



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of our first half term, I want to reflect on what has been a fantastic start to the school year. The energy and enthusiasm from our children, staff and families has been inspiring, and it's been wonderful to see our school community thriving.

We've enjoyed some brilliant enrichment experiences this week. Year 5 represented the school beautifully at the Royal Opera House—their behaviour was exemplary and they were a credit to us all. Year 4 also led a thoughtful and engaging class assembly on Rights Respecting Schools, reminding us of the importance of kindness, respect and global citizenship. We also enjoyed the Halloween Disco (thank you to the PTA for their hard work in organising) and saw the culmination of Black History Month with an exhibition of children's work.

It's been a busy half term full of learning, joy and growth. We're proud of how the children have embraced every opportunity and excited for what's to come. Wishing all our families a restful half term break. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 4th November.

BHM - Beech Class baking

Beech Class had a fun and tasty session in the kitchen with Head Chef Tiago, whipping up some delicious North African-style doughnuts with a hint of cardamom. These doughnuts, inspired by Sfenj from the Maghreb region (think Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria and more), were a big hit! The students loved learning about the cultural roots of the recipe—and of course, eating the results! Big thanks to Chef Tiago for bringing a flavour of North Africa to our classroom.

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Sequence a set of events.
Task: Write a list of ingredients for our recipe.
Sequence pictures of the method.

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Mandazi donut recipe:

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2. milk
3. egg
4. flour
5. chocolate
6. yeast
7. salt
8. cardamom
9. saffron

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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

Apple	100%
Beech	100%
Cedar	98%
Olive	97%
Rowan	95%
Ash	94%
Elm	93%
Silver birch	93%
Palm	92%
Oak	92%
Mulberry	90%
Pine	89%
Maple	89%
Willow	79%



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: Amaya, Kylan

Year 5: Aras K, Aman

Year 4: Ruzgar, Sophie

Year 3: Bintou, Berzan

Year 2: Amir, Paula

Year 1: Pawel

Reception: Marnie

Nursery: Jimmy



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Top class for this week:

Rowan

Top Rockstar for this week:

Emmanuella (Ash)

RESPECT CHAMPIONS

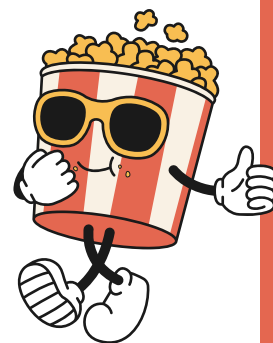
KS1: Abbas (Oak)

KS2: David
(Mulberry)

POPCORN PARTY

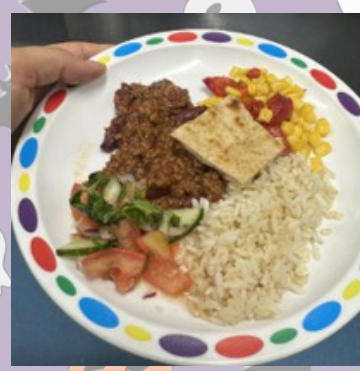
(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



Halloween Dress up & Disco

Chef Tiago and the team prepared a delicious Halloween lunch!



Halloween Disco



Year 5 - Royal British Opera House

Yesterday, Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Royal British Opera House to watch The Magic Flute. The performance was entirely in German, but that didn't stop our pupils from being captivated by the incredible music, staging, and theatrics!

The children were a credit to the school — their behaviour was fantastic throughout the visit. We may have even discovered a few budding opera fans in our Year 5 cohort!



Golden Readers & Golden Writers

Golden Readers

Beech - Jasmine	Willow - Eline
Oak - Andreas	Rowan - Hamza
Pine - Ehsaan	Elm - Raegan
Maple - Kadeem	Mulberry - Akram
Silver Birch - Johnnie	Ash - Berkay
Palm - Arthur L	Cedar - Sofia
	Olive - Milly Mae H

Golden Writers

Beech - Hunter	Willow - Elijah
Oak - Bella	Rowan - Goldie
Pine - Reuben	Elm - Malaya
Maple - Bonnie	Mulberry - Aziah
Silver Birch - Manasse	Ash - Khadija
Palm - Lily	Cedar - Darcie
	Olive - Emmanuella

STEM Club

STEM club were making toys at Rotherfield this term. Children made a pinball machine from cardboard, clothes pegs and marbles. We used recycled cardboard and learned scientific skills like gravity, forces for the spring launcher and material strength of the cardboard. STEM club will be back in January to make more toys.



Get Caught Reading Winners

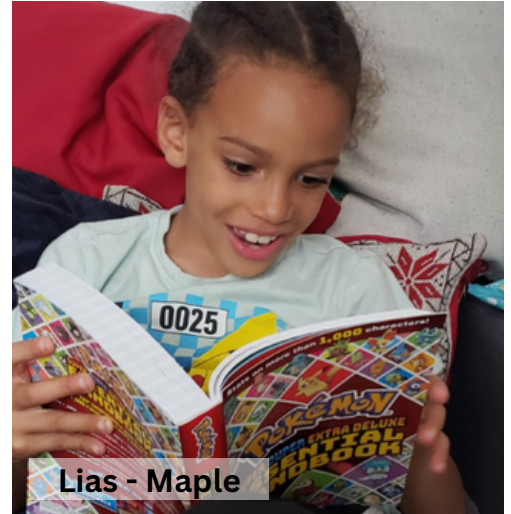
We're thrilled to reveal the winners of our Get Caught Reading campaign! As a reward for their love of books and reading, the winners will be heading to Waterstones on 10th November to choose a book of their own to keep. Congratulations to all our reading champions!



Bella - Oak



Yusuf & Zumra
Mulberry / Elm



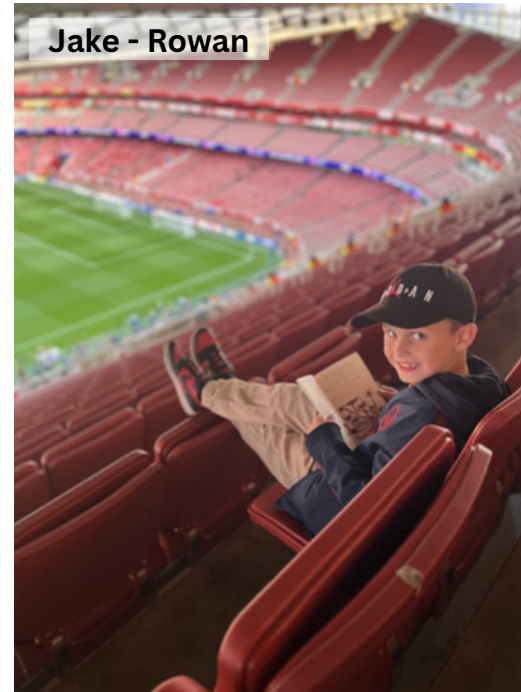
Lias - Maple



Bella - Oak



Nova - Beech



Jake - Rowan



Hamza - Rowan



Zara - Silver Birch



Cinar - Elm



Liliabba - Olive

Year 6 - University Week

Year 6 pupils from Olive and Cedar classes have enjoyed an enriching week at Into University - South Hackney, participating in a series of engaging workshops focused on the Windrush generation and World War II.

On Wednesday, the children visited the National Army Museum, where they applied their historical enquiry skills to analyse key primary sources from the Second World War. This experience significantly deepened their understanding of the Blitz and its impact.

The pupils demonstrated exemplary behaviour throughout the visit and showed great enthusiasm for the exhibitions. We are incredibly proud of their conduct and curiosity. Well done, Year 6!



Right's Respecting School with the UNCRC

Our class assembly was all about Rotherfield becoming a rights respecting school with the UNCRC. We spoke about the rights Rowan and Willow classes chose for our class charter and did role plays to demonstrate those rights to our families and friends. Thank you to all the families and friends who came to support year 4!



A Message from Paul Thomas, Executive Headteacher

As we come to the end of our first half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a very positive start to the school year. Pupils have settled into their new classes with confidence and enthusiasm, and it's been a pleasure to see such a strong sense of focus and community across both schools.

We've also welcomed visits from our governors and our link representative from Islington, who were impressed by the calm, purposeful learning environments and the warm, inclusive atmosphere. Their feedback was a real testament to the hard work of our staff and the support of our families.

One area we continue to emphasise is attendance. Being in school every day makes a real difference—not just to academic progress, but to friendships, routines, and wellbeing. We appreciate your efforts in making attendance a priority and encourage you to reach out if you need any support, as we will be reaching out to those whose attendance may cause us concern.

This term has also seen some joint work across the Federation, with both schools working together on key areas such as attendance and oracy. These joint initiatives are helping us share expertise, strengthen practice, and offer even richer learning experiences for our pupils.

Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Book Launch

This week, we were lucky to attend the launch of Ivor Baddiel's new book *Brainchild* at Newington Green. The children loved meeting Ivor and hearing him talk about how he wrote the story, what inspired him, and the big ideas behind the book. He even tested our brains with some fun questions about science and imagination! Everyone was inspired to read, ask questions, and think about what it means to be good, evil, and everything in between. Thank you, Ivor, for an unforgettable visit!



Cyber Security Advice

To help your family stay safe at home, I've included a guide from the National Cyber Security Centre. It has step by step guides on how to avoid the most common cyber-crimes. These guides have been updated with the most recent trends and was written by the people who actually investigate these crimes. We hope you find it useful.

Cyber security advice for you & your family - NCSC.GOV.UK



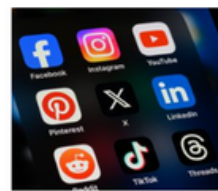
Data breaches: guidance for individuals and families
How to protect yourself from the impact of data breaches



Online gaming for families and individuals
How to enjoy online gaming securely by following just a few tips



Shopping and paying safely online
Tips to help you purchase items safely and avoid fraudulent websites.



Social Media: how to use it safely
Use privacy settings across social media platforms to manage your digital footprint.

PARENTS' EVENING

Wednesday 5th November

3.45pm - 6.30pm

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Thursday 6th November

3.45pm - 5.00pm

**Book now on
ARBOR**

SENCO

OPEN DOOR

A chance to come and speak to Kimberley - will see parents on the order they arrive.

Dates

- Tuesday 4th November 9 - 10
- Tuesday 11th November 9-10
- Tuesday 18th November 9-10

REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

EVENTS	DATES
Last day of term	Friday 24 th October
INSET Day	Monday 3 rd November
Children return to school	Tuesday 4 th November
Year 2 Trip - The Monument	Wednesday 5 th November
Parents and carers evening	Wednesday 5 th and Thursday 6 th November
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

Educational Experiences in 2025-26

Year 1
 Freightliner's City Farm
 London Bus Tour
 Florence Nighlingale 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

A voluntary donation of £24 via Arbor helps fund all the educational visits we offer over the year

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

For more details, or if you have any questions, please speak to us in the office!

Bookings will open on Arbor at 6PM today (Friday 24th October)

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 Y2-Y5	Turkish Y1-6 3:30 - 4:30	Gymnastics R-Y6 3:30 - 4:30	Gardening Club Y4-Y6	
		Singing Club Y1-Y3		
After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30	After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30	After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30	After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30	After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30

Free School Meal Vouchers during school holidays

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](#)

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