitors have been blocked in or unable to park. We have also had parents park in or block the disabled spaces outside the school and parking in places that would block access for emergency services. The school car park is relatively small with single-lane access and it can get really busy. The car park is just big enough for the school and Robins staff and visitors and is not intended to be used generally by parents for dropping off and picking up. Please avoid parking in the car park unless you have a permit, which is available from the school office if you have particular needs or circumstances requiring close access to the school.

Many thanks for your help in making the beginning and end of the school day a positive experience for everyone!



TAKEHOME



Why do some people become so important to the world?



In the news this week

Sir David Attenborough, a famous naturalist and broadcaster, is celebrating his 100th birthday. For over 70 years, he has created and presented programmes that help people understand animals, nature, and the planet. His work has inspired millions of people to learn more about the world and take care of it. Many people are celebrating his life and the difference he has made.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Who is someone you think is important? Why are they important?
- > What has David Attenborough done to help people understand the world?
- > How can we learn about places and animals we can't see ourselves?
- > Do you think you have to be famous to make a difference? Why?
- > Can you share something you care about and would like others to care about too?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Dates for Your Diary:

We have agreed dates for a number of events over the course of the year, which are listed below for your convenience. Any new dates on the list have been **highlighted**. Further details about individual events will be shared closer to the time.

Date	Name of Event
W/B 11th May 2026	Year 6 SATs week
12th May 2026	Unit Trip to Colchester Castle
13th May 2026	Outdoor learning session – Ladybirds Class
20th May 2026	Outdoor learning session – Squirrels Class
W/B 25th May 2026	Half Term week
26th May 2026	SCS Football Camp
27th May 2026	SCS Football Camp / Creation Station Holiday Club
W/B 1st June 2026	2 week window for Year 4 Multiplication Check
2nd June 2026	Unit 1 Trip to Stonham Barns
W/B 8th June 2026	Year 1 Phonics Screen week
9th June 2026	Key Stage 2 Sports Day
17th June 2026	Early Years / Key Stage 1 Sports Day
3rd July 2026	PFA – Summer Fayre
7th July 2026	Summer Celebration event – parents and carers are invited to join us
10th July 2026	Rocksteady Concert
13th July 2026	Annual reports out to parents
15th July 2026	EYFS Trip to Hollowtrees Farm