



ROEBUCK ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

2026

Monday 23rd February 2026 Celebrating another special week at our great school!

Key dates

23/2/26
Ducklings arrive
in Nursery

23/2/26
Year 2 fantastic
Finish

23/2/26
Boys football vs
Longmeadow

24/2/26
Young voices
at the O2

25/2/26
Y5/6 Basketball
finals

Welcome from the Headteacher

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break. It has been lovely to see the children return this week with such energy and enthusiasm for the weeks ahead. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your support during our recent parent consultations. Your engagement and partnership make such a difference, and we truly value the time you take to meet with us and discuss your child's progress. If you were unable to attend, please contact the office to arrange a suitable time to meet with your child's teacher.

Crazy hair day.

Many thanks for the contributions to the RSA run crazy hair day. It was great to see the creativity from children and staff on the day. Currently the total raised was £264.

Booking for Buccaneers

A gentle reminder to all families wanting to use Roebuck Buccaneers to please book places for our before- and after-school clubs in good time. This helps us ensure we have the right staffing and resources in place to keep the sessions running smoothly and safely. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Collecting children

A reminder that children under the age of 14 are not permitted to collect younger siblings from school. This is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils at the end of the school day.

26/2/26
EAL Coffee
morning

26/2/26
KS1 Reading
afternoon

26/2/26
Girls Football vs
Peartree Spring

27/2/26
Netball vs The Leys

2/3/26 - 6/3/26
Music week
with Uni of Herts.



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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 **93.8%**

96% Attendance percentage we aim for every week

Celebrating another special week at our great school! School attendance



Birch 99 %

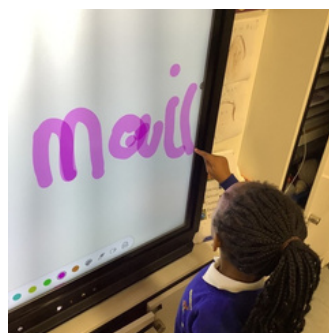


Maple 96.8%



Juniper 96.7 %

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



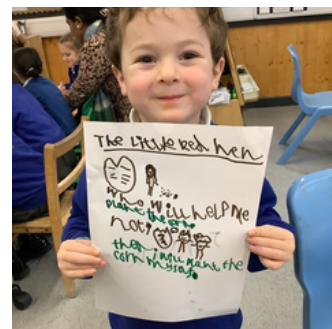
Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

This week in Nursery we have been reading the story 'Mr Wolfs Pancakes'. We talked about what pancake day is and why we celebrate it. Using the story we then discussed what ingredients we would need to make our own pancakes. The children followed a simple recipe to make their own pancake and enjoyed tasting them. We discussed how to be safe whilst cooking and that only adults should fry the pancakes as the pan is hot.



Reception Oak and Willow

This half term, Reception have had great fun exploring lots of different traditional tales. We have been exploring different characters and even trying to write our own stories! We are improving our phonics and writing skills every week! Please have a look at some of our wonderful writing!



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Year 1 Elm and Maple

The first half-term of the new year is almost over and despite the miserable, damp, cold weather, Year 1 have brightened up our days with their enthusiasm, zest for learning and resilience for trying their best. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our English lessons. They have been generating interesting vocabulary to use in their writing, writing their own endings of the story 'The way back home' and finding out about Neil Armstrong to create a fact file. For DT, the children have been exploring joining materials and designing their own alien puppet. Many of them had interesting features.

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

We are looking forward to the next half-term. Have a wonderful half-term holiday. 🌈

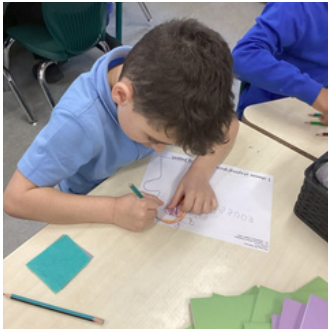
Miss Shaha & Miss Binmore

Year 2 Birch and Pine

Year 2 have been busy and enthusiastic learners over the past few weeks. In English, we had a great time tasting delicious Chinese foods to inspire our poetry writing about strange food combinations based on a poem by Valerie Bloom. The children came up with some adventurous and imaginative ideas, from chocolate sushi to ice-cream and noodle soup.

In Maths, we have been learning how to measure and compare the mass of different objects. We have been using grams and kilograms and practising reading scales carefully.

In Science, we have been learning all about how to keep ourselves healthy. We discussed good hygiene habits and why they were important and had a go at brushing teeth, washing dishes, and brushing hair.





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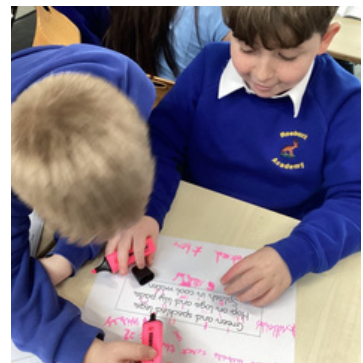
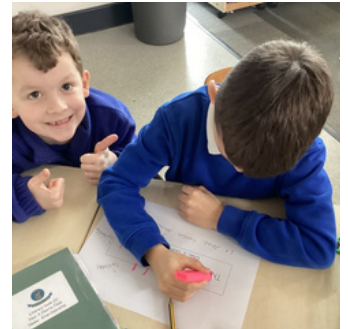
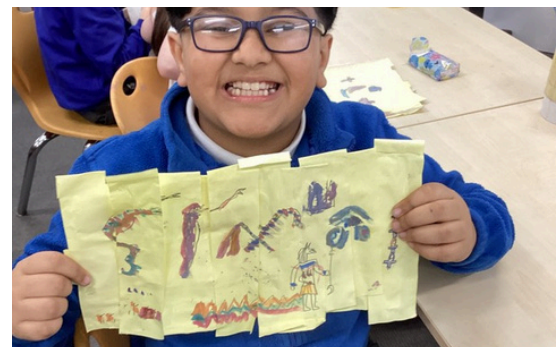
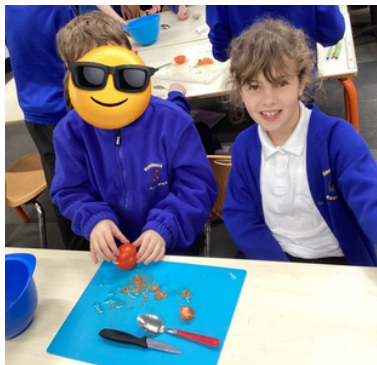
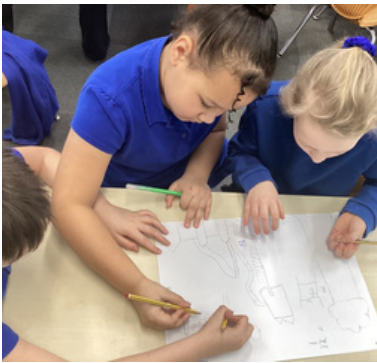
Year 3 Cherry and Pear

Over the past 2 weeks, Year 3 have been working together to create an inclusive garden in small groups. We listened carefully to each other and planned out what we would include. We have also finished our art topic by creating our very own flowers. We thought carefully about the different shapes, patterns and textures. In Literacy, we have been looking at, and writing our own haiku poems.

Year 4 Rowan and Cedar

We have had a super busy few weeks. Year 4 have created their own papyrus scrolls, based on their Egyptian history and art learning. We also became embalmers and replicated the practice of embalming by using a tomato, fabric and salt!

We have taken part in lots of different writing workshops all based on poetry and rap! We even wrote and performed our own rap!





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Year 5 Sycamore and Juniper

In Year 5, we have had some visitors in school this week. Ally from Usborne Books welcomed us into Buccaneers to explore her books. We have also had a rap workshop. First, we had to say our names and something about us. For example - I have a brother or sister. Then, we had to make a rap with words that we came up with which Andrew supported us with.

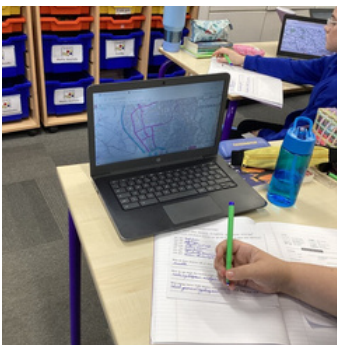
We had fun in the Boxercise session this week doing different exercises. In Music, we have been carrying on with our Grime tracks but adding in some audio. The final result was very successful.

In Science, we conducted an experiment to find out how much gas was produced as part of the non-reversible reaction between a vitamin C tablet and water. We had to use film canisters and put a quarter of a vitamin tablet in it with water. When we turned them upside down, the film canister shot up like a rocket because of the chemical reaction that took place. Next, we tried half a tablet, then three quarters and finally a whole vitamin tablet. Some of them went higher than the roof! It was definitely one of the best science lessons we have had.

In Art, we have been doing our final portrait designs using oil pastels, pens and a picture of ourselves. We had to use all our ideas to make a multi-media creative self-portrait. To finish the week, we had an online workshop about AI. We then worked as a group to create a poster about how to use AI safely.

Year 6 Ash and Elder

A fun-filled two weeks for year 6. We have been busy writing our narratives, creating our own story boards and writing with a purpose to entertain. We enjoyed storytelling week and loved welcoming our visitor, who helped us create a rap. In writing we have also been creating ode poetry. We got to taste chocolate cake as part of our experience day! In geography, we have been using maps to explore different energy sources used in specific areas and in Maths we have been using practical resources to support our understanding of algebra!





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Sports update

In January our KS2 children took part in Martial Arts workshops delivered by Savage Martial Arts, the children learnt some new skills with getting the opportunity to show off their moves and break some wooden boards!

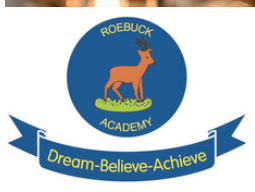
Years 3 and 5 have been taking part in weekly boxercise classes working hard and having fun. Stevenage Borough football club have been delivering the Joy of Moving programme with Sycamore class- looking at healthy lifestyles and being active. Next Half term they will be working with Juniper.

We were very successful at this years sports hall athletics festivals with the Year 3/ 4 Team finishing 3rd and the 5/6 team finishing 1st!

At the SSFT Basketball heats both our year 6 teams performed well and are through to the finals after half term.

We had two teams taking part in The Year 3 and 4 rapid fire cricket festival. Roebuck blues have qualified for the finals, unfortunately Roebuck whites missed out by a few runs- great effort from everyone!





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THE RSA INVITES YOU TO THEIR

DISCO NIGHT



- *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



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



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