



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

You will read some sad news below about the federation Exec Head Abi, who is moving out of London and onto a new role. We are very sad to see Abi go but we are pleased for her next steps! Parents may have questions about whether this affects things here for children or would affect the leadership of the school but I would like to reassure you that it does not. We have a great team here and there are no changes to the day to day workings of the school, nor to our drive and vision for the future. If you have any questions then do not hesitate to ask me!

This week I must recognise the excellence happening in our Year 6 cohort. Firstly, we have a fabulous football squad both in the boys and girls team. Our girls team in particular are performing at an exceptional standard. We are also really happy to see children attending our after school booster classes. The school invests heavily in these additional classes led by the senior team and Year 6 teachers in order to make sure we have done everything we can to ensure the best progress for your children. We know children may sometimes have other commitments but the more classes the children can attend the better! We have also started our homework revision cycle and the children are all bringing in their work proudly each week. The progress being made by the children is really evident and is setting them up well for their SATS.

Message from Abi

Dear Parents and Carers at Newington Green and Rotherfield

It is with great sadness that I write to you all today. I am leaving Rotherfield and Newington Green having worked here for 15 years. I am really proud to leave the schools in such good hands with Nia and Mairead constantly looking to improve the educational offer to your children. They are both remarkable school leaders and I have been so deeply privileged to have worked with them both.

As you all know I get into many schools in my role as an Ofsted inspector and can assure you as a community that the Senior Leadership teams at both schools are the most talented and morally driven leaders I have come across. You are in very safe hands as they continue to improve both schools.

The board have decided to appoint an interim Executive Head, whom I will complete a handover period with. The board will write to you in due course to explain the process in more detail.

I am so blessed to have worked with such an amazing team of colleagues and the board of both schools. I want to say a special thank you to Donna Shah, our board chair, who has supported and challenged me to improve both schools over her time as a Governor.

My partner and I moved to Brighton recently, and I start a new role in East Sussex and Kent, as Director of Education for a small academy trust in June 2025.

I am so sad to leave the children and families of both schools, and you will all be forever in my heart.

Abi (Executive Head)



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



STARS OF THE WEEK

Whole school: 92.3%
National: 95%

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!**

Willow 98%

Year 6: Amy and Helen

Oak 96%

Year 5: Nour and Khadija



Rowan 96%

Year 4: Aras A and Amira

Elm 96%

Year 3: Jack and Rami

Mulberry 94%

Year 2: Shihab and Alya

Palm 94%

Year 1: Junior and Hannah

Ash 91%

Reception: Sen

Maple 91%

Nursery: Duru

Pine 90%

TOP DOODLERS

Top class - PINE



Using Doodle Maths for 10 minutes per day can have a huge impact on your child's progress and attainment. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need your login details or any support with the app.

Holly 90%

Beech 88%

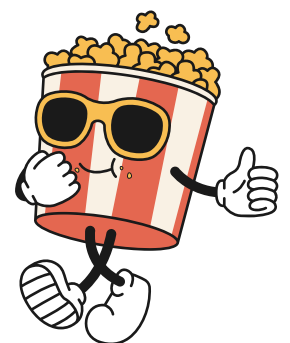
Cedar 88%

Silver birch 86%

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

Well done to **Willow** class
for having the highest
attendance this week!



Apple 80%

Year 2 - Horniman Museum

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to the Horniman Museum, where they explored the rich cultures and diverse wildlife of Africa. The children immersed themselves in a hands-on workshop exploring traditional African markets, discovering its vibrant colours, textures, and everyday items. They were especially excited to see and handle traditional toys, gaining insight into how children from different cultures play. We also explored the African encounters display, where the children recorded their favourite animals and artifacts on their clipboards. It was a wonderful day of discovery!



5 Stars for Rotherfield!

Rotherfield Primary School Kitchen Achieves Level 5 Food Safety & Hygiene Rating!

We are excited to announce that Rotherfield Primary School kitchen has been awarded the highest Food Safety and Hygiene rating Level 5! This recognition comes after a recent visit from the Environmental Health Officer, who inspected various aspects of our kitchen operations.

The officer praised our rigorous cleanliness standards, including the proper storage and handling of food, the regular cleaning of equipment, and the overall maintenance of hygiene in food preparation areas. We also passed with flying colors on food safety training for staff and our clear system for managing allergens. This fantastic achievement reflects our commitment to providing the safest and healthiest environment for our students and staff.

A big thank you to the whole kitchen team for their hard work and dedication! And a special thank you to Raj that helped with all the things needed to protect our premises from any pest activity!!!!



Forest School with Year 1

Year 1 have been enjoying forest school. This week the children made a fence to protect the new flowers growing, painted with homemade paint, and made clay faces on trees! The forest school agreement teaches children to take care of themselves, each other and take care of nature too.



REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENTS	DATES
Year 5 - Synagogue Visit	Monday 10th February
Oak Class - British Library Workshop	Monday 10th February
Library Visit (Cedar and Palm)	Wednesday 12th February
Last day of term	Friday 14th February
February Half-Term	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February
INSET day	Monday 24th February
Children return to school	Tuesday 25th February
Year 2 Trip - London Zoo	Monday 3rd March
World Book Day	Thursday 6th March
Year 2 assembly	Tuesday 11th March @9:10
Year 5 Trip - Jo'Burg Anniversary Event	Thursday 20th March
Year 1- London Landmarks Trip	Thursday 3rd April

Caudwell Children's Sensory Packs

We know that processing everyday sensory information can be extremely difficult for children, any of their senses can become over or under stimulated by the environment around them.

Caudwell Children's Sensory Packs are affordable and are specifically designed to support children. Our packs are also fun, educational, durable and safe. Many of the items are compact, so they are suitable for travel or to take to school.

You can apply or find out more information about the Get Sensory Packs using this link: [Charity Funded Sensory Packs | Caudwell Children | Apply Now](#)

Current Vacancies:

[School Sous Chef – Rotherfield Primary School](#)

[Premises Assistant – Newington Green Primary School](#)

[Class Teacher – Newington Green Primary School](#)

Islington Healthy School Advisor

Please click [here](#) to see community food services available within Islington Community Food Services - Islington Food Partnership



Pizza & chat

Thursday 27th February
6.30 - 8.30pm
At Ramsay Scout Centre
319 Holloway Road, London, N7 9FU

SEND parent carers evening
Pizza & soft drinks provided
Adult only event

Run by SEND families for SEND families
www.islingtonparentcarerforum.com

Important Notice

Please click [here](#) to view the late collection policy

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