

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been another great week at Rotherfield with lots going on and children working hard in class to challenge themselves and accelerate their learning. We are proud of the effort our pupils show in achieving their best in all their lessons.

We had the first drama club on Wednesday with 24 pupils from year 3 to 6 starting their rehearsals for their production of Alice in Wonderland in the spring. They showed enormous potential and are already working on their technique for creating character and performing with confidence.

Year 4 visited Islington South Library and chose books to take home and read - remember if you are not yet a member, then you can join for free and access all their amazing books and resources. Staying on the reading theme, we welcomed parents into class for our parent reader drop in so thanks to the parents who came along and took part! Year 5 continued their Action Tutoring programme, with 20 pupils staying after school for focused maths and English tuition. The tutors commented on the fantastic behaviour and focus the children showed in this week's session. Again, this shows the amazing commitment our pupils have towards their own learning and progress.

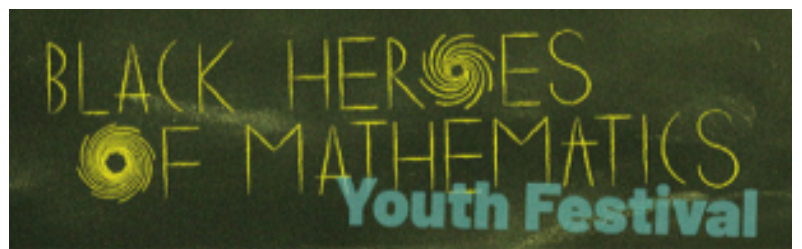
Attendance remains a whole school focus and we were delighted to see 100% attendance in Early Years - well done! We love seeing all our children in school and ready to learn. Please chat to your child's phase leader if you need and support around attendance. We are aiming high this year!

Tonight is the Rotherfield quiz night so we hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful weekend - Nia

### THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - Black Heroes of Mathematics

To begin our learning for Black History Month, all our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in a special Mathematics assembly led by Black Heroes of Mathematics Youth Festival with Herbert Daly. The session celebrated the brilliance of Black mathematicians and showed how creativity, problem-solving, and perseverance shape the world of maths today.



This experience beautifully reflects Article 29, as pupils learned to value diversity, celebrate talent, and see how education can empower everyone to achieve their potential.

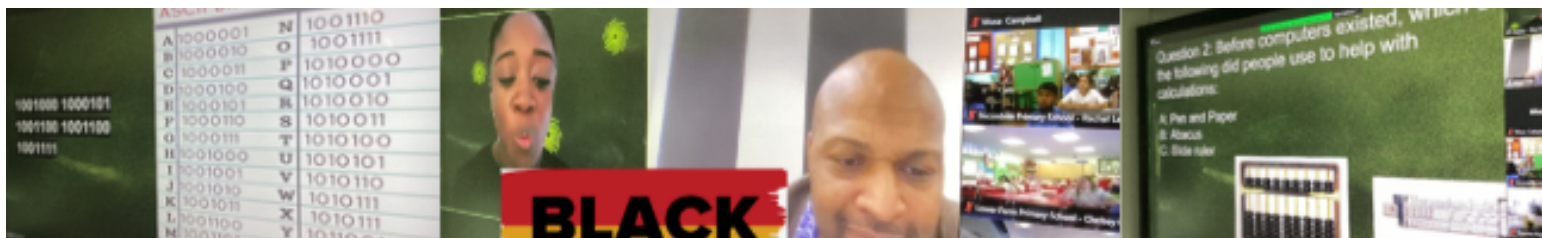
Our pupils were inspired and eager to share their thoughts:

"I really liked it when we used code to solve a puzzle." **Asya Y4**

"I thought it was interesting but computer code is hard to understand." - **Walden Y4**

"It was really fun because we learnt about really complicated things like binary code. I want to be a mathematician when I grow up!" - **Kidus Y6**

"I learned that computer and devices wouldn't exist without maths!" - **Liliabba Y6**



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole school: **95%**

National: **95%**

Apple	100%
Beech	100%
Silver birch	97%
Maple	95%
Ash	95%
Rowan	94%
Mulberry	94%
Oak	93%
Olive	93%
Cedar	93%
Elm	92%
Palm	89%
Pine	83%
Willow	81%



## 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: Ardil, Darcie and Ariadna

Year 5: Yusuf and Zumra

Year 4: Jake and Khadija

Year 3: Lily and Amya

Year 2: Kendal-Rae and Naiya

Year 1: Abbas

Reception: Nova

Nursery: Naima



Top class for this week:

Rowan

Top Rockstar for this week:

Emmanuella (Ash)

### RESPECT CHAMPIONS

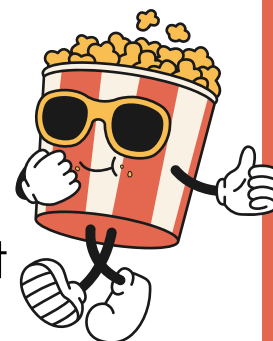
KS1: Ezra (Silver Birch)

KS2: Aleyna (Olive)

## POPCORN PARTY

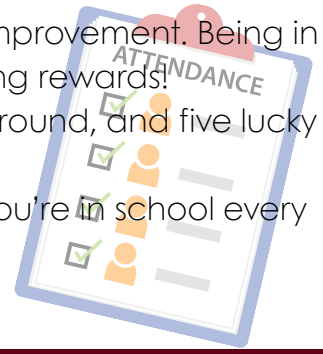
(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



## Attendance Matters – Let's Celebrate Progress!

This year, we're putting a big spotlight on attendance and celebrating every improvement. Being in school every day not only helps with learning but also opens the door to exciting rewards! So far, we've kicked things off with a fantastic trip to Rosebowl Adventure Playground, and five lucky children received book vouchers for their excellent attendance. Looking ahead, there's a cinema trip planned for next half term – make sure you're in school every day for your chance to be selected! Let's keep showing up, supporting each other, and making every day count.



## Halloween Disco

**Our Halloween Disco will be on Thursday 23rd October**

- **Nursery and Reception – 3:45–4:30**
- **Years 1, 2 & 3 – 4:45–5:30**
- **Years 4, 5 & 6 – 5:45–6:30**

**£2 entry paid in advance, if cash please put in an envelope with permission slip and bring it to Lesley in the office. You can also pay by card in the office every morning at school drop-off. All children are welcome to come to school dressed up in their Halloween costumes.**

**Refreshments will be on sale (cash or card) in the dinner hall for the parents that wish to wait on the premises for their children.**



## Online Safety Update: Real Time Device Monitoring

I'm pleased to announce that the computers at our school are set up with the most advanced filtering and monitoring technology to keep children safe. The filtering technology means that all web traffic is scanned to make sure it's suitable for school. Monitoring has been introduced this year which will help keep children safer when using devices at school. The monitoring system is called SENSO and it actively monitors what children type. The app then sends alerts automatically to members of staff when it senses certain language or phrases being typed.



# REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

EVENTS	DATES
Black History Month Exhibition	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October
Year 4 Assembly	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October @9:10
Halloween Disco	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Year 2 Trip - The Monument	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November
Parents and carers evening	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 5 Assembly	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December @9:10
Early Years Nativity	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December @9:15
Year 2 Assembly	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February @9:10
Year 3 Assembly	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March @9:10
Year 1 Assembly	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May @9:10
Year 6 Assembly	Date TBC

**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

A voluntary donation of £24 via Arbor helps fund all the educational visits we offer over the year.  
 Your generous donations help makes 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!

## 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