

ROEBUCK ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Monday 17th November 2025

Celebrating another special week at our great school!

Key dates

17/11/25 to
21/11/25
Y4 Bikeability

17/11/25
Y5 Mini Police

17/11/25
Year 6 Barclays
Bank Van

17/11/25
Year 5 Dodgeball
festival

20/11/25
Flu Catch up

Welcome from the Headteacher

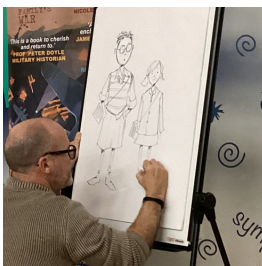
With the clocks falling back and the weather turning more wintery, we find ourselves racing towards the festivities of Christmas. At Roebuck we have been focussing on Anti bullying week with the children listening to some live lessons on the theme of the 'Power for Good', helping children to be respectful and supportive of others.

Remembrance assembly

Reverend Kate Sharples conducted the Remembrance assembly on Tuesday and the school also held a two minute silence. Many thanks to both Rev. Kate and Mr Newstead for playing the final post during the 2 minutes silence.

Author Martin Impey

Martin Impey is an award-winning author and illustrator, who has written many successful children's books based on WWI. He held workshops and inspired the children with his stories and drawing skills.



RSA

Well done to the RSA for a wonderful Halloween Disco, which was really well attended and enjoyed by the children.

Preparations are under way for the RSA Christmas Fair. A huge thank you to parents for the contributions sent in before the end of half-term, that have gone to making some lovely hamper prizes for the fair. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter about Jazzy jars!

21/11/25
SBFC football
festival

25/11/25
Nursery Library
Visit

25/11/25 and
26/11/25
Year 2 Christmas
Journey

25/11/25
Year 6 Rowing
Festival

27/11/25
Football vs
Bennington



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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

96.4%

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Attendance percentage we aim for every week

School attendance



Pine 99%



Ash 98.2%



Cedar 97.7%

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

Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

This week in Nursery we have been learning about Remembrance Day. We talked about remembering and thanking people who were brave and helped to protect our country during the war. To help us remember we all worked together to create a poppy wreath using our hand prints.

Reception Oak and Willow

We have been exploring different festivals in Reception. Firstly, we looked at Bonfire Night and the Gunpowder Plot. We made fireworks pictures and counted fireworks. After that, we looked at the Festival of Remembrance. We have been making poppies from loose parts and thinking about fallen soldiers. We also explored these festivals in Drawing Club.





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Year 1 Elm and Maple

Welcome to Autumn 2! It has been a great start to this half term. The children have settled back quickly into school routines after the half term break and have been eager to learn. As part of our topic 'Everyday Heroes', we began the term focussing on 'Remembrance Day' through our History and Literacy lessons. The children have been fascinated by the two world wars and how the armed forces keep our world safe today. This was also enhanced by our visiting author 'Martin Impey' who talked about 'Flo' a remarkable dog.

In Maths, the children were introduced to 'a Whole-part model' to help them solve and understand number bonds. We will continue to use this model and other resources to solve addition calculations. In Science, we are using our investigative skills to test a range of materials, which focusses on finding out about their properties ie waterproof, magnetic etc. Please remember to take the time to go onto 'X' where we will post learning on a daily/weekly basis. We continue to look forward to sharing our fun filled learning with you regularly.

Year 2 Birch and Pine

Year 2 have had so much fun starting their new topic, Hibernating Animals. We had a visit from Safari Stu and were brave enough to hold lots of creatures. We then had a day hibernating where we learnt lots about how animals prepare for the winter. Our busy weeks continued with a visit from author Martin Impey to learn about his book Flo of the Somme. We dressed up in outfits that people would have worn during the world wars which helped us prepare for Remembrance Day.





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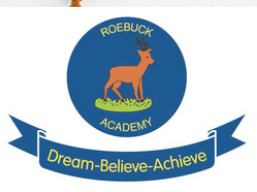
Year 3 Cherry and Pear

Over the last 2 weeks in Year 3, we have been looking at our 3s, 4s, and 8 times tables. We have been able to use these facts to help us solve division problems. We also had a special visit from the author and illustrator Martin Impey, who showed us some of his books including *The Christmas Truce*. We created artwork inspired by his beautiful illustrations in the book.

Year 4 Rowan and Cedar

Over the last few weeks, year 4 have been very busy carrying out their DT project, making pavilions. Children used glue guns to piece their work together. This week, we have celebrated Anti-Bullying week by wearing odd socks and carrying out some 'top secret mission' work to put a stop to bullying.





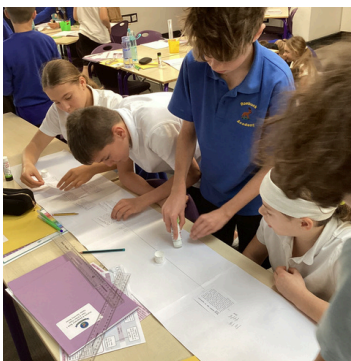
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Year 5 Sycamore and Juniper

This week has been a busy week for Y5. We started the new half term with an author visit from Martin Impey. We learnt that Martin Impey has illustrated nearly 60 books. One of his most famous books is called the Blitz: One Family's War, which has won several awards. In Literacy we have been learning about the book the Explorer by Katherine Rundell so for our first day we all went outside to gather leaves and draw things outside then we had to describe them using our senses. We also made a raft out of sticks that we found outside. During guided reading this week we created a remembrance poem titled 'I Can Bring Peace by...' We then typed up our poem and repeated the poem to fill our page. Finally, we used corks to create a poppy print over the top. In PE Mr K was teaching us how to play Archery. We first started off in teams and we had to try to hit the board or the bullseye. Then we went against Mr K. He won obviously but we did have a few people get higher than him.



Year 6 Ash and Elder

A fantastic few weeks for Year 6. We took part in a rowing workshop and tackled some challenges. We learned the basic skills of rowing and it was great to see the progress made in such a short time. In Literacy we completed a horror narrative and some of us even performed this during our 'Fright Night' event. We are also enjoying our new topic 'World War' and welcomed Martin Impey into school to talk to us about his graphic novel 'The Blitz'. We took part in Remembrance Day activities and created our own art based on poppies.



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PE Latest news

Since half-term we have taken part in some fun festivals. We took a group for year 3 and 4s to try Boccia all the children had fun taking part in multiple activities learning new games and skills. A group of year 2 superheroes took part in superhero athletics running, jumping and throwing to beat the bad guys. The schools mixed netball team started the season with a 1-1 draw, great work team!



EAL Coffee Morning

An EAL coffee morning was held earlier in term and planning has started for this Years International day. A huge thank you to Mrs Mechelewska for organising and the parents who attended this event.

Aspens Themed day competition.

Well done to the children who managed to find the golden ticket and enjoyed a themed day dinner, courtesy of our caterers, Aspens. many thanks to Julie in the kitchen for organising the event.





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Food recycling-

As part of our sustainability plan we have started food recycling in the dining hall. All food waste that is collected in the dining hall is now being recycled by the council. The children have been encouraged to only place food waste in the bins. We have also asked the children to not throw away their Non food waste in these bins and take this home to be recycled in your household waste recycling.



Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the book fair before half term. Because of your purchases, we have been able to get £280 worth of books to be shared between the year groups.

JAZZY JAR COMPETITION!

Children of Roebuck Academy,
The RSA invites you to grab a jar from home, decorate it in a winter design (the more creative the better).

Fill it with sweets or treats & bring it to school on Friday 28th November.

Keep an eye out, as these jars will feature on a fun stall at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 6th December.

There will be a prize for the best design for EYFS, KS1, Lower & Upper KS2

The RSA thank you for your ongoing support.





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THE RSA PRESENTS

ROEBUCK ACADEMY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

SANTA'S GROTTO, FESTIVE
GAMES, RAFFLE, TOMBOLA,
WINTER WORKSHOPS, EXTERNAL
STALLS, ALONG WITH DELICIOUS
FOOD & DRINK TREATS!

A mix of all things
festive!

Saturday 6th December
1pm - 4pm

ALL WELCOME!

ST MARGARETS, STEVENAGE, SG2 8RF