

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

Throughout October, we will be proudly celebrating Black History Month across the school. As a diverse and inclusive community, it is incredibly important to us that we recognise, value and celebrate the rich cultures, histories and contributions that make up our community and wider society.

During the month, children will take part in assemblies, classroom learning and activities exploring Black history, achievements and cultural heritage. We will also be celebrating through food, music, storytelling and discussions that help our pupils develop understanding, respect and appreciation for different cultures.

Our celebrations will culminate in a special community event on the final afternoon of term, where we will come together to share and celebrate the learning, traditions and experiences that make our school such a vibrant and welcoming place. We look forward to celebrating with our pupils and families and embracing the diversity that makes our community so special.

As we continue to celebrate the many cultural events and traditions represented within our school community, we are reminded of the importance of learning from one another and valuing the diversity that enriches our lives every day.

We wish all our children, families and staff a wonderful weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, ready for another week of learning and celebration

THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - Puppet Making Club



We are really lucky to have The Little Angel Theatre coming in to work with 16 of our KS2 pupils over the next 9 weeks in a Puppet Making after-school club.

The pupils loved the session:

'We began to design the clothes and started to make the neck of our puppet. I think the club is good – I love crafting' – Rima

'We are going to be making puppets to do a puppet show. This makes me feel amazing!' – Bintou

'I enjoyed colouring the rat design for my puppet. We will be telling a story with puppets. I felt nervous at first but then I felt I liked it and it was really, really fun.' – Manesse



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



STARS OF THE WEEK

Whole school: 94.7%
National: 95%

Cedar	98.5%
Rowan	96.7%
Palm	96.5%
Beech	95.9%
Oak	95.7%
Mulberry	95.6%
Elm	95.5%
Pine	95.3%
Silver birch	94.3%
Ash	93.6%
Willow	92%
Apple	91.3%

Year 6: Zeyad and George

Year 5: Jack and Alfred

Year 4: Tanzia and Bintou

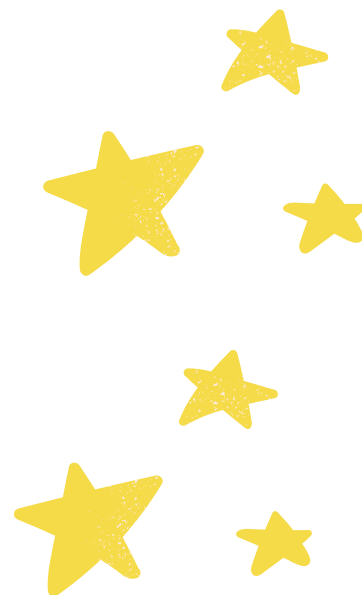
Year 3: Reuben

Year 2: Milo

Year 1: Adam

Reception: Renas

Nursery: Roman



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

KS1: Mikaylia (Palm)



KS2: Ayuub (Cedar)

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



RESPECT CHAMPIONS

KS1: Amir (Willow)

KS2: Manasse (Willow)



Top Spelling Shed Winners

#	Avatar	Pupil	Group	Score	Total Score
1.		Manassir Bissanoma	Willow	477.782	477.782
2.		Atta Almadadi	Cedar	126.000	126.000
3.		Mikayla Greenhow	Palm	58.698	58.698



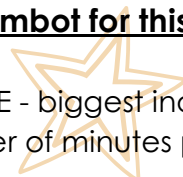
Top Rockstar for this week:

Tamera M - improvement in accuracy
Ash - highest accuracy



Top Numbot for this week:

Subhan E - biggest increase in number of minutes played



Free Books!

This week we were gifted 60 brand new copies of 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell, for every year 6 child. From the blurb, it sounds like a wonderful, dramatic, imaginative adventure story and we cannot wait to hear the children's reviews of it.

Please encourage your year 6 child to read the book and why not listen to them read aloud!



Online Safety Update: Parental Controls and Social Media

There has been an increase recently in children accessing social media apps at home like TikTok, where they are exposed to upsetting and inappropriate content. Many of the videos they are watching are generated by Artificial Intelligence (AI) but many children, especially in the lower year groups have trouble deciding if a video is real or fake.

Social Media Ban for Children Under the Age of 16:

We already warn families of the risk of Social media platforms and current age restrictions (many 13+). 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/cp3xy3gg79eo> and Internet Matters <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/uk-social-media-ban-and-new-online-safety-measures>

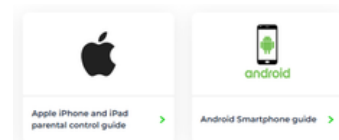
Top tip: If your child has access to a smart phone or iPad, the advice is that they should be kept in a room where you can monitor how they are being used at all times. We advise not letting children use headphones so you can hear the content they are listening to online.

Parental Controls: We have included some step-by-step guides on how to set up parental controls on the most popular devices and apps. These controls put you in charge of what your children access on the devices. If you would like help with this, please email Michael to arrange a meeting where he will help set up your device mkelly@newingtongreen.co.uk.

How to set up parental controls on iPads: [Apple iPad and iPhone parental controls | Internet Matters](#)

How to set parental controls on TikTok: [TikTok parental controls guide | Internet Matters](#)

We have guides for most apps and devices on our websites: [Rotherfield Primary School - Online Safety](#).



Have Your Say with The Big Future!

We would like to encourage our pupils and families to take part in The Big Future, a national survey led by the Children's Commissioner for England.

The survey gives children and young people the opportunity to share their experiences, views and hopes for the future. The responses will help build a national picture of what matters most to children today and ensure that their voices are heard by decision-makers.

The survey only takes a few minutes to complete and is a great opportunity for children to have their say on issues that affect them.

We encourage all eligible pupils to take part and make their voices heard!

For more information and to access the survey, please visit:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture.



Eco-Squad Update

This week, the KS2 Eco Squad had their first meeting of the year. We completed an energy walk around the school, planned energy-saving and recycling posters, and spoke to staff about ways we can reduce waste and recycle more. We also identified an area of the school grounds that we would like to develop to support sustainability and biodiversity.

Keep an eye out for an exciting Eco Squad Sustainability Competition coming soon. We can't wait to share more details and see how everyone can help make our school even greener!





BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OCTOBER 2026

A month of learning, food and celebration

Throughout October, we're celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of Black people around the world. Celebrating across the month gives children more opportunities to learn about different stories, traditions and experiences through food and shared activities.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Our kitchen team, PTA and teachers are working together to organise weekly activities throughout the month.



Special lunches and desserts each week until the end of October



A decorated dining hall to welcome everyone to the celebration

NEXT SPECIAL LUNCH

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER

Brown Stew Chicken

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

Tropical Fruit Salad

Peach, pineapple, mango, banana & coconut



Look out for more weekly activities and menu announcements!

**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**

ROCK DAY

COMING SOON

**DRESS UP AS A
ROCK STAR AND
ROCK ON!**

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16th





HALLOWEEN DISCO

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER

**Nursery Class
& Reception
3.45 - 4.15**

**Year 1 - 3
4.30 - 5.15**

**Years 4 - 6
5.30 - 6.15**

**Children can wear their spookiest
costumes and join in the fun!**



£2 PER CHILD

**WHICH WILL INCLUDE ENTRY,
SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS**



Reminder - Dates for your Diary

All important events can be found on the [public calendar on the school website](#)

EVENTS	DATES
Year 5 - Olympic Park Trip	Monday 12 th October
Year 2 - Tate Modern Trip	Thursday 15 th October
Year 3 - Pied Piper Angel Theatre	Thursday 15 th October
Pumpkin Carving Contest	Thursday 22 nd October - 1:30 - 3:30
Year 5 - The Arsenal Hub	Friday 23 rd October
Year 3 - British Museum Trip	Thursday 5 th November
Year 1 - Freightliners Farm Trip	Friday 6 th November



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