

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

We have just had our final staff briefing of the half term and we are all ready for a well deserved break. It has been a long term but we are all leaving feeling happy with how the start to the year has gone. I thanked our wonderful staff here for their hard work. One of the amazing things about the team we have here is their unwavering positivity and energy. As a school we are making a lot of changes to improve the opportunity and outcomes for pupils. This is all made possible by staff who go above and beyond for children. I can assure you that Rotherfield staff are the absolute best- both in their love and care for children and in their commitment to being the best teachers they can be.

It was lovely to see Willow class start our new programme of class assemblies yesterday. Their theme was linked to our overarching drive on mutual respect and tolerance. The children performed a poem by Benjamin Zephaniah and then wrote their own version on a respectful and happy classroom. They then showcased some of their recently acquired ukulele skills with Mathew. As a school we want to develop pupils' confidence in performing and speaking aloud. This year we will be working on this across the school through:

- An opportunity for all children to perform in a class assembly supported by Artis our performing arts teacher
- A Christmas assembly performance for all children
- A new debating team
- A bigger choir
- An SEN music group with Mathew
- Use of stem sentences to support better developed pupil responses
- New writing units on speechmaking and debating
- Cultural performances and Eid Fair



Wishing everyone in the Rotherfield community a happy holiday. See you all on the 5th of November!

### THIS WEEKS' TOP NEWS - Visit to Islington Town Hall



As part of Local Democracy Week, three of our school councillors represented Rotherfield at Islington Town Hall. They joined 30 other children in a Q and A session with the Leader of the Council (Kaya Comer-Schwartz), Equalities Champion Councillor Hannah McHugh and Executive Member for Children, Young People & Families, Councillor Michelline Safi- Ngongo to find out more on how their local community is run and to challenge the council with ideas for improvement. The children will be invited back to be updated on their ideas over the course of the year with the new acting Leader of the Council Diarmaid Ward.

Last week, we went to Islington town hall to take part in a local democracy event. When we got to the town hall we were shown around the main chamber where the council meets. Next, we sat down with other schools to ask three Islington councillors questions. We asked them about how the council could support children's mental health more: "We have recently celebrated World Mental Health day and want to know how Islington Council can increase mental health support for young residents?" and how they can help us make the school greener: "We want our school to be environmentally friendly. How is Islington Council supporting school buildings - especially older buildings - to become greener. It was such a privilege to have our questions listened to and answered by the councillors.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

## STARS OF THE WEEK



**Whole school: 91.7%**  
**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!**

**Year 6: Giorgio**

**Year 5: Darcie and Adar**

**Year 4: Amira and Liyana**

**Year 3: Walden and Shaye**

**Year 2: Taylor and Axel**

**Year 1: Jabari and Aaliyah**

**Reception: Lara**

**Nursery: Remi-Rogue**



Ash	98%
Mulberry	96%
Willow	94%
Silver birch	94%
Maple	93%
Pine	93%
Cedar	92%
Palm	92%
Elm	91%
Holly	91%
Oak	90%
Beech	89%
Rowan	88%
Apple	84%

### TOP DOODLERS

Top class - ASH

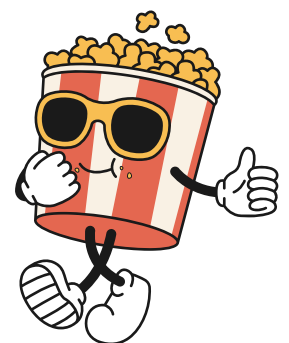


Using Doodle Maths for 10 minutes per day can have a huge impact on your child's progress and attainment. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need your login details or any support with the app.

### POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



Rowan class dress up & Halloween yoga



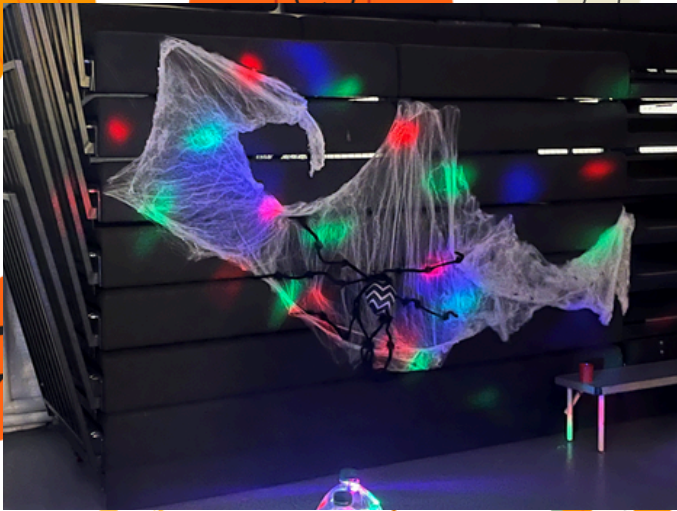
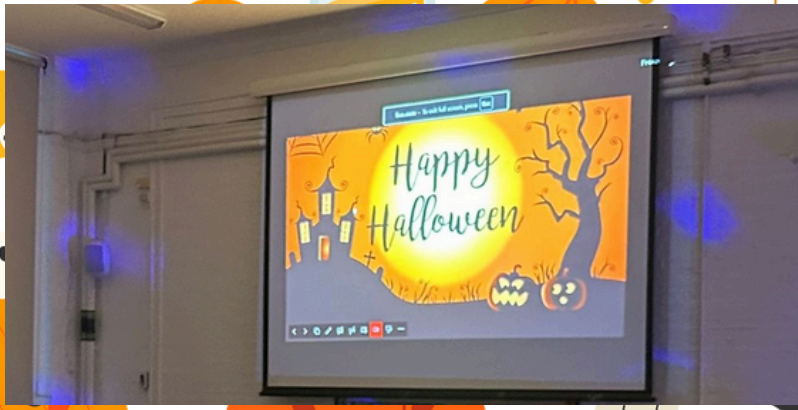
HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Year one Oak Class



## Halloween Disco

Thank you to the PTA for arranging a fantastic Halloween disco. The children all had a fun and spooky time!



## Computing Stem Club

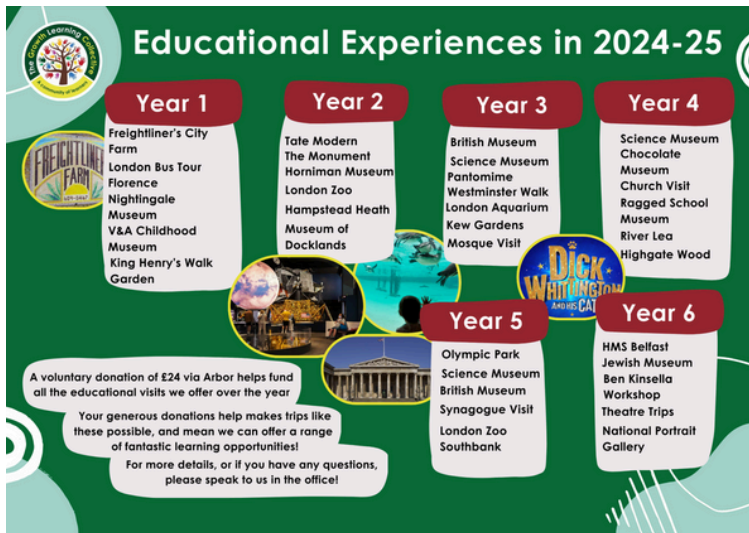
Computing STEM club will be starting after half term at Rotherfield:

In stem club we will make toys using mechanical gears and motors with year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children. STEM stands for Science Technology Engineering and Maths so the projects combine lots of different skills. Some children used motors, gears and batteries, others used wooden machines to make their character move. If you are in years 3-6 and you'd like to join the club, sign up on Arbor. [Click here to see the work](#)



# REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENTS	DATES
October Half term	Monday 28th - Friday 1st November
INSET day	Monday 4th November
Children return to school	Tuesday 5th November
Year 1 Oak - Freightliners City Farm	Monday 11th November
School photos	Tuesday 12th November
Year 2 - Trip to The Monument	Wednesday 20th November
Year 3 - British Museum Trip	Monday 25th November
Year 6 - Diverse Voices Workshop	Tuesday 29th November
Year 5 - Class Assembly	Tuesday 3rd December
School Nurse	Friday 13th December
Year 1 - Class Assembly	Thursday 19th December



**Educational Experiences in 2024-25**

**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 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!

## 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-Y6 3:30 - 4:30	Tiago cooking Y4-6 3:30 - 4:30	Gymnastics Y3-Y6 3:30 - 4:30	S.T.E.M Club Y3-Y6 3:30 - 4:30	
	Karate 3:30 - 4:30 contact provider on 07594928598 £6 per session	Christmas Choir Y4-Y6 3:30 - 4:30	Spanish Club Y1-Y2 3:30 - 4:30	
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## Important Notice

Please click [here](#) to view the late collection policy

### Rotherfield Primary School – School Sous Chef:

At Rotherfield Primary School we are currently seeking a passionate Sous Chef to join our team. As you know, providing nutritious meals to our children is a vital part of their day, and we are eager to find someone who shares our commitment to their wellbeing. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in this role, please [click the link](#) to learn more and apply.

### Newington Green Primary School – Class Teacher:

At Newington Green Primary School, we are looking for a Class Teacher. The role of Class Teacher will have a major impact on the children's lives through delivering high quality teaching and learning. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in this role, please [click the link](#) to learn more and apply.

### 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