



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

The festive fun is underway at Rotherfield and it started with a bang last night with our annual Christmas Fair. The rainy weather could not dampen the festive spirit and it felt really heartening having so many of you together to enjoy the fun. Families enjoyed some delicious food, joined in with crafting and games and of course had a visit from the big man himself! The raffle prizes were amazing, especially the star prize of a Selfridges hamper, kindly donated by Islington properties.

Thank you as ever to the PTA for their efforts; without the continued support of these dedicated group of parents we really would not be able to provide these events.

Lots of our staff ran a sponsored Santa Dash in the city on Thursday night to raise more funds for the school and today every child took part in a Christmas daily mile, helping us all to feel energised and active in this cold weather.

I leave this week feeling so proud of the sense of community here. I really do love it here at Rotherfield!

Happy weekend



THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - Y6 visit to London City Hall

On Tuesday, a group of Year 6 pupils travelled to London City Hall to take part in the Green Schools Programme. This initiative, led by the Mayor of London, aims to support schools in reaching net zero as part of the wider ambition for a zero-carbon London by 2030. During the visit, pupils engaged in a range of activities designed to raise awareness of carbon emissions and explore practical ways schools can contribute to reducing them. They learned how schools might save on energy costs, reinvesting more into education, and even become sources of renewable energy generation for the city. Our pupils returned inspired, having compiled a set of ideas to help reduce our own school's carbon footprint. These will be shared with our site manager and senior leadership team as we continue to play our part in building a greener future.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole school: **91%**
National: **95%**

Apple	100%
Pine	97%
Maple	94%
Willow	94%
Beech	94%
Mulberry	93%
Cedar	92%
Rowan	92%
Olive	92%
Elm	92%
Silver birch	91%
Ash	90%
Palm	85%
Oak	77%



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: Kayra, Faith and Lily

Year 5: Ishon and Raegan

Year 4: Ayaan and Areesha

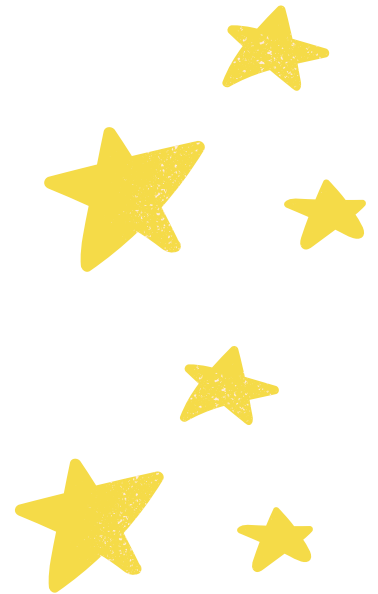
Year 3: Axel and Nyla

Year 2: Mila T and Areeba

Year 1: Danny

Reception: Mustafa

Nursery: Reid



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

KS1: Mikhail (Oak)

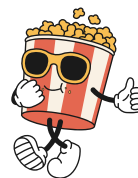


KS2: Thea (Rowan)

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



RESPECT CHAMPIONS

KS1: Roman (Pine)



KS2: Nour (Ash) & Malaya (Elm)



Top class for this week:

ASH

Top Rockstar for this week:

Ayoub



Top Numbot for this week:

Maia.K



Rotherfield Santa Dash



We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents and everyone who generously donated to the Santa in the City run. Your support means so much to us!

Thanks to your kindness, we'll be able to purchase some wonderful new creative and art supplies for the school - resources that all the children will enjoy and benefit from.

A special shout-out to all the amazing children who took part in the Santa Dash! We are incredibly proud of your resilience, effort, and festive spirit. You truly made this event magical!

From all of us - Laura, Isha, Courtney, Chloe, and myself - thank you for making this possible! - Eleanor



Olive Class - British Library Trip

Olive class visited the British Library and took part in their 'Dive into Sound' workshop. We imagined how sounds look and feel; took part in a sound walk and listened to archive material stored at the British Library.



Phonics Corner

We use an online phonics website (Little Wandle) to support children's reading both in school and at home.

This week we encourage all families to explore the website and enjoy learning alongside you child.



Pine and Needles

A huge thank you to Pines and Needles for the beautiful Christmas Tree they have donated. As part of their gift, they are also offering parents 10% off Christmas trees from their London pop-up stores and online shop.

Discount Code: SCHOOL10

Follow @pinesandneedles for festive activities at local stores, and visit www.pinesandneedles.com for full details and all store locations across London.



Christmas Lunch/Jumper Day

On Friday 12th December, children and staff are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper to school.

We will also be enjoying a special Christmas lunch on the same day.

It's a wonderful opportunity to spread some holiday cheer and enjoy a festive meal together.



Christmas Digital Resources

With the festive season approaching, here are some fun, safe and educational digital activities for families to enjoy together.

- [Santa Google Games](#) – Explore magical mini-games on Google's Santa Tracker.
- [Portable North Pole](#) – Create personalised video messages from Santa.
- [Track Santa](#) – Follow Santa's journey with the NORAD Santa tracker.
- [Text Father Christmas App](#) – Send child-friendly messages to Santa.
- [Elf Cam App](#) – Always a popular choice at this time of year.



Year 5 Assembly

Year 5 performed their fabulous year group assembly this week. They took us on an incredible journey from Ancient Greece, through Black History, to Remembrance Day and then all the way to Space!

It was so wonderful to see everything that they have been learning about – what a range they have covered. They put in a lot of time and thought to share their learning with us. It was also great to hear them develop confidence in speaking in front of a crowd and to show such pride and effort in their work. Their teachers were so pleased with them, as we all are, as their effort and progress this year is great to see. Thank you to parents and carers who came along! And of course thanks to Eleanor, Courtney, Nazife and Terri who work tirelessly to support the children. Well done year 5!

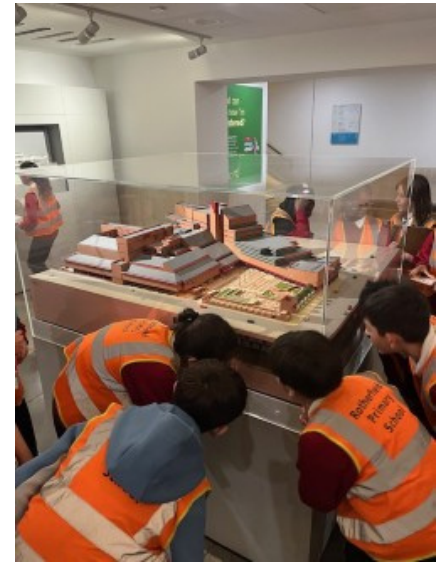
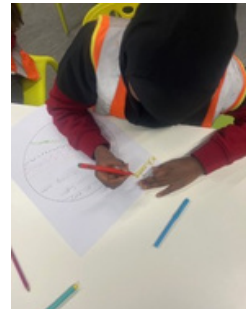


Ash Class - British Library

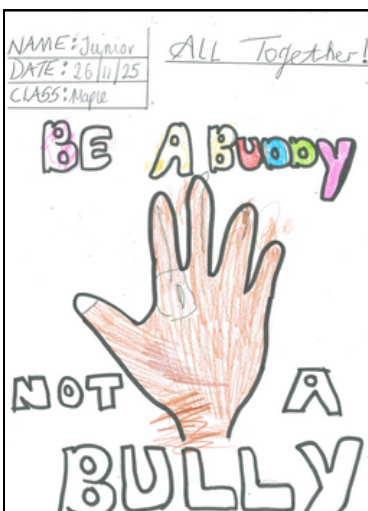
On Monday, Ash Class had the wonderful opportunity to visit the British Library and take part in an engaging workshop focused on Sound. During the session, pupils explored a variety of activities, including sound mapping, and investigated the fascinating history of sound by analysing sources such as vinyl records and tape recordings from the past.

In addition to the workshop, the children were privileged to view a remarkable collection of historical artefacts. Highlights included Leonardo da Vinci's notebook, Henry VIII's Bible, Shakespeare's original play manuscripts, the Magna Carta, and handwritten song lyrics by John Lennon for The Beatles.

The visit was an inspiring experience, offering pupils a chance to connect with extraordinary pieces of history while deepening their understanding of sound and its place in our cultural heritage. Ash Class thoroughly enjoyed the day and returned with a sense of awe at having explored such an exceptional institution.



School Council



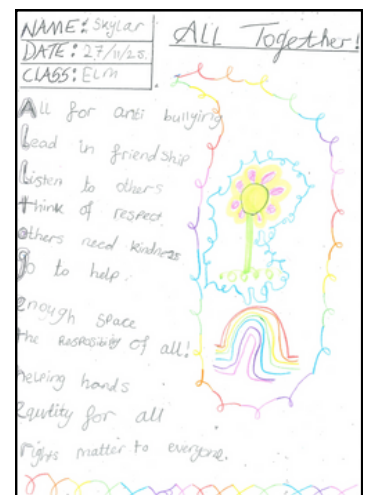
Part of our wonderful school council agenda at Rotherfield is to focus on anti-bullying & attendance.

School council aims to:

- Encourage pupils to use their voices to speak up & speak out
- For students to be part of their kindness building block towards a better world
- Children should be given opportunities to express their views/feelings

School Council members hope to incorporate their shared vision, with the schools ethos, in tandem with the PSHE curriculum.

"No act of kindness is ever wasted!"



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

EVENTS	DATES
Year 1 - Islington Library Show	Wednesday 10 th December @11am
Elm - Fire Station trip	Thursday 11 th December
RF Christmas lunch and Festive Jumper day	Friday 12 th December
Early Years/Year 1 Nativity	Tuesday 16 th December @9:15
Bedtime Books	Tuesday 16 th December @3:30
Last day of school	Friday 19 th December @1:30
Tuesday 6 th January	Children return to school
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

Christmas Concerts

- Friday 12th December: Year 3 - 2:55pm - 3:25pm
- Monday 15th December: Year 6 - 9:05am - 9:35am
- Tuesday 16th December: Nursery, Reception, SEN/d & Year 1 - 9:15am - 9:35am
- Tuesday 16th December: Year 2 - 2:55pm - 3:25pm
- Wednesday 17th December: Year 5 - 9:05am - 9:35am
- Wednesday 17th December: Year 4 - 2:55pm - 3:25pm

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