



ROEBUCK ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Monday 23rd March 2026

Celebrating another special week at our great school!

Welcome from the Headteacher

Key dates

23/3/26
Easter Assembly with
Rev. Kate

23/3/26
Year 4 Local walks

23/3/26
Year 1 fantastic finish

24/3/26
Nursery farm visit

24/3/26
Rock Steady Concerts

As we reach the end of a busy term, it's a pleasure to reflect on the many highlights that have shaped our school community this term. One of the most significant moments was receiving our positive Ofsted report—a testament to the hard work, dedication, and shared commitment of our pupils, staff, and families. The last few weeks have also been filled with a rich variety of events that have showcased the talents and enthusiasm of our children. Our sporting teams have enjoyed great success, demonstrating teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship at every opportunity. The Dance performance was another standout occasion, with pupils taking to the stage with confidence and creativity. Equally important have been the parental engagement events throughout the term. From workshops to celebration assemblies, it has been fantastic to welcome so many families into school and strengthen the partnerships that sit at the heart of our community.

As we head into the end of term, I hope you and your families enjoy the Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming you back to the Summer term on Tuesday 14th April.

Public notice from Herts County Council

Please note that a leaflet will be distributed to residents living closest to the school by Friday 27th March regarding a proposed outline application for residential development on unused land adjacent to the school owned by Hertfordshire County Council, please see the following link <https://www.vincent-gorbing.co.uk/consultations/> for further details about these proposals including a survey where feedback can be provided

24/3/26
Girls football vs
Ashtree

26/3/26
Year 2 Duxford trip

26/3/26
Year 4 fantastic Finish

26/3/26
EAL Coffee Morning

27/3/26
End of Spring Term



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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

95.4%

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Attendance percentage we aim for every week

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School attendance



Pear 98.1 %



Pine 98%



Oak 97.3 %

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Pear Class who had 98.1% attendance!



Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

This week in Nursery we have noticed that Spring has arrived. We have been busy preparing our garden and exploring the environment looking for signs of Spring.

We went on a spring welly walk and found buds on the plant, blossom on the trees and we could hear the birds singing.

We have planted onions and look forward to watching them grow.



Reception Oak and Willow

This week in Reception we have been learning all about the celebration of Eid. As Ramadan draws to a close, Muslims all over the world will be celebrating Eid al-Fitr. Eid marks the end of a month of fasting from dawn to sunset, as well as spiritual reflection and prayer.

We know that Eid is celebrated in lots of different ways. The children enjoyed lots of different Eid activities such as having some designs drawn on their hands with henna, colouring some Eid cards and decorating a moon and stars. The children also had a visit from Zarghaam's mum to learn all about this special festival. Well done everyone!



**Monday 23rd March 2026 Celebrating another special
Year 1 Elm and Maple week at our great school!**



In Year 1, the children have been busy becoming little scientists as we explore our five senses—sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell! Through lots of fun, hands-on activities, the children have been discovering how their bodies help them understand the world around them. We have investigated different textures using our sense of touch, listened carefully to a variety of sounds, explored exciting smells, and even talked about our favourite (and least favourite!) tastes. The classroom has been full of curiosity, discussion and lots of “ooh!” and “wow!” moments. Alongside our science learning, we have been linking our ideas to our Literacy work based on the story *The Smartest Giant in Town*. The children have loved following George’s journey and thinking about how the characters might feel and what they experience using their senses.



We have been working hard on writing simple, clear sentences inspired by the story.



We are so proud of the children’s enthusiasm and effort—they are truly becoming thoughtful learners and creative writers!

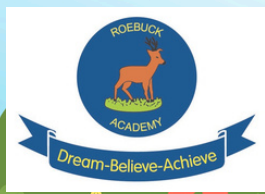
Year 2 Birch and Pine

This week Year 2 have blasted off into Space! We began our new book in literacy, learning all about the American astronaut Leland Melvin. First we learnt about America and discovered that they call crisps chips! Then we tried on a space suit and even had a taste of some food they would have eaten in space. In maths we have begun our new topic on Money. We have been learning to add notes and coins becoming expert shoppers! In PE we have been enjoying boxercise using real boxing gloves and pads to practice our moves.



Finally in Science we have begun an experiment, we know that plants need water, soil and light to grow, but what happens if we take these away? We have planted some cress and are going to be watching them grow over the next few weeks to see what happens, so far the ones without water haven't grown at all!





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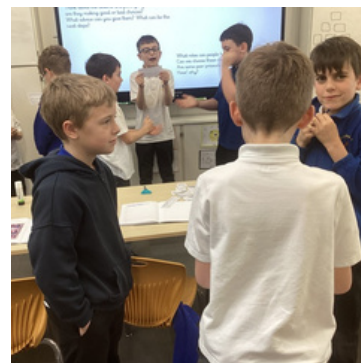
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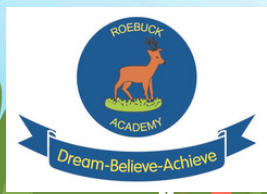
Year 3 Cherry and Pear

In Year 3 we have started a new maths topic of time. So far, we have looked at AM and PM times, telling the time to the minute, and we have explored both a 12-hour and 24-hour clock. In Literacy, we continued our newspaper report topic by planning and writing a report about zoo animals that visited Roebuck. We ended our DT topic this week with a brilliant Fantastic Finish. Thank you so much to everyone who came and helped us to finish our cushions, they look amazing!

Year 4 Rowan and Cedar

Over the last couple of weeks, year 4 have been immersing themselves within their learning. In PSHE we have learnt about making sensible choices to keep ourselves safe. We used role play to act out different scenarios. In Geography, we made preparations for our fieldwork. We looked at human and physical features and predicted what we might encounter on our local walk.





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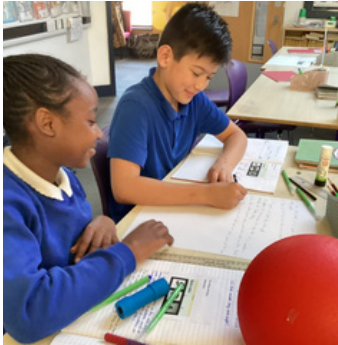
Year 5 Sycamore and Juniper

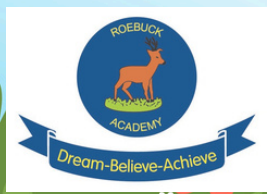
In Year Five we have had a very busy but fun week. For example, we have been focusing in Science on how day and night works, so we had a basketball with blue tack and a Lego figure and stuck the figure where you thought England was. Then we had to spin the basketball around our partner and walk around them. This showed the Earth orbiting and rotating around the sun. Also In Science we learnt how the sun makes shadows. We also used a pole and we marked the shadow every hour to see how it had changed. In computing we have made our own video game using 2DIY3D.

We have also had a lot of assessments this week including 3x maths and one comprehension. We have had a bit of a school trip this week as well because we went to Longmeadow Church. We were learning about the Easter story, we got to plant our own sunflowers and we got to fill out a booklet. We also had the choice to wash our feet or wash our hands if we wanted to. This showed how kind Jesus was because he washed his disciples' feet.

Year 6 Ash and Elder

A brilliant few weeks for year 6. Last week we all tried really hard in our mock SATS, thank you to all the staff who attended mingle with your mentor! In Science we have been learning all about our circulation system. We have been exploring the different parts of the human heart and even took part in a dissection of lamb heart. In Literacy we have started a new text, Thornhill, which used incredible illustrations and diary entries to narrate its story. In DT we have been using computer programme Tinkercad to create 3D playgrounds and prototypes of our structures.





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RSA Update

Many thanks to the RSA for the Disco on Friday. The event was well run and enjoyed by all the year groups that attended. The amount raised was £859.05

Additionally they also managed to raise £144.32 from sales of presents at Mothers Day.

A massive thank you to the RSA team !

Sports Update

WOW, what a half term it's been!

Despite being a short half-term, we've packed so much in.

We started the half term with the SSFT year 6 Basketball finals we took two teams, Roebuck Blue finished in 2nd and Roebuck White finishing in 4th both teams played well throughout the afternoon -working well as a team and supporting each other.

Our Year 4 Rapid Fire cricket team finished 4th at the finals narrowly missing out on the medals by a few runs- great effort from everyone.

A team of Year 6's attended the Larwood Dodgeball festival, playing well and securing the silver medals.

The girls year 5/6 Football team took part in the SSFT Girls football tournament, remaining unbeaten to bring back the gold medals!

Two teams from Year 2 took part in the Stevenage sporting futures KS1 Rapid fire cricket competition, both teams worked hard, producing some great batting and fielding with Roebuck Blues finishing 3rd and Roebuck Whites finishing 5th.

Fifteen children took part in the Herts school games Active Carousel taking part in 6 sports during the day including Handball, Tennis, Athletics and More- it was great to see the group try some new activities and show off their skills.





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We entered the Great Big Dance Off- For weeks a group of 31 children have been learning, practising and perfecting their dance routine ready for this show. The group lit up the stage with their fluorescent colours and amazing moves, performing to a crowd of over 500 they absolutely smashed it and should be proud of what they achieved.

Twelve children from Year 2 took part in the SSFT Speed stacking event, having lots of fun building, bowling and completing challenges with speed stacks.

Medals galore at our final event of the half term- Year 4 SPEED STACKING

Girls Individuals- ARIA - SILVER MEDAL, LULIA- Bronze MEDAL

Boys Individuals- ALEXANDER- GOLD MEDAL, GEORGE AND AIDEN- SILVER MEDALS

Girls Relay- ARIA, AMARA, GABBY and LULIA- SILVER MEDALS

Boys relay- ALEXANDER, GEORGE, AIDEN AND LUCAS- GOLD MEDALS

Whole Team Relay- GOLD MEDALS!

Incredible!

Visits

Years 2 and 4 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 Juniper class- looking at healthy lifestyles and being active.

Cherry class have been receiving weekly Netball lessons from coach Alissa





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Out of school achievements

At Roebuck we like to celebrate children's achievements out of school.

Jackson has had his karate grading and has passed with flying colours and moved up to his orange belt.

Aria and Elissa have also competed at a swimming gala in Stevenage.

Aria achieved an outstanding result, being awarded Top 9-Year-Old Girl in Stevenage, and she also had a fantastic meet, winning 1st place in all four of her races.

Elissa also did brilliantly at the gala. She was awarded Top 8-Year-Old Girl, and across her events she earned two gold medals, one silver, and one bronze.

Well done to all three children on their fantastic achievements.

