

ROTHERFIELD

NEWSLETTER

16/05/2025



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a very British week here at Rotherfield! On Wednesday, chef Tiago and I had the privilege of attending the King's Royal Garden party at Buckingham palace! This was in honour of Tiago's work in food education. We had the most delightful afternoon and even saw the King in person. What an honour! We are so lucky to have Tiago's energy and passion supporting the children and families of Rotherfield.

Today, we belatedly celebrated VE day. I was really grateful to the parents who pointed out the error in missing this special day last week. We had a delicious British roast lunch with sticky toffee pudding. A big thanks to Toni who made jelly for the entire school! In assembly, Rhian led some singing of war time songs and, in class, all children learnt about the significance of this day in our nation's history. We then reflected on the theme of peace and it's importance.

A final thank you and well done goes out to all of our Year 6 pupils who sat their SATS exams this week. The children have been absolutely focused and determined throughout the week. They have really excelled and the progress from September has been so evident. They deserve a good rest this weekend in preparation for the big trip to Cardfields next week!



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



STARS OF THE WEEK

Whole school: 95.1%
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: Seren, Paige and Freya

Year 5: Lucas, Amaya and Milly-Mae H

Year 4: Aras A and Kaiden

Year 3: Alfie, Saif

Year 2: Iqra, George

Year 1: Naiya, Kallie

Reception: Christian

Nursery: Mally



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| Ash | 100% |
| Oak | 99% |
| Maple | 97% |
| Rowan | 96% |
| Pine | 96% |
| Mulberry | 94% |
| Holly | 93% |
| Apple | 93% |
| Palm | 92% |
| Cedar | 92% |
| Elm | 92% |
| Willow | 90% |
| Beech | 88% |
| Silver birch | 86% |

TOP DOODLERS -

OAK

DOODLE TABLES-

WILLOW

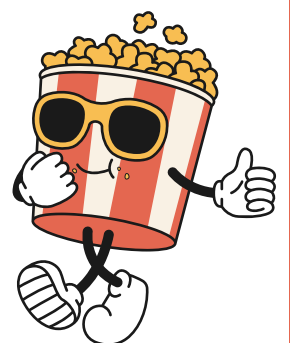


Using Doodle Maths for 10 minutes per day can have a huge impact on your child's progress and attainment. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need your login details or any support with the app.

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



Walk to school week

Next week is Walk to School Week, running from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd May. This national initiative encourages children and families to make walking to school part of their daily routine – promoting healthier lifestyles and helping reduce traffic and pollution. To support this, we've received a selection of resources and small prizes that can be given to pupils who take part.

Please encourage your children to get involved – every step counts!

Participation also supports our school's progress toward the Travel for Life accreditation.

For more details, visit the TFL [Walk to School Week – Travel for Life website](#).

A template for a 'MY WALKING WEEK' journal. It is divided into four days, each with a different color: Day 1 (pink), Day 2 (green), Day 3 (yellow), and Day 4 (purple). Each day has a set of questions to answer, such as 'What was good about today?', 'Where did you walk?', and 'Three words about your walk...'. There are also small illustrations of a shoe, a cat, and a heart.

Pupils can also complete a free Walking Journal, available here. It's a fun and reflective way to track their walks each day of the week.



Tiago's Weekly Recipe - VE Day Recipe

Hello dear parents and carers! Last week we celebrated VE Day across the UK and, to keep that spirit, I am bringing you some historical and fun facts about how food was made, served and rationed back in that time.

But first of all, what is VE Day?

VE Day stands for Victory in Europe Day, celebrated on 8th May each year. It marks the day in 1945 when the Second World War officially ended in Europe, and people across Britain took to the streets to celebrate peace after six long years of war.

There were street parties, music, dancing, and plenty of bunting—but food was still rationed, so families got creative with whatever ingredients they had. VE Day is a wonderful moment to reflect on resilience, gratitude, and community spirit—and maybe to enjoy a good bake together, just like families did back then!

Rationing, Root Veg and Resourcefulness:

Funny Food Facts from WWII Britain!

- Bananas vanished! Many British children didn't see a banana until after the war. One famously tried to eat hers whole, peel and all!
- Lord Woolton Pie was made from leftover vegetables and had a mashed potato crust instead of pastry. It was named after the Minister of Food—not exactly a name that makes your mouth water, is it?
- Carrot lollies were handed out as wartime "ice creams." A peeled carrot on a stick was considered a treat. Kids were told it would help their eyesight—partly true, mostly clever RAF propaganda!
- Powdered eggs were used in cakes, scrambled eggs, and everything in between. If you had a real egg, you were either very lucky or knew someone with chickens.
- "Dig for Victory" meant turning every garden, park, and flower bed into a food-growing patch. Even the lawns outside Buckingham Palace were dug up to plant veg!

Wartime Carrot Cookies (with a modern twist)

These humble biscuits were wartime favourites—simple, sweetened with carrot, and made with cupboard staples.

You'll need:

- 100g grated carrot
- 75g margarine or butter
- 100g plain flour
- 50g oats
- 50g soft brown sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp cinnamon (optional)
- A handful of raisins or sultanas (optional)

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan) / Gas 4. Line a baking tray.
2. Cream margarine and sugar until fluffy.
3. Stir in carrot, oats, flour, baking powder, and cinnamon.
4. Mix in raisins if you like.
5. Roll into balls, flatten, and bake for 12–15 mins. Cool before eating!



REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| EVENTS | DATES |
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| Year 6 Residential - Cardfields | Monday 19 th May - Friday 23 rd May |
| Walk to school week | 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 (Non-uniform) | 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 |

Royal Garden Party

"I had been invited by the King to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham palace to celebrate and recognise those working in Education and Skills.

I went there alongside Nia Silverwood, to represent our Federation and also make some networking.

The party was super nice, with 2 beautiful bands, food, refreshments and I stood face to face with his majesty himself!! It was a great moment and Nia and I felt really glad and proud to be part of that."

- Head Chef, Tiago



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