



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been a successful half term at Rotherfield, despite the damp weather. The children have shown great resilience and enthusiasm—whether taking part in outdoor activities, engaging fully in lessons, or embracing the many enrichment opportunities we've offered. Their energy and positivity have been a real highlight. This week's newsletter is packed with examples of the excellent enrichment activities taking place across the school. I am really pleased with the range of experiences our children receive, each contributing to their growing confidence, creativity, and love of learning.

Our learning focus has remained strong. Thank you to all the parents who attended the Maths Times Tables Workshop and the Parent Reading Morning. Your involvement plays an important role in strengthening children's attainment. A strong partnership between home and school makes a significant difference to their progress and confidence.

We also took part in Safer Internet Day, an important opportunity to teach children how to stay safe, responsible, and thoughtful online. Through discussions and activities, pupils explored how to make positive choices when using technology.

Wishing all our children and families a restful and happy half-term break.

Parents will be very pleased to know that our lovely Lesley will be returning after the half term!

February Right of the Month - Access to information

This month, our Rights Respecting focus is Article 17 – **the right to access information.**

Article 17 states that every child has the right to access reliable information from the media. This information should be suitable for children and support their wellbeing, learning and development. It also highlights the responsibility of adults and governments to help protect children from information and materials that could be harmful.

This right links closely with Internet Safer Day on 10 February, as many children now access information through the internet, online platforms and digital media. In school, we will be talking with children about how to find trustworthy information, how to understand what they see online and what to do if they come across content that makes them feel unsure or unsafe.

We encourage parents and carers to continue these conversations at home. Guidance and support on safe and appropriate internet use can be found at the UK Safer Internet Centre website: saferinternet.org.uk



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole school: 93.3%
National: 95%

Apple	100%
Cedar	98%
Silver birch	95.6%
Ash	95%
Pine	94%
Rowan	94%
Palm	94%
Willow	94%
Maple	94%
Oak	94%
Mulberry	92%
Olive	88%
Elm	84%
Beech	71%

Spelling Shed Champions
Class - Palm

Pupils - Rima (Mulberry), Arthur L (Palm) & Harumi (Olive)



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: Zehra, Milla and George

Year 5: Ivie and Defne

Year 4: Walden and Tatum

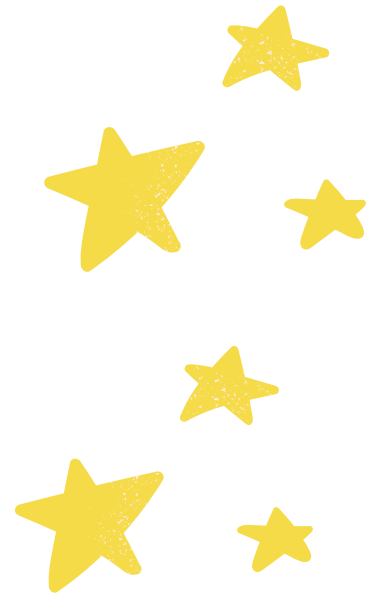
Year 3: Zakareeyaa and Arthur F

Year 2: Arthur and Anayah

Year 1: Rita

Reception: Fatima

Nursery: Renas



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

KS1: Emily (Maple)



KS2: Ivie (Mulberry)

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



RESPECT CHAMPIONS

KS1: Skye (Palm)

KS2: Ishon (Mulberry)



Top Rockstar for this week:

Azra (Apple) - Most minutes played
Elm - Winners of the NSPCC TTRS Competition



Top Numbot for this week:

Isaaq D (Oak) - Most coins earned

Year 5 Goresfield Poetry Retreat - Meet and Greet

Year 5 pupils recently attended a meet and greet event in preparation for the upcoming Gorsefield Poetry Retreat. The session brought together children from Newington Green Primary School, Rotherfield Primary School and Parkwood Primary School.

Pupils took part in ice-breaker activities and creative discussions, giving them the opportunity to meet one another, build confidence and begin forming connections ahead of the residential. The event was a positive and exciting start to what promises to be a memorable and inspiring poetry experience.



Golden Readers & Golden Writers

Golden Readers

Apple - Shayla	Willow - Abubakar
Beech - Adam	Rowan - Ayaan
Oak - Roan Z	Elm - Ibrahim
Pine - Roman	Mulberry - Attau
Maple - Lunar-Rae	Ash - Nour
Silver Birch - Johnnie	Cedar - Kayra
Palm - Amelia	Olive - Ariadna

Golden Writers

Apple - Millie	Willow - Areesha
Beech - Inas	Rowan - Tasniim
Oak - Milo	Elm - Zumra
Pine - Mariame	Mulberry - Sakibur
Maple - Mikaylia	Ash - Mason
Silver Birch - Nyla	Cedar - Kiara
Palm - Deanara	Olive - Liliabba

Special Electrical Engineer Visitor

We had a special visitor in assembly this week - Ayo who is an Electrical Engineer. He spoke to the children about what his job entails and how he got to this point in his career. They were slightly disappointed that he has worked on The Etihad and not the Emirates Stadium, but you can't win them all! Thank you for your time Ayo! What a wonderful experience for our children.



Clubs Timetable

Bookings will be open from 6pm On Friday 13th February

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 Y2-Y5	Turkish Y1-6 3:30 - 4:30	Gymnastics R-Y6 3:30 - 4:30	Gardening Club Y3&4	
		Singing Y1-Y3		
After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30	After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30	After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30	After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30	After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30

Parent/Carer Reading Morning

Oak class really enjoyed our Parent/Carer reading morning last week. We loved sharing our favourite stories with our parents and adults!



British Library Book Making Workshop



Year 5 at the British Library - we had a great lesson making books - focusing on words that inspire us!



Therapeutic Story Group

Katy Singer (Child Psychotherapist) and Emma Verrall (LSA) ran their first therapeutic story group this term. The group is designed to support children's confidence to tell a story, listening to and building upon each other's ideas, as well as facing unknown situations as the metaphorical journey unfolds.

The children became the Crew on our make-believe boat whilst Katy and Emma were the Captains. Together they embarked on a shared adventure, overcoming obstacles and returning home with newfound confidence and resilience.

The story was presented in a book that the children named and illustrated, and we held a book launch party in the library to celebrate. Parents came along to hear the children read out a chapter and find out more about what they learnt along the way.

The children took home a copy of the book and donated one to the school library.



Times table Games Sessions

Thank you to all the parents who joined our times tables games session on Thursday. It was lovely to see everyone getting involved and trying out fun ways to practise at home. The bingo games were definitely the favourite - some brilliant quick thinking! We hope you left with new ideas to support your child's confidence and fluency.

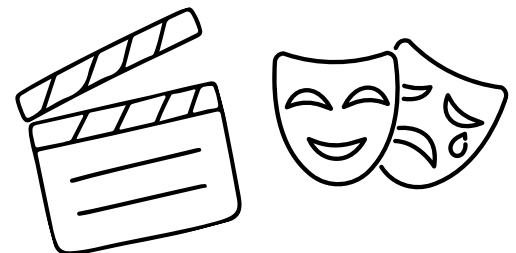


New Drama & Public Speaking Club

Children who can communicate clearly, share their ideas, and speak with confidence don't just thrive in school, they carry those skills for life. Public speaking is no longer a "nice to have"... it's a superpower!

That's why we are beyond excited to launch our NEW Drama & Public Speaking Club for ages 6-12 at Rotherfield Primary School, starting after half term. A high-energy, confidence-building experience designed to help children find their voice.

- ☀ Think big confidence
- 🗣 Strong communication skills
- 🎨 Creativity and imagination
- 💬 Courage to contribute in class
- 👥 Social confidence and teamwork



Whether your child loves the spotlight or is quietly building their confidence, this club gives them the tools to stand tall, speak clearly and believe in themselves.

🔥 Priority booking is now open for Rotherfield pupils - plus a heavily discounted school rate of just £17 per month. (Spaces will open to the wider community soon.)

👉 Book your child's place here: <https://pbbl.uk/4aubDIN>

💬 Email lauren@thedramacentre.co.uk with any questions

Reminder - Dates for your Diary

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

EVENTS	DATES
Last day of term	Friday 13 th February
INSET DAY	Monday 23 rd February
Children return to school	Tuesday 24 th February
Class Photos	Tuesday 3 rd March
World Book Day 2026	Thursday 5 th March
Eid Class Assembly	Wednesday 25 th March @9:15
Easter Class Assembly	Thursday 26 th March @9:10
Year 1 Assembly	Tuesday 5 th May @9:10
Year 6 Assembly	Date TBC
KS2 SATs Week	Monday 11 th May - Friday 15 th May

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
- Pantomime
- 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!

CELEBRATING THE MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE

We are proud to announce we are planning to surprise a group of children by rewarding them with a trip to Chessington Theme park in July!

Every child has a chance to win! Join us as we celebrate the Most Improved Attendance for 2026

DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED

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