

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

I hope many of you have seen my email regarding VE day. I would like to apologise for the fact that we didn't celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day as a school yesterday. This was a genuine error as we had not realised earlier in the year when planning our calendar that it was an 80th anniversary.

I have spoken to a few parents this morning who were upset by this and rightly so as it is a key moment in British History. To help to address this, we have decided to hold a **belated celebration next Friday 13th May**. Chef will make a special British VE day lunch, children can come in their own clothes with a theme of Red, White and Blue, Rhian will do some war time songs as part of signing assembly and we and we will have some curriculum time learning about the importance of this day in the country's history.

On 23rd May we will celebrate the NSPCC childhood day. As we did last year we will mark this with running a mile to raise money for children. Last year this was so successful and we raised over a £1000! We have also been selected by the NSPCC to have a special author visit on the day. More information to follow soon **but please see the sponsorship form in this newsletter!**

THIS WEEKS' TOP NEWS - Rosemary Gardens

Beech class have enjoyed their second week of forest school at Rosemary Gardens. They have taken part in various activities such as using the hammock, climbing the rope bridge, playing in the mud kitchen and making clay faces. They have also been continuing to learn the forest school rules such as being kind to each other and nature and to 'watch that stick!



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



STARS OF THE WEEK

Whole school: 91.4%
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: Both classes for great SATs focus



Year 5: Elisa and Isabella



Year 4: Alfie and Defne

Year 3: Corey and Tatum

Year 2: Both classes for great behaviour on the school trip

Year 1: Shanyla and Mikaylia

Reception: Maryan

Nursery: Reid

Palm	98.8%
Mulberry	98%
Rowan	97%
Oak	97%
Willow	96%
Cedar	95%
Ash	94%
Holly	94%
Elm	90%
Maple	90%
Pine	89%
Beech	87%
Apple	87%
Silver birch	83%

TOP DOODLERS -
SILVER BIRCH

DOODLE TABLES-
WILLOW

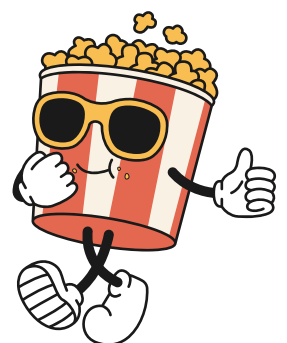


Using Doodle Maths for 10 minutes per day can have a huge impact on your child's progress and attainment. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need your login details or any support with the app.

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



Here to help



My name is Nora and I am the Child/family support worker and Attendance lead here at Rotherfield

I can offer support and advice in various ways:

- Support accessing local services
- Help with behavioural support
- Provide practical help - uniform, books etc
- Liaise with other healthcare professionals
- Provide emotional support
- Offer additional support in meetings

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Scroll to the bottom of the page to access the useful links document

[Useful Links](#)

Chat to us



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Email us



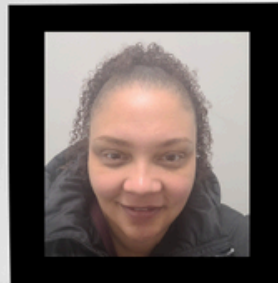
admin@rotherfieldprimary.co.uk



I can offer support and advice in various ways:

- I can support with signposting and keeping you and the school updated with community events within the local area.
- I am always here for a chat
- Feel free to contact me via email if there is anything I can help with.

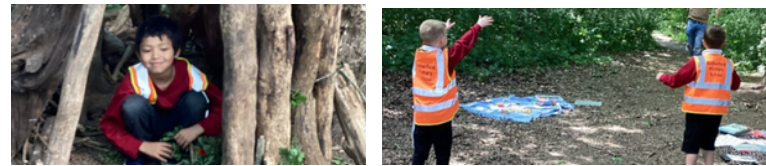
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My name is Kisha (Malaya's mum) and I am a Parent champion/Community champion and outreach volunteer here at Rotherfield

Year 2 had a fantastic time on our recent trip to Hampstead Heath! The children enjoyed a day of discovery in nature, where they searched for mini-beasts, identified different types of trees, and even built their own dens. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn outside the classroom, and the students especially loved running freely across the wide open fields at the end of the day.

A huge thank you to our amazing parent volunteers – your support helped make the day such a success. Your enthusiasm and guidance really helped the children engage and enjoy every moment.



Tiago's Weekly Recipe - Lemon & Herb Chicken Rice Bake

What's for Tea?

Try This Spring Chicken Winner!

I've been thinking about something lovely and lemony while living these beautiful spring days — a Lemon & Herb Chicken Rice Bake that the kids would might gob up faster than you can say “where did the peas go?”

It's budget-friendly, packed with veggies (yes, even the fussy ones will eat them!), and has that gentle springtime zing thanks to fresh lemon and herbs. The best part? You can throw it all in one dish, stick it in the oven, and go put your feet up for a bit. No fancy ingredients, no juggling five pans, no drama.

The children will love it — soft herby rice, sweet carrots, and juicy chicken with a pop of fresh flavour. It's one of those comforting meals that feels like a hug after school.

Ingredients (Serves 6):

- 6 chicken thighs (skinless, bone-in or boneless)
 - 1 onion, finely chopped
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 200g basmati or long grain rice
- 500ml low-salt chicken stock
 - Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 1 tsp dried thyme or mixed herbs
- 2 carrots, peeled and diced
 - 100g frozen peas
 - 2 tbsp olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste (light on salt for children)

Optional: a sprinkle of grated cheese or chopped fresh parsley to finish

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C (fan).
2. Heat 1 tbsp of oil in a pan, season chicken lightly with pepper, and brown on both sides (about 3–4 mins per side). Set aside.
3. In the same pan, add another tbsp of oil, then sauté onion and garlic until soft.
4. Stir in rice, carrots, lemon zest, herbs, and stock. Bring to a simmer.
5. Pour the rice mixture into a baking dish, nestle the browned chicken on top, cover tightly with foil, and bake for 30 minutes.
6. Remove foil, scatter peas over the top, and return to the oven for another 15 minutes, uncovered, until the rice is tender and chicken cooked through.
7. Optional: Top with a sprinkle of cheese or parsley before serving.

REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENTS	DATES
Year 6 SATS Week	Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th May
PTA Bake Sale	Friday 16 th May @3:30
Year 4 trip - River Lea	Friday 16 th May
VE Belated Celebration	Tuesday 13 th May
Year 6 Residential - Cardfields	Monday 19 th May - Friday 23 rd May
Year 3 trip - Kew Gardens	Tuesday 20 th May
KS2 Parent/Carer Reader drop-in	Wednesday 21 st May
NSPCC Childhood day and Run a Mile	Friday 23 rd May
Last day of term	Friday 23 rd May
Half term	Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May
Children return to school	Monday 2 nd June
PTA Bake Sale	Friday 20 th June @3:30
Whole School Sports day - Shoreditch Park	Thursday 17 th July
PTA Bake Sale	Friday 18 th July @3:30

Term Dates - 2024/25 Academic Year	
Autumn Term (75 days)	
Term Begins	Monday 2nd September 2024 (inset) Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 (inset)
Children return to school	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Half term	Monday 28th October - Friday 1 st November 2024
Term Begins	Monday 4 th November 2024 (inset)
Children return to school	Tuesday 5th November 2024
Term ends	Friday 20th December 2024 - School finishes at 1:30pm
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23rd December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025
Inset Days	Monday 2nd September 2024 Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 Monday 4th November 2024
Bank Holidays	Christmas Day: Wednesday 25th December 2024 Boxing Day: Thursday 26th December 2024 New Year's Day: Wednesday 1st January 2025
Spring Term (60 days)	
Term Begins	Monday 6 th January 2025 (inset)
Children return to school	Tuesday 7th January 2025
Half term	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025
Term Begins	Monday 24 th February 2025 (inset)
Children return to school	Tuesday 25th February 2025
Term ends	Friday 4 th April 2025
Easter Holidays	Monday 7 th April - Monday 21 st April 2025
Inset Days	Monday 6th January 2025 Monday 24th February 2025
Bank Holidays	Good Friday: Friday 18 th April 2025 Easter Monday: Monday 21st April 2025
Summer Term (60 days)	
Children return to school	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Half term	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025
Children return to school	Monday 2nd June 2025
Term ends	Tuesday 22nd July 2025
Bank Holidays	May Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May 2025 Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 26 th May 2025 August Bank Holiday: Monday 25 th August 2025
Total Pupil Days:	190 days
Inset Days:	5 days

All term dates can be found on the website [here](#).

NSPCC **childhood day**
mile Have Fun!

We're taking part in NSPCC Childhood Day!

Across the UK and Channel Islands, amazing NSPCC supporters are volunteering, fundraising and donating in schools, workplaces and shopping centres, for Childhood Day, to help keep children safe.



Why Your Support Matters
The NSPCC has been working to prevent child abuse for 140 years, and we know the only way we can keep all our children safe is if everyone works together. Your donation will help to support our vital life-changing services such as Childline, Helpline and our Schools' Speak Out Stay Safe programme.

EA could help answer a child's call to Childline. Thank you!



Scan here to sponsor me!

Please make a difference to a child's life today by scanning the QR code and give a donation, however small.

When we all join together we can make a massive difference!

Thank You

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR






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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