ROTHERFIELD

NEWSLETTER

19/06/2026

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,
This week, we were delighted to welcome our Islington Early Years professional partner into school, with a focus on our EYFS provision. The Early Years Foundation Stage is a vital phase, laying the foundations for children's future learning by developing communication, confidence, independence, and early literacy and numeracy skills.

I am incredibly proud of the hard work of our EYFS team, who have strengthened the curriculum, sharpened their focus on foundational skills, and enhanced the quality of interactions with children. The feedback from our partner was very positive, highlighting strong thinking and improved outcomes. Recent moderation also shows a significant rise in standards this year, which is a real testament to the team's dedication, expertly led by Chloe.

Looking ahead, we are very excited about the upcoming **PTA Summer Fair on Friday 11th July.** This is always a wonderful community event and a great opportunity for us to come together. We would really appreciate your support in any way you can—whether that's donating items, volunteering your time, or even running a stall. Every contribution makes a difference and helps us to raise vital funds for enriching opportunities such as school trips and experiences for our children.

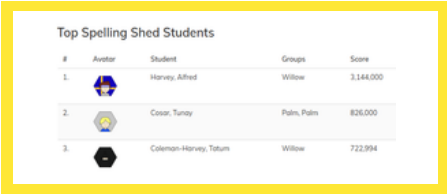
THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - Kenwood House

Yr 4 went to Kenwood House in Hampstead Heath to see the four paintings they have been studying in their Writing Through Art topic. There were a mixture of portraits and landscapes/cityscapes including London Bridge in 1600s where we compared both side of the river and a portrait inspired by Shakespeare's The Tempest thinking about characters from different perspectives.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole school: 93.5%
National: 95%

Olive	99%
Rowan	97%
Elm	97%
Silver birch	95%
Maple	95%
Cedar	95%
Palm	94%
Mulberry	94%
Ash	93%
Willow	92%
Oak	92%
Pine	90%
Beech	84%
Apple	84%


Top Spelling Shed Students

#	Avatar	Student	Groups	Score
1.		Harvey, Alfred	Willow	3,144,000
2.		Cosar, Tunay	Palm, Palm	826,000
3.		Coleman-Harvey, Tatum	Willow	722,994

STARS OF THE WEEK

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: Berkin, Faith, Ardil

Year 5: Yusuf, Abigail & Bobby

Year 4: Waliid, Henley

Year 3: Eiliyah, Zala

Year 2: Junior, Naiya & Shanyla

Year 1: Sen

Reception: Adyan

Nursery: Salma

Special shout out to Ibrahim from Matthew, the Music teacher, for amazing focus so far this term

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

KS1: Zara (Silver birch)

KS2: Valentina (Olive)

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

Well done to **Olive (KS2) and Silver birch (KS1)** class for having the highest attendance this week!

RESPECT CHAMPIONS

KS1: Reuben (Pine)

KS2: Iliyyah (Mulberry)

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Top Rockstar for this week:

Ayaan studio speed of 0.89

Ash Most played minutes

NUMBOTS

Top Numbot for this week:

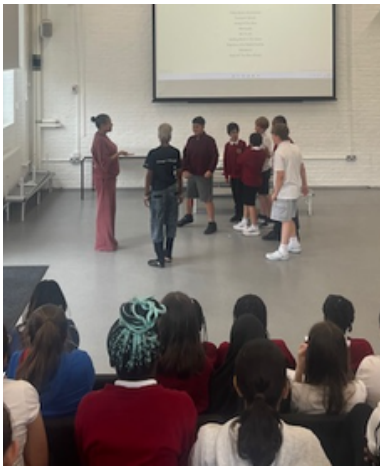
Amya E

Science Week

Next week, we have our yearly school Science Week around this year's theme: Being Curious. Children will engage in science activities every afternoon. On Friday 26th June, the children will take part in a Science Fair to showcase their learning. We invite parents to visit in the bottom hall from 3.30pm - 4.00pm. We would love to see you there! Thank you.

Transition Workshop

On Thursday, Year 6 took part in an engaging secondary school transition workshop. The session involved a variety of drama and role-play activities designed to equip the children with the key skills they'll need as they move into Year 7. Pupils also had the opportunity to ask questions about secondary school, which were answered by the workshop organisers. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained valuable insights into what life in Year 7 will be like.



Rosebowl

Olive class went to Rosebowl for the afternoon to celebrate their consistently high attendance throughout the year. We had such a lovely afternoon in the sunshine (thank goodness it did not rain!), playing team sports, competitive games, drawing, fire making and just enjoying our friends' company.

Rosebowl is an amazing Youth Centre in Islington which children can also use for free after school and at weekends. If your children are not already using it, have a look at their website: Rose Bowl Centre

IMPORTANT FSM Update

Dear Parents & Carers,

RE: Holiday Supermarket Vouchers

Funding for Free School Meal holiday vouchers has now ended, no additional vouchers will be issued during the holidays.

A new grant called the **Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)** has been set up to replace the previous scheme. The CRF will support households facing financial crisis, its focus also shifts from providing blanket awards to help with the cost of living towards boosting support to help residents improve their longer-term financial position e.g. through help to claim benefits, tackle debt and move into employment.

Islington Council still continues to offer the **Holiday Activities and Food Fund** programme, providing activities and a healthy meal for children during school holidays. To find out more about this scheme, visit: Free holiday activities with lunch.

Additionally, to enquire about any of the other schemes and support offered by Islington Council, please see below:

Call: Contact Islington on **020 7527 8222**
Email: **heretohelp@islington.gov.uk**

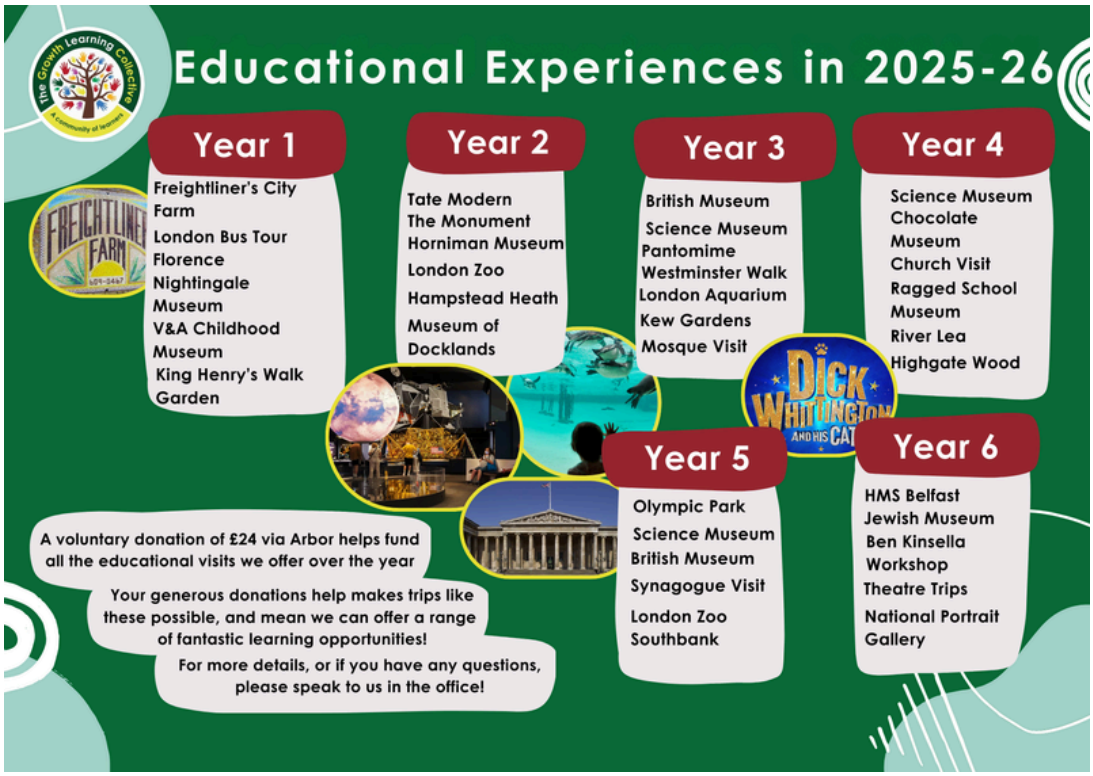
Or alternatively, drop into one of three Access Islington Hubs, where you can talk to a member of the team about your individual circumstances and get assistance with a range of support: Access Islington Hubs | Islington Council
Central Hub: 222 Upper Street
North Hub: 6-9 Manor Gardens
South Hub: Finsbury Library, 245 St John's Street

Kind regards,
Rotherfield Primary School

Reminder - Dates for your Diary

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

EVENTS	DATES
Year 4 - Cricket Tournament	Wednesday 24th June
Year 2 - Little Angel Theatre	Friday 26th June
Science Fair Showcase	Friday 26th June @3:30 - 4pm
EYFS Sports Day AM	Tuesday 30th June
Year 3 trip - Southbank	Wednesday 8th July
Photo Exhibition	Wednesday 8th July @2-4pm
Year 6 Show	Wednesday 15th July @2pm
Year 6 - Leavers Assembly	Thursday 16th July @9:30am



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