

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER


Welcome back, everyone, after the Easter holiday. I hope you all enjoyed a restful break and some precious time with family and friends. It has been lovely to return to school and see the sunshine, blossoming trees, and a real sense of freshness and promise in the air. It was also wonderful to end last term with our school picnic, which was so well attended despite the rain. We were delighted to receive many lovely emails from parents and carers, thanking us for an event that brought together different parts of our school community.

This term is an especially important one for our **Year 6 pupils, with SATs just around the corner**. We are now in the final push, and I could not be prouder of the effort, focus, and determination they are showing. As we move towards the assessments, it is vital that children are well rested, spend time away from screens, and attend school every day so they feel confident and supported in their learning.

I would also like to take this opportunity to **remind families of the importance of online safety and parental responsibility**. We are increasingly seeing online issues being brought into school which are having a direct impact on pupils' wellbeing, relationships, and learning. Parents and carers have a duty to ensure children are not accessing platforms that are above their legal age. We are particularly concerned about children live streaming on TikTok, which is unsafe and not appropriate for primary-aged pupils, as well as children creating multiple accounts to bypass age restrictions. **We ask for your support in monitoring your child's online activity, setting clear boundaries, and having open conversations at home. By working together, we can help keep all children safe online.**

THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 have been swimming in afternoons all week and are really enjoying themselves. They are accomplishing a lot and still have a week to improve even further. Here are some quotes that children have said about this experience:



"I felt really proud because I swam in 3.7m deep water and I didn't panic."

"On the first day I was scared because I couldn't swim, but on the second day I swam without a float!"

"I felt really proud because I swam in 3.7m deep water and I didn't panic."

"I can swim on my own now!"

"I was nervous at the start but now I feel calm."

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



STARS OF THE WEEK

Whole school: **93.4%**
National: **95%**

Elm	99%
Rowan	96%
Silver birch	95%
Palm	95%
Pine	95%
Mulberry	94%
Beech	94%
Maple	93%
Cedar	92%
Apple	92%
Oak	92%
Olive	91%
Ash	88%
Willow	82%

Well done to all our wonderful children on their hard work this week. The following deserve a special mention for receiving **Star of the week!**

Year 6: **Thiago, Riley and Candice**

Year 5: **Fay and Attau**

Year 4: **Hamza and Willow Class**

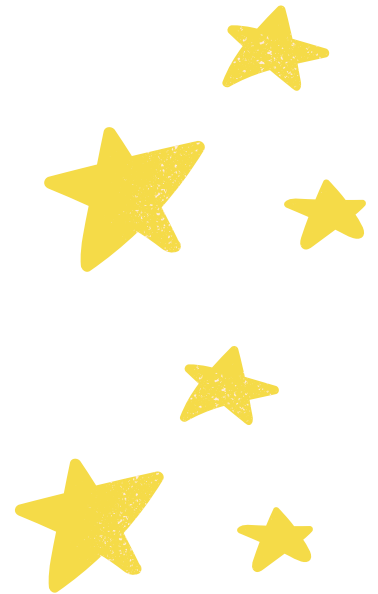
Year 3: **George and Nyla**

Year 2: **Mikaylia and Arya**

Year 1: **Roan Z**

Reception: **Gokhan**

Nursery: **Liam**



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

KS1: **Taaliyah** (Oak)



KS2: **Emmanuella B** (Ash)

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

Well done to **Willow** class for having the highest attendance this week!



RESPECT CHAMPIONS

KS1: **Tyler** (Oak)

KS2: **Aleyna** (Olive)



Top Rockstar for this week:

Olive Class most played
Berkay C most minutes played



Top Numbot for this week:

Iqra A - biggest increase in levels passed

Spelling Shed Groups

1.		Akkayun, Eliso	Cedar	2,580,780
2.		Guzeloglu, Ruqgar Ali	Rowan	1,720,094
3.		Law, Arthur	Palm, Palm	1,235,116

Working Together for Healthier Children

Dear Parents and Carers,

At both Rotherfield Primary School and Newington Green Primary School, we work every day to provide children with meals that are not only delicious, but also nutritious and balanced, following NHS guidance and the UK School Food Standards. Our aim is to give children the right combination of protein, healthy carbohydrates, vitamins, and fibre to support their growth, wellbeing, and ability to focus and learn.

All our food is prepared with care and pride, and we are always looking for ways to make meals enjoyable while supporting healthy habits.

We would really value your support in reinforcing these habits beyond the lunch hall. We kindly ask that you avoid sending crisps, chocolates, sweets, and sugary drinks as part of your child's daily food. Regular consumption of these can affect children's health, energy levels, and dental wellbeing.

We've been encouraging children to make small, positive swaps - such as choosing breadsticks instead of crisps and leaving those crisps for later - and the response has been wonderful. Many children are happy to try and enjoy these alternatives when given the opportunity.

With your support, we encourage simple swaps such as:

- Breadsticks or rice cakes instead of crisps
- Fresh fruit instead of chocolate bars
- Homemade cake or a muffin instead of sweets
- Water instead of sugary drinks

At the same time, we want to reassure you that our approach is balanced. Our menus are flexible and reflect the diversity of our school communities, celebrating different cultures through food. We also believe that food should be joyful - so we do occasionally include fun options like school-made burgers, ice cream, and special treats during celebrations.

Our goal is not to remove enjoyment, but to ensure that everyday choices support children's health and development. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration - Chef Tiago.



Bright Start ISLINGTON **ISLINGTON** **Whittington Health NHS Trust**

STARTING RECEPTION

Workshop for Parents / Carers with advice and practical tips for children starting reception

The Family Hubs Universal Therapies Team, Health Visiting service & Early Years Foundation Stage Team will provide advice on:

- Growing Independence
- Building Communication & Relationships
- Physical Development
- Healthy Routines

Wednesday 15th April 9.30-10.30am
New River Green Children's Centre
23 Ramsey Walk London N1 2SX

[Click here to register](#)

Wednesday 22nd April 9:30 – 10:30am
Bemerton Children's Centre
1a Carnoustie Drive, N1 0DX

[Click here to register](#)

Wednesday 29th April 9.30-10.30am
Archway Children's Centre
Vorley Road, N19 5HE

[Click here to register](#)

Choose a date & register with EventBrite by scanning the QR code or using the link.

Unfortunately we cannot provide a creche so are asking if you can please come to the workshop while your child is at nursery.

awesome!

MILDMAY COMMUNITY

KING HENRY'S WALK ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

18TH APRIL, 2026 **12PM - 3PM** **11 KING HENRY'S WALK, N1 4NX**

Come together with friends, family, and neighbors to celebrate our wonderful community space!

Reminder - Dates for your Diary

All important events can be found on the public calendar on the school website

EVENTS	DATES
Parent/Carer RSHE Workshop	Wednesday 29 th April @3:45
Year 3 & 4 - Cricket Skills Festival	Tuesday 28 th April
Year 1 Assembly	Tuesday 5 th May @9:10
Year 6 Assembly	Date TBC
Mulberry - Into University	Monday 11 th May
KS2 SATs Week	Monday 11 th May - Friday 15 th May
Year 5 - London Zoo Trip	Tuesday 19 th May
Year 3 - Kew Gardens Trip	Wednesday 20 th May
Year 4 - River Lea Trip	Thursday 21 st May

Educational Experiences in 2025-26

Year 1
 Freightliner's City Farm
 London Bus Tour
 Florence Nighlingale Museum
 V&A Childhood Museum
 King Henry's Walk Garden

Year 2
 Tate Modern
 The Monument
 Horniman Museum
 London Zoo
 Hampstead Heath
 Museum of Docklands

Year 3
 British Museum
 Science Museum
 Pantomime
 Westminster Walk
 London Aquarium
 Kew Gardens
 Mosque Visit

Year 4
 Science Museum
 Chocolate Museum
 Church Visit
 Ragged School Museum
 River Lea
 Highgate Wood

Year 5
 Olympic Park
 Science Museum
 British Museum
 Synagogue Visit
 London Zoo
 Southbank

Year 6
 HMS Belfast
 Jewish Museum
 Ben Kinsella Workshop
 Theatre Trips
 National Portrait Gallery

A voluntary donation of £24 via Arbor helps fund all the educational visits we offer over the year

Your generous donations help makes trips like these possible, and mean we can offer a range of fantastic learning opportunities!

For more details, or if you have any questions, please speak to us in the office!

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Free School Meal Vouchers during school holidays

Do you qualify for free school meals (FSM) status. Anyone who hasn't applied or whose circumstances may have changed please apply on Islington's Citizen portal to see if you are eligible.
[Free school meals | Islington Council](#)

Late Collection Policy

The school applies a late collection charge for children who are not collected from school on time. The Late Collection Policy and charges can be accessed using the following link.
[Rotherfield Primary School - School Policies](#)

Support with Childcare

If you are a working parent and require help with Childcare please use the links to see what help is available.
[Eligibility checker](#) | [Best Start in Life](#)
[Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK](#)
[Free Childcare for Working Parents: Overview - GOV.UK](#)

Lettings / Hall Hire

Rotherfield has partnered with Sharesy to make booking our hall simple. Click below view our spaces, prices and availability: <https://www.sharesy.com/v/rotherfield-primary-school>
 Parents/Carers of pupils attending Rotherfield can email the school for information on available discounted rates.

Islington Healthy School Advisor

Please click here to see community food services available within Islington
[Community Food Services - Islington Food Partnership](#)

Clubs contact info

Should you need to reach a staff member after 4PM regarding your child at after-school club (such as late collection from after school club), please call this number for immediate assistance: 07955184099