



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier in Autumn term, we sent you information about our Healthy Packed Lunch Policy. Chef Tiago and the team have been working hard on implementing this since October. Many children have been making healthy choices and swapping out sugary snacks from their packed lunch. Tiago has also started including top tips on healthy options in the school newsletter. However, there are still some children who continue to bring sugary snacks to school. We are particularly concerned about nuts in packed lunches, including chocolate spread, as we have several pupils with nut allergies.

From this week, the team will be adding a reminder into packed lunches, which are not in line with our policy. The children will be offered healthy alternatives from school lunch as a replacement for any unhealthy item.

Chef Tiago is offering a parent/carer workshop on Tuesday 20th January @9am to talk further to parents/carers about any concerns or questions you have. Please put the date in your diary!

Just a reminder that the last day of term is Friday 19th December and we break up at 1.30pm. There is no ASC that day.

Looking forward to a final fun packed week before our Christmas break

THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - December- Right Of The Month

Did you know that Article 42 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child states that every child—and the adults who care for them - have the right to know about the rights set out in the Convention?

Governments are responsible for making sure these rights are shared and explained clearly, but schools, families, and communities also play an important role. By learning about their rights, children feel more confident and empowered.

This month, we'll be exploring Article 42 in our Rights Assemblies, helping children understand why knowing their rights matters and how it affects them.

We encourage you to talk to your child about this at home -ask them what they think and why it's important!



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole school: **88%**
National: **95%**

Apple	100%
Rowan	97%
Cedar	96%
Maple	94%
Oak	94%
Pine	92%
Willow	90%
Olive	89%
Ash	89%
Palm	87%
Elm	86%
Mulberry	85%
Silver birch	84%
Beech	82%



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: Moriah, Sibel and Diego

Year 5: Ivy F and Illiyah

Year 4: Asya and Khadija

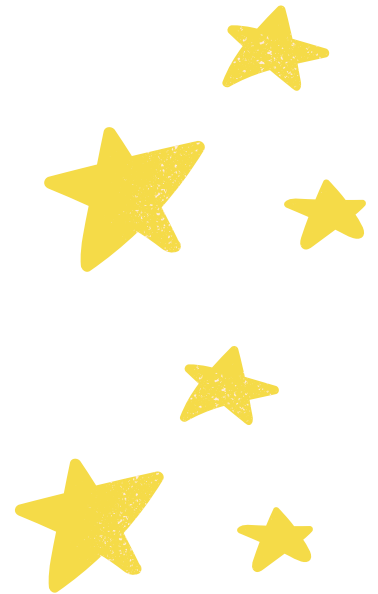
Year 3: Rico and Khairi

Year 2: Mila T

Year 1: Aribella

Reception: Reuben

Nursery: Shayla



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

KS1: Asenka (Pine)

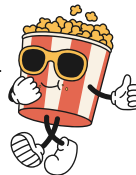


KS2: Cassie (Cedar)

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



RESPECT CHAMPIONS

KS1: Arthur M.L
(Maple)

KS2:
Valentina(Olive)



Top class for this week:
Silver Birch

Top Rockstar for this week:
Trina



Top Numbot for this week:

Sen.P



Christmas Fair

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents, carers, and staff who helped make our Christmas event such a success. It was a wonderful evening, and together we raised an amazing £509.86! These funds will go towards providing extra resources for the school.

If you'd like to get involved with the PTA, we'll be hosting a coffee morning in January—keep an eye out for the date! Alternatively, you can leave your name and contact number with Lesley in the office, and someone will be in touch.

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas break!
Jodie and Danielle
Friends of Rotherfield PTA

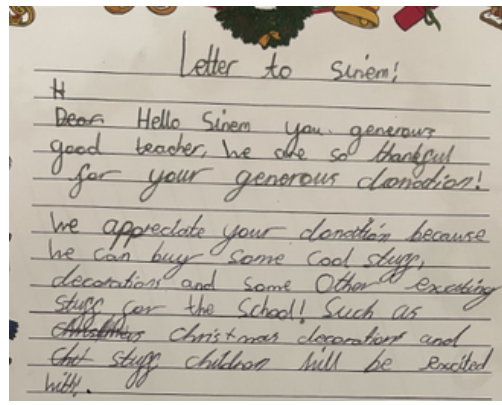


Library Christmas Show

Year 1 went to a Christmas show at the library and it was such fun! We saw a rendition of Robin Hood and the Story of Santa and Krampus! We're definitely in the festive spirit now.



Santa Dash Letters/ Christingles



Year 5 wrote some lovely letters to all those who have donated to our Santa In The City Run!

Year 1: Hannah and her class made some fantastic Christingle oranges to celebrate advent.



Celebrating 100% Attendance!

A group of children who achieved 100% attendance since the start of term were rewarded with a special trip to the Rose Bowl. As there were so many pupils with perfect attendance, the group was selected at random to take part in this exciting outing. To make the day even more magical, they were surprised with an extra treat - a visit to Santa's Grotto, where each child picked a gift to take home. A huge thank you to the wonderful team at the Rose Bowl for making this such a memorable afternoon for our pupils!



**COUNTDOWN
AT ROTHERFIELD**

**ANY CHILD THAT ATTENDS SCHOOL
FOR THE LAST 5 DAYS OF TERM
WILL RECIEVE A PRIZE - BE IN TO WIN**

Leftovers can make brilliant packed lunches — they save time, reduce waste, and help children enjoy familiar foods in a new way. Here's a simple, school-policy friendly that can help making that time of the day easier for you!

We aim have fruit + veg + main + souce of dairy and protein + treat + water.

Fruit

A small pot of grapes, some strawberries or a whole apple for natural sweetness and freshness.

Veg

Cucumber sticks and/or carrot batons — even roasted carrots from last night's dinner work beautifully cold.



Main (using leftovers!!!)

Pasta salad pot: left over plain pasta mixed with sweetcorn, fresh cubed tomato, and leftover chicken with a drizzle of olive oil, a bit (just a bit) of salt or a

Chicken wrap: that famous supermarket tortilla filled with leftover chicken, a little cheese, a bit of mayo and crisp lettuce. Yummy!!

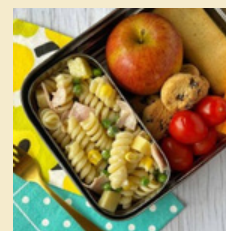
Treat

A plain yoghurt with berries and a little honey, a cookie or a couple of digestive biscuits with a thin spread of jam.

Drink

Water is the best choice, always. Fruit juices can contain a lot of sugar so be careful with that, specially with the children drink those everyday.

I love to transform leftovers in fresh new lunches = less stress, less waste, and more delicious, balanced lunches for children.



Families, Food & Feelings

Free 6- week healthy living programme for parents/carers of children and young people who struggle with excess weight and healthy eating

Free for Camden & Islington parents of children aged 5-17 years.

Join this friendly and supportive group to gain confidence & skills in helping your children live their happiest, healthiest lives.

Start date: 6th of January 2026

Time: 10:00-11:30

Venue: Online sessions

NB: If this date and time aren't convenient, please still get in touch as we may be able to offer additional times.

Reminder - Dates for your Diary

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

EVENTS	DATES
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
Wednesday 4 th February	Parent/Carer reader drop-in (9 - 9:20am)
Thursday 5 th February	Parent/Carer reader drop-in (9 - 9:20am)
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

There are no Enrichment Clubs taking place next week and there is no Afterschool club on Friday 19th due to school finishing at 1.30pm on the last day of term.

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