



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you've had a great week. I am really pleased to share that our school attendance has continued to improve and currently stands at 93%. This is something to celebrate and a positive step forward and reflects the effort being made by many families. However, it is still below the national average, and regular attendance remains a key priority for the school. Our next goal is 94% — can we do it?! If we reach this target, there will be a whole-school prize for everyone to enjoy. More details will follow from Nora. As you know, being in school every day has a significant impact on children's learning, confidence, and friendships, and we really appreciate your continued support in helping us keep this positive momentum going.

Looking ahead, we are very much looking forward to our Cultural Afternoon on Thursday 21st May. We would love children to bring along and share a talent or contribution linked to their culture — this could include playing an instrument, wearing traditional clothing, sharing a piece of writing, telling a joke or story, or anything else they are proud to share. Families will also be invited to contribute food that represents our wonderfully diverse community. What can you share? We are really looking forward to celebrating together.

### April Right of the Month: Article 7 - The Right to a Name and Nationality

This month, we are focusing on Article 7 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which highlights a child's right to a name and nationality.

Article 7 states that every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name, and to belong to a country. These rights are essential because they give children a legal identity and ensure they are recognised as individuals with rights. Without a name or nationality, children can face significant barriers in accessing education, healthcare, and other vital services.

This article also recognises the importance of family. It affirms that, as far as possible, children have the right to know and be cared for by their parents. Strong, supportive relationships play a key role in children's emotional wellbeing and development.

At school, we will be exploring what identity means and why it is important. Children will have opportunities to reflect on their own names, their backgrounds, and what makes them unique. These discussions help to build a sense of belonging, respect for diversity, and an understanding of the rights that all children share.



# SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



# STARS OF THE WEEK

Whole school: **93.5%**  
National: **95%**

Olive	99%
Silver birch	98%
Willow	98%
Pine	97%
Rowan	96%
Cedar	96%
Mulberry	95%
Ash	94%
Maple	93%
Apple	93%
Oak	92%
Beech	91%
Palm	90%
Elm	88%

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: Lucas, Sarah and Khadijah**

**Year 5: Fay and George**

**Year 4: DJ, Mila and Ayaan**

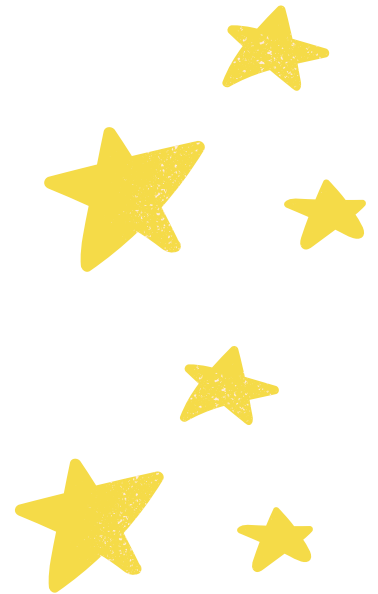
**Year 3: Amelia Alya**

**Year 2: Yousef and Mariame**

**Year 1: Jameelah**

**Reception: Liyana**

**Nursery: Roman**



## ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

**KS1: Theo** (Palm)



**KS2: DJ** (Willow)

## POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



## RESPECT CHAMPIONS

**KS1: Reyan** (Oak)



**KS2: Sibel** (Ash)



## Top Rockstar for this week:

Willow Class Most minutes played  
Chase D for most accuracy



## Top Numbot for this week:

Pawel most minutes played



## Spelling Shed Groups

Top Spelling Shed Pupils

#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups	Score
1.		Coleman-Henry, Tatum	Willow	3,953,836
2.		Goodridge, Prueger Ali	Rowan	3,081,142
3.		Giffiths, Gwida	Rowan	1,871,953

# Autism Workshop

On Thursday year 4 were visited by Toni, Tatum's mum, to speak about Autism and the sensory needs of children with Autism. The children thought about what made them unique and how they could be a good friend to a child with Autism. Thank you so much Toni!



## Food Council Update: Less Waste, More Taste!

Our Pupil Food Council is tackling food waste - and already making an impact. On Tuesday 21st April, they replaced chicken curry (often wasted) with chicken wraps using surplus chicken, plus a smoked tofu & British cheese option. They brought up that some of the usual chicken curry was going in the bin - and decided to make a bold choice by changing the menu for one day. Result? A real success - less waste, happy children.

Even blueberry and banana smoothies was served! Made from ripe fruit, were also a hit and helped reduce waste.

### What the children are learning

The Food Council has been exploring:  
 How much food we waste every day (it shocked them... understandably)  
 How food waste contributes to climate change  
 Why "ugly fruit and veg" still deserves a place on our plates  
 They're now planning an assembly led by pupils to share ideas on reducing food waste at school and at home, getting creative with leftovers and giving ugly food like those overripe bananas a chance.  
 Well done Food Council!!!



## Royal Ballet

Applications are now open for the Royal Ballet and Opera Youth Opera Programmes, a free opportunity for children aged 8-11 who enjoy singing and performing. The programmes offer high-quality vocal training and creative performance experiences, with no previous opera experience required. Find out more and apply [here](#).

Applications close at midnight on Sunday 10 May.



## After School Club

There is still plenty of room in the Enrichment clubs if you would like to book for your child(ren). Spanish will be free for all eligible pupils.

### Rotherfield Primary School - After School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast Club</b> 7:45 - 8:55	<b>Breakfast Club</b> 7:45 - 8:55	<b>Breakfast Club</b> 7:45 - 8:55	<b>Breakfast Club</b> 7:45 - 8:55	<b>Breakfast Club</b> 7:45 - 8:55
<b>Football</b> Y3-5 3:30 - 4:30	<b>Turkish</b> Y1-6 3:30 - 4:30	<b>Gymnastics</b> Rec-Y6 3:30 - 4:30	<b>Spanish</b> Y4-6 3:30 - 4:30	
		<b>S.T.E.M</b> Y2-6 3:30 - 4:30	<b>Drama and Public Speaking Club</b> (book online with provider)	
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# Reminder - Dates for your Diary

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

EVENTS	DATES
Year 2 - Parent/Carer RSHE Workshop	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April @3:45
Year 3 & 4 - Cricket Skills Festival	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 1 Assembly	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May @9:10
Year 6 Assembly	Date TBC
Mulberry - Into University	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May
KS2 SATs Week	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 5 - London Zoo Trip	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 3 - Kew Gardens Trip	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 4 - River Lea Trip	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May

## Art & Circus May Half-Term Holiday Camp

**THEME- THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA**  
26<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
FOR 5- 11 YEAR OLDS  
TIMES: 9AM - 3.30PM  
EARLY DROP OFF @ 8.30AM & LATE PICK UP @ 5.30PM



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- ✓ Encourage playfulness & self expression.
- ✓ Safe & Supportive environment.
- ✓ Professional Circus workshops, Circus show & Friday Party!

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10% Sibling Discounts  
10% New Parent Discounts  
Childcare Vouchers  
OFSTED Registered  
DBS Enhanced Staff

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Holy Trinity Primary School, Beechwood Road, E83DY

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### Save the Date!

#### LAT's Community Street Party

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 12.00 - 3.00pm

LAT's Community Street Party is our biggest event of the year. We close road traffic on Seaborn Street for an afternoon of free activities, performances, games and workshops for all ages. This event is provided for members of our local community.

Come along for a fun-filled day with our local community!

**Have your say!**  
While planning our street party we love to hear about what our local community members would like to see there.

If you have any suggestions of workshops, activities or anything else you'd like to see, you can email our Community Engagement Manager Imogen on [imogen@littlegangtheatre.com](mailto:imogen@littlegangtheatre.com).

#### Community Programme

Little Angel Theatre provides a free programme of creative activities for our local community. We welcome both adults and children to experience, flourish, flourish or any other means to accessing the arts.

Join a welcoming community where you can connect with others, develop new skills, and take part in shared creative projects!

**Sign up to join!**  
The best way to keep up to date with our free community activities is to sign up for our mailing list!

Sign up using the form linked to the QR code.

You can also sign up by emailing us on [community@littlegangtheatre.com](mailto:community@littlegangtheatre.com) or calling us on 0203 3782 1882.

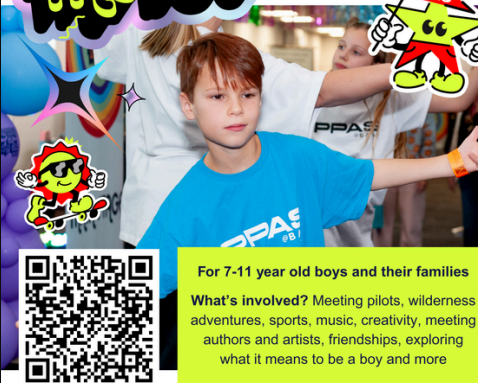
### Educational Experiences in 2025-26

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Freightliner's City Farm London Bus Tour Florence Nightingale Museum V&A Childhood Museum King Henry's Walk Garden	Tate Modern The Monument Horritman Museum London Zoo Hampstead Heath Museum of Docklands	British Museum Science Museum Parliament Westminster Walk London Aquarium Kew Gardens Mosque Visit	Science Museum Chocolate Museum Church Visit Rogged School Museum River Lea Highgate Wood
A voluntary donation of £24 by 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!		Year 5	Year 6
		Olympic Park Science Museum Synagogue Visit London Zoo Southbank	HMS Belfast Jewish Museum Ben Kishileo Workshop Theatre Trips National Portrait Gallery

## FESTIVAL OF THE BOY

**SUN 17 MAY**  
Big Penny Social, London E17

**BRIGHT STARTS**



**For 7-11 year old boys and their families**

**What's involved?** Meeting pilots, wilderness adventures, sports, music, creativity, meeting authors and artists, friendships, exploring what it means to be a boy and more

Although aimed at boys everyone is welcome!

Tickets via QR code or website  
[www.festivaloftheboy.com](http://www.festivaloftheboy.com)  
Pay-what-you-can options available

**HAPPY FUTURES**

### 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