



### MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER, PAUL

Well done everyone at Newington Green and Rotherfield!

It has, as always, been a long and demanding term, and I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together. This week, pupils brought their A-game with a series of fantastic performances across the federation. Staff and classes worked really hard to ensure every performance was of the highest standard, and it was wonderful to see so many parents supporting these events.

Of course, while the spotlight has been on performances, learning has remained our top priority. Pupils have continued to stay focused and make progress right up to the end of term. Recently, we held pupil progress meetings with teachers, which will inform next steps in learning as we move into the new term.

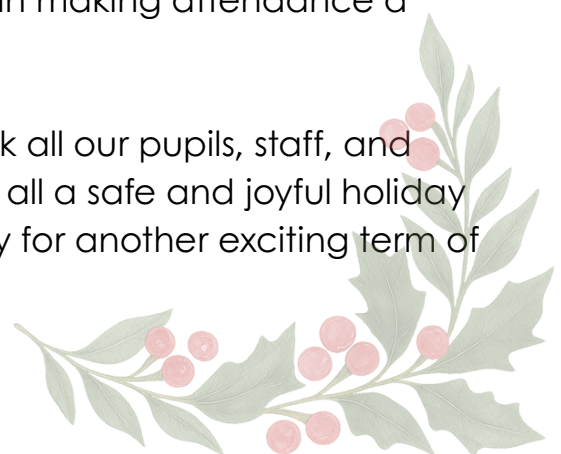
We've also celebrated some fantastic achievements this term. Our approaches to maths continues to shine, thanks to the leadership of Emily (Rotherfield) and Musa (Newington Green). Both schools are recognised for their strong practice in maths, and these staff members will keep sharing their expertise as part of the regional Maths Hub. In addition, both schools have been awarded the Healthy Schools London Silver Award, recognising our commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles and wellbeing for all pupils.

We are excited to announce that our federation website has been refreshed! It's now easier to navigate and packed with useful information for families. Please take a moment to explore the new features and stay up to date with news, events, and resources.

School reopens on **Tuesday, 6th January**. Attendance is vital for children's learning and wellbeing, and we will continue to monitor this closely to ensure every child has the best possible start to the new term. Thank you for your support in making attendance a priority.

As we wrap up this term, I want to take a moment to thank all our pupils, staff, and families for their hard work and commitment. Wishing you all a safe and joyful holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for another exciting term of learning and growth!

Many thanks,  
Paul



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole school: **92.2%**

National: **95%**

Apple	100%
Rowan	100%
Olive	100%
Palm	95%
Cedar	93%
Ash	92%
Mulberry	91%
Beech	91%
Maple	91%
Silver birch	87%
Pine	87%
Willow	85%
Oak	85%
Elm	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!**

### ★ Stars of the Term ★

We are delighted to announce that every single pupil is a Star of the Term! Your hard work, creativity, and determination have truly shone bright. From classroom achievements to acts of kindness, you've all made this term exceptional. Keep reaching for the stars... you inspire us every day!



### ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS - BE IN TO WIN

KS1: Mila T (Maple)



KS2: Walden (Rowan)

### POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



### RESPECT CHAMPIONS

KS1: Yousef (Maple)



KS2: Rumaysa (Ash)



Top class for this week:

ASH

Top Rockstar for this week:

Emmanuella



Top Numbot for this week:

Sen.P

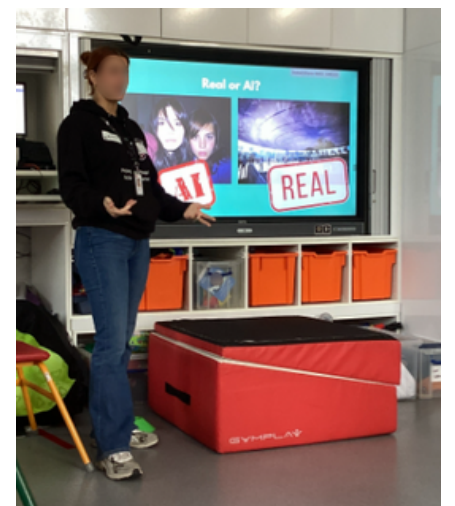
# THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - Early Years Nativity

The term ended with a top performance this week - the much anticipated Early Years nativity. The performance hall was packed to the rafters as we waited for our shining stars. As always, they did us proud. The signing this year was a particular strength - so tuneful - a real choir of angels! The Christmas story was told with confidence and of course plenty of memorable moments. Well done to every child who took part and their wonderful teachers who prepared them so well.



## Breck Foundation

The Breck Foundation delivered a workshop for years 5 and 6 on AI and how to navigate it. They showed us the incredible positive elements of using AI but also highlighted the need to be educated about how to use and understand it safely. It was a really insightful workshop and gave us all a lot of food for thought. The Breck Foundation carry out invaluable work around child safety online. Have a look at their website for more information about their work: [Online Safety | Breck Foundation](#)



# Year 6 Christmas Concert

Year 6 performed their Christmas concert, showcasing the skills they have been learning about with Matthew over the half term, including the layering of sounds and improvisation with various instruments. They also sang beautifully and got everyone into the Christmas spirit. We are so proud of their confidence in performing in front of an audience and thank you so much to families who came along to support. Thank you too, to Matthew for his inspirational teaching and commitment to the children's musical development.



## Golden Readers & Golden Writers

### Golden Reader

<b>Apple</b> - Millie	<b>Willow</b> - Jack
<b>Beech</b> - AJ	<b>Rowan</b> - Alfie
<b>Oak</b> - Abbas	<b>Elm</b> - Defne
<b>Pine</b> - Henrique	<b>Mulberry</b> - Ishon
<b>Maple</b> - Frankie	<b>Ash</b> - Lara
<b>Silver Birch</b> - Taylor	<b>Cedar</b> - Fadi
<b>Palm</b> - Desteny	<b>Olive</b> - Kidus

### Golden Writer

<b>Apple</b> - Jimmy	<b>Willow</b> - Khadijah
<b>Beech</b> - Aleem	<b>Rowan</b> - Mila
<b>Oak</b> - Lara	<b>Elm</b> - Liyanna
<b>Pine</b> - Maia	<b>Mulberry</b> - Rima
<b>Maple</b> - Jabari	<b>Ash</b> - Evie
<b>Silver Birch</b> - Ayoub	<b>Cedar</b> - Khadir
<b>Palm</b> - Arthur L	<b>Olive</b> - Diego

## Year 2 - The Three Kings

Children in Year 2 had casting sessions and rehearsals this week, pretending to be the Three Kings getting ready to deliver presents to Spanish-speaking children on 6th January. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children can't wait to see the films we're making to teach Reception and Year 1 children how Spanish speakers celebrate Christmas!

As part of our Spanish Christmas celebrations, children in Year 1 made puppets and acted out the Christmas story while listening to it in Spanish.



## STEM Club

Here are some of the exciting toys we have made in STEM club this year. These toys are pin ball machines which launch marbles into the baskets. Children learned about Science and Engineering skills so hopefully they will consider looking at jobs in these fields when they are older. STEM club will be making toys at Rotherfield on Friday's after school starting in January and will run until the February half term. Spaces are limited and for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 only. Please book on Arbor.



# Christmas Lunch



On 12th December, the whole school enjoyed a festive Christmas Lunch together. The dining hall was beautifully decorated with lights, tablecloths, crackers, and cheerful music. Every child received a cracker and loved celebrating with friends and teachers, as all staff joined in.

The menu featured Christmas favourites: roast turkey with all the trimmings—garlic and orange glazed Brussels sprouts, braised red cabbage, honey-roasted carrots and parsnips, rosemary potatoes, gravy, chestnuts, and cranberry sauce. Dessert was a delicious sticky toffee pudding with caramel sauce, which everyone loved! There was also a comforting vegetable Wellington with spinach, mushrooms, and cheese as the vegetarian option—so good that everyone wanted a taste. A big thank you to the kitchen team for making it such a special experience. Happy Christmas! Tiago :)



## Christmas Holiday Support

The holiday season can be challenging for some families and young people. If you or someone you know needs support, there are several free and confidential services available:

### Urgent Crisis Support

- CAMHS South Hub Crisis Service: Urgent mental health support for ages 0–18 (Islington & Camden GPs).
- NCL Crisis Team: Call 020 3758 2056
- Islington SEMH: Call 020 7527 3355
- South Hub CAMHS Crisis Team | Waiting Room

### 24/7 Text and Listening Services

- Shout – Text SHOUT to 85258 or visit Shout Crisis Text Line
- Samaritans – Call 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org (Samaritans)

### Support for Children and Young People

- Childline – Call 0800 1111 or chat online
- Papyrus – For suicidal thoughts: Call 0800 068 4141 or text 07860 039967 (Papyrus)
- The Mix – Free support for under 25s: Call 0808 808 4994 or visit The Mix

### Specialist Support

- Beat – Eating disorder support:
- Youth line (under 18s): 0808 801 0711
- Student line: 0808 801 0811 (Beat)
- Kooth – Free, safe, anonymous online mental health community: Kooth

Click [here](#) for Islington's Free Holiday Programme



# Reminder - Dates for your Diary

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

EVENTS	DATES
Last day of school	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December @1:30
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
Year 1 - The Florence Nightingale Museum Trip	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 2 - The Horniman Museum Trip	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent/Carer reader drop-in (9 - 9:20am)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent/Carer reader drop-in (9 - 9:20am)
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

## Bookings will open at 6pm on Friday 19th December

Rotherfield Primary School - After School Clubs				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast Club</b> 7:45 - 8:55	<b>Breakfast Club</b> 7:45 - 8:55	<b>Breakfast Club</b> 7:45 - 8:55	<b>Breakfast Club</b> 7:45 - 8:55	<b>Breakfast Club</b> 7:45 - 8:55
<b>Football</b> Y3-5 3:30 - 4:30	<b>Turkish</b> Y1-6 3:30 - 4:30	<b>Gymnastics</b> Rec-Y6 3:30 - 4:30	<b>Spanish</b> Y3-4 3:30 - 4:30	<b>S.T.E.M</b> Y3-6 3:30 - 4:30
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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.



### Flu community catch up clinics

If your child has missed their flu vaccination at school, you can book an appointment for their vaccine at one of our local community clinics.

Winter season is upon us, and with colder weather keeping us indoors and in close contact, it's easier than ever for the flu to spread. Protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community by getting your flu jab today. The flu vaccine is your best defense against severe illness, hospitalisation, and missed work or school. Let's work together to keep everyone healthy this winter.

- Stay Well:** Avoid the misery of flu this winter.
- Protect Others:** Especially children, the elderly, and those more vulnerable.
- Stop the Spread:** Help prevent flu outbreaks in your community.



For our clinic locations and contact details for the Vaccination UK teams please scan the QR code or follow the links below:  
<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/contact>  
<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics>



### 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