



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to our lovely families old and new! I have had the best week meeting familiar faces and welcoming our new pupils. We have had 35 new students starting this week alone, as well as many others last Spring term and it really has brought a buzz and energy to the building. I am so impressed with how well our new pupils are settling, as well the way our staff are getting to know them and building those positive relations.



This week we have had social skills week, where we revisit our expectations and routines. Did you know that we are a UN Rights Respecting School now? This week we have been introducing the Rights and selecting the rights that we think are important to us and out school. More on this in next week's newsletter.



We have messaged about labelling uniform and coats but have lots left from last year and already new items joining the pile of lost property. **Please help your children and us by clearly labelling their clothes!**



In **week 3** we will be inviting parents in to meet class teachers and find out more about their year group curriculum and all the exciting visits planned for the year. A letter will follow soon. Please do come in and see us!

It is with a heavy heart that we say good bye to Joanne today. Joanne has been a part of the Rotherfield family for over 40 years! Firstly as a pupil herself and for the last 25 as a key member of support staff and breakfast club leader. Joanne is moving on to work for the council. She has had such an impact on staff, families and pupils throughout the years through her immense dedication, kindness and care. She will be hugely missed at Rotherfield.



THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - Get Caught Reading Competition



Remember to encourage your child to take part in our 'Get caught Reading' Competition!

Most unusual and creative place wins!



The Rotherfield Primary School annual
Get Caught Reading Competition

Send in a photo of yourself reading somewhere unusual, exciting or simply an everyday favourite place to win a trip to The Upper Street Bookshop!

Email your photo to: admin@rotherfieldprimary.co.uk by Friday October 17th 2025.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



STARS OF THE WEEK

Whole school: 90%
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%

Olive 96%

Cedar 95%

Apple 95%

Elm 92%

Maple 91%

Pine 89%

Rowan 88%

Ash 85%

Oak 83%

Silverbirch 83%

Mulberry 82%

Willow 77%

Palm 73%

Well done to all our amazing children!
A huge congratulations to every single one of you who returned to school this week. You have shown such positivity, energy, and enthusiasm—what a fantastic start!

You are all our Stars of the Week! Keep shining brightly and keep up the great work!



RESPECT CHAMPIONS

KS1: Ollie (Maple)

KS2: Akram (Elm)

TOP DOODLERS -

N/A

DOODLE TABLES-

N/A

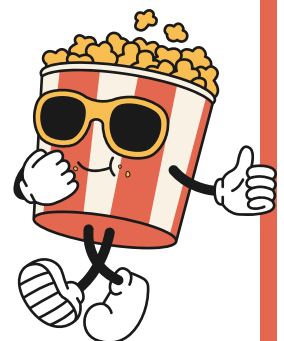


Using Doodle Maths for 10 minutes per day can have a huge impact on your child's progress and attainment. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need your login details or any support with the app.

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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

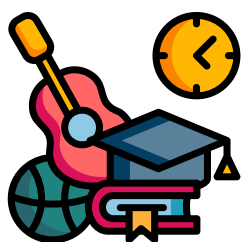


Clubs

Bookings will open at 8am on Monday 8th September. All enrichment clubs will begin week commencing 15th September.

Rotherfield Primary School - After School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55
Football Y3-Y5	Turkish Y1-6 3:30 - 4:30	Gymnastics R-Y6 3:30 - 4:30	Spanish Club Y1 and Y2 3:30 - 4:30	S.T.E.M Y3-6
	Karate 3:30 - 4:30 contact provider on 07594928598 £6 per session	Cooking Club Years Y1- Y3		
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Coffee morning at Rotherfield



Join us for an informal session where a representative from Islington Council will explain the various ways they can support you, including:

- Accessing local schemes & benefits
- Help with household items
- Support with removal costs

Date: Tuesday 9th September
Where: Bottom Hall
Time: From 9am

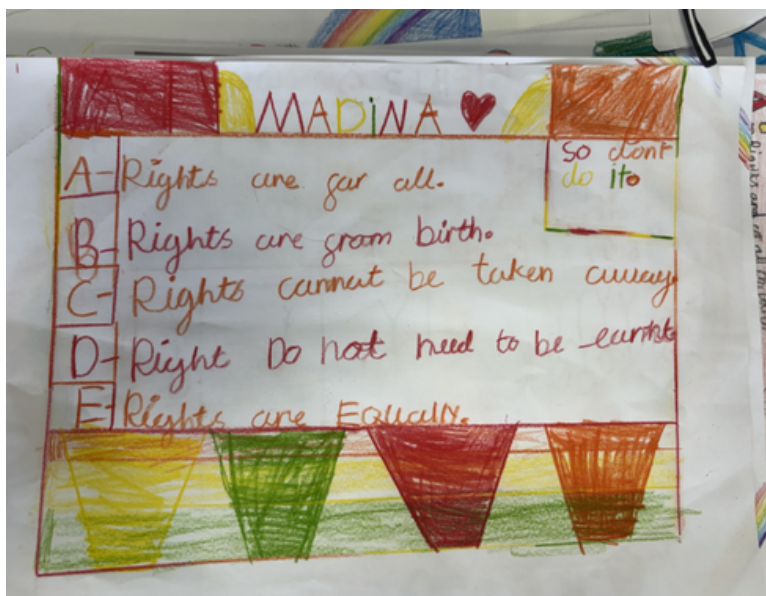
Come along, enjoy a cuppa, and find out how we can make things easier for and your family
Please speak to Nora if you have any queries

Refreshments will be available



Right Respecting School

Thank you Madina (Y5) for your amazing 'Rights Respecting School' Poster!



National Literacy Trust

We have had some exciting news about our Early Words Together family group that is run by Karen. This is delivered in partnership with The National Literacy Trust who are writing a report about the partnerships which have made the programme successful.

Rotherfield is going to be highlighted in their impact report as a leading example of national success for this project!



Change your story



Secondary School Applications

Dear year 6 Parents/Carers,

Applications for secondary school places opened on the 1st of September; you will need to apply to secure your child's secondary school place. Please find key dates and links to key documents in this letter.

Key Dates:

1st September 2025: Applications opened

31st October 2025: Application deadline.

2nd March 2026: Offer day.

16th March 2026: Accept or decline deadline

13th April 2026: Appeal deadline

Open Evenings (details of more school's Open Evening dates are in the guides below and on individual schools' websites):

Central Foundation (Boys) 18/9/25 5-6pm and 6.10-7.10pm

City of London Academy, Islington 24/9/25

EGC (Girls) 25/9/25 5-7.30pm

Highbury Fields School (Girls) 9/10/25 5.30-6.30pm

Hackney School open evenings: [Hackney Secondary School Open Events.pdf](#)

Before you complete your child's application, it is important to visit the schools you are considering, if possible. Places are also allocated based on your location; the closer you live to a school, the more likely you are to be allocated a place there. Even if your child's older siblings already attend a school, you will still need to make an application for your year 6 child. Make sure you press 'submit' when you finish your online application. You should then receive a reference number confirming safe receipt.

School Application Guides:

Islington: [Islington Secondary school admission guide](#)

Hackney: [secondary-admission-leaflet.pdf](#)

If you are unable to complete your child's secondary school application, we will be holding an open morning on **Tuesday 14th October from 8.45am - 9.45am** in the Performance Hall, where we can help you. To complete your child's application, you will need to bring this year's council tax bill, 2 utility bills from the last 3 months and your child's birth certificate or passport.

If you already have a child at secondary school, you will need your online school admissions username and password.

Yours faithfully,

Rosa Aers

Assistant Head Teacher and UKS2 lead

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

Do you qualify for free school meals (FSM) status. Anyone who hasn't applied or whose circumstances may have changed please apply on Islington's Citizen portal to see if you are eligible.

[Free school meals | Islington Council](#)

REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All important events can be found on the [public calendar on the school website](#)

EVENTS	DATES
Year 6 HMS Belfast	Thursday 11 th September
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

Educational Experiences in 2025-26

Year 1

- Freightliner's City Farm
- London Bus Tour
- Florence Nightingale Museum
- V&A Childhood Museum
- King Henry's Walk Garden

Year 2

- Tate Modern
- The Monument
- Horniman Museum
- London Zoo
- Hampstead Heath
- Museum of Docklands

Year 3

- British Museum
- Science Museum
- Pantomime
- Westminster Walk
- London Aquarium
- Kew Gardens
- Mosque Visit

Year 4

- Science Museum
- Chocolate Museum
- Church Visit
- Ragged School Museum
- River Lea
- Highgate Wood

Year 5

- Olympic Park
- Science Museum
- British Museum
- Synagogue Visit
- London Zoo
- Southbank

Year 6

- HMS Belfast
- Jewish Museum
- Ben Kinsella Workshop
- Theatre Trips
- National Portrait Gallery

Families will be able to make a one off voluntary contribution to help support and fund the educational experiences for our pupils.

Your generous donations help makes trips like these possible, and mean we can offer a range of fantastic learning opportunities!

Further details for each year group will be sent out next week.

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