



ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

Principal: Mr John Linehan



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Dear RBA Families,

I'll start the final update of this half-term with a note about the fire alarm excitement on Thursday morning. Five minutes before students are due to come on site, with six buses stacked up along Kingfisher, is possibly the worst time for the alarm to have triggered!

Despite this, students were impeccably behaved and waited calmly and sensibly until the issue was rectified and we were able to go about our day with no lost lesson time. It is at moments like this that our routines and systems show their worth and I am very proud of both our students and staff.

The night before the fire alarm drama, we had over 130 students travel to the Theatre Royal Drury Lane to experience a different type of drama in the shape of a live action performance of *Hercules*. They enjoyed the show immensely and we are very thankful to Mrs Manrique (and staff/parent helpers) who has worked hard to give students three such theatre experiences this academic year, with the other two being trips to see *Mary Poppins* and *Wicked*. This is yet another example of the way in which we maximise the opportunities available to our students.

It was also great to see those students come in ready for a day of learning the day after such a late night. Your support with getting all students into school each day is really appreciated and a big part of why we have once again received an award for having attendance in the top 10% of all schools nationally - thank you again for your help.

Wednesday night also saw our second SATs information evening of the year with a number of families in attendance. We shared key advice and guidance on how to support year 6 students in the run up to their SATs and will send the slides out to all year 6 families.

Please note that we are running another Chilli Challenge for year 6 students over half-term with the purpose of keeping them ticking over so that they do not lose any of the progress they have made so far this year. Please encourage them to participate; they will receive 'Maximum Effort Points' for doing so as well as the chance to win a Chromebook in our Easter prize draw.

In advance of World Book Day, students should be bringing home their World Book Day token today. The £1 book token can be redeemed from 12th February - 15 March 2026 in exchange for one of the World Book Day 2026 Books or £1 off a book/audiobook costing £2.99 or more in participating booksellers. We will also be holding our annual pre-loved book sale between Monday the 2nd and Wednesday the 4th of March.



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To support that event, please send your child in with any second-hand books you have at home (that are still in good condition) and also please give your children some money to spend on books on those dates in school. Books can be dropped off in reception or straight to Mrs Mackilligan in the Library.

Please also be reminded that our World Book Day in school will be on Friday the 6th of March. All students are encouraged to dress up as a character. As a parent who has had to do the last-minute dash to Sainsburys for a costume before, I would advise looking now and buying one sooner rather than later!

Thank you for supporting us through another brilliant half-term at RBA – I hope that you have a great week with your families.

John Linehan
Principal



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