

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome back, everyone! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm and energy for this new - though short - half-term ahead. There is a lot to look forward to, and I'm excited for all the learning, creativity and community spirit the next few weeks will bring.

This week also marks the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan for many in our Muslim community. Ramadan is a month of fasting, reflection, kindness and togetherness, and it offers a valuable opportunity for all of us - regardless of faith - to reflect on our shared values of empathy, gratitude and community support. We send our warmest wishes to all families observing this special month and look forward to learning from the themes of compassion and generosity that Ramadan highlights.

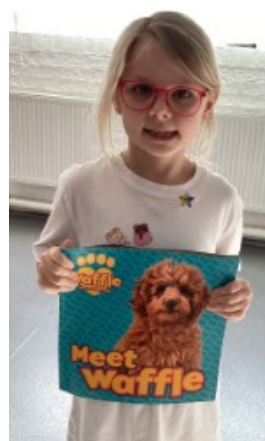
Next week, we will be celebrating World Book Day, which takes place in the UK on Thursday 5 March 2026. This is always a highlight of our school year, and a wonderful moment to celebrate the joy and importance of reading. We are thrilled that every child will receive a free book token, allowing them to choose from the fantastic selection of £1 available this year. Have a look below at the wonderful gift we were able to give our children this week courtesy of the Children's book project. Encouraging a love of reading opens doors to imagination, knowledge, and lifelong learning, and we can't wait to see the excitement across school as children dive into new stories.

Finally, a reminder that bookings for Parents and Carers' Evening will open next week. Further details will be shared soon, so please look out for updates.

Wishing everyone a brilliant first week back and a joyful term ahead.

THIS WEEKS TOP NEWS - Children's Book Project

This week we held a pop-up bookshop at Rotherfield. Every child in the school got to choose a book (kindly donated by the Children's Book Project) to keep forever. It was great watching the children browse the books and talk about what type of books they are most interested. Thanks to our amazing year 5 pupils, who ran the book shop and guided the pupils in making choices: Raegan, Ivie R, Ayuub, Akram, Amiir and Alfie.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole school: **93.4%**
National: **95%**

Apple	100%
Rowan	100%
Cedar	96%
Beech	96%
Oak	95%
Elm	95%
Palm	93%
Mulberry	93%
Olive	93%
Pine	92%
Silver birch	92%
Willow	90%
Maple	90%
Ash	86%

Spelling Shed Champions

Berkay – Ash
Trina – Ash
Rima – Mulberry



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: Mohamed, Albert and Elliott

Year 5: Madina and Aman B

Year 4: Asya and Jack

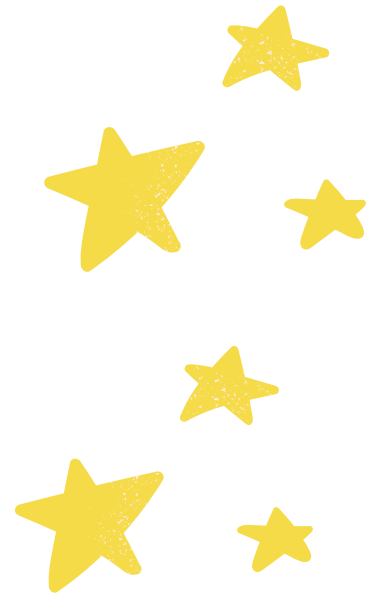
Year 3: Teddy and Ezra

Year 2: Jacob and Jeremiah

Year 1: Rowan M

Reception: Saoirse

Nursery: Dion



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

KS1: Adiba (Pine)



KS2: Gokhan (Elm)

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

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



RESPECT CHAMPIONS

KS1: Danny (Oak)

KS2: Ivie R
(Mulberry)



Top Rockstar for this week:

Azra - TTRS most minutes played
Mulberry - highest accuracy



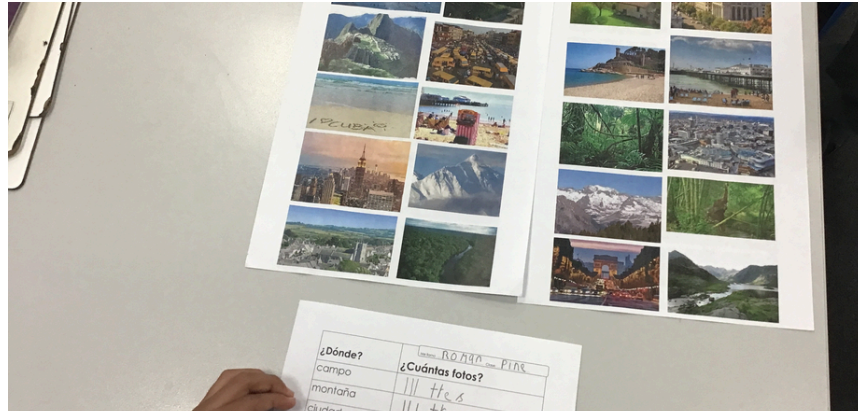
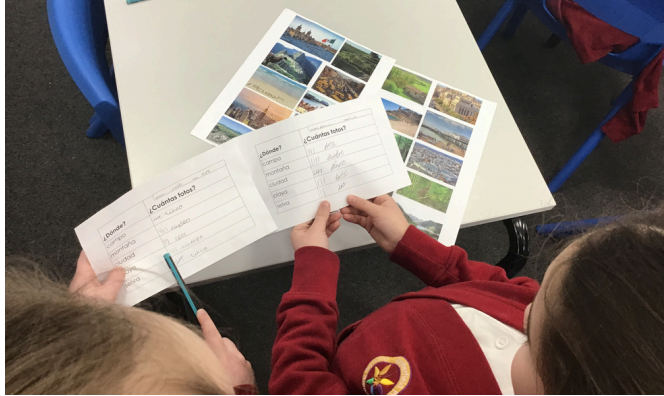
Top Numbot for this week:

Aylin D - Numbots biggest increase in coins

Spanish

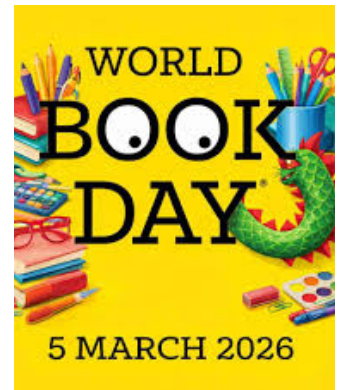
Children in Year 2 started their 'Environment' topic this week. They worked together, studying different photos of the same habitats, tallied their results and counted and wrote totals in Spanish. They marked their work to check for accuracy. They have made a great start!

¿Dónde?	¿Cuántas fotos?
campo	tres ✓
montaña	tres cuatro
ciudad	cuatro seis
playa	cuatro ✓
selva	dos tres ✓



World Book Day 2026 - Thursday 5th March

On World Book Day, we invite all children to come to school dressed as their favourite storybook character. We encourage cost-free and simple homemade ideas such as sandwich-board costumes, face masks, or lolly-stick characters. Please explore these suggestions rather than buying a costume. You can find lots of free, creative ideas [here](#)



Just a reminder that School Class Photos will be taking place on Tuesday 3rd March. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform.

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

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	Drama and Public Speaking (contact provider to book)	
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

Reminder - Dates for your Diary

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

EVENTS	DATES
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
 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!

ADHD Parenting Programme

FREE 6-week parent support group for Camden and Islington residents

Parents and Carers of children aged 5-12 with an ADHD diagnosis are welcome!

Learn more about the diagnosis and gain parenting skills and strategies from the 1-2-3 Magic model to help you manage your child's behaviour

Parents awaiting an assessment can join from **Session 2**

Start date: Wednesday 15th April 2026
 Time: 10am-11:30am
 Venue: Online (Microsoft Teams)
 Group runs at the same time weekly for 6 weeks

We accept referrals from professionals and parents. Please use the QR code to access the referral form. Or please email familyservice@brandoncentre.org.uk to request for a referral form

Brandon Centre
Here for Young People

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