



ROEBUCK ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Monday 11th May 2026

Celebrating another special week at our great school!

Welcome from the Headteacher

It has been another purposeful and energetic couple of weeks at Roebuck, with children across the school fully engaged in their learning and embracing every opportunity that has come their way.

Our Reception children had a wonderful time on their trip to Knebworth House, exploring the grounds and bringing their topic learning to life. Year 5 impressed us all with their Fantastic Finish, showcasing the hard work, creativity and enthusiasm they have poured into their recent unit. It was also great to see so many parents attend the morning event. We continue to be incredibly proud of the ongoing success of our Roebuck sports teams, who once again represented the school brilliantly with determination, teamwork and great spirit.

Behind the scenes, our Year 6 pupils have been preparing with real maturity for their upcoming SATs. Their focus, resilience and positive attitude have been excellent, and we are grateful to the staff who have supported them so thoughtfully in the lead-up to next week.

It has been a week that truly reflects the strength of our school community and the purposeful learning that happens here every day.

Key dates

11th to 14th May
KS2 SATS week

11/5/26
Y6 mingle with
your mentor

15/5/26
KS1 Monster
phonics day

18-22/5/26
Year 6 Bikeability

18/5/26
Year 5 trip
Knebworth
House

18/5/26
Y3 and 4 Golf
festival

19/5/26
Year 1 Fantastic
finish

20/5/26
Y4-6 Frisbee
festival

1/6/26
INSET day

3/6/26
Y1 Paradise
wildlife
trip

RSA

To the hero in my life.

Please see the flyer right for what is on offer from the RSA for Fathers day.



WE HAVE GIFT SETS TO PURCHASE ON GATEWAY.

(A PAIR OF SILLY SOCKS & A FUNKY FIDGET

DIFFERENT COLOURS & STYLES.
ALLOCATED AT RANDOM.

PURCHASE BY 16TH JUNE

HANDED TO CHILDREN IN THEIR CLASSES
ONCE PURCHASED.

LIMITED STOCK, FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.



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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

94.1%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

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School attendance



Ash 98.9%



Rowan 97.3 %



Pine 97.1 %

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to to Ash class who had 98.9% attendance!

Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

This week in Nursery we were very excited to find that we have caterpillars! We have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and have been reading the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.' We have noticed that the caterpillars have been growing bigger every day and look forward to observing how they change over time.



Reception Oak and Willow

In Reception the children started the week by continuing to learn all about the different types of dinosaurs and made some salt dough fossils. We then headed to Knebworth House for our school trip. The children started by taking part in a Storysaurus Stomp workshop where they listened to stories, sang songs and explored the gardens to find lots of different dinosaurs. After lunch we went down to the adventure playground where the children enjoyed making use of the slides, water play and climbing frame. We had a wonderful time on our trip!



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Year 1 Elm and Maple

Year 1 have had another fantastic few weeks of learning! In Literacy, we have started looking at the beautiful story Grandad's Island. The children have loved sharing their thoughts about the story and beginning to use exciting vocabulary in their own writing. We have been working hard on writing sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, while also thinking carefully about describing settings and emotions.

In Maths, we have started our new topic on multiplication and division. The children have been learning to count confidently in 2s, 5s and 10s through songs, games and practical activities. We have also begun to make equal groups and recognise patterns in numbers. Please continue practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s at home whenever possible.

In History, we have started learning about Explorers Who Changed the World. The children have been fascinated by finding out about famous explorers from the past and discussing how their discoveries helped shape our world today. We are looking forward to learning even more over the coming weeks.

We also enjoyed a wonderful reading afternoon in the sunshine with parents and carers. It was lovely to see the children sharing stories, reading together and celebrating their love of books outdoors. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the afternoon so special. Thank you for your continued support. We are very proud of all the children and the enthusiasm they are showing in their learning every day!

Year 2 Birch and Pine

Year 2 had a brilliant time on our trip to Mountfitchet Castle, where we explored the grounds and learned about life in the past. We then wrote fantastic recounts of our day.

We loved our "How to be a Knight" experience day. The children had so much fun building their own catapults and learning how to fence, which was a big hit! The children showed great teamwork, enthusiasm and bravery.

A big thank to all the parents who join our weekly reading sessions - the children really look forward to them each week.





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Year 3 Cherry and Pear

Over the last two weeks, year 3 have been learning how to say 10 common musical instruments in French. In history, we have been using a range of primary and secondary sources to find out what childhood was like during the Tudor and Victorian periods. Continuing our art topic of sculptures, we worked in pairs to create free-standing sculptures inspired by playgrounds. In maths, we have started a new topic looking at fractions. So far, we have counted and ordered tenths and looked at the relationship between division and fractions.

Year 4 Rowan and Cedar

We have had a super busy few weeks in year 4! We have been learning all about money and the value of it. We looked at different ways money can be saved and the importance of a budget. We had to work together to count our money and decide how we could save it. In science, we carried out a science investigation looking at which material is best to filter our microplastics. And in-between all of our learning, we managed to enjoy some down time with friends sharing books.





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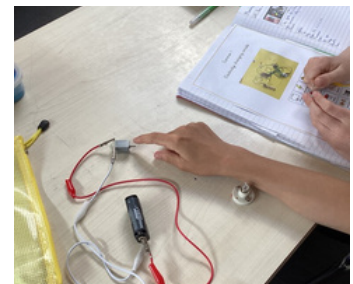
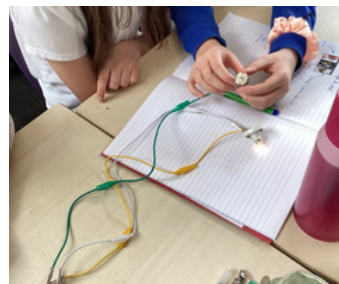
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Year 5 Sycamore and Juniper

In History we have been learning about the Tudors. Last lesson we acted as history detectives and were looking at pictures of the wives of King Henry the VIII and we tried to identify which one was which based on clues. In Literacy, we have been trying to write an independent write on whether homework should be banned or if school uniform should be banned. In PSHE, we have been learning about ways to keep healthy. We looked at what would calm us down and help us relax: we tried different yoga techniques to see what one would calm us. We have also had a special event happening. Our fantastic finish! We invited our adults in to help us make a wobble bot. First, we had to pick our body from a list of junk modelling material. Secondly, we had to paint it. Then, we had to put the components inside and put the finishing touches on. Lastly, we had to test to see if they worked!!

Year 6 Ash and Elder

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this week preparing for our upcoming SATs. We have been busy revising and working in our groups to build on prior knowledge. In Science we have been learning about electricity, creating our own circuits and planning our own investigations. In PSHE, we have been learning about money and how to keep it safe. We have been trying to find some time to wind down too, spending time in the library enjoying books and learning how to play cricket!





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School dinners

With the new menus from Aspens, please can families spend time going through the menu selecting the food that your child wants. There have been an increasing number of children who are leaving food and saying they have not selected what has been ordered for them.

Packed lunches.

We would like to remind families of the importance of providing a healthy, balanced packed lunch for children each day. Research shows that lunches high in sugar or processed foods can lead to a drop in concentration and energy levels in the afternoon, making it harder for children to stay focused and engaged in their learning. A nutritious lunch helps support steady energy, better attention and overall wellbeing throughout the school day. Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote healthy habits for all our pupils.

Pack your child a **HEALTHY LUNCH BOX**

Choose a variety of foods from each food group

Fruit	
+	
Vegetables	
+	
Dairy	
+	
Wholegrains	
+	
Lean meat & alternatives	
=	A Healthy Lunch Box

MAKE WATER YOUR DRINK

PACK ICE BRICKS TO KEEP FOOD COOL

USE A THERMOS TO KEEP FOOD WARM

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