



ROEBUCK ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



Key dates

15/12/25

Y1 Christingle
with
Rev Kate

16/12/25

Christmas dinner
and Jumper day

16/12/25

Rocksteady
Concerts

17/12/25

Choir to visit
Roebuck Nursing
home

17/12/25

Y1 Fantastic
finish

18/12/25

Class Christmas
parties

19/12/25

Toy day .
Last day of term

Monday 15th December 2025

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Welcome from the Headteacher

As the autumn term draws to a close, we can look back with joy on a wonderful season of Christmas events. From the sparkle of our Nursery nativity, The Reception festive performances and KS1 Carols around the tree, the KS2 Christmas services at St Peters to the excitement of the Christmas fair and the creativity of classroom celebrations. It has been a time filled with laughter, music, and togetherness. We are so proud of the way our pupils, staff, and families have embraced the spirit of the season. As we head into the holidays, we wish every one of our families a peaceful, joyful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Christmas Fair

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the members of the RSA for their hard work and creativity in organising this year's Christmas Fair. It was a truly festive occasion that brought our school community together, and we are so grateful to all the parents and families who supported the event. Your generosity and enthusiasm made the fair a wonderful success and helped create lasting memories for our children. The final total raised was £2013.40!

Post box watch

All over town (and just in time for the Christmas holidays) the Postbox knitters have been busy designing and making toppers. If you're out and about, see how many you can spot! You could send Mrs Heritage a photo of your favourite (please send to y5@roebuck.herts.sch.uk). Have you seen the Roebuck robins (made by our very own Woolcraft club)? Where might they be? Here is a link to a map if you'd like to find them all!

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School attendance

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 **95.8%**

96% Attendance percentage we aim for every week



Pear 98.7%



Cherry, Oak & Sycamore 98%



Ash 97.9 %

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to PearClass who had 98.7% attendance!

Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

In Nursery we have been very busy preparing and learning about Christmas. This week we were very excited to find out that Father Christmas had left us a message. He asked us if we could write him a letter and send it to the North Pole. We discussed what a letter is and how our letter would need a stamp to be sent. We then walked to the local post box and posted our letters.

Reception Oak and Willow

In the last few weeks, Reception have been very busy! We had lots of rehearsals for our Nativity Play which led to 2 very sparkly performances! We also baked mince pies as a special treat afterwards!

We have been writing to Santa (a very important job!) and preparing Christmas cards and decorations. We are definitely feeling in the festive spirit and can't wait to celebrate with all our loved ones in the coming weeks!





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Year 1 Elm and Maple

We are almost at the end of Autumn term!

It has been a wonderful roller coaster ride of learning and adjusting from Reception to Year 1.

Our Christmas performance definitely showed us how far they have come and what a wonderful year group they are becoming!!! We are looking forward to seeing you at our fantastic finish on Wednesday 17th December at 2pm, which will be held in the hall.



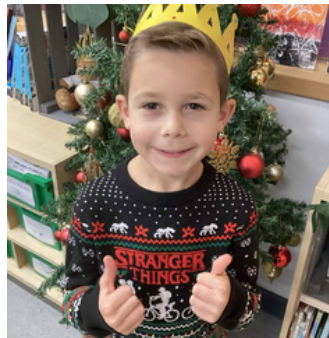
In Literacy, the children have amazed us, they are trying their best to write independently ensuring they are using full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. In Maths, the children have continued to use 'a Whole-part model' and using the method counting on to help them solve and understand addition. Counting on has been tricky for the children but many are persevering to using this method. In History, we have discussed childhood from the past and comparing it to their childhood in the present. Finally, staff and children had great fun watching a panto yesterday. 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. Miss Shaha & Miss Binmore

Year 2 Birch and Pine

Year 2 truly dazzled in their Christmas performances this year. Every child was a superstar, singing beautifully, speaking clearly and performing with big smiles!

In Literacy, we are becoming brilliant authors! Inspired by The Crow's Tale, the children planned and wrote their own version of the story. We were blown away with their wonderful imaginations- there were brave owls, colourful forests and heart-warming endings.

In science, we've been busy investigating the habitats of bugs and insects. From searching Creature Corner to finding out about the three layers of grass that help insects find food, stay safe and survive. It has been a brilliant term full of learning, laughter and new discoveries. Well done year 2, we can't wait to see what adventures next term will bring.



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Year 3 Cherry and Pear

Over the past 2 weeks, Year 3 have been very busy. We worked hard in DT to plan, make and taste rock cakes. They were delicious! We have also successfully completed creating our pneumatic toys. We ended this week by singing beautifully at the church and enjoying a trip to the pantomime to see Dick Whittington and his cat.



Year 4 Rowan and Cedar

Year 4 have had a super busy week involving lots of learning and Christmas fun! We went to the church to sing carols and thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the panto!



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Year 5 Sycamore and Juniper

In Year 5 we have been entering the Christmas spirit. This week we walked to St Peter's Church for our Christmas Celebration and sung a new song called Love Shone Down. We listened to Reverend Kate retell the Christmas story. On Thursday, the whole of Key Stage 2 visited the Gordon Craig theatre to watch Dick Whittington for this year's pantomime. In class we have been planning to write our own diary entry based on a BBC documentary about emperor penguins. We are writing from the point of view of one of the camera crew. In French we have been learning how to say what different pets we have. In art we have designed a monument all about ourselves. We have thought about clues to our likes and combined them into one design. Lastly, in science, we have been thinking about alternative uses for everyday objects: paper cups, ruler, books. We have then considered how we would advertise our items with their different uses.

Year 6 Ash and Elder

A great few weeks in Year 6! We have been exploring persuasive writing and used Greta Thunberg's climate speech as inspiration! We are working towards creating our own piece of persuasive writing, using specific language features. In Maths we have been exploring decimal numbers, using a variety of concrete, pictorial and abstract sources to support our understanding. We have continued to learn about World War 2, which has included studying different historical sources. The Christmas festivities have begun, we enjoyed the pantomime and singing at St Peter's Church!



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Sports update

Another great couple of weeks for PE and Sport!

We took a group of children bowling- The team came 2nd place missing out 1st by only 2 points. Freddie came 3rd in the singles competition with a score of 107!

Lots of spares, strikes and fun! We entered the SSFT Archery competition for years 5 and 6. This was completed in PE lessons and scores were sent to SSFT. The year 5 team came 4th and Oscar H received the passion awards for his hard work during the lessons. The Year 6 Team came 3rd! Great work!

Our year 6 Futsal teams competed in the SSFT Futsal competition this week.

The Boys team finished 2nd putting in some brilliant performances and narrowly missing out on 1st. The girls team went unbeaten and conceded 0 goals bring back the gold medals! Our combined team won the overall competition!



Police station visit

As winning teams of the mini police topic run by Stevenage constabulary, a group of year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a tour of the Stevenage Police Station. Included in the visit was a visit to the weapon room, a sit in the police cars and a chat with some of the officers on duty.

A BIG THANKS FROM THE RSA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

360 PLAY - STEVENAGE
A & L BOOKS
ALDENHAM COUNTRY PARK
AMAZING OCCASIONS
ASHRIDGE HOUSE
AUDLEY END MINIATURE RAILWAY
BARRETT & COE PHOTOGRAPHY
BON APPETIT
BOOTS BIGGLESWADE
BOOTS TOWN CENTRE
BURY LANE FARM
BY AMIE
C & O BOUNCY CASTLES
CHURCH FARM ARDELEY
CINNABAR
CRYSTAL CLEAR INTENTIONS
CUPCAKE CRAVING BY ALICE
DAYS CARE CHILDMINDING
DOMINOS PIZZA
DOTTYS SWEETS
EL BAR DE TAPAS VOUCHER
ELAINE NIXON CHILDREN'S JEWELLERY
EMERALD DANCE ACADEMY
FOUR SEASONS CAFE
GEM CRYSTALS WITH GRATITUDE
GRAVITY
HAPPY HOUSE EVENTS
HEAVEN @ HOME
HERTFORDSHIRE HEAD SPA
HOBBYCRAFT STEVENAGE
HOLLYWOOD BOWL
JOLLYS PET STORE
IMPRESSIONS FACE PAINTING
INFLATACITY
IVY'S SPECIAL STITCHES
IAN WARNER
KIDS STUFF
KNEBWORTH HOUSE & GARDENS
KOLAY GRILL
LITTLE CITY NORTH HERTS & BEDS

LITTLE RASCALS HITCHIN
MCMULLENS
MELS TREATS & TREASURES
MIMIC
MISYA GRILL
MR K.
MULLIGANS GOLF
NANDO'S STEVENAGE LEISURE PARK
NESTED
NORTH HERTS STUDENTS
PECKERS
PHILO FIT
PIZZA HUT OLD TOWN
POT STOP
PREMIERE SCHOOL OF DANCE
RAINBOW REBZ KNITS
ROEBUCK SCHOOL STAFF & PUPILS
SAVAGE MARTIAL ARTS
SCRUMPTIOUS BAKES
SHADES HAIR & BEAUTY
SO GLOW COSMETICS - POPPY
SPACE 2 PLAY
STEVENAGE FOOTBALL CLUB
STEVENAGE PODIATRY
STEVENAGE KARATE CLUB
STONE HAIRDRESSERS
TARLA
TEAMWORKS LETCHWORTH
TESCO BROADWATER & EXTRA
THE ATTWOOD FAMILY
THE KERATIN LADY
THE SUN BOOTH
TINYS BARBERS - BRAGBURY END
TINY T'S THEATRE
TOBY CARVERY
UK RAIL TOURS
VAN HAGE
WAGAMAMAS
WILLOWS FARM
WOODY'S PLAY BARN
YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Merry Christmas from The RSA xx

If you want to be involved help in other events we run, please get in contact. RSA@Roebuck.herts.sch.uk

