ROEBUCK ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Monday 29th June 2026

Celebrating another special week at our great school!

Welcome from the Headteacher

After an unprecedented few days of extreme heat, I want to extend my sincere thanks to all our parents and carers for your understanding and support. The decision to close the school for afternoon sessions from Wednesday through to Friday was not taken lightly, but it was necessary to safeguard the wellbeing of pupils and staff during conditions that were far beyond what we normally experience.

As a result, a number of events had to be rearranged, including KS2 Sports Day (new date 7th July), EYFS and KS1 Sports Day (new date 8th July).

We are very much looking forward to returning to normality this week.

There is plenty to be excited about, including the visit from artist Amanda Jeffries on Wednesday and Thursday, who will be working with classes across the school, and the Year 4 trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Cambridge, which promises to be a fantastic learning experience.

Thank you once again for your continued support. It makes a real difference, especially during challenging moments.

Social media at Roebuck

A reminder that you can stay connected and enjoy regular glimpses into school life on our Facebook and Instagram sites.

Instagram-
https://www.instagram.com/roebuckacademy/
Facebook-
https://www.facebook.com/RoebuckAcademy

Key dates

- 29/6/26 KS1 Rounders festival
- 30/6/26 Year 3 and 4 Rounders festival
- 16/6/26 Y4 5 and 6 Athletics festival
- 1/7/26 International Day
- 1/7/26 Year 3 and 4 bowls festival.
- 2/7/26 Year 4 Botanical Gardens trip
- 2-3/7/26 Artist visit workshops
- 2/7/26 Reception Fathers day event
- 2/7/26 Y6 Enterprise afternoon
- 3/7/26 Commonwealth Sports festival

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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 **88.9%**

96% Attendance percentage we aim for every week

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School attendance

Ash 93.8% Cedar 93.2 % Maple 92.7%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to to Ash class who had 93.8% attendance!

Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

This week in Nursery to keep cool, we have been taking part in lots of water play. We have been paddling our feet, practising our pouring skills and have created an under the sea small world. We have also enjoyed exploring different coloured water and watching how the colours change when mixed together.

Reception Oak and Willow

This week Reception have spent lots of time outside in the garden enjoying the sunny weather. They have been keeping cool by dipping their feet in the water and splashing around, we have also had lots of ice and looked at how the sun quickly changes its state from a solid to a liquid. Well done everyone! Your child's Tapestry Learning Journal is now ready to be downloaded, you will be receiving information on how to do this.

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Year 1 Elm and Maple

What a busy and exciting time Year 1 have had recently! During Sports Week, the children have been full of energy and enthusiasm as they took part in a range of fun activities. They showed great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, cheering each other on and trying their very best in every challenge. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they tried new skills and worked together.

We are incredibly proud of all the children during Phonics Screening Week. They approached the test with a positive attitude and showed great resilience and determination throughout. The children demonstrated their phonics knowledge confidently, using their blending skills to read both real and alien words. It has been wonderful to see how much progress they have made this year in applying their phonics to reading unfamiliar words with increasing accuracy. Most importantly, the children tried their very best and showed real pride in their learning. Well done to everyone for their fantastic effort and achievements during this important week!

To finish off our exciting week, we had a Science Day all about "Yucky Worms"! The children became young scientists and carried out an investigation to find out what worms prefer. They explored different conditions and made careful observations, thinking about what worms like best. The children showed great curiosity and excitement throughout the experiment and enjoyed getting hands-on with their learning.

It has been a couple of fantastic weeks full of active learning, creativity and discovery. Well done Year 1!

Year 2 Birch and Pine

Year 2 had a fantastic Sports Week last week and enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities including martial arts, tennis, cricket and football sessions. It was great fun learning new skills and staying active throughout the week.

On the hot days, we've been exploring capacity in our water trays, investigating how much water different containers could hold and developing our measuring skills through practical activities.

In DT, we have been busy working with clay, using our creativity and sculpting skills to make pots and decorative tiles. We are very proud of our finished creations!

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Year 3 Cherry and Pear

Over the last 2 weeks in year 3, we have continued our science topic about plants by learning about insect and wind pollination. This involved using magnifying glasses to inspect flowers up close! We developed this learning further during science day, where we created our own seeds and held them in front of fans to investigate wind dispersal. In DT, we used our maths knowledge of 3D shapes to create nets to help us build our castles. We also enjoyed a very busy sports week, full of a range of activities including netball, cricket, martial arts, dance, and circus skills! It was lots of fun to practice our skills, develop our team work, and try new things.

Year 4 Rowan and Cedar

Year 4 have really impressed staff with how cool calm and collected they have been despite the challenges of the heat. We thoroughly enjoyed Sports Week. Not only did this give us a chance to try and also develop our understanding and skills in a wide range of sports, but we also had to apply growth mindset, team work , respect, determination and resilience to succeed both individually and as part of our team.

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Year 5 Sycamore and Juniper

In Year 5 we have had a very busy but fun couple of weeks. We have had a few visits from some members of 3 Horseshoes Bowls club and we have learned how to bowl in preparation for our visit to the bowls green next month. We have enjoyed playing bowls in these sessions and a few of us have managed to land our bowls on the bullseye. Last week was sports week and we took part in a range of different sports: axe throwing, clubbercise, dodgeball, Fit Kidz and boxing.

This week we had science day! Our focus was on the book Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon. Because of our space themed book, we made stomp bottle rockets. We had to make a launcher using a 2 litre bottle, a hose pipe and pvc tubing. Once we made the launcher, we wrapped some paper around the tube to create the template for our rockets. We agreed as a class to test how the amount of fins impacted the distance the rocket travelled. Finally, we tested our rockets to see how hey compared.

Year 6 Ash and Elder

What a fun packed week this week! We have had lots of fun performing for Pantastic, sports week and masterchef! We have learned lots of new skills, including: axe throwing, bowls, basketball and cooking! We also attended the Stevenage Crucial Crew event, where we learned about how to keep ourselves safe!

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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

> 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.

How children and young people can take part

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

Nursery Spaces Available

September 2026 and January 2027

Dream - Believe - Achieve

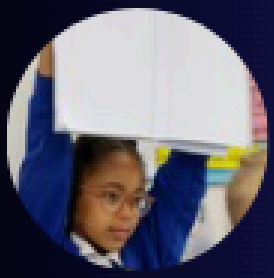
Roebuck Academy... a truly great school!

be ambitious

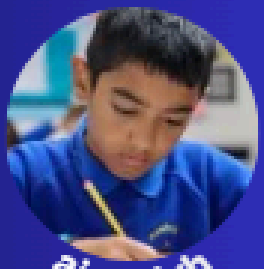
achieve success

grow mindsets

work together


be proud

happy, safe and secure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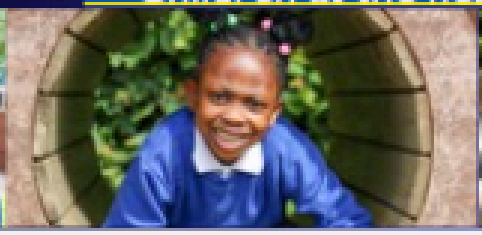
Children at the heart of everything we do.



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

Ofsted

Read our report

If you wish to find out more please contact the office on 01438311937