

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week  
at our great school!

Monday 12th September

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## THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY!

On behalf of everyone at Roebuck Academy, we would like to express our sadness on the recent passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. She was an inspiration, and role model to us all and above all demonstrated our school Values of Determination, Respect, Excellence and Motivation. Her consistent and lengthy service is admirable and a true inspiration to us all. Thank you for being such an Amazing Monarch - a true representative for Great Britain!

### Welcome Back from Ms Young

What a fantastic return to school! It has been a real pleasure seeing the children back at school this week with huge smiles on their faces. They have all really enjoyed being with their new teaching and support staff and are enjoying their learning immensely. We have really missed them all! It has been lovely seeing children looking so smart in their uniforms and taking care in how they are presented for school.

Thank you and well done to our parents/carers who have really helped to settle and prepare your children for school. Starting school can be an anxious time for everyone but I am delighted to inform you that the first week back at school has been a great success. One full of fun, laughter and quality learning!

This week, there have been so many highlights around the school, it has been difficult to cram them all into our newsletter! What a great start to what we hope will be more of a normal year. Children have certainly enjoyed being back in school and have radiated with positivity and happiness.

### Acorn & Chestnut

This week the children have been busy exploring their new classrooms and the outside environment. We have been painting, mark making, exploring water and sand play and they have especially enjoyed exploring the scooters and balance bikes.

The children have enjoyed meeting old friends and making new friends.

Well done to all the children for such a fantastic start!



## Key Dates

13/09/22  
Roald Dahl  
Day

14/09/22  
Camping Out  
Year 1

19/09/22  
Bank Holiday

20/09/22  
Circus Skills  
Rec/KS1/Y6

23/09/22  
Y4/Y5/Y6  
WWII  
Workshop Y6

26/09/22  
Photographs  
Y5 & Y6



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It is really important that each child reaches our school attendance target of 96%. Please make sure your child is in school and on time everyday!

Our whole school attendance figure for this week

95.9%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

## Attendance Awards



Juniper  
99.6%



Rowan  
98.7%



Oak  
98.2%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Juniper Class who had 99.6% attendance!



### Oak & Willow

We want to congratulate your wonderful children on an amazing first week at school. It has been a pleasure getting to know all the children and they have all settled in brilliantly and been such a joy. Well done to each and every one of them!

The children have had a busy first week. They have settled really well into their classes and have enjoyed exploring the learning environment. This week we have looked at what our classroom rules are which the children have been following really well.

They had their first dance lesson on Tuesday which they all enjoyed and were very excited for our first visit to our school library on Friday.

In Literacy we have been looking at the summer book 'You Choose' where the children have been taking part in class discussions, making choices and sharing their interests. We have been reading lots of stories and joining in with singing different rhymes. We had our first ever assembly in Oak class and are looking forward to seeing who Roebuck's Superstar is next week.

At Roebuck Academy we are Superstars!



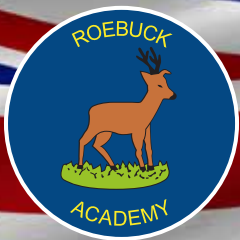
### Elm & Maple

What a brilliant start to Year 1 we have had! This week we have explored our new classrooms and got to know our new teachers - we especially like the tents in our 'Camping Out' book corners.

In Literacy we have begun writing our own version of the story, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. To help us generate some interesting vocabulary, we went on an expedition around the school to collect lots of Crunchy, Crispy, Crinkly Autumnal leaves. We then used the leaves in Science to help us understand what happens to plants when the seasons change, while identifying different types of trees that we have in our school grounds.

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### Birch & Pine

What a start to the term Year 2 had on Monday when they were visited by Samuel Pepys and Tom the Baker. They told us all about The Great Fire of London and how, why and where and when it began. We acted out parts of the story, used ribbons and dance to create the fire, and learned poems and songs to help us remember the key events.

At Roebuck Academy we are Historians!



### Cherry & Pear Class

Year 3 have been settling into their new surroundings this week including exploring the book corner, trying out laptops for the first time and working hard in all areas of their learning. We have even been writing some instructions on how we can wash a Woolly Mammoth and working with numbers up to 10,000.

At Roebuck Academy we are Resilient learners!



### Cedar & Rowan

In Year 4, we have started our Design & Technology unit – Pavilions. We looked at a range of Pavilions and discussed their purpose before exploring the designs of structures used. Afterwards, we looked at some amazing architecture from around the world, to inspire and provide ideas.

Our next task was to make temporary frame structure using toothpicks and sweets. This was great fun and we tried to make different shapes and make them bigger without them collapsing. We considered how to ensure the structure was strong and stable and added extra supports to do this.

Next, we will be designing and making our own pavilions which we are all looking forward to.

At Roebuck Academy we are Structural Engineers!

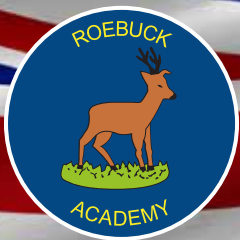


### Juniper & Sycamore

It's the first week of the new term and we are straight back into the swing of things in Year 5! The start of our Maths journey has involved a lot of practical work and rehearsal of key number facts. The children have been building, reading and writing a range of numbers up to 10 million. They have also been challenging each other through engaging, practical activities.

At Roebuck Academy, we are Mathematicians!





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## Ash & Elder - Wicked Waistcoats!

Wow! What a week it has been in Year 6. We have started this year off with waistcoat making! The children have been researching different designs of waistcoats as well as designing, making and evaluating. When making their waistcoats, they had to ensure they cut their material to size as well as sew their pieces of material together using a running stitch. They have also been thinking carefully how they are going to add unique design qualities like, buttons, zips and even collars! Watch this space for the finished looks! Perhaps we might see Mr Downie wearing one or two for Waistcoat Wednesday!

At Roebuck we are Fashion Designers!

