



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

It's week two and our exciting programme of educational visits is already up and running. Our visits are a big part of what we believe in here at Rotherfield: education is a rounded experience and pupils learn when they can really immerse themselves in the world around them. We do ask for a **parental contribution** towards our visits programme as at the moment the **school pays roughly £10,000 towards ensuring all children can attend trips**. If you can afford to support your child's education visits and pay the small fee towards these, then we would really appreciate it, so that we can continue to offer such a diverse and exciting range of visits.

This week, I met with our PTA and have asked that we set a target to help support fundraising for our trips programme. Look out for their up coming quiz night, which will be the first event of the year. Later this term we will also have a Halloween Disco and Winter Fair.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming families to the school to meet the class teacher and to find out about what the year will bring in terms of learning and experiences. You have received a letter to tell you when your child's class will be hosting. Please come along and find out more!

Thank you to all families who are making an effort to attend school every day. We will continue to focus on this again this year as this is an ongoing national priority, We appreciate your support in achieving good attendance, which is directly linked to children's educational attainment.

Wishing you a happy weekend

Nia

THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - HMS Belfast

What a day! Even though the buses took forever (thanks to the tube strikes!), nothing could dampen our excitement. We climbed aboard HMS Belfast and explored every nook and cranny of this incredible naval ship. From imagining life as sailors to spotting fascinating equipment, we had so much fun learning how the ship served during WWII. We even enjoyed our lunch up on deck, with the sparkling river around us. Exploring HMS Belfast gave us a real taste of history and a lot of fun along the way.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



STARS OF THE WEEK

Whole school: 91.2%
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!**



Beech 99%

Year 6: Berkay, Valentina and Sofia

Cedar 98%

Year 5: Amir and Oscar

Olive 97%

Year 4: Mila

Pine 97%

Year 3: Mia and safia

Apple 96%

Year 2: Frankie and Maia

Rowan 95%

Year 1: Bella

Reception: Mally

Maple 93%

Nursery: Eliane



Mulberry 93%

Palm 91%

RESPECT CHAMPIONS

KS1: Bintou (Palm)

KS2: Liyanna (Elm)

Elm 91%

TOP DOODLERS -

MAPLE

DOODLE TABLES-



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.

Silverbirch 86%

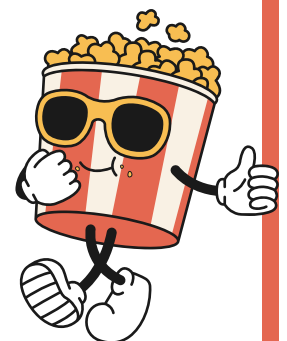
Oak 86%

Ash 85%

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



SLT Roles & Responsibilities

We thought it would be helpful to share the senior leadership team's roles as they are different this year. If you have a concern about your child we advise the following steps:

- Step 1 talk to the class teacher.
- Step 2 If not resolved then escalate to the Phase leader (Chloe, Emily or Rosa)
- Step 3 to Nia.

We are very approachable and here to help, so please talk to us in person. If you would prefer to email then please direct all queries through the admin@rotherfieldprimary.co.uk

If you wish to make a formal complaint, then the policy can be found on our website. This should be directed straight to Nia, who will investigate and formally respond.

For SEND queries or concerns please contact Kimberly



Paul Thomas

Executive Headteacher of Rotherfield and Newington Green Primary School



Nia Silverwood

Head of School
Responsibility for whole school



Chloe Lister

Deputy Headteacher
Oversees EYFS and Year 1 and 2



Emily Meadows

Assistant Headteacher
Year 6 class teacher
Oversees Maths and Year 3 and 4



Rosa Aers

Assistant Headteacher
Year 6 teacher
Oversees English and Year 5 and 6



Kimberly Smart

SENCO & DSL

Punctuation Pyramid

We know how important each school day is for your child's learning, wellbeing, and friendships. When children attend regularly and arrive on time, they have the best chance to succeed and feel confident in their learning. Even being just a few minutes late each day can add up to hours of lost learning across the year.

Our school gates open at 8:45 AM, giving children time to settle in and connect with friends. By 8:55 AM, teachers begin taking pupils to class, and lessons start promptly at 9:01 AM. Children arriving after 9:05 AM are marked late. After 9:30 AM, this is recorded as an unauthorised absence unless a valid reason is given.



Please also remember that term-time holidays are not authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Every day missed affects your child's progress and confidence in class. If you are planning to travel or have concerns about attendance, please speak to us as early as possible.

We understand that some families face challenges getting to school every day. If you are experiencing any difficulties, no matter how small, please contact Nora. She is here to help and support you. Together we can make sure your child has every opportunity to thrive.

School Uniform

Our uniform was designed by the children and is a big part of our school identity – we expect everyone to wear it with pride! It helps us feel part of a team, keeps mornings simple, and makes it easy to spot our pupils on trips.

Please note: Crocs are not allowed.

Uniform checks happen regularly so make sure your child is in:

- ✓ Red school sweatshirt & polo shirt
- ✓ Black trousers or skirt (no joggers or jeans)
- ✓ Plain black shoes or trainers
- ✓ Red or black socks/tights

PE Kit:

Black shorts/joggers

PE T-shirt

Black trainers/plimsolls

You can order uniform online here. Second-hand uniform is also available – just ask at the office!



Chefs in Schools Conference 2025 – A Focus on Sustainability

The 2nd Annual Chefs in Schools Conference, held at the historic Fishmongers' Hall in London last week, brought together school chefs, kitchen teams, and leaders from across the country. This year's theme was clear: sustainability—from reducing food waste to inspiring children and families to make better choices for both their health and the planet.

The event was a celebration of the progress made by schools, chefs, and educators, as well as a call to action to keep pushing for healthier, fairer, and more sustainable school foods.

Our Contribution: Chef Tiago Padilha on the Panel

Tiago Padilha, Head Chef of the Growth Learning Collective (Rotherfield and Newington Green Primary Schools), was invited to join a panel alongside two other chefs, sharing experiences and practical strategies to improve school food culture and sustainability.

Tiago spoke passionately about:

- Reducing food waste in kitchens through training, inspiration, and teamwork.
- Recognising and celebrating kitchen staff, giving them the tools and confidence to succeed.
- The importance of staff knowing every step of the food preparation, as well as every child's name, treating each one as unique—because once children feel safe, valued, and connected, they will try new foods without hesitation.
- Offering gardening clubs at the schools, teaching children where food comes from, how seeds are sown, and the benefits of eating seasonally. These sessions not only nurture sustainability awareness but also build children's vocabulary and confidence.
- Taste Education, encouraging children to explore food through all their senses, fostering curiosity, and building lifelong positive associations with healthy eating.
- Cooking classes, giving children essential life skills that extend far beyond the classroom.

This specific approach—blending food education, sustainability, and community—demonstrates how school kitchens can become true centres of learning, and we are very proud for stimulating this culture.

A Memorable Exchange with the Minister

During the day, Tiago also had the privilege of speaking directly with Stephen Morgan, MP for Early Years and Minister for School Food.

He shared the success stories from the Growth Learning Collective:

- The Family Kitchen, which brings parents and children together around food, strengthening our school community and giving families the opportunity to learn about healthy food, nutritional information, and the positive impact of healthy eating - like reducing the increasing number of tooth decay cases.
- The sharp reduction in packed lunches, showing the real impact of building trust and serving high-quality meals.
- The rise in meal quality and variety across the federation, with menus designed to be nutritious, seasonal, and appealing.

The Minister was visibly impressed—and particularly delighted by the reduction in packed lunches, which he described as a strong sign of cultural change. He also praised the innovative educational approach, where families are welcomed into school food, gardening, and cooking initiatives as active partners in shaping children's healthy habits. Morgan said that bringing families to the school food environment is one of the best ways to transform eating habits also at home.

Government Commitments: School Food & Early Years

Minister Morgan also set out the government's vision for school food and early years:

- Free School Meals Expansion: From September 2026, all children in households on Universal Credit will be eligible, lifting 100,000 children out of poverty and saving families up to £500 per child per year.
- Updated School Food Standards: First revision in over a decade to ensure meals are modern, nutritious, and relevant.
- Tackling Food Surplus: A £13 million fund to redistribute fresh farm produce into schools and communities.
- Family Support: Breakfast clubs in every primary school, 30 hours of funded childcare saving families up to £7,500 a year, and reforms to cap branded school uniform costs.

What This Means for Our Schools

Children

More curiosity around food, greater access to healthy meals, new skills for life

Kitchen Teams & Schools

Recognition for their hard work, better training, stronger community connections

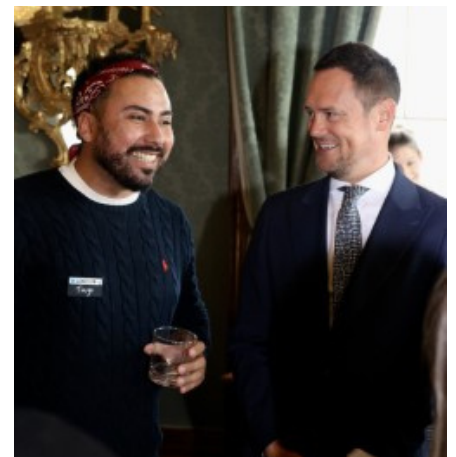
Families, Parents and Carers

Inclusion in food education, reduced costs, stronger bonds with schools

Communities & Policy Makers

A working model that proves school food can transform wellbeing, education, and sustainability

Big thanks to the entire school community that makes all these ongoing activities possible. This conference was just a reminder on how schools can shape not only healthier children but also stronger communities.



REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All important events can be found on the public calendar on the school website

EVENTS	DATES
Year 3 trip to Kenwood House	Tuesday 16 th September
Early Years Parent Tour	Tuesday 16 th September @9:30 - 10:30
Year 5 trip to Olympic Park	Thursday 18 th September
Year 4 trip to Science Museum	Friday 19 th September
Oak & Maple visiting Islington Library	Wednesday 24 th September


The Rotherfield Primary One Pound Book Sale

Buy between 2 and 4 books with just £1

When and Where?
Year 4 will be having a book sale every afternoon at 3.30pm in the KS2 playground from Monday 20th to Friday 24th of September.

Bring Your Coins!
We only accept cash. Your one pound will buy you between 2 and 4 great books!

Parents: Books for all Ages!
We have a great range of books for your child to read. £1 for you can help a child achieve their own bookish goals to become a reader!



All money raised to go toward year 6 enrichment projects!

Children's Occupational Therapy Drop in

What is it?
A 30-minute appointment online or by phone.
This is a one-off appointment
No referral is required

How can it help?
We give you advice and support to help you work with your child to learn everyday skills and achieve their functional goals. For example:
Getting Dressed
Going to the toilet
Using a Knife and Fork
Brushing Teeth
Handwriting
Scissor Skills

How do I sign up?
Please contact our administration team to find out when you can book a slot that suits you.
Email: whhr.msotbookings@nhs.net
Telephone: 0203 316 1892

<https://www.whittington.nhs.uk/default.asp?c=44413>

Join our Coffee Morning

Thursday 25th Sept 2025
10:30am-12

Join our Energy Efficiency Coffee Morning

@Corams Fields - 93 Guildford Street, WC1N 1ND¹ Guides Hall

Limited spaces available

FREE Goodie bag!

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Energy Saving TIPS
- Carbon Monoxide Awareness
- Register for the PSR service - includes 2 free annual Gas Test
- Meet other parents
- Free Goodie Bag on Arrival

To register your attendance contact Katrina Raymond, Katrina.raymond@coramsfields.org.uk check our website

call 07907 655 869 www.coramsfields.org.uk

WORKSHOP DATES FOR PARENTS

Whittington Health NHS Trust

Date	Title	Link
SEPTEMBER:		
Tuesday 16 th September at 12:30pm	Supporting toileting independence for children with additional needs.	Supporting toileting independence for children with additional needs. Tickets, Tue, Sep 16, 2025 at 12:30 PM Eventbrite
Thursday 25 th September at 10:00am	Making sense of sensory: how to use a sensory toolkit at home.	Making sense of sensory: how to use a sensory toolkit at home. Tickets, Thu, Sep 25, 2025 at 10:00 AM Eventbrite
Friday 26 th September at 1pm	Making sense of sensory: how to use a sensory toolkit at home.	Making sense of sensory: how to use a sensory toolkit at home. Tickets, Fri, Sep 26, 2025 at 1:00 PM Eventbrite
OCTOBER:		
Wednesday 15 th October at 10:00am	Supporting toileting independence for children with additional needs.	Supporting toileting independence for children with additional needs. Tickets, Wed, Oct 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM Eventbrite
NOVEMBER:		
Wednesday 12 th November 12pm	Making sense of sensory: how to use a sensory toolkit at home.	Making sense of sensory: how to use a sensory toolkit at home. Tickets, Wed, Nov 12, 2025 at 12:00 PM Eventbrite
Thursday 27 th November at 12:30pm	Supporting toileting independence for children with additional needs.	Supporting toileting independence for children with additional needs. Tickets, Thu, Nov 27, 2025 at 12:30 PM Eventbrite

Late Collection Policy

The school applies a late collection charge for children who are not collected from school on time. The Late Collection Policy and charges can be accessed using the following link.

[Rotherfield Primary School - School Policies](#)

Support with Childcare

If you are a working parent and require help with Childcare please use the links to see what help is available.

[Eligibility checker | Best Start in Life](#)

[Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK](#)

[Free Childcare for Working Parents: Overview - GOV.UK](#)

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