



Monday 21st July

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Key Dates

21/7/25  
Year 6 Toy Day

21/7/25  
Class parties

22/7/25  
Toy day rest of  
school

22/7/25  
Year 6 Graduation  
ceremony

22/7/25  
End of Summer  
term

8/9/25  
Start of Autumn  
term

## Welcome from the Headteacher

As we approach the last few days of term, I would like to thank the staff for their hard work this year, the children for their dedication and enthusiasm for learning and all parents and carers for the support you have provided both the children and school during what has been a very busy but enjoyable year. We wish the Year 6 children the best of luck when transitioning to secondary school and look forward to hearing of their successes in the future. We still have a couple of events to look forward to including Year 6 Graduation and class parties. Over the summer holidays, have fun with your family and friends, enjoy the time together and we look forward to seeing the children back at school for the beginning of the Autumn term on Monday 8th September.

### Summer Fair-Update

We have an updated total for the Summer Fair. After all the costs were taken into account the Summer Fair raised £1493. Once again a massive thanks to all who helped organise the great event. The money will be donated to the purchase of play equipment over the summer holidays.

### Underpass celebration

Earlier in the year Roebuck pupils entered a competition to help produce artwork for the Stevenage underpasses. The underpasses around Stevenage celebrate and displays the winning 268 school artworks from over 900 entries received and marks the latest to be completed as part of an ongoing programme of underpass transformation. The winning pupils from Roebuck entries attended a celebration event last week. A big thank you must go to Ms McAnuff who helped organise the entries from Roebuck.



### SSFT award ceremony

Success for Roebuck at the Stevenage Sporting Futures end of year awards. Connor H in Year 5 won the individual compete award.

Roebuck won the SSFT Engagement award and were highly commended for -EYFS and KS1 participation and School of the year- all a great testament to the hard work and enthusiasm put into PE by Mr Kalaiarasu and the staff who provide the sporting opportunities for the children this year. Well done all.





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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  
97.54%



Ash  
97.2%



Maple  
96.7%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Maple Class who had 96.4% attendance!



### Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

Today in Nursery we had a visit from Little City. This was in celebration of all our hard work in Nursery this year. The children enjoyed being firefighters, vets, hair dressers, shop workers and many more.

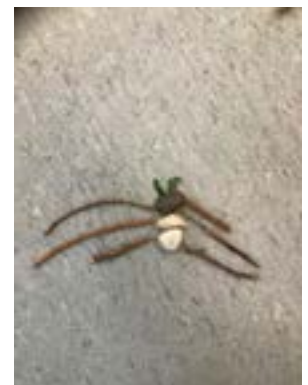
Well done to all the Nursery children for a fabulous year!



### Reception Oak and Willow

Reception have had a great last few weeks in Early Years. We have enjoyed visiting our new classes and creating sunflower paintings. We even planted our own seeds. We can't wait to see the year out with a bang! We are going to enjoy a splash day and ice creams and of course, our class party!

Have a great summer!





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

### Year 1 Elm & Maple

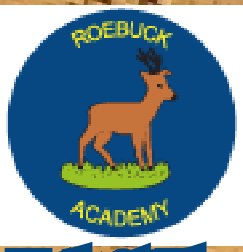
Year one have been having a slime-tastic time recently, where we have taken part in our science day experiment.... making troll bogeys from Harry Potter. We were given PVA glue, contact lens solution, food colouring and bicarbonate of soda, mixed it all together and made our slime. We made predictions about what might happen and spoke about what we could do if the slime was too runny or too stiff. In art we have been looking into the tree of life and created our very own using paper craft. We folded, ripped, curled and creased the paper to create our wonderful trees. We were also very lucky to have visiting artist Amanda Jewitt visit us, and she showed us how to sew fabrics together to make gem shaped pieces of felt. Our work was then placed onto a gold thread - we can't wait for you to see our final piece at our art exhibition soon.



### Year 2 Birch & Pine

What a fantastic last few weeks we have had in Year2! We have been working hard to develop our cooking skills and took part in Masterchef! We worked hard to make vegetable soup and learned how to chop, peel and grate. We enjoyed working with our artist Amanda who who helped us create silk paintings in a pop art style. In Art we have also been sculpting clay tiles! As part of Science day, we learned about astronautical engineering and created our own balloon rockets!





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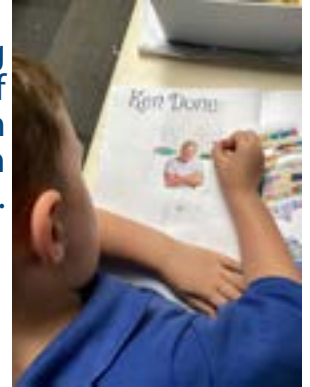
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## Year 3 Cherry & Pear

Year 3 really enjoyed learning about the artist Ken Done during our Arts Day. We learnt all about the artist, recreated some of his famous paintings and responded to his artwork. We then used different materials to create our own fish based on Ken Done's artwork and stuck them onto a big underwater canvas.



## Year 4 Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 have really thrown themselves into and enjoyed the end of term activities! This week they had a well-being workshop with a Speaker from the charity MIND. We learnt all about the 5 Ways to Well-being. We took part in a range of fun activities to boost our health and well-being!





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## Year 5 Juniper & Sycamore

Year 5 started off the week with an exciting Literacy lesson- Mrs Toal brought in her dog Rupert and we had fun playing with him on the school field. We used our observations of him to gather and develop vocabulary for our independent writing. We have enjoyed writing our own stories based on a short animation called The Present.

In Design Technology, we have been busy making our soft toys that we designed with our parents early in the term.

We also got the opportunity to visit the Three Horseshoes Bowls Club at Shephalbury Park. We have had a number of sessions at school run by experts from the club and it was great to actually get to play on a bowling green.

## Year 6 Ash and Elder

What a final few weeks Year 6 have had at Primary School! Production was incredible! The children were an absolute asset to you all. Some very talented individuals who we would not be surprised to see on the big stage one day. We put on three shows in total: one to the school as a dress rehearsal and two after school performances to the adults. Some of the comments we heard were 'worthy of The West End' and 'I couldn't believe how good it was'. As staff, we were immensely proud of them all for their hard work and talents. We had a trip to The Three Horseshoes bowls club at Shephalbury Park where we enjoyed using real woods to hit the small 'jack' and even cheered on the teaching staff as they had a go. Lastly, as an end of year treat the Year 6s had a water gun fight. The children had a lovely time and got very wet. However, as an extra surprise, using the remainder of the Enterprise money that the children raised from the Summer Fete, the staff organised an Ice Cream Van to arrive during the water fight and supply each child with an ice cream or ice lolly. What a way to end the week. With the last two days to come (which I'm sure will be full of hugs and tears) the children are looking forward to the end of a special year and their graduation ceremony. Well done Year 6. What an awesome journey!





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Sports update. WOW! The summer Term has been incredibly busy with so much going on.

Festivals - April. Tag Rugby- We took all of year 5 and a group of years 4's to take part in the SSFT Tag rugby festival- the children took part in a range of activities and learnt how to play competitive matches. KS1 Rapid Fire Cricket- Our team of year 2 came 3rd place at this competition, showing off their batting and fielding skills they had learnt in after-school clubs and PE lessons.

May-Girls Primary Stars Festival- 8 Year 4 Girls took part in this football festival hosted by Stevenage Borough football club. There were lots of goals, tackles and saves throughout the afternoon. Tennis Festival- We took part in the year 3 skill stations taking 20 Year 3's to learn new tennis skills and play games throughout the day we then spent time playing matches alongside the Barnwell leaders. Hockey Festival- The year 5/6 Hockey team battled hard at this event picking up some wins along the way and were awarded the Determination value award at the end of the event. Golfway- Our team of year 3/4s attended Stevenage Golf Club to compete in various different golf challenges, the team showed incredible teamwork and skill to finish 2nd place! Ultimate Frisbee- The year 5 team finished 3rd in the value compete but were selected to represent Stevenage at the Herts school games compete event.

June-Athletics festival - A brilliant day that showed everyone's hard work, determination and passion we picked up some individual medals and came 2nd in the year 5 and 6 overall competition! Girls Cricket- We took two teams to this event one team finished in 4th place the other went unbeaten winning the event and moving on to the Herts County finals. Girls Euro Football Festival- All the girls in Years 1-4 took part in a football festival hosted at Roebuck, the girls completed different challenges, played mini games and learnt new skills. A special mention to our year 5/6 leaders who helped run the event they were brilliant. KS1 Girls Active Play through Storytelling- 15 girls attend this event, taking part in games and challenges based on Frozen 2! The girls had a great time hearing the story and working together to complete the games. Netball Festival- A great way to finish the netball season- the team worked hard and showed great commitment and determination throughout the afternoon playing some good games and showing the skills they have learnt at club and in matches. Lacrosse- In the compete event our Year 5 team got the gold, winning all their games! Our year 4s took part in a range of training games before learning how to play matches in the afternoon. Rounders- We took part in 3 different rounders festivals, Our year 2s finished 4th in their competition, the year 4 team came 2nd narrowly

missing out on 1st by 2 rounders and the year 5/6 team came 4th - well done to all the teams involved

Herts School games

Girls Cricket Finals- The girls worked hard all day in the sunshine but came up against some incredible teams- a great day and experience for the team despite the results.

Ultimate Frisbee- A brilliant day for the team who battled hard in their games only losing 2 games all day and winning the silver medals!

Events

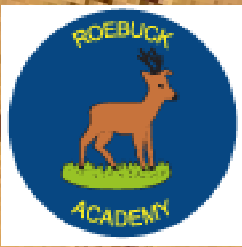
Sports week! What a week, Over 25 coaches and 20 College students, over 20 different sports and activities, different sports every day! A great week with lots of fun. It's brilliant to see the children trying new sports and enjoying the week.

Sports Day- Well done to all the children, it's great to see everyone engaged, having fun and enjoying sports with their teachers and friends. Sports day is not about the competition but should focus on the fun!

Awards- Roebuck won the SSFT Engagement award and were highly commended for -EYFS and KS1 participation and School of the year. Conor H in year 5 was awarded the SSFT compete awards for all his efforts on and off the field in events this year!

Finally I would like to thank all the Children, Parents and Staff for their engagement, Support and Passion for School Sport and PE.

Mr Kalaiarasu



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A huge thank you to parents who have donated items for Saffie and the Family Fun day. The final day for donations will be the end of term on Tuesday.

**WALKERN**  
**Family Fun Day**  
Sunday 31st August 2025  
10am-5pm  
Fundraising for Saffie's Sahara Walk for Retina UK

**FREE ENTRY**

PLEASE DONATE & READ SAFFIE'S STORY

**Bouncy castle • Football tournament • BBQ • Stalls • Games • Hertfordshire fire engine • Appearance from Bluey!**

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