ROTHERFIELD

NEWSLETTER

26/06/2026

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been. A huge thank you to all our children, families, and staff for your resilience and positivity during this heatwave. We know it hasn't been easy, and we truly appreciate everyone's efforts to keep learning going despite the soaring temperatures. We've put a number of measures in place this week to keep pupils safe and comfortable — shaded outdoor areas, extra water breaks, reduced physical activity, and cooler indoor learning spaces wherever possible. Your support with sun hats, water bottles, and lighter clothing has made a real difference.

The good news is that temperatures are set to drop next week, and we'll be returning to normal school routines. **This includes full school uniform and a shift back to more structured learning now that classrooms will be cooler and more comfortable.**

I also want to give a huge, well-deserved congratulations to our Year 4 pupils. Their results in the Multiplication Tables Check were outstanding. Not only did they achieve significantly above national averages, but an incredible 65% of children scored full marks — that's 20% higher than the national figure. This is a staggering achievement and a testament to their hard work, the dedication of staff, and the support of families at home. We are incredibly proud of them.

THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - No Knives Better Lives Workshop

Today, our Year 6 pupils took part in a truly memorable No Knives Better Lives workshop held here in school. The session gave children the chance to explore the realities of the justice system and learn about the dangers of knife crime, gang involvement and grooming in an honest, age-appropriate and engaging way.
Through powerful personal stories and genuine passion, the facilitators connected naturally with the pupils, creating a safe, supportive space where every voice was heard and valued. The workshop encouraged children to believe in themselves, make positive choices and feel proud of who they are.
Our Year 6s left feeling more confident, informed and inspired. This programme continues to reassure, protect and empower young people - helping them feel seen, valued and capable of choosing a positive path.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole school: 93.5%
National: 95%

Palm	98%
Maple	98%
Pine	96%
Elm	95%
Oak	95%
Mulberry	94%
Silver birch	93%
Olive	93%
Rowan	92%
Willow	90%
Ash	88%
Beech	87%
Apple	87%
Cedar	87%

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: Cedar class, Hudaiyfah and Adar

Year 5: David

Year 4: Sirat and Yigit

Year 3: Sofia and Ramzan

Year 2: Ka'lia and Deon

Year 1: Pawel

Reception: Asad

Nursery: Shayla

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

KS1: Rico (Palm)

KS2: Liyana(Elm)

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

Well done to **Elm (KS2) and Palm (KS1)** class for having the highest attendance this week!

RESPECT CHAMPIONS

KS1: Amber (Pine)

KS2: Hamza (Rowan)

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Top Rockstar for this week:

Mulberry TTRS

Hamza - most improved

NUMBOTS

Top Numbot for this week:

Hamira most improved

Staying Cool

Staying cool in the hot weather we had the hose going at lunch time with extra cold water available for everybody!

Social Media Ban for Children Under the Age of 16: Information for Families

You have likely heard about the government's legislation to restrict social media access for children under the age of 16. As we navigate this major cultural shift together, I wanted to outline what this means for our families and how we can best support our children through it.

By spring 2027, social media companies will be legally required to block access for anyone under 16. and will apply to TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, and X.

We will be updating our policy and education in due course. We already warn families of the risk of these platforms and current age restrictions (many 13+) and the school has policy and best practice on classroom use too.

Further info can be found from the BBC Under-16s social media ban: What parents need to know https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cp3xy3gq79eo and Internet Matters https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/uk-social-media-ban-and-new-online-safety-measures

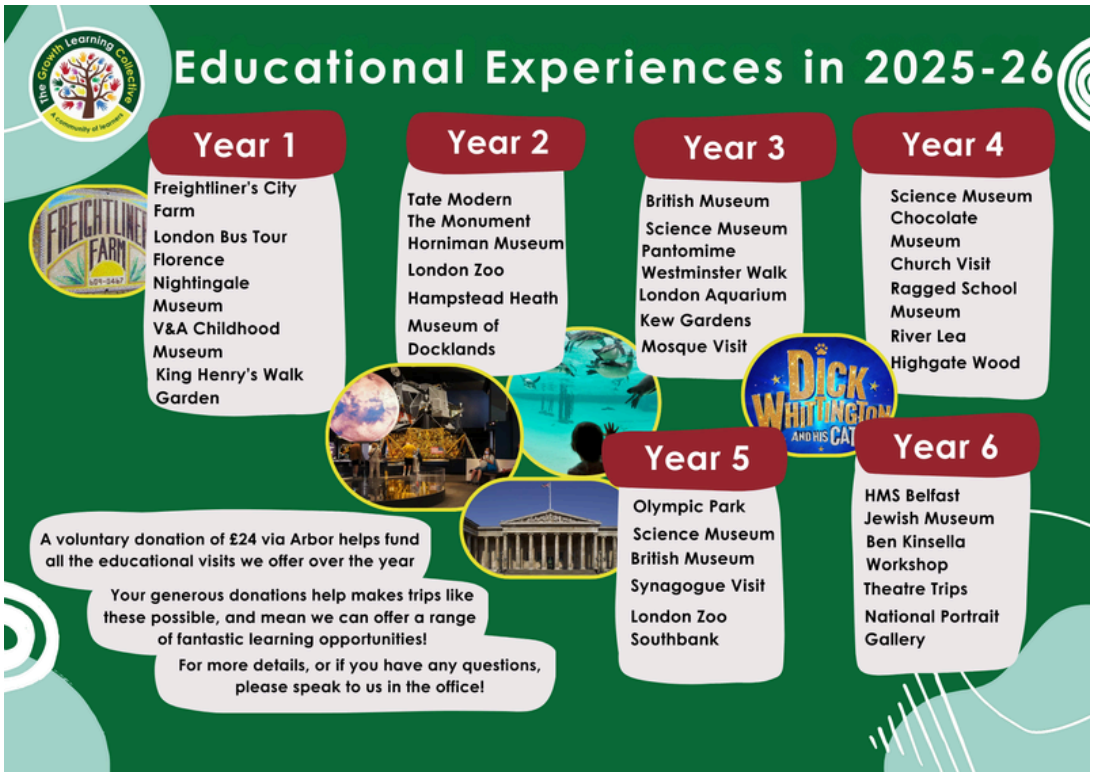
Chess Club

Chess club has been very popular lunch time club this term. Thanks to everyone for turning up and giving it a try. Some children have never played and some are very good, but all are welcome to play. It's a great way to make friends so if you joined Rotherfield recently, please do pop along on Thursday at the start of lunch and join us for 30 minutes of action packed gaming.

Reminder - Dates for your Diary

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

EVENTS	DATES
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
Last day of term	Friday 17th July



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