



ROEBUCK ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Monday 9th March 2026

Celebrating another special week at our great school!

Key dates

9/3/26
Year 6 mingle with your mentor

9/3 to 12/3/26
Year 6 Mock SATs week

9/3/26
Year 5 handball festival

10/3/26
Family Learning course

11/3/26
School games finals

Welcome from the Headteacher

What an incredible fortnight it has been at school – a true celebration of creativity, talent and teamwork. From the excitement of Music Week with the Hertfordshire University students to the buzz of welcoming performance poet and author Neal Zetter, our corridors have been alive with inspiration. Our pupils shone on the sports field too, with rapid-fire cricket success and a fantastic victory for our girls’ football team, who proudly won the Year 5 and 6 tournament. We rounded it all off with the joy and imagination of World Book Day, bringing the whole community together in a wonderful burst of book characters and storytelling.

Parent Puzzle

Roebuck are hosting a free parent learning course aimed at supporting and understanding child behaviours and managing feelings. Please see flyer at the bottom of the newsletter for more details.

EAL Coffee morning

Many thanks to the parents who attended the latest EAL Coffee morning . Once again a big thanks must go to Mrs Mechelewska for organising.



11/3/26
KS2 Goal ball festival

12/3/26
Stevenage Borough in Juniper

13/3/26
Reception Mothers Day event

13/3/26
Roebuck vs Aston Football

17/3/26
Sycamore Easter journey.

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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

94.7%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

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School attendance



Elder 98.3 %



Elm 97%



Ash 96.9 %

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Elder Class who had 98.3% attendance!

Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

In Nursery we have been really excited to watch five eggs hatch into ducklings. The children watched the eggs closely and we were lucky enough to watch some of the ducklings hatch live at school!

The children have been busy looking after the ducklings and learning about the life cycle of a duck.

Reception Oak and Willow

This week, we have been excited to meet the ducklings! They came to school as 5 eggs and hatched over the last few days. We looked at their different features and learnt why they have webbed feet. They were very cute and made tiny cheeping sounds as they can't quack yet! It was very exciting but we were all very gentle when handling them.

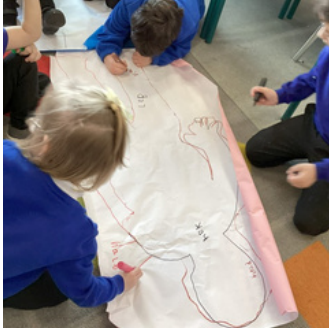


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Year 1 Elm and Maple

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children have returned ready to learn and we have begun our topic, ****Amazing Bodies****, which the children have embraced with great joy. In Science, the children have labelled different parts of the body and we are beginning to learn about our five senses through fun activities and investigations. In English, we have looked at a non-fiction book 'our body' which the children have been fascinated by, particularly when reading the interesting facts which has helped with their own writing of their own book. In Maths, we have just completed working with numbers to 20, focusing on addition, subtraction and solving simple word problems. Thank you for your continued support at home – it really makes a difference to the children's confidence and progress. 🌸



Year 2 Birch and Pine

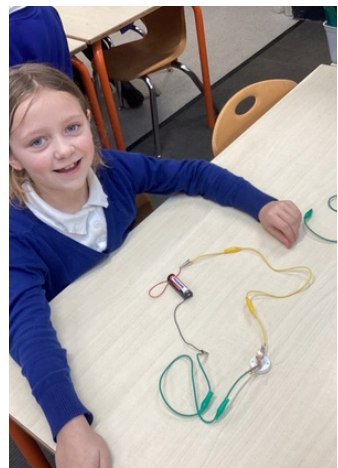
In Year 2, we have been busy, budding scientists learning how plants grow and exploring the differences between seeds and bulbs.

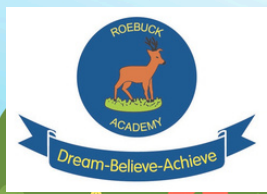
We loved celebrating World Book Day! The costumes were fantastic, and we were excited to meet a visiting author who inspired us with his stories and poems.

In English, we used our imaginations to write our own endings to The Marvellous Fluffy Squishy Itty Bitty. The children came up with some brilliant ideas!

In History, we have been learning about the Wright Brothers and how their determination and curiosity helped them invent the first successful aeroplane, changing travel forever.

Thank you to all the adults who have been joining our reading afternoons. These are every Thursday at 3pm!





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Year 3 Cherry and Pear

We started our new geography topic of volcanoes by looking at the different layers of the Earth. We made our own Earth models with plasticine making sure you could clearly see the different layers. In maths, we have been exploring money. We have worked hard to calculate totals and change. To celebrate World Book Day, we created our own reading rivers showing the journey of our love of books. We ended the week with a special visit from the ducklings.



Year 4 Rowan and Cedar

This week we have been extremely busy with lots of school events going on! These included World Book Day, author visits, Boxercise and music concerts. We had lots of fun all whilst being super busy learners! To celebrate world book day we carried out a football workshop and a scavenger hunt. We also buddied up with a different class to enjoy reading together.





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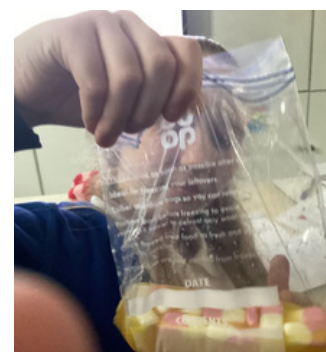
Year 5 Sycamore and Juniper

In Y5 we have had a lot of visitors this week: we had students from Hertfordshire University come in and teach us a song that they had written for us, we had SSFT (Stevenage Sporting Futures Team) to deliver a workshop on How to Love your Heart. They taught us what to do in an emergency (DR.ABCD) - Danger, Response, Airways, Breathing, Compressions/CPR, Defibrillator. We used dummies to practise on and were shown how to get our partners into the recovery position.

In Literacy we have been writing a narrative based on a video titled One Small Step. As part of an experience day, we made origami rockets, which was really tricky to do! It helped us to understand what Luna felt like when she was experiencing failure in the story. Also this week we celebrated World Book Day where we dressed up as our favourite book characters, read with the Reception children, had a World Book Day themed quiz and made a creative origami bookmark.

Year 6 Ash and Elder

A great first few weeks back for year 6. We have enjoyed learning about the life of local legend Lewis Hamilton. We have been writing a biography about his life. In Science we have been learning about our circulation system, we created our own blood bags and learned about the different components that make up our blood. We celebrated World book day, it was lovely to have the opportunity to dress up as our favourite characters, share stories with other year groups and take part in the footy and books quiz. In Maths we have been exploring volume, using practical resources to help us with our understanding. In History, we have been using a local census to learn about the past of our local area. We have explored a variety of sources and understand how they can help us to find out about the past. We also had a great time learning our songs for the KS2 music festival!



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Parenting Puzzle



Free

Session Details

17th March - 19th May
(Not On: 31st March and 7th April Easter Holidays,
or 12th May)
19th May Last session
All sessions must be attended to complete the course)

09:15-11:15, Roebuck Academy, St Margarets,
Stevenage, SG2 8RG, Please sign in at the main school office. There is street parking only.

Parenting Puzzle Course, helping parents/carers understand child behaviour, manage feelings, and reduce stress through practical tools, supporting both the parents wellbeing and the child's development and nurturing communication and positive discipline.

MORE INFORMATION: hertsfamilycentres.org CALL Claire Whittaker 07849632240 Booking Required

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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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LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15TH MARCH 2026



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Wildlife Photography Competition

100 YEARS CPRE Campaign to Protect Rural England Hertfordshire

CPRE Hertfordshire Children's Photography Competition 2026

Winners from each category will receive a £100 voucher!

The theme this year is any photographic image that celebrates Hertfordshire - whether it's capturing the peaceful waterways of our unimproved chalk streams and rivers, the stunning scenery of the Chilterns National Landscape or the beauty of our ancient woodlands.

Competition timings

Entry Deadline: Friday 12th June

Shortlist Announced & Public Voting Opens: Monday 22nd June

Voting Closes: Sunday 28th June

Winners Announced: Wednesday 8th July

Winners will also be showcased in an online gallery and the CPRE Centenary Book!

How to enter

Email your photograph to: office@cpreherts.org.uk using the subject line: Centenary Photograph Competition. Please ensure you add: a description of the location in Hertfordshire and why it meets the criteria, when it was taken, the photographer's name and contact details (email address and/or phone), and the category they are entering for.

Full details can be found at [CPRE Hertfordshire Photography Competition - CPRE Hertfordshire](#)