

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We have only been back a short time, but school life is already full of excitement. Our trips, visits and enrichment activities are well underway, reflecting the rich range of opportunities we are proud to offer our children throughout the year. These experiences help bring learning to life, broaden horizons and create lasting memories.

We have also been working hard to enhance playtimes. We want every child to experience moments of joy, creativity and connection during their day. Recent additions include playdough and small world play stations, as well as increased opportunities for indoor play. We will soon be opening our garden area and mud kitchen, which we know will be hugely popular. Importantly, our pupils are helping to shape these developments through their ideas and feedback, ensuring that our play offer reflects what they enjoy most.

I am also delighted to share some fantastic news about attendance. We have received recognition from the borough as one of the most improved schools for attendance in Islington. This is a tremendous achievement and I would like to thank our entire community for the part they have played in making this happen. Over the past year, we have reduced persistent absence from 27% to 16%, a significant improvement that reflects the commitment of our families, pupils and staff working together. While we are proud of this progress, we know there is more to do and we will continue to work closely with families to ensure every child has the best possible chance to thrive.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we are creating the very best opportunities for all of our children.

THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - Year 6 - HMS Belfast

Year 6 pupils from Ash and Cedar Class recently enjoyed an exciting visit to HMS Belfast as part of their World War II history topic. The ship provided a fascinating insight into how Britain defended its shores and maritime borders during the war, bringing our classroom learning to life through real artefacts, equipment and preserved areas of the vessel. The children explored the ship, discovered the roles of those who served onboard and gained a greater understanding of Britain's wartime efforts. It was an engaging and memorable experience, and both classes thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn from such an incredible piece of living history.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole school: 93.7%
National: 95%

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

TOP SPELLERS

ATTAU – CEDAR
ADAM - MULBERRY



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: Amaan, Rima, Aras A and Alex

Year 5: Thea and Sophie P

Year 4: Holyjah and Amelia

Year 3: Eshaan and Areeba

Year 2: Reyan

Year 1: Rosie

Reception: Jimmy

Nursery: Sadie L



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

KS1: Milo (Pine)



KS2: Zara (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: Rosie (Oak)

KS2: Axel (Rowan)



Top Rockstar for this week:

Aylin D

Class - Rowan most active players



Top Numbot for this week:

Killian B

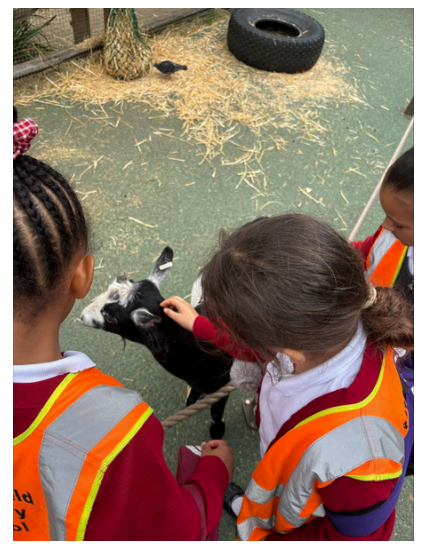
Spanish

Children in the afternoon Nursery group started their Spanish course this week. They joined in the singing and dancing and followed instructions in Spanish. They took turns and were so polite to each other!



London Zoo Visit

This week, a small group of pupils had the exciting opportunity to visit London Zoo alongside children from other Islington schools. This was a wonderful chance for our pupils to meet new friends from across the borough, build confidence, and share new experiences together. The children had a fantastic day exploring the zoo and were thrilled to see a wide variety of animals from around the world. From watching playful animals in their habitats to learning interesting facts about wildlife, there were plenty of memorable moments throughout the visit. The pupils represented our school brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed this special experience.



Parent/Carer Calendar

Just a reminder that our Parent/Carer Calendar is available to view via the homepage of the school website.

The calendar includes all key dates and events throughout the school year, including term dates, school trips, parent meetings, celebrations, and other important occasions.

We encourage all parents and carers to check the calendar regularly to stay up to date with upcoming events and deadlines.



Reminder - Dates for your Diary

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

EVENTS	DATES
Year 5 - Bikeability	Monday 21 st September - Thursday 24 th September
Year 4 - Bikeability	Monday 28 th September - Thursday 1 st October
Year 6 - Cedar - Into University	Monday 28 th September - Friday 2 nd October
Year 4 Trip - Science Museum Trip	Monday 5 th October
Flu Vaccinations	Friday 9 th October
Year 3 - Science Museum Trip	Friday 9 th October
Book Fair	Monday 28 th September - Friday 2 nd October - 3:15 - 3:45
Year 5 - Olympic Park Trip	Monday 12 th October
Year 2 - Tate Modern Trip	Thursday 15 th October



GET CAUGHT READING

Rotherfield Primary's annual competition!
Send photos of you reading to
admin@rotherfieldprimary.co.uk by the 6th of
November 2026. Winners will be taken to
Waterstones to choose and buy a book!

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