



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

We have been thinking a lot this week about how we foster a real sense of belonging as a school. Developing pupils as leaders is a big part of that and helps us make sure all of our children really feel part of Rotherfield and know that they can change things. Below, you will see our new school councillors and also our rights respecting champions. As well as these, over the next few weeks we will be recruiting for our sports leaders, digital leads, library squad, lunch bunch, attendance champions and eco squad. We will be very targeted in thinking about this so lots of different pupils get opportunities to get their voices heard.

Over the year each group will have a specific project that they work on to enact change around the school and make the school a better place for every child.

This week I also need to thank Kimberly, our new SENDCO, who has been working so hard to get to know families and pupils and all of their needs. She has been very focused on ensuring all pupils with EHCPs and additional needs are getting the full range of interventions and adjustments to support their learning. This helps us to provide a truly inclusive and supportive environment for all pupils.

Happy weekend Nia

THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - Rights Champions & School Councillors

We are excited to announce two of our new student leadership groups for the year: School Councillors and Rights Champions!

This week the classes voted for their new school councillors for the year.

School council is a really important part of school life as it allows the children to share their ideas and thoughts and to make changes to school life. This is an important part of our journey to become a Silver Rights Respecting School as Article 12 of the rights of the child is to respect children's views.

To become school councillors children had to prepare a speech explaining why they wanted to be a school councillor, why they would be a good school councillor and what they wanted to do to help make the school even better place to learn and play in.

Alongside school council we have Rights Champions who are working to help the school become a Silver Rights Respecting School.

To become a Rights Champion the children had to complete an application about why they wanted to be a rights champion and why they thought children rights are important.

This year Rights Champions will be focusing on Article 31: The right to play. To help with this the Rights Champions will be thinking about how we can make the playground even better.

The Rights Champions are going to be creating a Playground charter to help everyone make good choices on the playground and think of some fundraising events to raise money for some more playground equipment.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole school: **92.4%**
National: **95%**

Maple	99%
Cedar	97%
Palm	95%
Apple	95%
Olive	95%
Elm	93%
Oak	93%
Pine	92%
Ash	92%
Silver birch	92%
Rowan	90%
Mulberry	89%
Beech	88%
Willow	86%



STARS OF THE WEEK

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: Evie, Aleyna and Kiara

Year 5: David, Sakibur and Liyanna

Year 4: Tasnim and Brooklyn

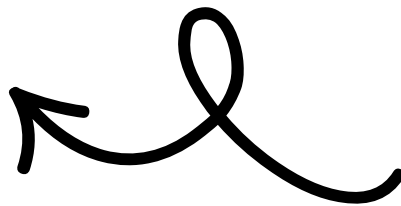
Year 3: Arthur L and Sana

Year 2: Kallie and Huxley

Year 1: Lara

Reception: Aleem

Nursery: Adam



Introducing Our Attendance Traffic Light System

To help everyone see how we're doing with attendance, we're introducing a weekly Traffic Light System. Our school's aim is to meet the national expectation of 95% attendance.

- Green (96% and above): Excellent attendance
- Amber (93%–95%): Close to target, but room for improvement
- Red (92% and below): Attendance is a concern

This simple system will help celebrate great attendance and highlight where extra support may be needed.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Top class for this week:

ELM

Top Rockstar for this week:

Aleyna (Year 6)

RESPECT CHAMPIONS

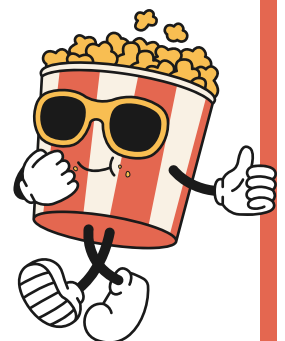
KS1: Aylin (Silver Birch)

KS2: Rumaysa (Ash)

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



The Cooking Club is Back!

We are very happy to welcome back our Cooking Club for children in Years 1 to 3. This term, our young chefs are rolling up their sleeves and learning how to make delicious food in a fun, healthy way! For our first lesson we had a vibrant wholemeal pizza recipe. The children mixed their own dough, spread a tomato sauce packed with hidden vegetables (including carrots, butternut squash and cauliflower), and topped their creations with colourful peppers, basil, mushrooms, red onions, and cheese from British farms.

The kitchen was full of energy and creativity as the children worked together, tried new ingredients, and discovered that cooking isn't only about preparing food—it's also about caring for our space by cleaning and tidying up as a team. The school has made an investment on new kitchen appliances and equipment, so the pupils have tools that fit their very own size, helping with motor coordination and balance.

We're so proud of their enthusiasm and teamwork, and we can't wait to share more of their cooking adventures with you this term!



Prize for Healthiest Packed Lunch on a School Trip – Year 6 edition

As we are in the process of updating our packed lunch policy across the federation, chef Tiago is currently visiting all the classes to have a chat with the children on how we can make better and healthier choices when it comes to lunch boxes. Tiago's visits are part of the effort to improve children's health following the guidelines of NHS and UK's government standards for food in schools. To encourage children developing their food awareness and eating habits, year 6 have been invited to give their best when bringing a lunch box to a school trip. Three of our children have demonstrated that food can be fun and nutritious at the same time and have been rewarded with a chef's set, so they can use their creativity to cook at home. Congratulations Millie Mae, Hendrix and Kidus for being such an example to our school community!



Breck Foundation

This week we were joined by the Breck foundation who came in to do assemblies with years 1 to 6. The children learned about the story of Breck, A boy who was groomed by someone who he played online games with. Parents had an online meeting on Monday and teachers were given expert training by the Breck foundation on the dangers of online grooming on Tuesday.

For more information, please visit the online safety section of our website.



Year 5 Ancient Greek Workshop

Today Year 5 took part in a special Ancient Greek workshop with Jonny. He gave us a fantastic drama-based introduction to Greek mythology. The children explored the myth of how the world was created, learned about how the gods came to be, and discovered how Zeus became the ruler of all the gods. The session was fun, interactive, and brought the stories of Ancient Greece to life in an exciting way. Thanks, Jonny!



Cross Country Competition

On Wednesday 24th September 2025, pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Cross Country competition at Highbury Fields. Each year group ran at different times throughout the morning, with plenty of excitement and determination on show.

All of the pupils showed fantastic effort and perseverance as they ran against schools from across the area. We also had some standout performances, with Goldie finishing an amazing 6th place out of around 100 children!



REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

EVENTS	DATES
Timetable Rockstar Dress-up Day	Thursday 2 nd October
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



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