

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

We are fast approaching the end of term but there is still plenty happening here to bring fun and excitement to the days. Please look at key dates for the end of term. I am increasingly noticing a dip in attendance around the sunny weather. Attendance for some families is a real concern here and we do need to think of ways to address this. We have been looking at information from pupils who have told us that many of them find it hard to come to school on a Monday. 40% of children also said that they take odd days off when they are not ill. We will be looking further into this as a school in September to promote better attendance at school.

On Monday 7th children will be told who their new teacher is in preparation to meet them on Tuesday. We will share this with parents on Monday too as well as introducing you to some new members of the team. Reports will be out on Friday 11th July.

I hope to see many of you at Rotherfest tomorrow! I will be available to be sponged - please be gentle! Many thanks to the PTA for organising this event and to all staff and parents who have helped out! Looking forward to a fun filled day in the sun.

THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - Parent/Carer Breakfast Session

We were so pleased to welcome 13 parents and carers to our session on 25th June. Honey Carlier, nutritionist and Health Improvement Officer from Islington, shared brilliant, practical tips on children's nutrition. She also demonstrated how to prepare balanced packed lunches with good carbs, protein, fruit and veg – and how to reduce crisps and chocolates.

Parents enjoyed Rotherfield's banana muffins – egg- and dairy-free, made with dates and wholemeal flour – plus a fresh fruit salad. It was a relaxed and inspiring morning, full of helpful ideas and great questions. A gentle reminder: **from September, children will not be allowed to bring sugary drinks, crisps, chocolates or sweets in their packed lunches.**

These breakfast sessions are part of our support to help families with this change, making healthier choices easier. Thank you for being part of this journey – together we're making food a positive, powerful part of our children's lives.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



STARS OF THE WEEK

Whole school: 89%
National: 95%

Oak	96%
Rowan	94%
Apple	93%
Holly	93%
Elm	92%
Beech	92%
Mulberry	89%
Pine	88%
Palm	88%
Willow	88%
Silver birch	83%
Maple	81%
Ash	76%
Cedar	72%

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: Luke and Fatma

Year 5: Samuel and Hudaifah

Year 4: Lujane and Mason

Year 3: Silvano and Waliid

Year 2: Rico

Year 1: Lunar and Elsie

Reception: Jameelah

Nursery: Ray



RESPECT **CHAMPIONS**

KS1: Paula (Holly)

KS2: Nathaniel
(Rowan)

TOP DOODLERS -

PINE

DOODLE TABLES-

ASH

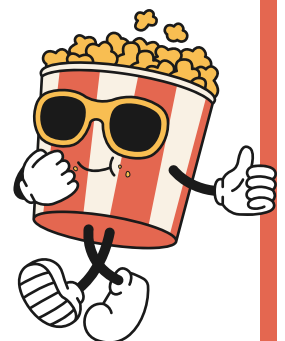


Using Doodle Maths for 10 minutes per day can have a huge impact on your child's progress and attainment. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need your login details or any support with the app.

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



Author visit - Gabrielle Kent

This week we had an inspiring visit from author Gabrielle Kent who has written *Knights and Bikes* (which we study in year 4) and the fabulous 'Rani Reports' series which many classes are reading as their story time book. Gabrielle led a fantastic assembly for years 3, 4 and 5 before leading a smaller workshop about being an author for 20 of our children. It was so generous of her to give her time to the pupils of Rotherfield. If you want to find out more about Gabrielle and the many great books she has written you can here: [Gabrielle Kent – Writer](#)



Into University - Year 4

This week, year 4 took part in an Into University workshop. It was a great way to learn about different career pathways and the kind of jobs that are open to the children when they get older. We took part in some really fun and engaging activities and thought about what the connected jobs might be like. Our children were inspired about their own futures!



Year 6 Swimming

This half term, Year 6 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons at Ironmonger Row Baths in Shoreditch. The children have engaged in a variety of activities aimed at building their confidence in the water and have practised a range of strokes to enhance their swimming technique. Staff at the centre have commended the positive attitude and behaviour of our Year 6 swimmers, and it has been a pleasure to see the children participating with such enthusiasm.

MEGA MATHS DAY
TUESDAY JULY 15TH

A day to celebrate the fun of maths!
There will be **exciting investigations, fun games, and amazing mathematicians to discover.**

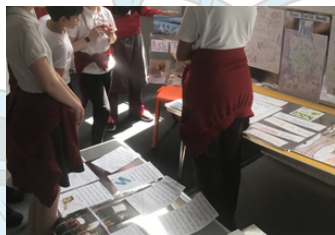
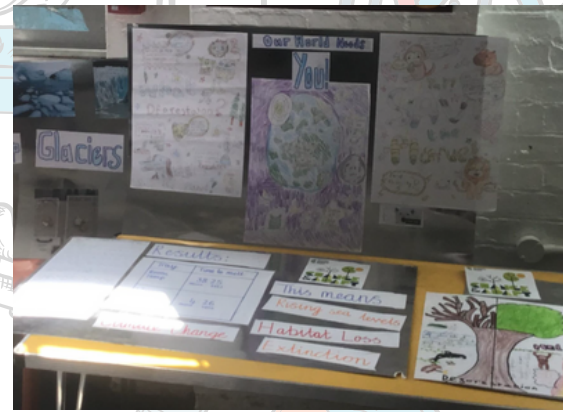
It's a dress-up day!
Come dressed as:
👤 **A maths hero**
e.g. Ada Lovelace, Katherine Johnson, Alan Turing, Einstein
🧮 **A maths concept**
e.g. a number, shape, fraction, equation, calculator
🎨 **Be creative!**
Wear patterns, geometric shapes, or anything inspired by numbers!
Prizes for best costumes!

Parents and carers, please come join in the fun from 9:00 until 9:30am.

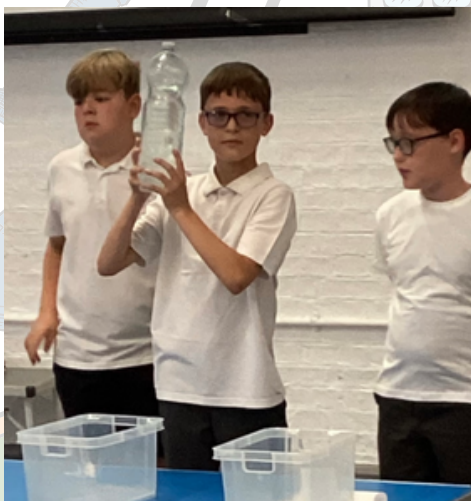
Whole school challenge:
Estimate the jelly beans in the jar.
Closest guess wins the jar!

Science Week

Last week, we celebrated Science Week. The children were off timetable every afternoon and engaged in science lessons around this year's British Science Week theme 'Change and Adapt.' Our pupil Science Ambassadors ran a brilliant assembly for years 1 - 6 on what happens when we flush different things down the toilets (they did so brilliantly to stand up and speak so confidently in front of so many children) and on Friday, children enjoyed hosting and visiting our very own science fair. Each year group set up a stall to showcase their learning from the week and classes took it in turn to visit.



Science Week Assembly



During science week some of the science ambassadors in Year 5 and 6 volunteered to present a science assembly to KS1 pupils. It was such a success, that they were asked to present it again the next day for a larger KS2 audience. Well done to Hendrix, Adar, Elliott, Harley, Ben and Henry for wonderful volume, expression and confidence on stage.



REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENTS	DATES
Year 6 Swimming - Ash	Monday 30 th June - Friday 11 th July
Rotherfest	Saturday 5 th July
Year 5 & 6 - Safeguarding Workshop	Monday 14 th July
Year 6 Performance - Dress Rehearsal	Tuesday 15 th July
Year 6 Performance	Wednesday 16 th July @2pm
Year 6 - Islington Boat Club	Wednesday 16 th July/ Friday 18 th July
Whole School Sports day - Shoreditch Park	Thursday 17 th July
PTA Bake Sale	Friday 18 th July @3:30
Year 6 - Leavers Assembly	Monday 21 st July @9:15 - 9:45
Year 6 - Disco	Monday 21 st July @5-6
Year 6 - Rosemary Garden Picnic	Tuesday 22 nd July (10:30 onwards)
Last day of school	Tuesday 22 nd July

Click [here](#) to access the Family First Newsletter



Lettings / Hall Hire

Rotherfield has partnered with Sharesy to make booking our hall simple. Click below view our spaces, prices and availability: <https://www.sharesy.com/v/rotherfield-primary-school>
Parents/Carers of pupils attending Rotherfield can email the school for information on available discounted rates.

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