

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a lovely week back at school and spring is in the air! The TAs have done a big piece of work in organising our playground resources and today it was great to see our new playleaders taking the helm in leading activities with our younger children. I also enjoyed watching our support staff getting stuck in and playing games with the children - they all had so much fun!

We are working on developing pupil leadership as a school - there are lots of leadership opportunities that pupils can get involved in such as school council, food council, digital leaders, playleaders, debate team, science leaders, library squad and now our new pupil rights leaders. It is very important to us that our children are heard and valued as leaders in their own right.

Attendance remains a focus for us again this half term. We have been sent attendance data from the borough and sadly we are not doing as well as other schools in this respect. We have a number of children who are routinely absent - often missing a day a week. Nora has organised a fortnightly slot at the Rose bowl, which she will be using to record excellent attendance and great progress in attendance. Please support us in ensuring your child is here every day to learn, see friends and enjoy!

## THIS WEEKS' TOP NEWS - Play Leaders

### Our new Rotherfield

#### Playleaders are:

Alessia	Freya
Maymoonah	Ismael
Gleb	Ben
Safia	Adar
Lyla	Nour

### Play Leader Responsibilities

- Playleaders will introduce and organize activities for children in the KS1 playground.
- The aim of having Playleaders is to increase the amount of physical activity for children and encourage positive behaviour.
- The role will raise self-esteem and confidence for the Playleaders as well as encouraging a model of nurturing and looking after younger children.

Playleaders had to apply for the role by filling in an application form explaining why they thought they should be considered for the role.



PLAY  
LEADER



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



## STARS OF THE WEEK

**Whole school: 93%**  
**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!**

**Year 6: Kaiden and Jah-Nayah**

**Year 5: Millie-Mae G and Mason**

**Year 4: Ishon and Rosie**

**Year 3: Walden and Eline**

**Year 2: Berzan and Rayyan**

**Year 1: Max and Reuben**

**Reception: Milo**

**Nursery: Hunter**



Oak	99%
Cedar	96%
Rowan	96%
Maple	95%
Willow	95%
Elm	94%
Silver birch	93%
Pine	92%
Apple	91%
Palm	90%
Ash	90%
Mulberry	88%
Beech	87%
Holly	87%

### TOP DOODLERS - ASH

### DOODLER TABLES - WILLOW

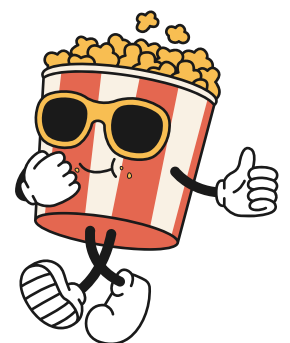


Using Doodle Maths for 10 minutes per day can have a huge impact on your child's progress and attainment. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need your login details or any support with the app.

### POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



# Gardening Club

Does your child love digging, planting, and exploring nature? Join our Gardening Club at **Rotherfield Primary School!**

📅 Every Monday



🕒 3:30 – 4:30 PM

📍 Rotherfield School Garden

👧👦 For children in Years 1 to 3

A fun, hands-on way for children to learn about plants, grow their own food, and enjoy the outdoors. They just need to bring their curiosity and enthusiasm! Come and grow with us! 🌻

## Rose Bowl

As a reward for our great attendance and punctuality, Mulberry Class enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon at Rose Bowl Youth Centre.

We started by learning how to light campfires safely, which was both exciting and educational. The highlight of the day was playing various outdoor games - our favourites were beat the clock and balloon pop. It was a fantastic afternoon of fun, teamwork, and celebration, marking the perfect reward for our hard work!



## Tiago's Weekly Recipe - Pot Lentil and Vegetable Stew / Fun Food Facts

A cosy but fresh dish, perfect for transitioning from winter to spring! Packed with protein, fibre, and flavour, this hearty stew is easy to make and budget-friendly.

(You can add chicken or any other meat of your preference!)

### Ingredients:

 (serves 4-6)

- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 celery sticks, chopped (optional)
  - 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp dried thyme or mixed herbs
- 1 tsp smoked paprika (optional)
- 200g dried red lentils (rinsed)
- 1 tin (400g) chopped tomatoes
  - 1 litre vegetable stock
  - 2 potatoes, diced
- 1 handful of greens (spinach, kale, or cabbage)
  - Salt & pepper to taste
- Squeeze of lemon juice (optional, but brightens the flavours)

### Method:

1. Heat the oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion, carrots, and celery. Cook for 5 minutes until softened.
2. Stir in the garlic, thyme, and paprika. Cook for another minute until fragrant.
3. Add the lentils, chopped tomatoes, potatoes, and stock. Stir well and bring to a boil.
4. Reduce heat and simmer for about 25-30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the lentils and potatoes are tender.
5. Stir in the greens and cook for another 5 minutes until wilted.
6. Season with salt, pepper, and a squeeze of lemon juice if using. Serve warm with crusty bread or on its own.

💡 Tip: This stew is even better the next day! You can also blend part of it for a thicker texture.

### Fun Food Facts!

- 🥕 Carrots used to be purple! – The orange carrots we eat today were specially bred in the Netherlands in the 16th century. Before that, they were mostly purple, red, or even yellow!
- 🍋 A squeeze of lemon makes food taste fresher! – Adding a little lemon juice at the end of cooking helps bring out flavours, just like salt does.
- 🌱 Lentils are one of the world's oldest foods! – Archaeologists have found lentils in ancient Egyptian tombs, proving people have been eating them for over 8,000 years!
- 🍲 Soup and stews taste better the next day! – This is because the flavours have more time to blend together, making them richer and deeper.
- 🌿 Green leafy vegetables keep us strong! – Spinach, kale, and cabbage are packed with vitamins that help our bones and immune system stay healthy.

# REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENTS	DATES
Year 2 Trip - London Zoo	Monday 3rd March
World Book Day	Thursday 6th March
Year 2 assembly	Tuesday 11th March @9:10
Year 5 - British Museum Trip	Tuesday 11th March
Year 6 Only - Parents/Carers Evening	Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th March (Bookings up until 5pm on 19th)
Year 5 Trip - Jo'Burg Anniversary Event	Thursday 20th March
Meet the Governors Coffee Morning	Friday 21st March @9-9:30
Parents/Carers Evening (All other year groups)	Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th March (Bookings up until 5pm on 26th)
Year 1- London Landmarks Trip	Thursday 3rd April
Year 1 - V&A trip	Monday 28th April

## Clubs Timetable

Rotherfield Primary School - After School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast Club</b> 7:45 - 8:55	<b>Breakfast Club</b> 7:45 - 8:55	<b>Breakfast Club</b> 7:45 - 8:55	<b>Breakfast Club</b> 7:45 - 8:55	<b>Breakfast Club</b> 7:45 - 8:55
<b>Gardening</b> Y1-3 3:30 - 4:30	<b>Turkish</b> Y1-6 3:30 - 4:30	<b>Gymnastics</b> R-Y6 3:30 - 4:30		<b>S.T.E.M Club</b> Y3 -Y6 3:30 - 4:30
		<b>Singing Club</b> Y1-3 3:30 - 4:30		
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**ROTHERFIELD PRIMARY PRESENTS**  
**PHONICS TEACHING SESSION**  
**5TH MARCH 2025**  
**9-9:30 AM**

EXPERIENCE A PHONICS LESSON BEING TAUGHT

STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME

SIGN UP AT RECEPTION IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND!!

### Important Notice

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

### 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