



ROEBUCK ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Thursday 23rd July 2026

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Welcome from the Headteacher

As we reach the end of another busy and memorable school year, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate some of the wonderful highlights from the past few weeks.

Our Year 6 production of *Pantastic* was nothing short of outstanding. The children performed with confidence, humour and real stage presence, and it was a joy to see so many families in the audience supporting them. Their hard work and creativity truly shone.

Thank you also for the fantastic turnout at our gallery event last week. The hall was full of proud families admiring the children's artwork, and the atmosphere was warm, vibrant and full of community spirit.

We were delighted to see Roebuck pupils recognised at the Stevenage Sporting Futures Awards, with several children winning awards across a range of categories. Their dedication, teamwork and sportsmanship continue to make us incredibly proud. More of this later on in the newsletter with a full sports round up from Mr Kalaiarasu.

This week, the children have been enjoying their end-of-year parties, celebrating their achievements and friendships as they prepare for a well-earned summer break.

I would also like to congratulate our Year 6 pupils on their excellent SATs results. Their determination and resilience throughout the year have paid off, and they should feel extremely proud of what they have achieved.

Thank you, parents and carers, for your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. It makes a huge difference, and we are truly grateful.

Wishing you all a restful, sunny and enjoyable summer holiday.

EAL Coffee morning

Many thanks to Mrs Mechelewska for organising the final EAL Coffee morning to the academic year



Key dates

23/7/26
Year 6
Graduation

23/7/26
Year N to Year 5
Toy day

23/7/26
Last day of term

1st to 2nd 9/26
INSET days

3/9/26
First day back
Autumn term 2026



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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

95.2%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

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School attendance



Pine 99.6%



Pear 99.4 %



Maple 98.6%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to to Pine class who had 99.6% attendance!



Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

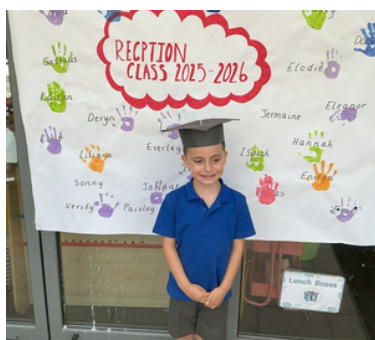
This week Little City came into school!

We had the opportunity to explore lots of different role play areas. These included a vets, shop, fire station, hairdressers, post office, beach, cafe and construction site. We had lots of fun!



Reception Oak and Willow

Reception have had a great end to term! We enjoyed our class parties with lots of cake and dancing! To celebrate the end of year, we had our own 'graduation' pictures. We would like to thank all of the parents and carers for all of their support over the year. We hope your children had a great first year in Roebuck! Have a great summer!



DETERMINATION, RESPECT, EXCELLENCE, ALTOGETHER, MOTIVATION & SAFETY

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Year 1 Elm and Maple

It's been a very busy last couple of weeks of Year 1. On Friday 17th July, Year 1 classrooms turned into bustling kitchens for Master Chef Day, where the children became culinary artists and made their own fruit smoothies! This hands-on activity was the perfect blend of design technology, sensory exploration, and practical maths. Children chose from strawberries, bananas, blueberries, and mangoes, discussing the vibrant colours and health benefits. They practised fine motor skills by safely slicing soft fruits using child-friendly knives. What an incredible, milestone-filled year it has been in Year 1!

Phonics Champions: Children mastered a range of digraphs & trigraphs blending confidently and successfully completed their Phonics Screening Check.

Creative Writers: They progressed from simple words to writing full, independent sentences using full stops capital letters, connectives and adjectives.

Maths Wizards: Children can count confidently up to 100, complete mental arithmetic quickly, and master addition and subtraction to 20.

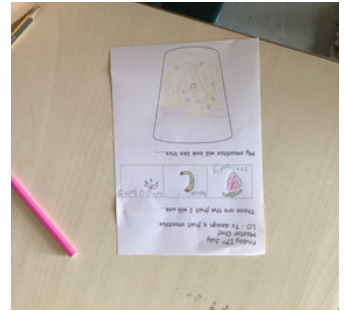
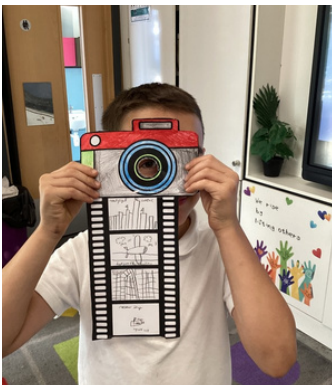
We could not have done this without your unwavering partnership, encouragement, and support at home. Thank you for reading with your children every night, helping with homework, and cheering them on at every school event. Have a wonderful, safe, and restful summer holiday!

Year 2 Birch and Pine

Year 2 had a wonderful end to the school year! The children enjoyed becoming Master Chefs by making their own delicious wraps and took part in a Geography walk, identifying human and physical features of our school grounds.

We also enjoyed celebrating the end of the year with class parties and reflecting on what a wonderful year it's been together.

Thank you to all our families for your support throughout the year. We are so proud of the children's hard work and achievements and wish everyone a happy and relaxing summer break!





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Year 3 Cherry and Pear

Year three have had a wonderful final few weeks together. Children loved their end of year class parties and showed us their fantastic moves. Not only that, we worked hard in Masterchef and created vegetable tarts. Children worked together and proved **TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!** Both Cherry and Pear class enjoyed taking part in FitKidz workshops working on their fitness and most importantly - having fun!





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Year 5 Sycamore and Juniper

As we approach the end of Year 5, we have been finishing off a lot of our units and topics and having lots of fun along the way. As part of our PE, we have been learning how to play bowls, so, as a treat, we were invited to Shephalbury Park to play on the bowls green with 'Three Horseshoes Bowls Club'. We had lots of mini-games while we were there and had the chance to use real woods at the end of the session. In Literacy, we have been working on a text called 'The Present' based on a video, and created our own independent writing pieces from this. We designed a border and wrote up our work in best to showcase all of our wonderful learning throughout the year. We have been learning about area and perimeter in maths and, most recently, learnt how to work out Roman Numerals. Lastly, we have created our own stuffed animal toys for DT. We drew a few different designs and picked a final one which we cut out of felt and sewed together. Finally, we stuffed the design to make our own 3D plushies.

Year 6 Ash and Elder

Year 6's time at Roebuck has come to an end and what a fabulous last few days it has been. Performing our play Pantastic was wonderful, seeing so many children shine and be so confident was an amazing thing to see. We are very proud of them all. We have been on lots of visits, including a trip to practise our bowling skills at the bowling green, playing with our friends at the park, a cinema trip and not forgetting coming back to school for our prom! We also had a visit from the ice cream van, whilst spending the afternoon taking part in water activities. The year 6 team have loved this year and we wish all the pupils the best in their secondary school journey. Good luck all of you!





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Sports Review 2025-2026

At Roebuck school we strive to make PE and school sports a key aspect of all our children's time at School and think of ourselves as a school of opportunities. Our school's Sporting year started on September the 5th (Inset) as we were invited to attend the women's Rose golf event as a reward for our commitment to school sport last year, we took 30 children from year 5 and 6 to this even where they were able to watch professional golfers and play with a pro.

Since this event the school has attended over 50 different sporting events hosted by SSFT, Stevenage Borough, Herts Sports Partnership and other local schools.

99% of children in years 2-6 have been given the opportunity to represent the school in a sports event this year either offsite or within the school setting.

As well as attending events the school has hosted our own sporting days such as Martial Arts day, Monster Kick about world cup day and School Sports day.

The school works closely with local clubs and coaches to deliver high level opportunities

- . Stazs Dance- Miss Leah has worked with every class in the school delivering dance lessons, helped us practice and prepare for the great Big Dance Off competition and worked with year 6 to create their dances for the end of year production.
- . Junior Sharks- This year Coach David has delivered Boxercise and Rugby for all the children in years 1-6
- . Saracens- Girls Rugby sessions have been offered to all girls in years 2-6 with 110 girls taking part in the sessions.
 - . Herts Cricket- Delivered 6 weeks of cricket lessons to years 2 and 5
- . Fit Kidz- Coach Chris has worked with Year 3 on fitness activities for three weeks during the summer.
- . Stevenage Borough Football club- SBFC work with all our years 5s over 6 weeks to deliver sessions on healthy active lifestyles.
- . Mini Athletics- 40 children in year 1 and 2 have taken part in Mini Athletics over the summer term.

Three Horse shoes bowls club- Year 5 and 6 have all worked with the bowls club in school and have attended a session at the bowls green.

One of the highlights of the year is Sports week- this year we had over 25 different sports delivered by several local coaches and college students, allowing every child to take part in at least one new sport every day.

Part of PE at Roebuck is looking at life skills. We have worked closely with SSFT to deliver workshops on healthy living, water safety and Lifesaving skills amongst others. The school has also offered Bikeability to all children in years 4 and 6 with over 70 children taking part.

During PE lessons the children learn fundamental skills to develop their physical literacy- we offer a wide range of sports and activities that progress and develop through the school years.

The end of the year has ended on a high with the school picking up several awards at the SSFT Sports awards.

Elayna (year 6)- Sports Leader of the year

Silver (year 6)- Compete child of the year

Athletics Team (Year 6)- Team of the year

Roebuck Academy- PE SCHOOL OF THE YEAR!

The schools have also achieved platinum status through the school games mark- this is the highest level available to Primary schools.

We would like to thank everyone for their support this year and hope to continue to achieve great things in 26/27

**Thanks
Mr Kalaiarasu
PE Leader**



Young carers picnic

The children have greatly enjoyed the young carers group and events this year and to finish we held a Young Carers Picnic. We spent the afternoon saying a fond farewell to our Year 6 young carers as they prepare for their next adventure in secondary school, while also giving a warm welcome to our new Year 2 young carers who are joining us in September. Everyone enjoyed spending time together in creature corner, getting creative with cupcake decorating and taking part in lots of fun parachute games. It was a lovely afternoon filled with laughter, friendship and special memories.



HELP FILL THE STEVENAGE

2026 TIME CAPSULE

Back in 1986, the team from Confederation Life planted a time capsule beneath The Icon building on Lytton Way. When the building came down, it was rescued and donated by The Hill Group to the Stevenage Museum.

This autumn, the time capsule will be reburied at Nexus, the new neighbourhood on Lytton Way, with new memories of life in Stevenage today. The best submissions will be placed inside the capsule before it's sealed.

What should go inside?



A price tag ● A photograph ● A song ● A headline ● A letter to the future

What best captures life in Stevenage in 2026?
What matters most about living here? **There are now wrong answers.**

HAVE YOUR SAY

Scan the QR code to submit
your idea for the Stevenage
2026 time capsule!

