

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to so many of you for your support for the NSPCC childhood day and run a mile. So far we have raised £440 for the NSPCC . **It is not too later to donate!** If you have raised any sponsorship in cash then please bring that into the office for Lesly.

A huge well done to our Year 4 pupils this week, who have been working hard to learn all their times tables ready for the national multiplication check. We have been so impressed with the progress and determination of all the children. They have done us proud!

There is a huge amount of lost property building up. Nora will be putting it all out on tables next week. Please have a look to see if you have lots any items. We always encourage parents to clearly label children's clothes.

Remember to join us on Thursday next week for our cultural event. In school Janet is organising a lovely afternoon of language learning and celebration. Then, the PTA are organising some lovely food offering from around the world to sample.

Eid Mubarak to our many families celebrating today and over the weekend.

THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - The Week Magazine - Darcie's Feature

People

Inspiring others to love reading

Darcie Farrell won a Pupil Library Assistants award.

From 2 to 8 June it is Volunteers' Week, a campaign celebrated in the UK each year to recognise important work done by people who give up their time to help others. Darcie Farrell, who is in Year 5, volunteers in her primary school's library each week. She works with the other library assistants on Tuesday lunchtimes to organise books and help others to read.

Darcie told The Week Junior that libraries are very special because some children don't have books at home. She said, "It helps them be themselves in the library." Her favourite thing about being a library assistant is that she gets to help other children with their reading. Recently, Darcie won the School Library

Association's Pupil Library Assistants of the Year award for primary school children. She hadn't expected to win it, and said, "I was very shocked. I was proud as well."

One of Darcie's top subjects at school is guided reading, and her favourite book at the moment is *Dork Diaries*. *I Love Paris!* by Rachel Renée Russell. When she's not reading, though, she has several other hobbies, including baking and boxing. There are more exciting things coming to Darcie's library. The library assistants are going to make audiobooks for pupils. They'll read the books out loud, record them, and the recordings will be available for other children to listen to.



Darcie Farrell

LENT A LOT
In 2024, Julia Donaldson (who wrote *The Gruffalo*) was the most borrowed author in UK libraries.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



STARS OF THE WEEK

Whole school: 89%
National: 95%

Mulberry	98%
Oak	96%
Rowan	96%
Palm	95%
Holly	93%
Ash	93%
Beech	93%
Pine	90%
Willow	89%
Apple	86%
Silver birch	85%
Cedar	85%
Elm	84%
Maple	79%

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: Giorgio and Emmanuel

Year 5: Kidus and Rosa-Lee

Year 4: Lina and Liyana

Year 3: Annabelle and Rami

Year 2: Zara and Arthur L

Year 1: Ka'lia and Adiba

Reception: Christian

Nursery: Pheobe



TOP DOODLERS -

PINE

DOODLE TABLES-
WILLOW

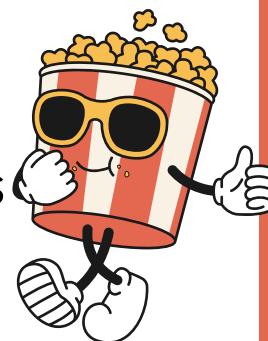


Using Doodle Maths for 10 minutes per day can have a huge impact on your child's progress and attainment. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need your login details or any support with the app.

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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

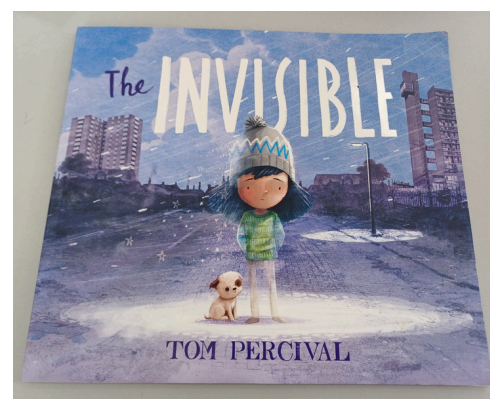
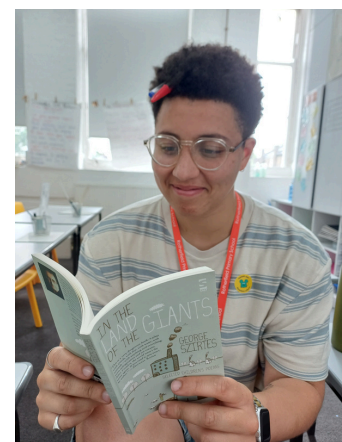


Reading for Pleasure

As part of our cultural afternoon, we will be having a Reading for Pleasure area with a focus on books and poems written in different languages; we would love to learn more about the stories and poems that are read in the many cultures that are part of our Rotherfield community. We will have a selection of the books that we have at school in different languages. It would be lovely if you can come and say hello and share stories that are important to you and your families. Feel free to bring any copies of stories from your culture and heritage, either physical copies to show us or just the names of books and writers so we can learn more about the stories from all the cultures represented at Rotherfield.

Staff Book Group

We held our second RF staff book group this week. We read books that have been recommended – different titles and covering different age groups from EYFS up to year 6. We are working to build our staff knowledge of the best new children's books so we can really help our children find books they love. This group we read: *Girls*; *In the land of giants*; *The invisible* and *10 dogs* and we would recommend them all!



Tiago's Weekly Recipe - Simple Sourdough Bread Recipe for Home

Ingredients:

- 500g strong white bread flour
 - 350ml lukewarm water
- 100g active sourdough starter (see note)
 - 10g salt

A Note from the Head Chef: Why Bread Matters

Taking care of sourdough is a quiet, powerful act. It asks for patience, attention, and trust – the same things we need in parenting, in friendships, and in taking care of ourselves. Watching your dough come alive over days reminds us that growth takes time. That small, everyday actions – like feeding a starter or folding a dough – lead to something nourishing and meaningful.

Sharing bread with your child is more than just food. It's a memory, a rhythm, a ritual. You don't need to be a baker – just curious and a little brave. Let your child see the bubbles, smell the tang, knead with you. These are the moments that rise and stay with us.

Method:

Instructions:

1. Mix the dough (Morning):
In a large bowl, mix the flour, water, and sourdough starter. Let it rest for 30 minutes, then add the salt and mix well by hand until combined. The dough will be sticky – that's good!
2. Stretch and fold (Every 30 mins, 4 times):
Over the next 2 hours, every 30 minutes gently stretch one side of the dough and fold it over. Rotate the bowl and repeat 3 more times.
3. Let it rise (Bulk ferment):
Cover the dough and leave it at room temperature for 4–5 hours, or until it's puffer (but not doubled in size).
4. Shape the dough:
Lightly flour your surface and shape the dough into a round ball. Place it into a floured bowl or banneton, seam side up.
5. Final rise (Overnight):
Cover and refrigerate overnight.
6. Bake (Next morning):
Preheat your oven to 230°C (fan 210°C) with a Dutch oven or covered pot inside. Turn your dough onto parchment, score the top with a sharp knife, and carefully place into the hot pot. Bake covered for 25 minutes, then uncovered for 15–20 minutes until golden.
7. Cool before slicing!
Let the bread cool fully – it finishes baking inside as it cools.

Note:

If you don't have a sourdough starter yet, try mixing 50g flour and 50ml water in a jar. Feed it daily with the same amounts. In 5–7 days, it should be bubbly and ready to use!

REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENTS	DATES
Year 2 Trip - London Museum	Tuesday 10 th June
Cultural Evening	Thursday 12 th June @3:30
Year 4 - Hampstead Heath	Wednesday 18 th June
Year 2 'Mini Olympics' Athletics Festival	Wednesday 18 th June
PTA Bake Sale	Friday 20 th June @3:30
Year 5 Trip - London Zoo	Friday 20 th June
Whole School Sports day - Shoreditch Park	Thursday 17 th July
PTA Bake Sale	Friday 18 th July @3:30



Speech and Language Advice during these sessions:

Herongate House
Tuesday, 22nd April (10 – 11.30am)

Conewood Children's Centre
Wednesday 30th April (3.30 – 5pm)

Conewood Children's Centre
Tuesday 6th May (2 – 3.30pm)

New River Green Children's Centre
Friday, 10th May (9.30 – 11am)

The Factory Children's Centre
Monday, 19th May (3.45 – 5pm)

Kirsty Ayers and Marwa Sedig
Speech and language therapists will come and share tips and ideas to support children's communication and language development

Katie Evans our Speech and Language therapy assistant will also be visiting:
Baby Bounce, South Library
Friday 27th April (11am)
Under 1s Stay and Play, New River Green Children's Centre
Tuesday, 17th May (1.30-3pm)

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Social Communication Team Therapy & Play Session

A drop-in session for children under 5 who:

- Have been referred to the Social Communication Team (SCT)
- Or
- Have a diagnosis of Autism

What the sessions offer:

- A welcoming, inclusive place for children with social communication differences, who are not yet in school
- Child focused activities facilitated by the Bright Start Team and supported by the Social Communication Team
- A relaxed and friendly space for you and your child to play together. Opportunity to ask questions, get support and meet other parents and carers.
- Access advice from the SCT therapy assistant, Speech and language therapist or Occupational therapist.

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Tuesday, 10-11.30am
Family Hub South at Conewood Children's Centre H1 608

Wednesday, 10-11.30am (as of 14/05/22)
Family Hub Central at New River Green Children's Centre H1 268

Thursday, 10-11.30am
Family Hub North at Hornsey Road Children's Centre H7 7EN

lightstart@islington.gov.uk
Bright Start South 020 7527 4089
Bright Start North 020 7527 8441
Bright Start Central 020 7527 8465

Family Hubs, Start for Life

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Early Communication workshop at Under 1s Stay and Play

For Parents / Carers of children 0 – 12 months

Tuesday 6th May 1.30-3pm
Golden Lane Children's Centre

Monday, 12th May 1:30 – 3pm
Archway Children's Centre

Tuesday 13th May 10 – 11.30am
Conewood Children's Centre

Tuesday, 3rd June 1:30 – 3pm
Hornsey Road Children's Centre

Tuesday, 10th June 1:30 – 3pm
New River Green Children's Centre

Come and meet a Bright Start Speech and Language Therapist at these under 1s Stay and Play sessions! The Speech and Language Therapist will share information about early communication development and give you some ideas on ways you can support your child's communication development and play skills.

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Building Joint Attention & Interaction
A Speech and Language Therapy Parent Workshop

An online workshop for parents of children within 18 months and 5 years of age who would like practical ideas and tips to develop their child's attention and interaction in play and everyday activities.

Thursday 15th May 2025 10.30 – 11.45am

Delivered online on Microsoft Teams

Scan the QR code or use the link below to register
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/106217263015?aff=ad&utm_source=whittington

Places are limited. You will receive an email with the link once you register.

Any questions? Speak to a Bright Start Practitioner or Bright Start Speech and Language therapy team on 0203 316 1897

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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