

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been a wonderful celebration of **togetherness** across RF. Our Year 6 pupils returned from their residential trip full of stories and smiles! Their exemplary behaviour, teamwork, and sense of adventure were a real credit to them. It was heartening to see how much they bonded and supported one another. We're so grateful of the staff members who took them - going on residential is a big commitment for them but provides an amazing opportunity for the children.

We've also begun our celebrations for Black History Month, which will continue throughout October. At RF, we believe every child's voice matters, and this month gives us a chance to reflect on the richness of our diverse community and the importance of representation. Look out for more details and highlights further down in the newsletter.

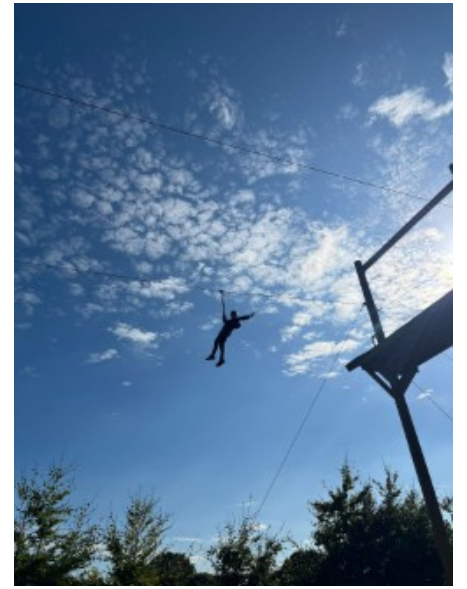
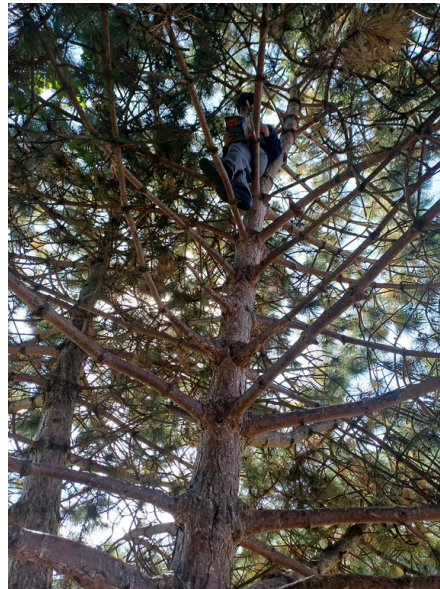
On that same theme of togetherness, our Rights Respecting Champions have been working closely with Lucy to explore what makes a great teacher from a child's perspective. Their thoughtful ideas have helped shape a new Playground Charter, which will guide how we respect each other's rights during play. We're excited to share more about this initiative soon.

Thursday's Times Tables Rock Star Day was a brilliant burst of energy and fun! A huge thank you to all the parents who helped with costumes and supported the day. We're really excited about this app and how it can support maths learning as always.

Thank you, as always, for being part of our school community. Have a restful weekend!

THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - Year 6 Residential to Kent

45 year 6 pupils had a wonderful three days away at the residential in Kent this week. We took part in a jam-packed schedule of exciting activities, including fire building, climbing, zip lining, obstacle courses as well as some super fun evening entertainment. The pupils showed amazing determination, resilience and teamwork. They were also just wonderful company! We had such lovely chats, fun and adventure. It was beautiful to see them building new friendships and really coming together as a RF team. They are brilliant children, and we are so proud of all of them!



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole school: **87%**

National: **95%**

Apple	99%
Palm	97%
Maple	97%
Ash	96%
Mulberry	96%
Cedar	95%
Oak	94%
Elm	94%
Silver birch	93%
Rowan	93%
Olive	92%
Willow	91%
Pine	91%
Beech	89%



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: Whole of Year 6 for a fantastic week

Year 5: Attau, Malaya

Year 4: Goldie, Jack

Year 3: George, Manasse

Year 2: Ollie, Max

Year 1: Shane

Reception: AJ

Nursery: Lochlan



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Top class for this week:

PINE

Top Rockstar for this week:

Emmanuella (Ash)

RESPECT CHAMPIONS

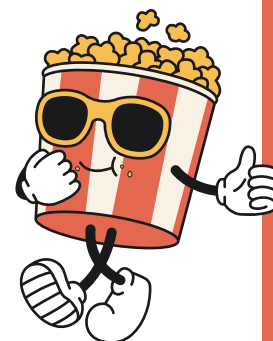
KS1: Bella (Oak)

KS2: Penny (Ash)

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



Year 5 - Poem Writing Workshop

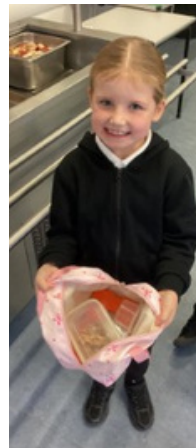
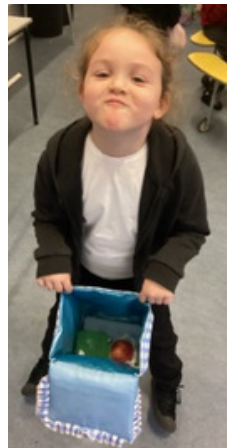
On Tuesday, Year 5 took part in a poem writing workshop with the Literacy Trust. The children wrote some beautiful poems which focused on Remembrance Sunday and the importance of the minutes silence. Well done Year 5!

Put yourself in their shoes see how you feel, embrace your feelings
embrace your actions. Have a moment of silence. That silence means
to me to give a moment to thank, I am grateful for what
they done to me and helped me impact the silence
helps cause it gives a big impact. Share you thoughts
to you friends. Please im waiting for a act of
kindness like the heros that helped us in the war.
They might not be super heros like the ones in
the films with power its different they help our
country & everyone so country but they do have
something in common the power and strange
to help and save mulitipul of lifes and sacrifice
there lifes for us.

People who fought for
our country and all of
the survivors and who got
hurt also for your familie.
Also it is to show loyalty and
to respect the people who
fought for use and for
people who rest here life for use

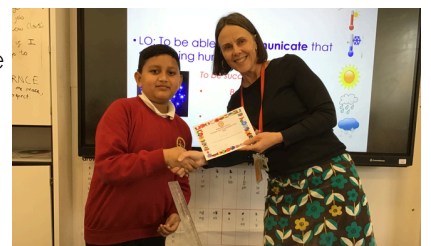
Packed Lunch Policy - A BIG thank you to parents/carers

Children are very positive and excited about the changes regarding the lunchboxes and I can tell they (and their parents) have put a lot of effort in it. Children are coming to me during the lunch time at the dining hall asking if I could check how healthy their packed lunches are. They're very proud and happy, bragging about all the fruits and vegetables composing their lunch. Big thanks to all the parents and carers helping us achieve our goal of making children healthier and happier by adopting new eating habits at school. Amazing work!



Spanish Lesson

Spanish lessons last week had an international flavour as we celebrated European Day of Languages 2025. All children in Years 2 -6 shared their Spanish knowledge and words they knew in other languages. Many children became language teachers and taught some words to their classmates from the interactive white board! We've made a film for each class and all those who became language teachers will get a certificate. All the children showed amazing confidence when teaching from the front of the room. I am so proud of all our fantastic linguists. Thanks also go to Dami, Ali, Hatidze and Nazife who also did some language teaching!



Timetable Rockstars

Our staff and students rocked out today for Times Tables Rock Stars Day! From leather jackets to band tees, everyone brought their rock-and-roll spirit to school while celebrating a love of maths. It was fantastic to see so many creative costumes! It was a fantastic way to kick off our exciting new homework platform. Children can now log on at home to practise their times tables, earn coins, and build their maths confidence in a fun, engaging way!

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS



ROTHERFIELD BLACK HISTORY MONTH

At Rotherfield, we are proud to celebrate Black History Month. Throughout the month, we will be offering a range of engaging activities for our pupils and their families to participate in, both at school and at home. This is an opportunity to honour the achievements, cultures, and contributions of Black individuals and communities. We aim to celebrate their resilience, creativity, and success across all areas of life, and to recognise the invaluable impact they have made throughout history and continue to make today.



“
Standing Firm
in Power and
in Pride.
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STORYTELLING

We will be exploring the stories and contributions of inspiring Black authors through engaging storytelling sessions. This will provide pupils with the opportunity to discover a diverse range of voices, celebrate different cultural perspectives, and deepen their appreciation for literature written by Black authors.

IN CLASS PROJECTS

Each class will select an inspirational Black figure to focus on and will carry out their own research into that individual's life, achievements, and impact. Pupils will have the opportunity to present their learning in a variety of creative ways, including through art, writing, and drama.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH...



BLACK HEROES OF MATHS

We will be hosting a 50-minute online workshop celebrating Black heroes in mathematics, featuring the inspiring work of Angela Tabiri and Flavia Santos. This session will highlight their contributions to the field and aim to inspire pupils through real-life role models in STEM.



CELEBRATION OF CUISINE

Our kitchen team will be offering a special lunch to encourage learning, the sharing of stories, and the enjoyment of delicious food inspired by the rich history and culture of the Black community. We would love to hear about any family recipes - if you're willing, we may even include them in our celebrations!



ASSEMBLIES

We will be launching BHM with an assembly, setting the stage for a month of learning and celebration. This will be followed by a dedicated BHM Music Assembly, led by our music specialist, Matthew. He will explore a variety of musical genres that have roots in African-American culture, highlighting their historical significance and lasting influence.



SHOWCASE EXHIBITION

To conclude our Black History Month celebrations, we will be creating a school-wide exhibition in the hall, showcasing the wonderful projects completed by our pupils throughout the month. Families will be invited to visit the exhibition and celebrate the learning and creativity of our school community.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH - FAMILY STORIES

To celebrate Black History Month, we'd love to hear and share your family stories! If you have any special stories, photographs, or traditions you'd like to celebrate with us, please speak to your child's teacher to arrange a time to visit school and share your stories with your child's class. Your child will also have been given a range of projects to take part in at home. We'd love for you to get involved and support them as they work on these. Completed projects can be returned to school and will be proudly showcased in our Black History Month exhibition, taking place at 3:30 - 4:00pm on Wednesday 22nd October.

REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

EVENTS	DATES
Year 3 Trip - Science Museum	Tuesday 7 th October
Year 2 Trip - Tate Modern	Wednesday 8 th October
Black History Month Exhibition	Wednesday 22 nd October
Year 4 Assembly	Thursday 23 rd October @9:10
Year 5 Assembly	Wednesday 2 nd December @9:10
Early Years Nativity	Tuesday 16 th December @9:15
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