

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

You may have seen that there is new government guidance around mobile phone use in schools. Schools are expected to be mobile phone-free environments for pupils throughout the school day.



We'd really appreciate your help in supporting the spirit of this across our school community too. Please do not make or take video calls while on the school site and, where possible, avoid taking phone calls inside the school building. If you can, please wait until you are outside the school gates before making or taking a call.

We completely understand that sometimes a call is urgent or simply cannot wait. We are just asking everyone to be mindful of their phone use while in school and help us keep our environment calm, welcoming and focused on our children!

A little reminder too that **Census Day is coming up on Thursday 1st October !** It's an important day for us as the information collected helps determine some of the funding our school receives, including funding that supports disadvantaged children. [[gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)], [[legfl.org.uk](https://www.legfl.org.uk)].

So, if your child is well, we really need them to be in school on Census Day. Every bit of funding makes a difference and helps us give our children the additional support, opportunities and experiences that we know are so important.

And, of course, we need to make Census Day a little bit special too! Tiago will be cooking a special lunch, so we'd love as many children as possible to stay for lunch and enjoy it together.

Enjoy this sunny September weekend!

THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - Free Breakfast Club Offer

Did you know that you can sign your child up for our Breakfast Club through Arbor under the Clubs section? The club is **completely free and runs from 8:15am**, offering a positive and enjoyable start to the school day.

Children can enjoy a range of delicious breakfast options in a friendly and relaxed environment before lessons begin. As well as breakfast, pupils can take part in fun games and activities, providing opportunities to socialise with friends, develop confidence, and settle into the day ahead.

To book a place, simply log in to Arbor and check under Clubs. We look forward to welcoming more children to Breakfast Club!



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole school: 94.3%
National: 95%

Cedar	98%
Silver birch	98%
Elm	96%
Beech	95%
Mulberry	95%
Willow	95%
Pine	95%
Rowan	95%
Oak	94%
Ash	93%
Palm	92%
Apple	85%



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: Ivie R, Archie and Zeyad

Year 5: Eline and Brooklyn

Year 4: Eiliyah and Deanara

Year 3: Shanyla and Max C

Year 2: Taaliyah

Year 1: AJ

Reception: Shayla

Nursery: Lucas



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

KS1: Elsie (Silver birch)



KS2: Karmina (Cedar)

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



RESPECT CHAMPIONS

KS1: Sen (Pine)

KS2: Chase (Ash)



SPELLING WINNING CLASS: **MULBERRY**

SPELLING CHAMP PUPILS:



Top Rockstar for this week:

Zala R

Rowan class - most active players



Top Numbot for this week:

Gokhan D - biggest increase in effort

Cooking Club: Learning Through Food

Our Cooking Club has been very busy in the kitchen!

So far, our young chefs have made cookies from scratch and a delicious, healthy and practical fruit mug cake, made with 50% fruit and cooked in just three minutes in the microwave. They were shocked when it was ready! And they all loved it!

But Cooking Club is about much more than simply following a recipe. The children are taking an active role in the whole process, handling and measuring their own ingredients, learning how to use kitchen scales accurately, portioning mixtures and developing their confidence with basic knife skills.

Cooking also gives us a wonderful opportunity to bring classroom learning into the kitchen. Mathematics suddenly becomes very real when the pupils need to weigh ingredients, read measurements, divide a mixture into equal portions or work out how to double a recipe.

We have also been exploring some of the science behind baking, including what baking powder does, why self-raising flour behaves differently from plain flour and how ingredients change when they are mixed and heated, like the eggs, for example.

Most importantly, the children are learning to become more independent and confident around food. From carefully chopping strawberries and cracking their own eggs to mixing, measuring, baking and finally tasting something they have made with their own hands, every session gives them a new skill and a real sense of achievement. Well done cooking club!!



Census Day Special Lunch – Thursday 1st October

Thursday 1st October is Census Day, an important day for schools across the country. The number of children enjoying a school meal helps inform the funding schools receive to support the provision of school lunches.

In that special day, we would love to encourage as many children as possible to enjoy a school lunch with us.

And we have made the menu a little extra special! Children can enjoy Bolognese Pasta with optional grated cheese (they are always asking for it), followed by Banana Cake with vanilla ice cream, choosing from chocolate sauce, sprinkles or chocolate chips for their topping.

It is a lovely opportunity for the children to eat together, enjoy something special and support our school meal provision at the same time.

Lunch will be served from 11.45am in the dining hall. We hope to see lots of happy faces and empty plates!



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!



HELP US DECORATE FOR HALLOWEEN!

We're collecting donations to make
our school Halloween celebrations
spooky, fun and memorable!

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- Halloween decorations
- Pumpkins
- Bunting & cobwebs
- Battery/LED lights
- Spooky props

Every donation, big or small,
makes a difference!

Please bring donations to
the school office.

Thank you for supporting
Rotherfield Primary School!



Help us raise money!

We're raising money to help our Nursery
and Reception classes hatch ducklings and
fund vital EYFS learning experiences!



Scan the QR code to donate.
Thank you so much for helping us
create magical classroom memories!



Pre-Loved UNIFORM SALE

Great quality ♥ Save money ♥ Support our school



Held on the FIRST OF EVERY MONTH

IN THE
PLAYGROUND
AFTER SCHOOL
3:30 - 4:00 P.M.

Grab a bargain and give our
pre-loved uniforms a second life!

More
sustainable

Great
value

Supports
our school

Please click [here](#) if you would like to contribute

Reminder - Dates for your Diary

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

EVENTS	DATES
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

Please click [here](#)
to access free
sports
opportunities
during term time!

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