



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

I would like to begin by apologising for not being around to see parents and carers this week. Unfortunately, I have been unwell at the start of term. However, I was delighted to be back in school yesterday and today and have already spent time visiting classes and seeing the children settled into their learning. I look forward to seeing and speaking with many of you next week.

I have been incredibly impressed with how positively the children have returned to school. Classrooms are calm, purposeful and settled, and the children have quickly re-established our high expectations for learning and behaviour. They should all be very proud of themselves.

Attendance will be a key focus for us this year. Good attendance is vital if children are to achieve their full potential and make the best possible progress. We are working hard to ensure that our attendance figures are in line with, and exceed, national averages. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that children arrive at school every day and on time.

Uniform is also an important part of our school community. Wearing the correct school uniform helps children feel a sense of belonging and pride in being part of Rotherfield. Thank you for supporting our uniform expectations and helping pupils come to school ready to learn.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the new members of staff who have joined our team this term. We are delighted to have them as part of the Rotherfield family and know they will make a valuable contribution to our school.

Over the coming weeks, I will share more information about the support available for pupils and families, as well as some of the exciting plans we have for the year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support. I am looking forward to a successful year working together and helping every child to thrive.

WELCOME
BACK!

Right of the Month:

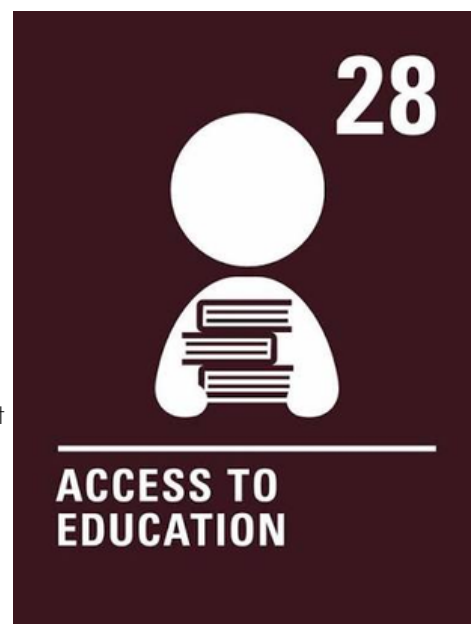
This month we are learning about Article 28 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which states that every child has the right to an education.

At The Growth Learning Collective, we are proud to be an inclusive school where every child is welcomed, valued and supported to achieve their full potential. Education is about much more than academic learning. It helps children develop confidence, build friendships, discover their strengths and prepare for their future.

Parents and carers can support this right by talking with their children about what they enjoy learning, celebrating their achievements and encouraging a positive attitude towards school. These conversations help children understand the importance of education and feel supported in their learning journey.

As part of our commitment to ensuring every child can fully access their right to education, we will be working with families where a child's attendance was below 92% last academic year. Over the next two weeks, Nora, our Attendance and Pastoral Support Worker, will be contacting these families to discuss a supportive plan tailored to their child's needs. These plans will help us identify any barriers and work together to ensure children can make the most of the opportunities available to them at school.

By working in partnership with families, we can help every child feel happy, included and ready to learn every day. Thank you for your continued support in helping us make sure all children can enjoy their right to education.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole school: 91.9%
National: 95%

Willow	99%
Pine	99%
Mulberry	97%
Beech	97%
Elm	97%
Cedar	96%
Oak	95%
Apple	94%
Silver birch	91%
Rowan	85%
Ash	84%
Palm	84%



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: Skylar and Attau

Year 5: Rami and Abdul

Year 4: Aylin and Theo

Year 3: Kadeem and Amayah

Year 2: Shane

Year 1: Mally

Reception: Azaan

Nursery: Safiya



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

KS1: Zakai (Pine)



KS2: Ezra (Willow)

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



RESPECT CHAMPIONS

KS1: Mally (Oak)

KS2: Alfie.P (Cedar)



Top Rockstar for this week:

Elm most active players
Hamza S - most minutes played



Top Numbot for this week:

Areeba A - biggest increase in coins

Fantastic Start to the New School Year!

We would like to say a huge well done to all of our children and families for such a fantastic start to the new school year. It has been wonderful to see so many pupils return to school ready to learn, and we are delighted with the excellent attendance during our first week back.

Regular attendance is vital to children's learning, progress and wellbeing, and we greatly appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day.

This year, alongside attendance, punctuality will continue to be a key focus for our school. Arriving on time helps children settle into the school day positively and ensures they do not miss important learning opportunities at the start of lessons.

Thank you for working in partnership with us.

Together, we can ensure that every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed. Let's keep up the great work throughout the year! - Nora

Reading Identities at Rotherfield

This week classes have been spending time in the school library discussing their loves and interests when it comes to books. We have been building a picture of the whole school reading identity. So far, it seems pupils love books that make them laugh, books that involve wild adventure and books that tell them factual information about the world around them.

We have also started our library club this week and had lots of children reading in the library on Monday and Thursday lunchtimes. It is wonderful to see a culture of reading for pleasure blossoming at RF.

Remember:

Your child can take a free choice book home weekly

Islington Library slots have been booked for classes, but you can also get a family ticket for free

The Get Caught Reading competition is open so please encourage your child to enter.

Watch this space for more reading for pleasure news and activities coming up at RF.



Drama Club is back at Rotherfield Primary!

Starting Thursday 17th September

We're really excited to be back for another term of Drama Club! This term, our focus is finding your voice. Through drama games, improvisation and performance, children will learn how to create and deliver their own speeches, share their ideas and speak with confidence.

Throughout the term, children will:

- ☀ Build confidence in speaking and performing
- 🎤 Create and develop their own speeches
- 🎭 Take part in fun drama games and improvisation
- 💡 Develop creativity, imagination and communication skills
- 🎭 Learn how to use their voice and body confidently in performance

At the end of term, we'll bring everything together for a special showcase for parents and families, giving the children the chance to share what they've been working on.

Whether your child already loves performing or could use a little extra confidence speaking in front of others, everyone is welcome!

📅 Places are now open for the Autumn Term

Already a member?

There's nothing you need to do. Children who attended last term will automatically continue as part of their rolling monthly subscription unless we receive written notice to cancel.

New to Drama Club? Book your place here:

👉 <https://pbbl.uk/4aubDIN>

We can't wait to see everyone back at Drama Club!



Clubs Timetable

Turkish Club has been added to the timetable and there is plenty of space still available in Football club. Bookings open now on Arbor

Rotherfield Primary School - After School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55
Cooking with Tiago Y5 & Y6	Turkish Club Y2 - Y6	Gymnastics Reception-6	Drama and Public Speaking (contact provider to book)	Football Years 2-5
			Spanish Y1 & Y2	
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Maths at home: Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) and Numbots

If your child is in **Years 3 to 6**, part of their weekly homework will be to use Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). TTRS is an engaging online programme that helps children practise and improve their times tables through fun, interactive games. Regular use builds confidence, speed and accuracy with multiplication facts, supporting learning across all areas of maths.

For children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**, homework will be set on **NumBots**. NumBots focuses on developing children's understanding and recall of key addition and subtraction facts. Regular practice helps children build strong number skills and fluency, providing an important foundation for future mathematical learning.

We encourage all children to log in regularly and try their best. **Effort, participation and progress are celebrated each week in both our school newsletter and Celebration Assembly!**

[Video: What is Times Tables Rock Stars? Parents and Carers Guide](#)

[Parent Guide TTRS](#)

[Parent guide Numbots](#)

[Video: A Parents/Carers introduction to NumBots](#)



Welcome Back to our Kitchen!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some good food, sunshine and time together. And as summer slowly turns into autumn, I thought we could start the year with a simple recipe that celebrates something we'll be talking about a lot this year: making the most of the food we already have and reducing food waste.

So, for our first recipe of the year, we're making Crispy Cheesy Potato & Veggie Fritters: warm and comforting enough for the cooler days ahead, easy for little hands to help prepare, budget-friendly, and perfect for using up ingredients you already have at home.

Crispy Cheesy Potato & Veggie Fritters

Crispy on the outside, soft and cheesy in the middle, these easy oven-baked fritters are a great recipe to make together as a family. They're a little like homemade hash browns, but with some extra vegetables added in too!

Makes around 12 fritters | Serves 4 | Approx. £4–£6 for the whole recipe

You'll need

500g potatoes
1 large carrot
100g frozen peas
100g grated Cheddar cheese
1 egg
3 tablespoons plain flour
½ teaspoon dried mixed herbs
A little black pepper
1 tablespoon vegetable or rapeseed oil



Already have garlic, spring onions or fresh herbs at home? Chop a little and add them too. This is a brilliant recipe for using up small amounts of vegetables hiding in the fridge.

Let's cook!

1. Heat the oven to 200°C fan / 220°C conventional.

2. Get grating!

With an adult's help, grate the potatoes and carrot. Put the grated potato into a clean tea towel and squeeze really well to remove as much water as possible. This is our secret to crispy fritters!

3. Mix it up.

Put the potato and carrot into a bowl. Add the peas, grated cheese, egg, flour, herbs and a little black pepper. Mix everything together.

4. Make your fritters.

Lightly oil a baking tray. Take small handfuls of the mixture, place them onto the tray and flatten them into little patties.

5. Bake until crispy.

Lightly brush the tops with a little oil and bake for around 15 minutes. Carefully turn them over, then bake for another 10–15 minutes, until golden, crispy and cooked through.

Why we love them

Potatoes give us energy to learn and play.

Carrots and peas add vegetables, fibre and important vitamins and minerals.

Cheese and egg provide protein, with cheese also providing calcium.

Make it your own!

Cooking doesn't always mean buying lots of new ingredients. Try using what you already have.

Swap the carrot or peas for a little courgette, sweetcorn, broccoli or leftover cooked vegetables. You can also use the mixed frozen vegetables from the supermarket! Just remember to squeeze watery vegetables such as courgette really well before adding them.

Serve your fritters with salad, vegetables, baked beans or some plain yoghurt for dipping. Yummy!!!!



Reminder - Dates for your Diary

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

EVENTS	DATES
Meet the Teacher - Year 1 & 3	Monday 14 th September - 8:45 - 9:30
Year 6 HMS Belfast Trip	Monday 14 th September
Year 2 Trip - Tate Modern	Tuesday 15 th September
Meet the Teacher - Year 1 & 3	Tuesday 15 th September - 8:45 - 9:30
Meet the Teacher - Year 4 & 5	Wednesday 16 th September - 8:45 - 9:30

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