



# ROEBUCK ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Monday 15th June 2026

Celebrating another special week at our great school!

## Welcome from the Headteacher

As we head into the final stretch of the academic year, the school is buzzing with activity and excitement. Last Thursday, despite the inclement weather, the children took part in the Great Big Kickabout, a brilliant whole-school event timed perfectly with the start of the World Cup. Our Year 4 children have shown tremendous focus and determination during their Multiplication Checks, and we are incredibly proud of the effort they have put in. Over the coming weeks, we will also be celebrating children's achievements through our Sports Days, while Year 1 pupils continue to take part in their Phonics Screening Checks with the same enthusiasm and resilience they have shown all year. Looking ahead, there is a real sense of anticipation for National Sports Week, and we are keeping our fingers crossed for sunshine to help make the week even more memorable for everyone.

### Social media at Roebuck

We are pleased to let you know that the school will now be using Instagram and Facebook as our main social media platforms. These channels will allow us to share updates, celebrate achievements, and give families a closer look at the wonderful things happening across the school each week. We encourage parents to follow our pages so you can stay connected and enjoy regular glimpses into school life.

Instagram-

<https://www.instagram.com/roebuckacademy/>

Facebook-

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### Key dates

15 - 19/6/26  
National Sports week

15/5/26  
Y6 Crucial crew

16/6/26  
Y4 5 and 6  
Athletics festival

22/6/26  
Y4 and 5 Lacrosse festival

22/6/26  
New to Nursery  
Meet the teacher meeting

23/6/26  
Reception fathers day event

24/6/26  
Reception meet the teacher event

24/6/26  
Science and reading day

25/6/26  
EYFS and KS1 Sports day

26/6/26  
KS2 Sports day



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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

94.8%

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Attendance percentage we aim for every week

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## School attendance



Rowan 98.4%



Juniper 98.3 %



Birch 97.3%

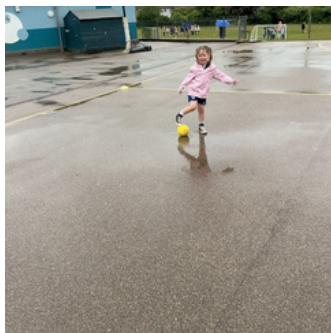
The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to to Rowan class who had 98.4% attendance!

### Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

This week, the children were really excited to take part in football activities to celebrate the start of the World Cup. All the children came to school wearing football kits. We enjoyed showing each other their kits and talking about their favourite football teams. They learnt how to dribble the ball and pass the ball to each other. After that, the children played some fun games!

### Reception Oak and Willow

This week the children enjoyed Monster Kickabout Day. It was lovely to see all the children dressed in their football kits. We learnt all about the World Cup, looked at some of the different countries that are taking part and the players in the England team. We then went onto the field and enjoyed lots of football activities, including goal scoring and passing the ball. The children showed good listening and team working skills during their football session. Well done everyone.



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## Year 1 Elm and Maple

We began this half term with our visit to the Hertfordshire Zoo to introduce our topic 'Animals Antics'. Our Year 1 children enjoyed an exciting educational visit to Herts Zoo as part of our learning about animals. The trip provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to observe a wide variety of animals up close and learn about their habitats, diets, and unique features. Throughout the day, the children explored different areas of the zoo and spotted many fascinating animals, including zebras, lions, meerkats, monkeys, and reptiles. Their enthusiasm and curiosity made the visit both enjoyable and memorable. Back in the classroom, we have been using our experiences from the trip to support our writing. The children have been recalling the events of the day and writing recounts about their visit to Herts Zoo. They have practised sequencing events in the correct order, using time connectives such as first, next, then, and finally, and including interesting details about the animals they saw.

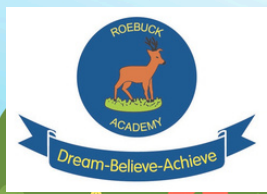
## Year 2 Birch and Pine

Year 2 have been enjoying lots of exciting learning recently. After reading *Clean Up!* by Nathan Bryon, we took part in an experience day where we cleaned oil from sea creatures, sorted and recycled beach rubbish, and created posters about protecting our environment. This inspired our Literacy work, where we have been writing emotive narratives about helping our environment.

In Art, we have been working with clay to create our own detailed tiles, carefully adding patterns and textures to our designs.

We also enjoyed a fantastic morning of football to celebrate the start of the World Cup, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm throughout.

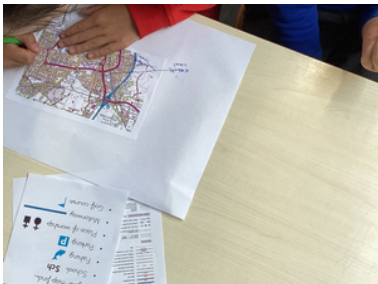
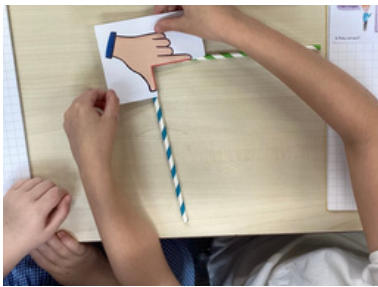




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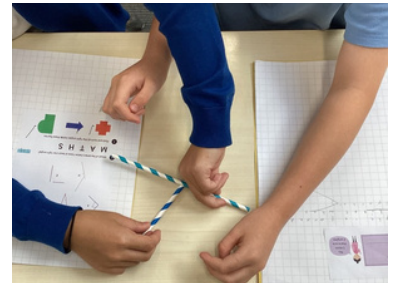


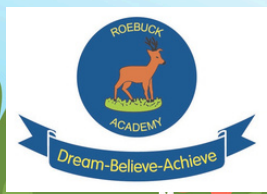
## Year 3 Cherry and Pear

Year 3 have had a busy and exciting start to the final half term! Our maths topic has been all about angles and we had lots of fun exploring and identifying acute, obtuse, and right angles. In science, we have continued to learn about plants by deconstructing some flowers and naming the different parts. In DT, we started our new topic all about structures. We will be focussing on castle structures so we learnt all about the features of castles before designing our own. In geography, we are learning about our local area and worked together to identify features of Stevenage using maps. We also celebrated the start of the football World Cup on Thursday by taking part in a range of fun football activities!

## Year 4 Rowan and Cedar

Year 4 have really impressed everyone with their growth mindset and determination to succeed in learning their times tables and have applied what they know brilliantly to their Multiplication Check over the past two weeks. In our Maths lessons we have been learning about symmetry and have been using paint to explore and identify lines of symmetry. We have also enjoyed kicking this half term off with our rugby sessions with our instructor David.





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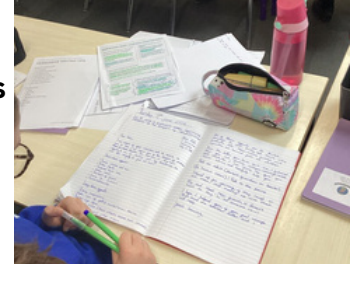
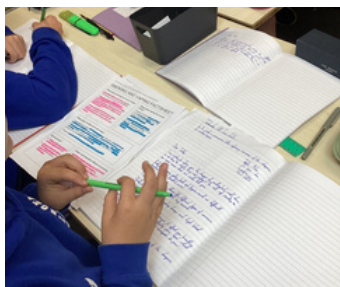
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## Year 5 Sycamore and Juniper

In year 5 we have been focusing on lots of different subjects: Geography, Literacy, Science. Our new topic in Geography for this half term is deserts (not the puddings 😂). In Literacy, we have been looking at Michael Morpurgo's: I Believe in Unicorns. We have learnt about the main character, Tomas, and we have been reenacting some of his feelings using drama and freeze frames, as well as generating vocabulary about the setting of the bomb-damaged library. In Maths we have been converting units of measurement: mass, length and volume, and we have been converting both metric and imperial units. In Science we have continued looking at life cycles and, this week, we looked at the life cycle of amphibians. We created a visual diagram of the life cycle and labelled the key stages.

## Year 6 Ash and Elder

What a wonderful (and busy) two weeks back. Year 6 are hard at work rehearsing for their performance *Pantastic!* The children are working really hard and we are very excited for you to watch us! In writing, we have been writing a persuasive letter linked to our Science topic, staying healthy and writing a non-chronological report about a topic we are interested in. In Maths, we have been interpreting data in different ways, Linking our knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages to help us answer tricky questions! The girls football team also celebrated the end of an amazing season by attending a football presentation for Stevenage district. Well done!





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Children across the school are being encouraged to take part in The Big Future, a national survey led by the Children's Commissioner. It's a fantastic opportunity for young people to share their thoughts about school, their community, and their hopes for the future. Every child's voice matters, and the survey helps ensure that the views of children are heard at a national level. We are encouraging all pupils to take part and speak confidently about what is important to them. below is a link and a QR code which will take you to the survey.



Dame Rachel de Souza  
Children's Commissioner for England



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For the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election at age 16, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century – yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them.

That's why I'm doing my final survey, *The Big Future*, to talk to a million children, to listen to them. And to find out about what it's like to be a child today.

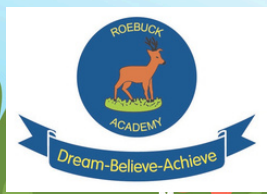
I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like, now and in the future.

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How children and young people can take part

The survey is open now. Full URL:  
[childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture](https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture)  
or scan in the QR code on your device





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# Nursery Spaces Available

September 2026 and January 2027

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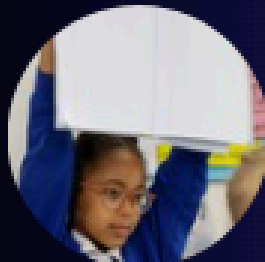
achieve success



grow mindsets



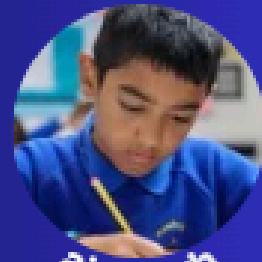
work together



be proud

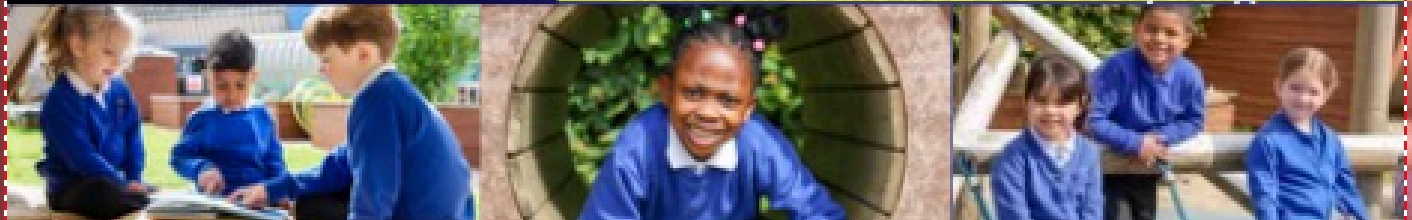


happy, safe and secure



aim high

Children at the heart of everything we do.



## Is your child due to start Nursery in September 2026 or January 2027?

We'd love to welcome you to our upcoming School Open Evening, where you can experience first-hand what makes our school such a fantastic place for children to learn and grow.

Following our recent Good OFSTED judgement, we are proud to showcase our vibrant learning environment, our beautiful building and grounds, and the dedicated staff who work tirelessly to support every child.

Come and explore our classrooms, meet our passionate team, and see why our school is such a special community to be part of. We look forward to meeting you and sharing everything we have to offer.

Roebuck Academy offers 15 or 30 hours nursery provision- (30 hours will either be free with 30 hour government code or chargeable dependent upon your entitlement).

The school also provides wrap around care through Roebuck Buccaneers from 7.30am before school and after school until 6pm



If you wish to find out more please contact the office on

01438311937

[Read our report ↗](#)

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