



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

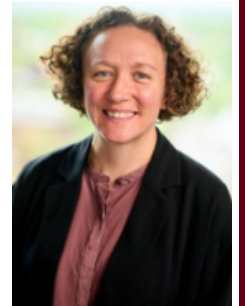
Attendance remains a key message for our families this week. It was great to see an improvement this week across the school. A big well done to Apple class - our very youngest children - who had 98% attendance this week! What role models! Nora and I hosted a meeting with the borough on Thursday, who were very clear on the need for some families to improve their pattern of attendance, especially focusing on minor illnesses and holidays in term time. Nora and I also spoke to all our children in assembly to get their views on attendance and also what rewards they would like for being in school.

We are also sharing Islington and our **Federation's code of conduct for parents** and we do expect that parents adhere to this to ensure communication with school is positive and respectful. The vast majority of communication and interactions with parents is great but sadly, some staff have reported being shouted at by parents when they are frustrated. We do ask that everyone remembers that this is our place of work and all staff deserve to be treated kindly and with respect, whatever concerns you might have. A school is a complex organisation with lots of moving parts - we can't always get everything right but we are trying to. If we get something wrong, then do tell us! We are a friendly and approachable team who are always willing to listen and want to make this school the very best for your children.

Thanks, Nia

Hello Rotherfield community!

My name is Thora Eberts and I am the new Chair of Governors for the Growth Learning Collective. In my role, I have the honour and privilege of working alongside the governing body and senior leadership team to ensure our federation, and Rotherfield Primary School, continues to be a place where children learn, thrive and grow. As a Newington Green parent myself, I feel a deep personal connection to our school community and am so chuffed that I get to play a small part alongside Paul, Mairead and Nia to make Newington Green and Rotherfield a great place to go to school.

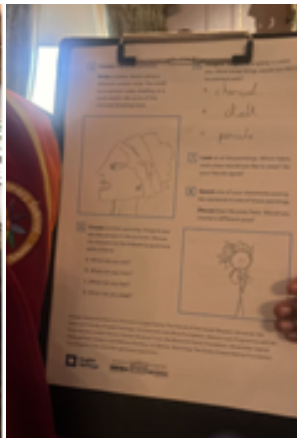


Every member of the governing body is a volunteer who gives their time freely to support the federation. Parental support is also so important to our school community, and the PTA, past and present, has been doing a fantastic job creatively fundraising to provide further resources for our children. Being part of the PTA makes a real difference to our school, so if any parents or carers reading this newsletter are thinking, 'how can I help make my child's school an even better place to learn?' join the PTA! Everyone is welcome and all volunteers can make a valuable contribution. And if you like organising, we need you! If you'd like to find out more or get involved in the PTA, contact 02072266620.

Here's to a fantastic school year full of learning for our children! Best wishes, Thora

THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - Kenwood House

Year 3 had a wonderful day exploring Kenwood House and the surrounding beauty of Hampstead Heath. During their visit, the children learned about the celebrated portrait artist John Singer Sargent, whose expressive style inspired their own creativity. After exploring, the class used charcoal to create drawings. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed experimenting and their enthusiasm was evident in every sketch. It was a memorable outing that brought art history to life in the most hands-on way.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



STARS OF THE WEEK

Whole school: 93.9%
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!**



Olive 99%

Year 6: Lara, Berkin and Hendrix

Apple 98%

Year 5: Rima and Mason

Mulberry 97%

Year 4: Musab and Adam

Maple 96%

Year 3: Arthur L and Aylin

Silver birch 96%

Year 2: Reuben and Mikaylia

Cedar 95%

Year 1: Aaliyah

Rowan 94%

Reception: Jasmine

Beech 94%

Nursery: Reid



Ash 93%

RESPECT CHAMPIONS

KS1: Shihab (Palm)

KS2: Abigail (Elm)

Pine 92%

Elm 91%

Palm 91%

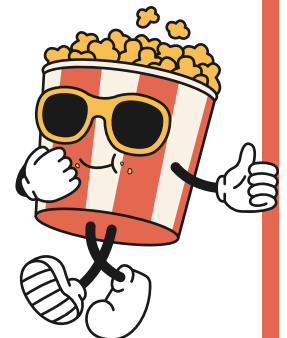
Willow 90%

Oak 86%

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



Healthy Packed Lunches

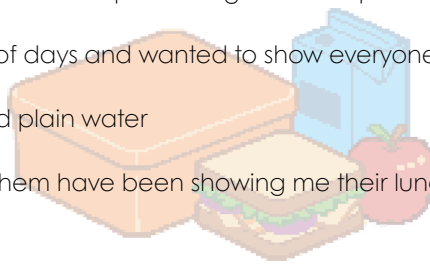
We've noticed some of the children are really getting into the idea of bringing healthier packed lunches — and even asking their parents to help out. Rowan in Reception is a great example!

He's been super proud of his lunchbox these past couple of days and wanted to show everyone how healthy it is. Here's what he's been bringing:

A sandwich with protein, melon slices, cucumber sticks and plain water

It's been lovely to see other children excited too — lots of them have been showing me their lunches with big smiles and loads of pride!

Thanks so much to all the grown-ups for supporting these changes. It's making a real difference! - Head Chef, Tiago



Breck Online Safety Parents/Carers Meeting

The Breck foundation will be visiting the school next week to talk about online safety and to tell the story of Breck. Before they visit, they have organised an online Zoom meeting to meet with parents to discuss the topic and other online safety information.

Meeting date: Monday 22nd September 2025

Time: 6-7PM

Location: Zoom meeting online

Who should attend: Parents and carers who have children at the school are encouraged to attend.

Topic: Discuss the online safety activities that are planned this week and to share the most important information that will help to keep children safe.

Below is the link to share with parents for joining the session:

Join Zoom Meeting 6-7PM Mon 22nd Sep.

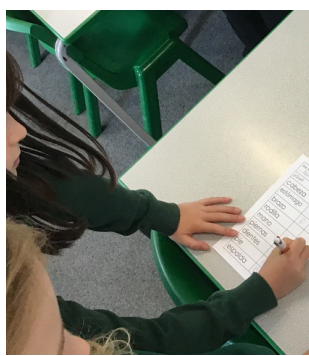
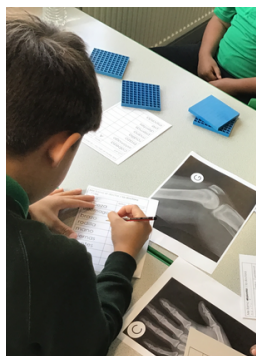
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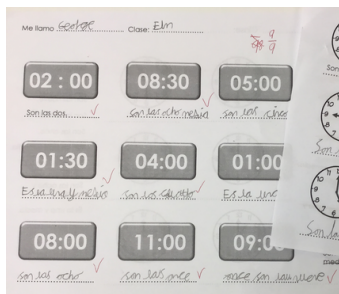
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Spanish

Year 4 played the role of doctors in Spanish this week, identifying parts of the body in X-ray and MRI forms and diagnosing problems. Over the next few weeks, they'll be playing the part of patients and customers at the pharmacy, preparing to communicate confidently in a Spanish-speaking country!

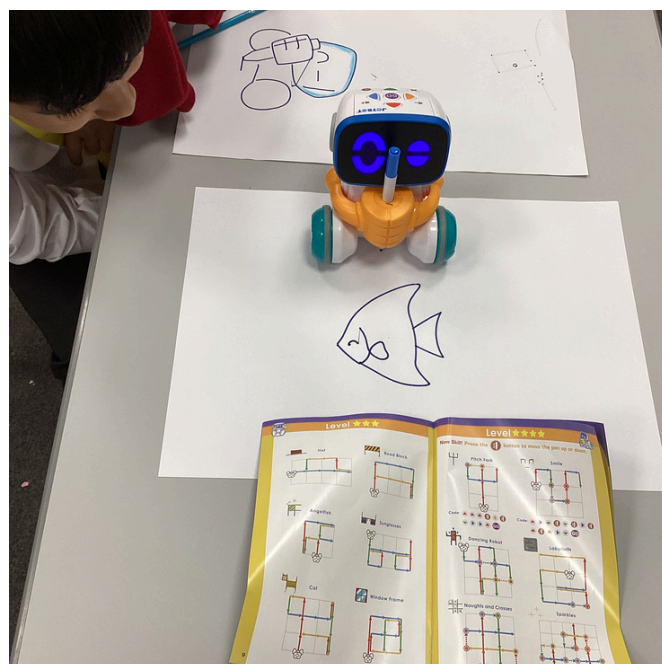


Students in Year 5 made a great start to their 'Time' topic this week by learning how to write and say hour and half hour times in Spanish!



STEM Club

STEM club is all about having fun with toys and machines, it stands for science, technology, engineering and maths. This term we will be using robots to draw pictures pictures we will be using glue guns to make toys and lots of other fun projects. If you want to join us on Friday afternoon for one hour, sign up on the Arbor app.



Rights Respecting

WE ARE A BRONZE RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL!

We are proud to announce that RF is now a Bronze Rights Respecting School, as recognised by UNICEF UK. This award marks the beginning of our journey to embed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) into every part of school life.

A Rights Respecting School puts children's rights at the heart of its planning, policies, and culture. It helps create a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment where children can thrive—not just academically, but emotionally and socially too.

Last week, we began introducing children to the articles of the CRC. Each month, we will focus on one key right, displayed on classroom doors and around the school, helping to build a strong understanding of what it means to respect and be respected.

This month's focus is Article 28: "Every child has the right to an education."

We are exploring with children what this right means in practice and why education is essential for every child, everywhere.

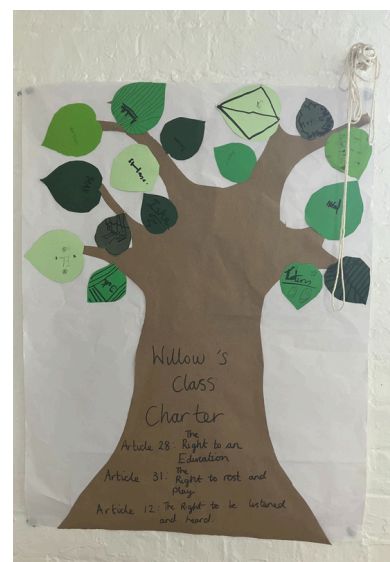
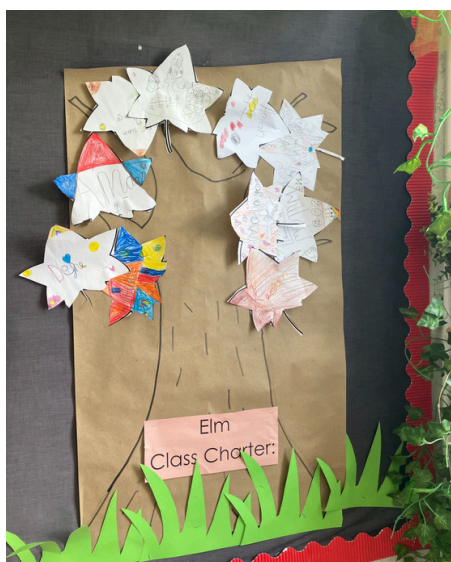
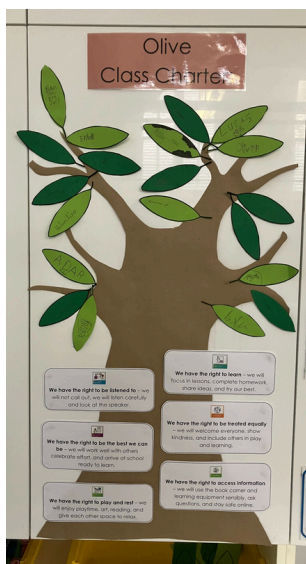
Class Charters have been created across the school, reflecting how children and adults can work together to ensure everyone's rights are respected. These charters are proudly displayed; see below for photos.

What This Means for Our School

- Children learn about their rights and responsibilities that come with them
- Staff promote respect, dignity, and a sense of belonging for every child
- Families are included in our commitment to creating a respectful and rights-aware community



This is an exciting step forward, and we look forward to continuing our journey towards Silver and beyond. Thank you for being part of a school where every child's voice, rights, and wellbeing matter.



REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

EVENTS	DATES
Oak & Maple visiting Islington Library	Wednesday 24 th September
Year 3 Trip - Science Museum	Tuesday 7 th October
Year 2 Trip - Tate Modern	Wednesday 8 th October
Year 4 Assembly	Thursday 23 rd October @9:10
Year 5 Assembly	Wednesday 2 nd December @9:10
Year 2 Assembly	Wednesday 11 th February @9:10
Year 3 Assembly	Thursday 26 th March @9:10
Year 1 Assembly	Tuesday 5 th May @9:10
Year 6 Assembly	Date TBC

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JOIN US!

5-11 YAŞ ARASI ÇOCUKLAR İÇİN YENİ TÜRKÇE DERSLERİ

- NEREDE: ROTHERFIELD İLKÖĞRETİM OKULU
- NE ZAMAN: HER SALI
- SAAT: 3.30PM - 4.30PM
- NASIL KAYDETTİREBİLİRİM: SCHOOL ARBOR UYGULAMASI ARACILIĞIYLA
- FİYAT: £1 SINIF BAŞINA

SWS School Wellbeing Service

Information for Parents and Carers

What is the School Wellbeing Service (SWS)?
The SWS is a team of mental health practitioners that support families and schools to help children and young people stay and get back to being emotionally healthy.

When might you benefit from our support?
If you have concerns about your child's emotional wellbeing or if you have noticed any of the following affecting family or school life:

- Having fears or worries
- Feeling sad or angry
- Difficulties sharing feelings and having outbursts
- Difficulties following rules and requests
- Difficulties with friendships or siblings

What we offer
We offer a range of work to help, including:

- GUIDED SELF-HELP (GSH) INTERVENTIONS**
 - In primary schools, we support parents and carers using GSH interventions based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) principles
 - In secondary schools, we offer 1:1 sessions of GSH with YP
- GROUPS, WORKSHOPS, AND ASSEMBLIES FOR PUPILS**
 - On mental health themes such as:
 - Understanding and managing emotions
 - Building confidence and self-esteem
- GROUP WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**
 - Understanding and managing your child's anxiety
 - Positive parenting strategies
 - Supporting your child with secondary transition
- GROUP WORKSHOPS FOR STAFF**
 - Understanding and managing pupil's anxiety
 - Staff wellbeing
 - Emotional school based avoidance

What to expect
As a parent or carer, accessing support from the SWS will involve:

- Around 8 one-to-one sessions
- Help for you and your child to learn and practice new ways of managing difficulties
- Linking with your child's school and other services that could help if necessary

How to get in touch
020 3316 1824

If you think we can help and would like to get in touch with our service, please speak to a member of school staff who will be able to help make a referral to us.

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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