



# ROEBUCK ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Monday 27th April 2026

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## Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful Easter break and found some time to recharge. It's always a pleasure to see the children return with fresh energy and enthusiasm for the term ahead.

This week we marked Earth Day, giving pupils the chance to reflect on how small actions can make a big difference to our planet. Classes took part in activities that encouraged curiosity, responsibility, and a sense of global citizenship. We were also pleased to welcome the NSPCC, who delivered their Speak Out. Stay Safe workshops to specific Year groups. These sessions play an important role in helping children understand how to stay safe, recognise trusted adults, and know that their voice matters. The children engaged brilliantly and showed real maturity in their discussions.

We're looking forward to a busy and exciting term, filled with learning, sunshine (we hope), and plenty of opportunities for the children to shine.

### Proposed residential development

As a school, we have been actively involved in the early discussions of the proposed residential development and have met with representatives from the council to share our views. We have raised concerns around the potential increase in traffic, safe access to the site, and the safety of pupils and families during any construction period. We will continue to engage with the consultation process and keep families updated as more information becomes available.

### Chiltern Learning Trust

Roebuck joined the Chiltern Learning Trust at the start of April. This is an exciting step for our whole community, and it opens up a wealth of opportunities for our teaching staff. Being part of a larger trust means we now have access to a wider range of professional support structures, high-quality training, and specialist expertise. We are already seeing the benefits of working closely with colleagues across the trust, and we look forward to the continued growth and collaboration this partnership will bring.

## Key dates

27/4/26  
Girls football vs  
St Nicks

27/4/26  
KS2 Rapid fire  
cricket

28/4/26  
Netball vs St  
Ippolyts

29/4/26  
Year 5 fantastic  
finish

29/4/26  
Year 6 Kinball  
festival

30/4/26  
Girls football vs  
Fairlands

5/5/26  
Class photos

6/5/26  
Y3/4 tennis  
festival

7/5/26  
Year 5/6  
Hockey  
festival

8/5/26  
Reception  
trip to  
Knebworth  
House

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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

94.5%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

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## School attendance



Birch, Pine, Juniper Pear Pear 96.9 %

Elm 96.9 %

98%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to to the three classes who had 98% attendance!

### Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

This week in Nursery we have been busy celebrating Earth day. We talked about what the Earth is and how we can look after and care for our planet.

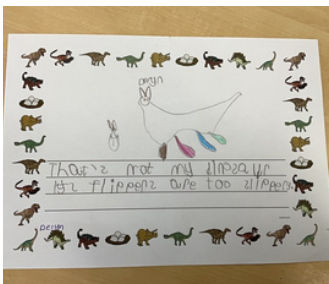
We started the week reading Jasper's Beanstalk and we planted our very own bean seeds. We then went on a walk to creature corner and used natural materials to create a giant collage of the Earth.



### Reception Oak and Willow

This week Reception have been busy learning all about Dinosaurs in preparation for our school trip to Knebworth House in a couple of weeks.

Throughout the week, the children worked hard on practising their sentence writing skills including using capital letters and full stops. The children drew a picture of their favourite dinosaur and then wrote a sentence in the style of the book 'That's not my dinosaur!' Well done everyone, these look amazing. At Roebuck we are authors.



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## Year 1 Elm and Maple

We have had a brilliant start to the Summer Term in Year 1 and the children have come back ready and eager to learn! This half term, our exciting new topic is “Walk the Plank!” where we are diving into the world of pirates. The children have begun exploring this theme by writing true facts about pirates, developing their confidence in using simple sentences and sharing their ideas. In Maths, we are focusing on solving worded problems, encouraging the children to think carefully, use key vocabulary and explain their reasoning. We are really impressed with how they are tackling these challenges with growing independence.

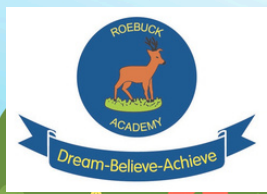
In Science, the children have become enthusiastic “plant detectives”, exploring different plants, identifying their features and learning what they need to grow and stay healthy. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity in action!

We have also started learning about explorers from the past, discovering how people travelled the world and made important discoveries. The children are already asking fantastic questions and making great connections. As part of Earth Day, we spent time thinking about how we can all take better care of our world. The children shared thoughtful ideas about protecting the environment and making positive choices in their everyday lives.

## Year 2 Birch and Pine

Year 2 have had a very exciting start to the Summer term. We were amazed to discover a mysterious baby dragon egg had been delivered to our playground! We quickly wrote missing posters to help find the mummy dragon and kept a close eye on the school CCTV for any clues. Luckily, she returned to collect her baby; what a relief! In Maths, we’ve been 2D shape experts, exploring sides and vertices and creating fantastic symmetrical patterns. We also loved celebrating Earth Day! We learned about endangered animals and made adorable turtles using recycled materials.





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## Year 3 Cherry and Pear

Since returning from the Easter break, Year 3 have been extremely busy! We all participated in a rugby festival where we learnt some great skills. We have also thought about how we can protect our planet and created a pledge to celebrate earth day. In art, we started a new 3D sculptures topic. We used cardboard to make different structures inspired by playgrounds.

## Year 4 Rowan and Cedar

Wow! What a fantastic start to the summer term. We have been very busy taking part in lots of new learning opportunities. We have had a workshop about how to keep safe in and around water, especially now the weather is nicer and we maybe around larger bodies of water. We had a great afternoon, all together, on the field to celebrate earth day. We went on a leaf hunt and used keys to help us identify the different types of trees we have on the school field.





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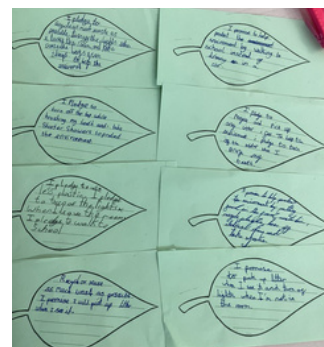
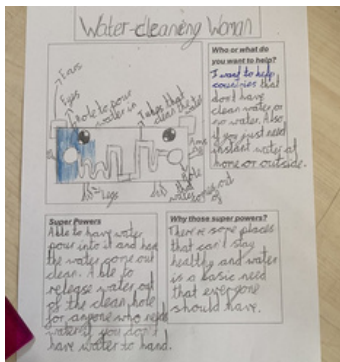
Year 5 have had two fun weeks back.

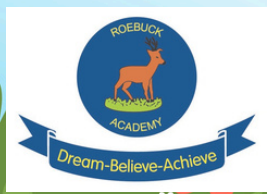
In music we have begun learning to play the ukuleles. We have learnt how to hold and strum them correctly and have identified the note of each string. Next lesson we will be learning to play chords.

In Literacy we have been looking at screen use and how much is appropriate for children. We had a special video from Mr Mark Lewis and Mrs Elson who explained their views on both the positives and negatives of the subject. We have also been fortunate to have coaches from Sharks Rugby who have been teaching us tag rugby skills. To celebrate Earth Day, we had a live lesson about how to treat our earth right and the different ways that we could help it. We also went and looked at the different nature areas around our school. For science this half term we have started to learn about the different parts of a flower. We took some photos of different flowers and drew the male and female parts.

## Year 6 Ash and Elder

A busy first two weeks back for year 6. We have been busy preparing for our SATs tests and working really hard to revise different areas in Maths, reading and SPAG. We were visited by the NSPCC, who spoke to us about the rights of a child, we discussed different scenarios and learnt about how to keep ourselves safe. In literacy, we have been using Matilda as a focus text, writing setting and character descriptions. For Earth day we learnt about how to be more sustainable, creating our own superheroes and pledges for a healthier Earth. We have also been developing our cricket skills in PE!





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## Ready Steady Read!

Thank you to all the parents and children who supported the Ready Steady Read and Book Fair events that have taken place this term. We are delighted to let you know that £1008 was raised during the Ready Steady Read event which meant we had £1612.80 to spend on Usborne books. The sales from the Book Fair were also successful which meant that we had a further £938.97 to spend on Usborne books. In total that's £2551.77 worth of books which will enable us to continue to build a love for reading and expose children to texts that they enjoy. Thank you all for your participation.'- Mrs Barton

## Out of school achievements

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

Unami received a distinction in her ballet exam for the second year running. She also performed at the O2 before Easter with her Drama academy.

Darcie took part in the rugby floodlit festival on behalf of her club, Datchworth, at Hertford rugby club a week ago. She plays for the under 8's and came home with a medal for her participation.

Rosie was graded for karate and achieved her yellow belt.

Well done to all these children!

