



Small School Big Horizons

Newsletter

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Nurturing Individuality, Growing Together, Embracing Community.

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A message from our Headteacher

What a wonderful week of experiences for our children! Year 3 and 4 stepped back in time at Holly Lodge, discovering what life was like as a Victorian servant, while Year 6 showed such care and responsibility as they planned and led a special learning 'play-date' for our Early Years children. We also enjoyed seeing the story of Moses brought to life at Holy Trinity Church, with some of our own pupils taking part alongside members of the church community. It has been a week full of learning, friendship and opportunities for our children to take an active part in school life — a lovely reflection of our values in action. Thank you to our staff, volunteers and families who help make these experiences possible for our children.

Larisa Alikhan, Headteacher



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"Curious minds,
kind hearts,
brighter futures."

Merits

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



Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monica – For beautiful listening in class and always being ready to learn. Kimmy – For working so hard on her spelling and getting 8/8 two weeks in a row. Jackson – Special breakfast club merit from Ms Joseph. For always using beautiful manners.	Izayah – for always coming in ready to learn and engaged in every lesson. Izayah has made a great start to Year 2 and has been especially trying hard with learning his spellings and maths challenges. Fatima – for trying hard with whole body listening and focusing on her work. Worked really well in English this week, making a story map and freeze frames.	Aroja – for her lovely illustrations in RE about the Big Story of the Bible. Ayami – for her History work about Victorian jobs.	Nabeeha – for her lovely illustrations in RE about the Big Story of the Bible. Kesha – for her History work about Victorian jobs.	Ayva – for always remaining focused during lessons and checking that she has met the learning objective. Mahrukh – for having a clear, loud voice and using great expression when reading our class book out loud.	Finnli – For trying his best to make good choices about his behaviour for learning. Anaya – For applying her knowledge of times tables to her learning about squared and cubed numbers.
Forest School Merits					
Mrs Azurdia: Serae – for working extremely well in her team, supporting them to make a wattle wall and using previous skills to make a catapult.		Miss Jelley: Tadgh and Adjani – for making a great shelter with Mr Harry. They found resources and worked on their timber hitch knots.		Mrs Al-Yassin: Dishon – for making the best clay powder on the market and sharing it with his friends.	

Forest School

Exploring, Learning, Growing

Our Nursery children explored every corner of our Forest School, collecting sticks, leaves and feathers to build a cosy nest for the animals in their story. Learning through nature starts from the very beginning at RCFS!



Our Early Years Sensory Room

Inclusivity is at the heart of everything we do at RCFS.



Our wonderful Early Years sensory room provides a calm, nurturing space where children can regulate, explore and engage through sensory play, helping every child feel safe, supported and ready to learn.

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



Attendance Matters

Attendance Winners!

Year 3
97.3%

Every day in school matters.
Well done to our amazing Year 3!

Our children have been spending special time with their Sparkle 'Grandfriends' learning, creating and enjoying one another's company. This week they celebrated World Rivers Day together with fun facts and watery crafts. These wonderful intergenerational friendships are a lovely example of our children connecting with and contributing to their wider community.



Key Dates

14th October - The Wellbeing Cafe
19th October - Year 6 PGL
20th October - Parent Teacher Consultations- 1.30pm finish
23rd October - Harvest Festival
26th - 30th October Half Term

Wellbeing Café Family Support Event



Tuesday
14th October



3.45pm



School Hall



A chance for our families to find out about the support available in our local community and to meet with a range of services and professionals working closely with families.



Emotional Wellbeing



Family Support



Advice and Guidance



Local Services



Professionals working with our community

Everyone is welcome – pop along for a chat, ask questions and discover the support available for you and your family.



Wraparound Care exclusively for RCFS



Breakfast Club

7:45–8:45am • £3



After-School Club

3:30–4:30pm • £4
4:30–6:00pm • £8
3:30–6:00pm • £12
Food included.

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