

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils for successfully completing their SATs this week. They have shown outstanding resilience, determination, and commitment, persevering even when the challenges felt tough. Their positive attitude and hard work have truly shone through, and they should all feel very proud of their achievements. A heartfelt thank you goes to our dedicated staff, whose support, guidance and preparation have ensured the children were ready and confident, and to our parents and carers for their ongoing encouragement and support throughout this important period. **Together, you have helped make this a successful and rewarding experience for our pupils**

A huge thanks to Chef Tiago for the positive impact he has made through the introduction of our packed lunch policy. It has been wonderful to see children making healthier choices and talking with greater understanding about what makes a balanced lunch. We are also pleased that more children are choosing to move over to school meals.

While the majority of families are supporting the policy well, there is still a small minority of packed lunches that do not meet our guidelines. This includes items such as crisps, sweets and sugary drinks. From September, we will be fully enforcing the packed lunch policy, and these items will no longer be permitted in school. We would encourage families to begin making these changes now to support a smooth transition.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting healthy habits for our children.



## THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - St Joseph's Hospice Fundraiser

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our recent fundraiser in aid of St Joseph's Hospice. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity and kindness shown by our school community.

It was wonderful to see so many children coming to school in their non-uniform, proudly showing their support for this important cause. Your contributions have made a real difference and are greatly appreciated - **We are proud to say we have raised £200**

If you would still like to contribute, you can do so by clicking the link [here](#).

Thank you once again for your continued support!



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



## STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Olive	99%
Cedar	97%
Ash	97%
Maple	96.8%
Willow	96%
Mulberry	96%
Silver Birch	96.3%
Apple	93%
Rowan	92%
Elm	92%
Pine	91%
Palm	90%
Beech	88%
Oak	84%

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: Well done on completing your Year 6 SATs - be proud of all your hard work!**

**Year 5: Izyan, Aryan, Alex and Rosie**

**Year 4: Henry and Walden**

**Year 3: Adam and Lily**

**Year 2: Kallie and Isa**

**Year 1: Maryan**

**Reception: Elinoa**

**Nursery: Wateen**



### ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

**KS1: Maryan (Oak)**



**KS2: Reegan (Rowan)**

### POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



### RESPECT CHAMPIONS

**KS1: Teddy (Palm)**

**KS2: Alex (Mulberry)**



**Top Rockstar for this week:**

Alexander K - Biggest improvement and accuracy

Cedar - Highest Accuracy



**Top Numbot for this week:**

Aylin.D

#### Top Spelling Shed Students

#	Avatar	Student	Group	Score
1.		Ahmadou Attou	Mulberry	17,790,024
2.		Kharoubi, Rima	Mulberry	6,166,212
3.		Celik, Ranon	Willow	2,836,482

# STEM Club

After school STEM club (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths club) have been making marble runs this term. We used recycled cardboard and decorated them in lesson. Well done to everyone who came along.



## Meet our Food Council

We are delighted to introduce our new Food Council! These pupils have been chosen as representatives for their classes, helping to ensure that all children have a voice when it comes to food in our school.

The Food Council are already hard at work tackling food waste, sharing ideas to improve our school menu, and leading discussions about healthy eating. They are passionate about making positive changes and encouraging everyone to think about how we can eat well and reduce waste.

We are very proud of their enthusiasm and look forward to seeing their ideas make a real difference across the school!



## COFFEE MORNING



Join Es, representative from Islington Council, for a warm welcome and helpful support service!

**Tue 19th  
May**

**Coffee Morning - 9:00 AM  
Bottom Hall, Rotherfield**

Hosted by Es, representative from Islington Council.

**Support**

**Council Tax Reduction  
Help with your council tax bills**

Get assistance to reduce your council tax payments.

**Benefits**

**Benefits Support  
Assistance with benefit applications**

Guidance and support with your benefits claims.

**Referrals**

**Support with Removals**

Help arranging removal.

**Crisis Aid**

**Financial Crisis Assistance  
Emergency financial support**

Help available if you're facing financial hardship.

**Everyone welcome - come along for a cuppa and a chat!**



## Would Your Child Like to Become an Attendance Assistant?

We are really pleased to share that whole-school attendance is moving in the right direction. It hasn't been a quick journey, and at times it has been a slow ride, but together we are getting there... and every improvement matters. To help us go even further, we are launching a new pupil role: Attendance Assistant.

An Attendance Assistant is a child who helps promote the importance of coming to school every day. They will work with me, Nora, to share ideas, encourage others and help us think of fun, positive ways to support pupils in getting into school on time.

We would love to have one Attendance Assistant from every year group. Children in this role might:

- Share ideas to encourage good attendance
- Help spread positive messages about coming to school
- Celebrate attendance successes with their class
- Be a role model for others

If your child enjoys helping others, sharing ideas and taking responsibility, this could be a great opportunity for them.

More information on how children can put themselves forward will be shared with them soon.

Thank you for continuing to support our school attendance journey... together, we really are on the right track!

# Reminder - Dates for your Diary

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

EVENTS	DATES
Year 1 Class Assembly	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May @9:15
Year 6 Assembly	Date TBC
Mulberry - Into University	Monday 11 <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
PTA Cultural Evening	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May - 3:30 - 5pm
Year 2 - Hampstead Heath Trip	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 1 - The Young V & A Museum Trip	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June

**Educational Experiences in 2025-26**

**Year 1**  
 Freightliner's City Farm  
 London Bus Tour  
 Florence Nightingale 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!

**BE: TERM TIME LEAVE - UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE - MEDICAL ABSENCE**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Along with all Islington schools, Rotherfield Primary has a legal duty to ensure that pupils' attendance is as good as possible, and to investigate all absence so that the reasons are fully understood. Regular attendance is essential in ensuring that every child receives the education and care they are entitled to.

We are pleased to see that attendance at Rotherfield Primary has been improving, and we are grateful to the many parents and carers who consistently support the school by ensuring their children are present and punctual every day. However, one of the most frequent causes of absence continues to be unauthorised holidays and leave during term time, including travel abroad. These absences most commonly occur at the beginning or end of each term, and they significantly disrupt children's learning.

Please be reminded that it is against the law for parents or carers to take children out of school for holidays or other unauthorised leave during term time. Leave can only be granted in exceptional circumstances, in line with Islington guidance. Please note that exceptional circumstances do not typically include travelling abroad to visit sick relatives. Any requests for leave must be made in advance and will be considered on an individual basis.

We strongly advise parents not to book holidays, travel, or flights during term time under any circumstances. The school will closely review all absence requests, and where applicable, consider any evidence submitted regarding exceptional circumstances. Parents who choose to take unauthorised leave, including overseas travel, may be issued with a warning and a penalty notice by the Local Authority of £80 (rising to £160 if unpaid on time) per parent per student. In addition, please be aware of our strengthened procedures regarding fines.

The school will not authorise illness related absences lasting more than three days unless medical evidence is provided by a healthcare professional.

Acceptable forms of evidence include:

- A medical certificate or sick note (if issued), or
- A printout from the clinic or GP reception confirming the date of your child's appointment or visit.

If you are unable to secure a medical appointment or leave your property, please inform the school. In these cases, we can arrange a home visit from our safeguarding team to support you and verify your child's wellbeing.

Our aim is to provide any parent or carer being placed in a position where penalty notices or attendance actions become necessary. This letter is to ensure that all families are fully aware of the rules and expectations around attendance, term-time leave, and illness evidence requirements.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss any part of this letter with a member of staff, please contact the school office or email the school and a member of staff will contact you back at a mutually agreeable time.

Yours sincerely,  
 Safeguarding Team  
 Rotherfield Primary

## 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