



# ROEBUCK ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

# 2026

Monday 2nd February 2026 Celebrating another special week at our great school!

## Key dates

2/2/26  
Year 5/6 Sports  
hall athletics  
festival

2/2/26  
Ready steady read  
assembly

2/2/26  
Year 6 parents  
SAT's meeting

4/2/26  
Year 3 and 4  
Sportshall  
athletics festival

5/2/26  
Y5/6 Basketball  
festival

## Welcome from the Headteacher

We are delighted to share that our recent Ofsted inspection went exceptionally well, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our parents and carers for the incredible support you showed throughout the process. Your engagement, especially through completing the Parent View survey, made a genuine difference and helped inspectors gain a full picture of our school community. As you may know, the official report takes some time to be finalised and published, so we appreciate your patience while we wait for its release. In the meantime, we are extremely proud of the way our pupils and staff represented the very best of our school.

### Parent Consultations

Next week parents and carers will have the opportunity to attend parent consultation meetings with class teachers. Please sign up on school cloud or phone through to the office to make an appointment.

### Ready Steady read!

Today the KS2 children attended an assembly to promote reading, through the Ready Steady Read event. Many thanks to Ally Bennett who has organised the event.

### Rapping workshop

Andrew Ioannou, from Red Panda Workshops will be coming on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February to deliver rapping workshops to our KS2 children and will also touch on themes such as bullying, personal identity and the expression of feeling.

5/2/26  
Y5 Stevenage  
Borough FC

6/2/26  
KS2 Rapping  
workshop

10/2/26  
Girls Football vs  
Fetherstone  
Wood

10/2/26  
Parent  
Consultation  
3.30-5.30

11/2/26  
Parent  
Consultation  
3.30-6.50

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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

93.2%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

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**School attendance**



Birch 99 %



Sycamore 97.6%



Pine 96.3 %

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Birch Class who had 99.3% attendance!

## Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

This week in Nursery we have been learning about firefighters and their jobs. We discussed fire safety and how to keep ourselves safe around fire. We all walked down to creature corner and used wooden sticks to create a campfire in the fire pit. We had a snack of marshmallows and talked about what we could hear, see and smell whilst sitting around the fire. We were very proud of how safe and sensible the children were whilst there.

## Reception Oak and Willow

In Reception the children have been looking at the traditional tale of Little Red Hen. In the story the hen tries to get her friends to help her to make some bread. In our groups the children worked together to make their very own bread rolls! Before starting we talked about how to stay safe in the kitchen and why we needed to wash our hands before cooking. The children took it in turns to mix the ingredients together before kneading and shaping the dough. After the rolls had cooled down the children the enjoyed eating their bread. Well done everyone. At Roebuck we are bakers.



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## Year 1 Elm and Maple

It has been a busy and exciting half term in Year 1, with the children showing great enthusiasm and curiosity across the curriculum.

In maths, the children have moved on to working with numbers to 20. They have been counting, ordering and exploring numbers using practical resources to build confidence and understanding.

In science, we have been learning all about animals, including their classification and diets. A real highlight was the opportunity for the children to observe and label a variety of fish up close, encouraging careful observation and scientific vocabulary.

Thank you for your continued support at home – it really does make a difference. Please keep reading regularly, practising phonics and talking to your child about what they are learning in school.

We are so proud of the progress they are making this half term! 🌈

Miss Shaha & Miss Binmore

## Year 2 Birch and Pine

Year 2 have been on a fact finding mission to Asia this week! We started with our workshop learning how to do Chinese Dragon Dancing. It was so much fun using all the umbrellas and watching the dragon and lion dance together. Next, we had a visit from Mr Mari to tell us all about Singapore so that we had lots of facts to use in our report on the country.

Meanwhile in Science, we have had great fun learning how to look after ourselves as we grow up. We looked at our school lunches to see if we had enough protein, fruit and vegetables in them. Then we thought about personal hygiene and practised brushing our teeth!!



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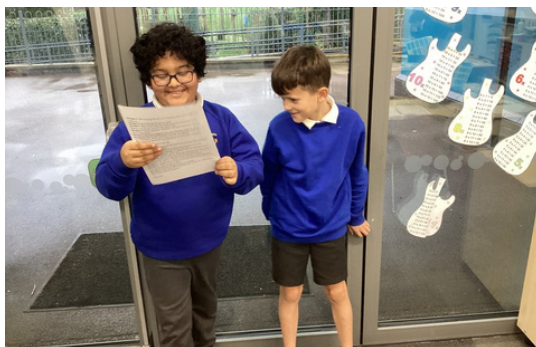
## Year 3 Cherry and Pear

Last week, we took part in a Roman Workshop. We went around the hall and completed different activities based around items that were used in Roman Britain. These activities included making ink, clay pots, wax tablets, mosaics and a brooch. We also learnt how to fight as a Roman soldier. In the afternoon, we were archaeologists and discovered some old Roman artefacts. We made a little museum to display these artefacts.



## Year 4 Rowan and Cedar

A very hands-on week for Year 4 as they stepped back in time to Ancient Egypt. Children fully embraced life as an Ancient Egyptian. Children took part in arts and crafts, role play, dance, plays and a feast! This week we also started exploring play scripts so that the children can begin to write their own. They thoroughly enjoyed acting and performing the plays.





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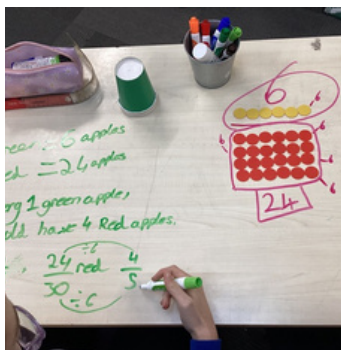
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## Year 5 Sycamore and Juniper

The last few weeks, we have been using a program in music that allows us to create a Grime track. We have been creating our own drum beat and bass line to make our own track. In art, we have been researching information about an artist called Chila Kumari Singh Burman. In particular, we used her work to inspire us to be creative with our own portraits using oil pastels. In Science, we have been looking at dissolving salt/sugar in water and trying to separate contaminated water which had mud, leaves, twigs and glitter to see if we could use filters to remove different parts of the mixture. During literacy, we have started our new writing unit based on the text *Varmints*. We generated our own vocabulary for the paradise at the start of the book.

## Year 6 Ash and Elder

A busy few weeks for Year 6! We have continued to work hard on Maths, developing our understanding of percentage and ratio. We have been using the CPA approach to understand this and we have tried to show our working in many ways! In Science, we conducted our own experiment to explore how shadows change. We collected data and presented it by using a line graph. In PE, we have been developing our hockey skills, learning how to control the ball and pass. In Art, we have developed our own photocollages using newspaper cut-outs and city scapes using pictures of everyday objects.





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THE RSA  
PRESENTS

# Crazy HAIR DAY.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

- This is a dress up event, where children can come into school with their hair styled in a silly, wacky, or creative manner. We suggest colourful hair accessories, temporary hair dye, or other fun hair accessories!

£1 per child.  
Payment through gateway



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THE RSA INVITES YOU TO THEIR

# DISCO NIGHT

FRIDAY  
20<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH



DRESS  
TO  
IMPRESS

- \*2.15PM - 3PM - NURSERY & RECEPTION
- \*3.15PM - 4.15PM - YEARS 1 & 2
- \*4.30PM - 5.30PM - YEARS 3 & 4
- \*5.45PM - 6.45PM - YEARS 5 & 6



BOOK  
VIA  
GATEWAY



£2.00 FOR NURSERY & RECEPTION, £4.00 FOR KS1 & KS2. INCLUDES A DRINK.



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