



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Monday 15th July

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## Welcome from the Headteacher

With just over a week left of this academic year can I start by thanking you the parents and pupils for making my first year of Headteacher so special. Whole school events like last weeks Gallery viewing for parents, the wonderful RSA disco and having so many parents come to the New to Year group meetings, have made me so proud of the efforts that the school community have put into engaging in events that the school have organised. I must also praise the fantastic efforts of the staff at the school who always go beyond what is expected to provide such a wonderful education for the children.

Proof of this was also shown at the annual Stevenage Sporting Futures award ceremony where the school was nominated for a number of awards

Roebuck picked up the Award for EYFS/KS1 engagement and were runners up in the Primary School Games award for participation in events over the year. Added to this Mrs Tattam won the Couldn't do sport without award, which recognised the effort she has put in to running the Netball Club whilst on maternity leave. Finally Freya in Year 6 won the Primary Compete award which recognised the efforts she has put into taking part in school based activities and competitions. A huge thank you must also go to Mr Kalaiarasu and the efforts he has put into PE and sport over the year.



### Disco

Thanks to the RSA for a wonderful end of term disco for the children. The event managed to raise nearly £600 which will go towards the ipads that have been ordered for school. The last event that has been organised is the Dress down day which will be on the

### Key Dates

15/7/24  
Teddy Bears picnic Reception

15/7/24  
Year 6 Production Dress Rehearsal

16/7/24  
Rock Steady Concert for parents

16/7/24  
Year 6 Production 6pm.

17/7/24  
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18/7/24  
Report drop in for parents 3.20- 4.00

22/7/24  
Class parties

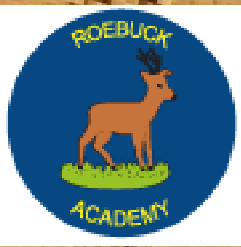
22/7/24  
Year 6 Toy Day

23/7/24  
Toy day rest of school

23/7/24  
Year 6 Graduation ceremony for parents

23/7/24  
Last day of term

4/9/24  
Term Starts for children



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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

94.7%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

## Attendance Awards



Willow 99%



Sycamore 98.3%



Birch 98%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Willow Class who had 99% attendance!

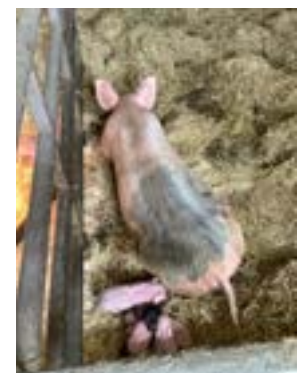


last day of term. A massive thank you to all who have been involved in the RSA over this Academic year and all their efforts to raise funds and put on fun events for the school community.

### Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

On Monday all of the children had a great trip to Standalone Farm. We saw pigs, horses, sheep, donkeys and goats. We were also very lucky to all have the chance to feed the goats and see the piglets that were only a day old! Thank you to all the parents and family members who helped on the day it was very much appreciated by all the staff and children.

We are all very proud of the children and how sensible they were.



### Reception Oak and Willow

It has been another busy week in Reception. As well as all our normal learning activities, the children visited their new Year 1 classroom on Thursday morning. They enjoyed meeting their new teachers and impressed all the Year 1 team with their excellent listening and attitude. Well done to all our Reception children. Today, we have been discussing the Euros and England's big game on Sunday. The children have made flags and designed football kits and learnt about the different







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players in the England squad.

In the afternoon, we enjoyed a 'football' themed PE session on the field with all of Key Stage 1. Lets hope England score as many goals as our Reception children!

#### Elm & Maple

What a busy two weeks year 1 have had! We had visitors in to talk to us about STEM jobs. They did a workshop with us and taught us lots about science. We then had the pleasure of welcoming the Reading Rangers who came to read with us from the Marriotts school. We loved sharing our books with them. In science, we went to Creatures Corner to hunt for animals and minibeasts and tallied the amount of each one. We are great detectives! We also had our 'Moving Up' morning. Everyone really enjoyed getting to know their new teacher and taking part in the activities.

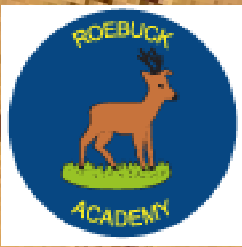


#### Birch & Pine

A great last few weeks of the term for Year 2! We have been writing instructions on 'How to make a bird feeder' and enjoyed making one ourselves, even though it was messy! We have been exploring different textiles in art and trying really hard to develop our understanding of time in Maths. We also had a visit from two students, who study at GSK. They spoke to us about future careers in STEM!







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## Cherry & Pear

To finish off a very busy week of learning Year 3 began their Euros final celebrations, in preparation for the weekend. We created flags, identified countries on a map and finished it off by playing different football related activities. Well done Year 3, what a wonderful way to finish the week.



## Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 had a fantastic day at Hertfordshire Zoo. We managed to see lots of animals and had a great workshop during which we found out more about different animal diets. We also got to see a prosthetic foot that had been used by an elephant that the zoo had been helping in the wild. The children and adults thoroughly enjoyed the day.

In maths, we had been learning more about shapes and their properties and we have now started to learn about coordinates.

In Literacy, we have been learning more about the digestive system and have enjoyed writing an explanation about this process.







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## Juniper & Sycamore-

For the last 5 weeks, Year 5 have been planning and completing their MasterChef cooking. The children were tasked with creating a three course menu that they would then bring in some ingredients for and cook themselves. It started by planning the meal that they wanted to make. Starters were focused on mushrooms, mains were focused on beef and the dessert was focussed on pineapple. They looked at a variety of choices for their meals and each chose a recipe that they wanted to cook. Between their group, they organised who would bring in which ingredients and brought them in for the day. We used a wide range of equipment such as electric hobs, pans and pots, blenders and peelers to create a wide range of delicious dishes. We had mushroom crostini with toasted bread, stuffed mushrooms and a lovely creamy mushroom sauce (a favourite of Mr Steedman's) as some of our starters. These were followed by beautiful burgers, tasty tacos and some sensational spaghetti. For the sweet tooth, we also had delightful desserts such as pineapple upside down cake, and Brazilian grilled pineapple. The children blew us away with their cooking skills showing great independence in what they did and ending up with fantastic outcomes. All the children got to taste all 3 of their meals their group had made and were big fans of their own menus.

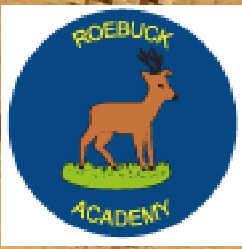


## Ash and Elder

We are nearing the end of the year and we have our end of year production next week. We have been working extremely hard to practise our lines and our dances. On Monday, we went on a trip to the cinema to watch 'Inside out 2' where we had snacks and refreshments provided. This we earned because of our success during Enterprise week. Master chef was a great success with lots of tasty dishes. In groups, we created a three course meal using salmon, peppers and apples. On Friday last week, we had a Hawaiian disco for all year groups. On Thursday, we had our transition day to our new secondary schools which was very jam-packed and we met a few students that used to come to Roebuck. In the afternoon, we danced the night away in suits and pretty dresses for prom. Although, we might have regretted jumping and dancing the next day, especially those in heels.







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Congratulations to the KS1 Rounders team who came second in the SSFT KS1 rounders festival. They managed to win 5 out of their six games, only losing to the eventual winners St Ippolyts. A wonderful achievement for such a young team.



## Outside school achievements- Roebuck has Talent!

A first competitive event for Chung who only started Taekwondo in September 2023 but attended a competition in Wales

Not expecting much by way of medals in three categories, Chung surprised us all by being awarded a medal in each of his entries!

Medals:

2nd place Silver in Teams

3rd place Bronze in Pairs

3rd place Bronze in Individual category.

Well done Chung an amazing achievement .

