

Roehampton Church Forest School



Newsletter

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Value of the term is: **Respect**
 'Do to others as you would have them do to you.' Matthew 7.12



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful half-term break we had, blessed with some truly fantastic weather! It has been lovely welcoming everyone back to school and seeing how refreshed and ready to learn the children are. Many families have shared stories of children spending their days outdoors, enjoying paddling pools, bike rides and plenty of fresh air. Given the change in weather this week, those sunny days already feel like a distant memory! I always enjoy greeting families at the school gates in the mornings and afternoons. It is a great opportunity to connect with our school community and see the children arrive each day. However, it has also highlighted that a number of pupils are arriving after the start of the school day.

To help ensure every child has the best possible start to their learning, please note the following school start times:

EYFS and KS1: 8:50am

KS2: 8:55am

These times indicate when children should be entering their classrooms and ready to begin their day.

For collection at the end of the school day:

EYFS and KS1: 3:20pm

KS2: 3:30pm

Thank you for your continued support in helping children arrive on time and ready to learn.

I wish you all a happy, restful, and enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards,

Mrs Azurdia

Acting Headteacher



Wraparound Care

Morning provision 7.45-8.45am

EVERY DAY in KS2 £3 a session.

After School Care 3.30-4.30pm

EVERY DAY £3 a session. Please

note below After School Care pick up locations:

Monday in **KS2**

Tuesday in **KS1**

Wednesday in **KS2**

Thursday in **KS1**

Friday in **KS2**

Currently for this half term, the house with the most points is: **Hedgehog**



Merits

The following children were awarded Merits today in Collective Worship.
 Congratulations all of you. We are extremely proud of you.

| Group | Merits | Group | Merits | Group | Merits | Group | Merits |
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| EYFS | Adam B- For working really hard and learning how to blend! Aya- For always coming into school with a big smile and for joining in really well will maths lessons. | Year 2 Ash | Serae – For focusing in her maths starter and practising the different operations. Aroja – For trying to write in cursive | Year 4 Rowan | Labiq - for her narrative writing - always lively and enjoyable to read. Ezekiel- for his beautiful singing voice and always working well in French. | Year 6 Elder | Inaaya – for wonderful work when designing a clay pot. She drew really clear, informative designs. Value – responsible |
| Year 1 Willow | Kamerio – For being able to show how he can count reliably in 2's (skip counting). Tadgh – For his fabulous drawing of Traction man paying attention to detail. | Year 3 Maple | Bianca- for her backstroke in swimming; lovely arm action and head tilted back. Caleb- for trying hard with our time work and answering Maths questions in class. | Year 5 Sycamore | Reniyah – For her excellent work with decimals Ariana – For excellent writing of her recounting the events when Michael entered the garage from the book Skellig. | Forest School | Carl Junior – for being so supportive of his friends during reading loud yesterday. Value - caring |

I am delighted to introduce myself to the wonderful RCFS family. Having just graduated from university, I feel truly grateful and blessed to be spending six weeks of the summer term working with you, especially with the pupils. Education has always been something I value deeply. Learning opens our minds, strengthens our character, and helps us to become the people God has called us to be. The Bible reminds us that “whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord” (Colossians 3:23), and this is something I have carried with me throughout my studies. Graduating has shown me that hard work, dedication, and faith truly do pay off. There is a special joy in knowing that you have tried your best and kept going, even when things were difficult, and you used the gifts God has given you. This term I hope to encourage all pupils to love learning, to be curious, to work hard, and to believe in themselves. I am so excited to be part of the RCFS family this Term and look forward to learning from, and with, everyone here.

Warm wishes, Jessica King – Teaching Assistant



Hi RCFS,
My name is Felicity, and I am very excited to be joining the school for the remainder of the Summer Term. I have recently completed my A-level exams and have a strong passion for education. In the future, my goal is to become a qualified primary school teacher. I am highly motivated to support pupils, encourage creativity in the classroom, and help inspire young minds. In my free time, I enjoy dancing, both for fun and professionally. I am really looking forward to getting to know everyone and contributing positively to the school community. Warm Wishes,
Felicity O’Keefe – Teaching Assistant



Queensmere Pond Grand Opening

We are delighted to share that the grand opening of Queensmere Pond on Wimbledon Common will take place on 16th June.

Our pupils have played an important role in preparing for this exciting community event. Children from RCFS have contributed beautiful pond-life illustrations for the official leaflet and have also worked hard to create a special song to mark the occasion.

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will attend the opening ceremony and will perform their original song, written with the support of Mrs Greenhalf, at Queensmere Pond. We are incredibly proud of their creativity, enthusiasm and commitment to this project.

Following the event, all families will receive a copy of the leaflet featuring the children’s artwork. The opening will also be attended by the Mete Coban, Deputy Mayor of London for Environment and Energy., making this a particularly special occasion for everyone involved. We look forward to celebrating our pupils’ contributions to this wonderful local project.



Diary Dates Summer Term 2026

June

- 1st-12th Rowan (Y4) Multiplication Tables Check
- 8th - 12th Willow (Y1) Phonics check
- 11th Mufti day – bottle tombola
- 11th Rowan (Y4) & Maple (Y3) to Tate Gallery
- 12th Elder (Y6) Trip to Chessington World of Adventures Arrive 8.40am, return 4.30pm
- 15th Assessment week (Y1 – Y5)
- 16th Grand Opening of Queensmere Pond for Sycamore and Elder (Y5 & Y6). Arrive 8:45am wearing trainers
- 19th Mufti day. Bring in a toy for the children’s tombola.
- 23rd Mufti day. Bring in sweets, cakes and crisps
- 25th Elder (Y6) To Ibstock school to see Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
- 27th Summer Fair (12:30-3:30pm)
- 29th INSET day
- 30th Ibstock Activity day for Sycamore (Y5) am & Elder (Y6) pm at Whitelands College

July

- 6th Ash (Y2) Trip to Hobbledown
- 8th Eucharist Service- 9am All Parents & Carers welcome
- 8th Last swimming session for Maple (Y3)
- 10th Y6 Production to parents (time TBC)
- 13th EYFS Sports Day am in school (we are still trying to finalise KS1 & KS2 date)
- 15th KS1 & KS2 Sports Day at Dover House Field. Parents welcome from 10am-12pm
- 16th Festival of Football school lunch special menu
- 17th Leaver’s service All Parents & Carers welcome Last
- 17th Last day of term. (1.20pm finish)
- 20th INSET day

These dates are added to weekly

Hip Hip Hurray - the sun is shining at last!

To be sun safe we need all children to bring a **hat** to school (with their name in it), a **water bottle** and wear **high factor sunscreen** (to be applied before school).

All children regardless of the colour of their skin are vulnerable to burning and UV sun damage.

Their skin is much more sensitive than adult skin, and damage caused by repeated exposure to sunlight could lead to **skin cancer** developing in later life.

We encourage all children to wear a **high factor sun screen**.

Please see the link below on NHS guidance:
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>
Thank you.

| ATTENDANCE this academic year | |
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| Number of pupils | 125 |
| Whole school attendance | 91.4% |
| Authorised absence | 4.5% |
| Unauthorised absence | 4.1% |
| Lates | 2% |

Attendance of each class this academic year. Target is 96% or more.

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| Oak Nursery 1 | Oak Nursery 2 | Oak Reception |
| 71.4% | 88.4% | 92% |
| Willow Year 1 | Ash Year 2 | Maple Year 3 |
| 91.3% | 94.1% | 94.1% |
| Rowan Year 4 | Sycamore Year 5 | Elder Year 6 |
| 83.2% | 93.6% | 95.3% |