



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

The sun is shining and it's been a lovely week at RF.

Ramadan is here - a special month for our Muslim students and their families. Ramadan is a time for reflection, prayer, and fasting from sunrise to sunset. It's a wonderful opportunity for our school community to learn about and celebrate the diverse cultures and traditions that make our school so vibrant. We wish everyone observing Ramadan a peaceful and blessed month and we will be in touch shortly with more information about how we will be marking this event in school.

On Monday, we had a visit from our school improvement partner; he was incredibly positive about the quality of teaching and outcomes in books. We know that teachers' hard work is paying off, but it's always nice to get this validation from external visitors.

We've had a number of exciting events on this week: Year 2 visited London Zoo, a number of classes visited the local library, the whole school celebrated World Book Day, Year 2 and 5 had a visit from London Fire Service and Year 5 has their first session with Into University. We love seeing the children engage in these extra curricular activities.

Next week is assessment week for Years 1-5 and the following week, Year 6 will be taking their last set of Mock SATS assessments before the real thing. We're so proud of the children and looking forward to reviewing the progress they've made.

## THIS WEEKS' TOP NEWS - World Book Day

Thursday saw Rotherfield in full costume for World Book Day. Children and staff excelled themselves, wearing amazing costumes from a wide range of our favourite books and characters. Across the school from nursery to year 6, we spent world book day focusing on Wordless Books. Some of the books we looked at were Float, Bluebird, The Arrival and Afterwards everything was different. In class, children took part in a variety of activities linked to their book, including art, drama, Computing, Spanish and writing, as well as Storytime in the library and lots of book talk! We love reading at Rotherfield!



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



## STARS OF THE WEEK

**Whole school: 94.7%**  
**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: Aisha and Emmanuel**

**Year 5: Elisa and Grace**

**Year 4: Fay and Ivy F**

**Year 3: Saif and Thea**

**Year 2: Julia and Tunay**

**Year 1: Maia and Jacob**

**Reception: Rowan**

**Nursery: Saoirse**



Palm	99%
Rowan	98%
Ash	97%
Mulberry	95%
Willow	95%
Apple	95%
Elm	95%
Oak	94%
Maple	94%
Cedar	93%
Pine	93%
Silver birch	92%
Holly	91%
Beech	88%

## TOP DOODLERS - MULBERRY



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 **Palm** class  
for having the highest  
attendance this week!



# World Book Day

Apple class enjoyed celebrating world book day this week, Spiderman, Elsa, little red riding hood and Gruffalo seem to be the most popular reading characters in our class. Our costume winner was stick man.



## WBD Reading

Year 6 came to read to year 1 on Thursday afternoon and it was really lovely. Year 6 read beautifully to Year 1 and it was such a wonderful opportunity to share stories by both year groups. A perfect way to end world book day!



# Year 2 Zoo Trip

On Monday, Year 2 had an amazing trip to London Zoo! The children were thrilled to explore the different enclosures and see a variety of animals up close, including gorillas, lions, and giraffes. They enjoyed walking through the Butterfly House and the excitement continued in the Reptile House, where they saw an array of fascinating creatures, including snakes, lizards, and even a crocodile! One of the highlights of the day was watching the playful penguins dive and swim. The children loved learning about their unique adaptations and how we can help protect their habitat by recycling and using reusable water bottles. The trip was a fantastic learning experience, and the children had a wonderful time exploring the zoo. A big thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who made this visit possible!



## Tiago's Weekly Recipe - Lentil & Sweet Potato Soup

### Ramadan Special

Ramadan is a special time of reflection, gratitude, and kindness. It is observed by millions of people around the world who fast from sunrise to sunset, focusing on self-discipline, generosity, and community.

At sunset, the iftar meal is a time of togetherness, where families and friends come together to break their fast with nourishing food and warm company. It is a reminder of the importance of sharing, appreciating what we have, and supporting those in need.

This week, we're sharing a simple and comforting Lentil & Sweet Potato Soup, a dish to enjoy with loved ones, whether you're observing Ramadan or simply embracing the spirit of togetherness.

Wishing all who are celebrating a peaceful and blessed Ramadan!

#### Ingredients: (serves 4-6)

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- ½ tsp turmeric
- 1 medium sweet potato, peeled and diced
- 1 carrot, peeled and diced
- 200g red lentils, rinsed
- 1.2 litres vegetable stock
- 1 tin (400g) chopped tomatoes
- 1 small handful fresh coriander, chopped (optional)
- Salt and black pepper, to taste
- Lemon wedges, to serve

#### Method:

1. Sauté the aromatics: In a large pot, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the chopped onion and cook until soft (about 5 minutes). Stir in the garlic, cumin, coriander, and turmeric, and cook for another minute until fragrant.
2. Add vegetables & lentils: Stir in the sweet potato, carrot, and rinsed lentils. Pour in the vegetable stock and chopped tomatoes. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and let it simmer for 25 to 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. Blend (optional): If you prefer a smooth soup, use a hand blender to blend until creamy. Otherwise, leave it chunky for texture.
4. Season & serve: Add salt and black pepper to taste. Stir in fresh coriander if using. Serve with a squeeze of lemon juice and warm bread on the side.

#### Why this recipe?

Nutritious & filling, the lentils provide protein and fibre, while sweet potatoes add natural sweetness and essential vitamins.  
Comforting & easy to digest, perfect for breaking a fast gently.  
Simple & budget-friendly, as it uses affordable, everyday ingredients.

## 3 Discovery Visit

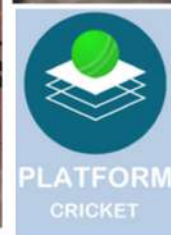
We were very lucky to have a second visit from 3 Discovery who ran excellent workshops with year 4, 5 and 6 children about being safe online. The focus was on how to spot hackers and avoid online scams so the children created stories and movies about these topics. This work supported the work we do in Computing lessons and reminds children how important it is to stay safe online.

For more information on how to stay safe at home, please click this link for more information. [Top tips to stay safe from the scammers - Ofcom](#)



## Platform Cricket

In year 4 this half term we have been really lucky to have Rishab, a cricket specialist, come in and teach us. We have learned so much already after only two sessions. We know how to stand in a side stance when batting, we know how to catch the ball when fielding and we even get to play some cricket at the end of each session.



## Important Message

We have recently received a message from a local resident who regularly cycles past our school, raising concerns about unsafe parking practices during drop-off and pick-up times. Specifically, they have observed some parents double-parking near the junction with Elizabeth Avenue, sometimes without even using hazard lights.

We understand that school runs can be busy and stressful, but we must all work together to ensure the safety of our children and other road users. Unsafe parking can create dangerous situations, increasing the risk of accidents for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to:

- Park safely and legally at all times.
- Avoid double-parking, especially near junctions.
- Use designated parking areas where possible.
- Be mindful of other road users, including cyclists and pedestrians.



Let's all do our part to keep our school community safe. Thank you for your cooperation!

# REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENTS	DATES
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
Eid Celebration Afternoon	Friday 4th April
Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Parade	Tuesday 22nd April
Year 1 - V&A trip	Monday 28th April

**Southern Martial Arts – London & Essex**  
 Karate – Kickboxing – MMA Tai Chi Chuan Kung Fu  
 (Please do not write on this form)

Karate class held at  
**Rotherfield Primary School, Tuesdays, 3.30-4.30pm**

We are pleased to announce there are spaces available for the karate class held at the above venue.

At Southern Martial Arts, we pride ourselves on teaching martial arts karate to children from a young age. We believe all children should be taught self defence, discipline, focus, health and happiness.

Our classes are run weekly with options for extra classes available as your child progresses towards the advanced black belt.

We pride ourselves on a family feel to the club and as such, you will be asked to discuss the class with your group throughout the class etc.

To join Southern Martial Arts, please message Rosalie if James on 07594 928598 with your child's name. Classes are £8 per 1 hour lesson and are paid half termly. Please also make sure that the bottom of this form is filled in and brought with you to the first class.

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give permission for my child to attend the karate class. I will collect/ will allow my child to go home alone (please delete as applicable). I understand there is no obligation to purchase karate suits or membership or attend gradings. I hereby give permission/ do not give permission (please delete as applicable) for photos to be taken in class for the use on the Southern Martial Arts promotional materials.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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>Karate</b> 3:30 - 4:30 contact provider on 07594928598 £8 per session	<b>Singing Club</b> Y1-3 3:30 - 4:30		
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## Parent/Carer Attendance Survey

Please would you be able to spare some time and complete the attendance survey using the link below:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/fcb9yUFei>

## FSM

If you are not receiving supermarket vouchers in the schools holidays, please make sure you check your eligibility but clicking the link below:  
[https://ems.islingtonschools.net/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://ems.islingtonschools.net/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

## Islington Healthy School Advisor

Please click here to see community food services available within Islington  
 Community Food Services - Islington Food Partnership

## PARENTS/CARERS

## EVENING

**Bookings are now open on Arbor.**

## 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