



ROEBUCK ACADEMY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Monday 22nd September

Celebrating another special week at our great school!

Key dates

22/9/25
Bridge Builders
assembly KS2

23/9/25
Bridge Builders
assembly KS1

24/9/25
Y5 and 6 Cross
Country festival

25/9/25
Y6 Mingle with
your mentor

29/9/25 to 3/10/25
Year 6 PGL
Osmington bay

Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome to a brand new school year at Roebuck Academy. We're delighted to open our doors to both familiar faces and those joining us for the first time. Whether your child is stepping into Nursery or Reception or returning further up the school, we're excited to begin the new academic year together. Our classrooms are already buzzing with curiosity, creativity, and laughter, and we look forward to providing an engaging, safe and inspiring environment. Here's to a year filled with learning, friendship, and memorable moments! The children have made an excellent start to the academic year and have really settled back into school. Please take time to read the newsletter as it will showcase the varied and enriching curriculum taking place in the school as well as highlighting the amazing work of our children and teaching staff. I hope that you and your children are looking forward to the next few years at Roebuck Academy.

Car park

We are in the process of reviewing our car parking access arrangements and will contact parents who are on our access list. We are introducing new permits that stick to the windscreen and need to be displayed daily to access the carpark. Access will not be allowed if the permit is not on display on the windscreen. We have had to take this measure as some parents are accessing the carpark without permission. We have limited spaces for parents or children who have disabilities.

29/9/25
Y4 Anglo Saxon
Workshop

30/9/25
KS2 Golf
festival

6/10/25
KS2 and KS1
Harvest festival

8/10/25
Year 3 Celtic
Harmony

8/10/25
Y5 and 6 Football
festival



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Outside school achievements- Roebuck has Talent!

We would like to continue to celebrate your child's outside school achievement in school. If you would like your child's outside achievements celebrated and recognised by the school, please email details, with photos if possible, to our Office staff, at: admin@roebuck.herts.sch.uk. Alternatively, it is always nice to see children's achievements first-hand. Children are allowed to bring certificates, badges and photographs into school to share with me, and their friends. We would like to celebrate all achievements, no success is too small. This year Headteacher awards will be presented to children based on staff nominations for outstanding achievements in school. Roebuck value awards will be presented for Excellence, Determination and Achievements out side of school. These awards have been shared with the children during our week one assemblies.



Play

As you may have noticed work is underway on the field for a daily mile track. We are waiting for completion of this as well as delivery of other items that were ordered before the end of last term for our outdoor play programme of improvements. Once they have all arrived we will be arranging installation. Weather permitting we are hoping to launch this by half term.

Scooters and bikes

We actively encourage children to come to school on scooters and bikes. In assembly we shared how to be safe on school grounds by not riding scooters or bikes on the paths or playgrounds at school. Please encourage your children to follow these rules if they are coming to school using these modes of transport.

DETERMINATION, RESPECT, EXCELLENCE, ALTOGETHER, MOTIVATION & SAFETY



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Sporting achievement

Our first sports event of the year!

We took a group of year 5 and 6s to the Rose Ladies Golf Open at Hanbury Manor.

While there we took part in some golf challenges, watched the professional golfers and had a Q&A with professional player Jae Bowers.



RSA

The Roebuck School Association have already been hard at work in preparing for events for this term. This includes organising a disco for the children and the Christmas Fair in December. Events like this are wonderful opportunities for the children and community to come together and help raise funds for the school. These events cannot run without support from parents on the day. Having met with the organising committee, I know they would appreciate parents to volunteer to help out at the disco even if it is just for an hour. If you are able to support the RSA in helping out at one of these events please either come into the school office or contact RSA@roebuck.herts.sch.uk

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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

95.5%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

School attendance



Birch 99.3%



Maple 98.3%



Pine 97.3%

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

This week the children have been busy settling into their new environment. They have enjoyed exploring all of the different areas, both inside and outside. They have particularly enjoyed exploring the role play area, mud kitchen, sand pit and mark making in the creative area.

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



Reception Oak and Willow

We have had a fantastic start to Reception! We have been learning how to use the different areas in our environment and trying really hard with our tidying up!

This week, we had our first PE lesson where we pretended to be dinosaurs. We practised taking our shoes and socks off and putting them back on. We can't wait to see what else Reception has in store for us!



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Year 1 Elm and Maple

All the children have settled into the new routines of Year 1 really well. We are impressed with the children's eagerness to learn.

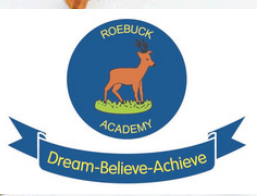
We are continuing with drawing club, Monster phonics and Mastery Maths, we have now introduced Maths no problem work books, Numbots and teaching foundation subjects in isolation such as RE and Computing. Before the children are able to use the computer suite, they will need to practice keyboard and mouse skills.

We are looking forward to introducing more subjects around our topic 'Camping out' Watch this space

Year 2 Birch and Pine

The children in Year 2 have settled into the new school year wonderfully and have been an absolute delight! In Literacy, they have been enjoying writing their own stories inspired by *The Owl Who Was Afraid of The Dark*, showing great imagination and creativity. Our new topic on *The Great Fire of London* has really captured their interest too - they already know lots of fascinating facts and can sing and sign to the Great Fire of London song. In DT, we've been exploring structures in preparation for creating our own Tudor houses, and in science we've been investigating materials and their properties. It's been a brilliant start to the year.





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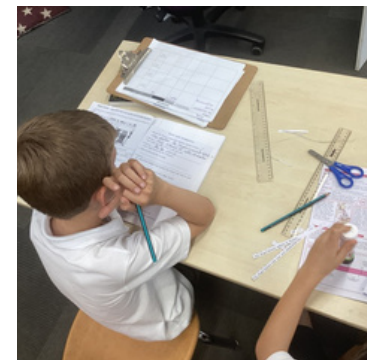
We have all been super busy and have worked extremely hard during our first 2 weeks in Year 3! Last week, we had the author James Mayhew visit us as we have been reading and completing some activities based off of his books. He told us a story and illustrated it at the same time, he even painted the picture while we were listening! This week, we have started our Stone Age topic by looking at and annotating different Stone Age pictures. We also used our science knowledge to identify different types of rocks by looking at their properties.

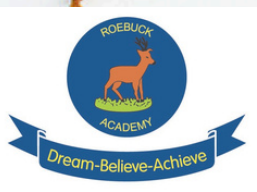


Year 4 Rowan and Cedar

What a very busy start we have had to Year 4! Over the last couple of weeks we have been visited by James Mayhew, who captivated us with his live illustrations and story telling. From this we began to explore his books and generate lots of wonderful vocabulary.

We have kicked started our new History topic- Anglo Saxons and are very much looking forward to our workshop.





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Year 5 Sycamore and Juniper

In Year 5 we have been working hard on learning some new calculations during five a day for our morning work. Our teacher then writes the questions on the board that we might get stuck on to go through together. In literacy we are focusing on Kick {our summer reading homework book } and learning about child labour. **FACT:** in some countries, children of 5yrs of age have to work! In maths we are learning about place value and using grids to identify which digits are larger and smaller.

We started the year focusing on the book *Katie and the Waterlily Pond* by James Mayhew. In art we have been drawing and painting Waterlilies inspired by the book.

In PE we have been running and training for the cross country competition coming up for Year 5 and 6. In DT we have begun learning about bridges: Arch bridges, Beam bridges and Truss bridges. We even started to make our own Truss bridge out of spaghetti.

Year 6 Ash and Elder

What a fantastic start to the new academic year for Year 6. We started off by exploring the work of a James Mayhew in Literacy, we used this to inspire our own setting descriptions and also studied the work of Monet. We enjoyed a fantastic assembly where we actually met James Mayhew and took part in his workshop. In Maths we have been exploring numbers up to 10 million, using different resources to represent this. In Science we have used our prior knowledge of different living things to classify them into groups.

