



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Friday 4th April

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## Key Dates

3/4/25  
Boys football vs  
St Nicks

4/4/25  
Last day of Spring  
Term

22/4/25  
First day of  
Summer term

23/4/25  
Year 5 Tag rugby  
festival

25/ 4/25  
Netball match vs  
Knebworth

28/4/25  
29/4/25  
Bridgebuilders  
assemblies

## Welcome from the Headteacher

I cannot believe that we are already at the Easter break! Yet again, we have experienced a fun-filled term at Roebuck Academy with plenty of chances for children and staff to experience opportunities beyond the classroom. As always, it is with great pride that I write about the range of achievements of your children and the lengths that staff go to in order to offer the very best and most exciting learning experiences! I hope the enthusiasm I have seen around the school these past two weeks has been shared with you at home. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful break and a Happy Easter and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 22nd April.

### EAL Coffee morning

Mrs Mechelewska hosted a coffee morning for parents and has started the process of organising Roebuck's next International Day. Plans are in place for this event to take place in the Autumn term. More about this later in the year.

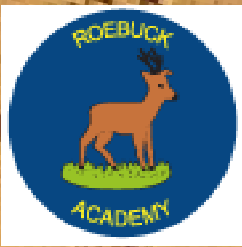


### Before school

Please make sure that you are supervising your child when waiting for classroom doors to open in the morning. The children should not be on the private ship or playing football on the playground or field before the classes open.

### Staff update

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Hnatiuk, who leaves Roebuck, to take up a new post at a school in Borehamwood. We thank her for her dedication and hard work at Roebuck over the last three years and wish her well in her new job. We welcome Miss Stephanie Gajjar, who will be teaching in Oak class and will become the EYFS lead. We also wish Miss Taylor well for her



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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

93%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

## Attendance Awards



Cherry  
96.7%



Rowan  
96.3%



Juniper  
96%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Cherry Class who had 96.7% attendance!

wedding during the Easter holidays.

### School Lunches

The office has sent through the new Aspens school dinner menu for the Summer term. For those parents whose children have school dinners, please take the time to look through the new 3 week menu with your child. We have found that Mondays tend to be the day when there are a lot of no orders. Please make sure that you order and check out to ensure your child gets the food they want.

### Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

The Nursery children had a great trip to Church Farm Ardeley. We saw pigs and piglets, sheep, cows, rabbits and many more. We were also very lucky to all have the chance to pet the lambs! The children also made their own bug hotels. 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

This half term Reception have been very busy developing their fine motor and writing skills. The children have really enjoyed the different books we have focused on for Drawing Club this half term. We have looked at different Traditional Tales including Jack and the Beanstalk and Chicken Licken. The children have drawn some amazing pictures as well as some great sentences. We have been very proud of all the hard work the children have done. Well done Reception. At Roebuck we are Authors.





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## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AT ROEBUCK ACADEMY IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY!

### Year 1 Elm & Maple

A great end to the Spring Term in Maple and Elm, we have been so busy. We loved our Art topic, where we learnt all about different artists. We made our very own Clarice Cliff plates which we cannot wait to display somewhere around the school. In DT we have been designing a sandwich, which we will be making at the end of the week. We have been practicing different skills such as a claw grip and using a cheese grater. North Herts College visited Maple Class this week and helped us to plant pepper seeds. We read a story with the students too. Elm class will be doing this after the Easter Break.



### Year 2 Birch & Pine

Wow what a few weeks we have had.

We have loved learning and writing about the Titanic. We have been writing poetry about the Titanic's journey. We worked in teams to try to save the bear from the ice, we couldn't believe how cold the ice was on our hands!

We celebrated Red Nose Day and enjoyed making our Red Nose Day cake!

In Maths we have been learning about money. We have enjoyed learning about the value of different coins and applying our new knowledge to solve tricky problems.





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## Year 3 Cherry & Pear

Year 3 have been really busy this week designing, making and tasting their very own pizza. The children worked safely when using the knives to cut their toppings and grated the cheese carefully. Year 3 also got the chance to work with their family members to complete different weaving tasks during their fantastic finish.



## Year 4 Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the adults that joined us to help finish off our torches for our D&T unit. We created electrical circuits and switches to create a simple circuit. We then constructed a case for our torch out of plastic bottles and tin foil. We had a wonderful morning working together!



## Year 5 Juniper & Sycamore

Year 5 started off the week with their Fantastic Finish. They had the challenge of making truss bridges with spaghetti. This was a task where they needed lots of perseverance and resilience to complete their finish product. Everyone worked well together and with the help



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of their grownups they achieved their goal.

After this, we carefully measured, cut and sanded the individual pieces of wood for our bridges. It was tricky to cut the diagonals for the support beams. We then used a glue gun to put our structure together before strengthening each corner with card triangles. We are really pleased with our final products. We have also been busy completing our games in Computing. We have managed to create games with multiple levels and have had fun playing each others.



## Year 6 Ash and Elder

In year 6, we have been doing some very interesting experiments in science to do with the circulatory system. One investigation was to dissect a lamb's heart. We used a pair of gloves and some straws to help us identify the blood vessels. We then used a scalpel to cut down the middle of the lamb's heart to explore the inside of the left and the right atrium. We also made 'blood soup' using cheerios, juice, marshmallows and rice as the red and white blood cells, platelets and plasma to show what blood is made of. In literacy this half term we have been reading a book called Thornhill, which was about a mysterious girl and an abandoned house. We then used this to link into our independent writing based a video called Alma. It has been a very busy half term with Mock SATs but they have helped us to feel prepared for our real tests in the summer.



## PE Update

We have had a busy couple of sporting weeks. We took two teams to the inspire and engage festival, the children took part in golf and rapid fire cricket activities. One of our teams secured 2nd place in the gold competition! Both teams worked hard all day and lots of fun was had. A group of year 5 and 6 tried a new Sport in Kin Ball! This was high energy, hard work and so much fun, a great experience for everyone that took part. The school hosted the KS2 and KS1 speed stacking festivals - our young leaders were praised for their excellent work throughout the day. We had a group of year 1s and 2s taking part in the afternoon playing lots of fun speed stack games and completing challenges. This week has been national primary schools football week, all classes have taken part in football based games and activities during PE.





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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to invite you to become an active part of our School community by joining the Roebuck School Association (RSA). The RSA plays a vital role in supporting our Children, teachers, and school as a whole, and we would love to have your involvement!

## Why Join the RSA?

The RSA provides a unique opportunity for parents/carers to:

- **Strengthen the School Community:** Collaborate with other parents/carers, teachers, and school staff to foster a strong and inclusive community.
- **Have a Voice in Decision-Making:** Participate in discussions about fundraising efforts, and special projects and events.
- **Enrich Student Experiences:** Plan and organise events, and activities that create memorable experiences for children.

## How Does the RSA Benefit the School?

### \*Funding for Projects\*

The RSA helps raise funds for improvements and technology upgrades. We recently were able to pay for 15 tablets & cases to support the children's learning and provide new and fun experiences.

- **Volunteer Support:** RSA members often volunteer their time and skills to assist with school events and activities such as planning the Christmas fair, discos and other great opportunities.

By joining the RSA you are not only helping your child to take part in extra fun events and activities but also contributing to the overall impact of the school. Whether you can volunteer a lot or just a little, your involvement is invaluable, and we appreciate any time you can give. This could be as little as the odd evening laminating and cutting or volunteering some of your time at events.

Every bit of help is appreciated and valued.

If you are interested in becoming a member or talking to our current members for more information, please email [RSA@roebuck.herts.sch.uk](mailto:RSA@roebuck.herts.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

## The RSA