

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is nearly the end of term, but it feels like it is getting busier in school every day!

Tours: We have welcomed nursery, reception, year 1 and 3 & 4 parents for their tour of our fantastic new school. We hope you enjoyed seeing the building as much as we have enjoyed showing it off to you! We look forward to welcoming year 2, 5 and 6 parents next week.

Healthy Exercise: The week started with healthy living dance workshops. It was a bit cooler at the start of the week and the children had a lot of fun being put through their paces. They moved on to circuit training. Phew all this exercise they must be very fit!

Year 6 Legacy Concert: As we draw near to the close of term, we start to think of those who will be leaving us. Our year 6 children have produced and written a song that they sang as part of a show to their parents on Friday. The song will now become an RPS legacy song to ensure the children are remembered for years to come. They didn't have much time to put the performance together, but they did a great job. Well done year 6 and thanks to Margaret and her team for organizing it.



Heat Wave: Due to the very high temperatures forecast on Monday, we will be allowing parents and carers of children in Nursery, Reception, year 1 and 2 to collect their children early at 1:15pm. Year 3 & 4, 5 & 6 can be collected at 1:30 pm this is not

Friday 15th July 2022

compulsory but is recommended if parents are able to collect children. This will allow children to make their way home and avoid the usual home times during which the temperature is predicted to be at its highest. Please collect at the usual gates. If parents of independent travellers in year 5 & 6 do not want your children to be released early, please let your child know and email the teachers or contact the school office.

In school we will monitor the heat across the building. We will keep the lights turned off all day and reduce outdoor playtimes dependent on the temperatures and level of shade. Teachers will remind children to drink water. Please ensure you apply sunscreen lotion in the morning, and that your children are wearing light t-shirts and loose-fitting clothing. Children should not wear jumpers or coats.

The school will still be open for all children and Tree Tops school club will run as normal for those families who need it. **All other after school clubs are cancelled.**

In school classes do have thermometers and air filtration systems that have a cooling element; however, we are learning how to maximise use of these systems and do not feel they will mitigate against the excessive heat.

Jubilee and party day: On Wednesday children will be engaging in belated jubilee celebrations. Children can come to school dressed in party clothes. We ask that children bring a donation of a £1 on Monday so teachers can buy some party food for the afternoon.

Lisa Christiansen (HoS)

Healthy Cooking!

This week we have continued with our healthy living theme. On Thursday and Friday all children from Reception to year 6 took part in workshop-based cooking lessons delivered by Kealan or Conor in our brand-new practical room! It was very exciting! Below are some of the pictures of year 1 and 2 children chopping vegetables whilst making a delicious Greek salad. Reception children had a lot of fun making a scrumptious albeit smelly mackerel pate. Yum!



And now for the finished product!

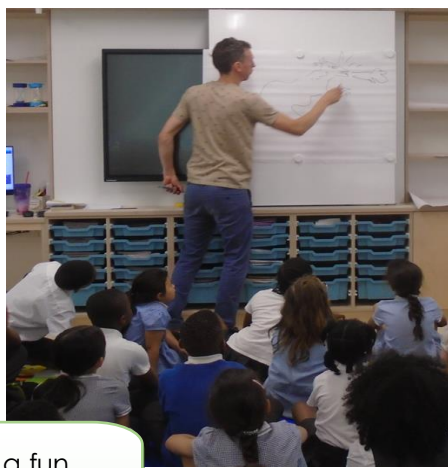


I will stir this into a delicious pate!



Young Readers Spectacular!

On Wednesday year 3 & 4 children had a real treat during our Young Readers Spectacular! They rotated around three activities. The first was delivered by author Rod Kitson who modelled the process of illustrating a story. Inspired, the children had a go at illustrating their own book design. Their smiling faces show you how much they enjoyed it. Then they listened enraptured to Oliva Armstrong (storyteller). All the children then had the opportunity to relax and browse through a selection of books in our foyer before selecting one to keep and share with their families at home. We love reading at RPS!



This is such a fun day!



Look at my fantastic new book!



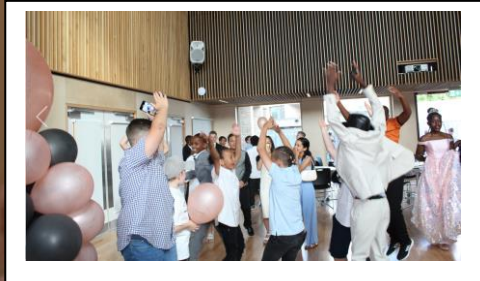
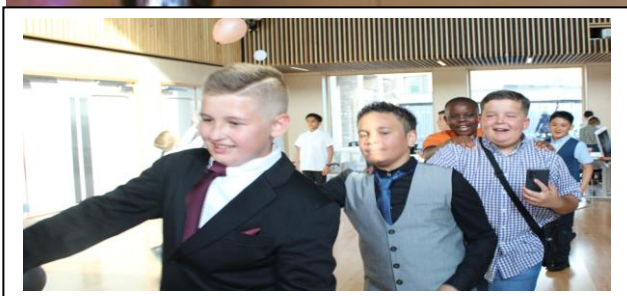
Year 6 Prom 2022

Our first prom in the New Build!
The children had a fantastic time. They came they ate, and they danced. It was an amazing night!

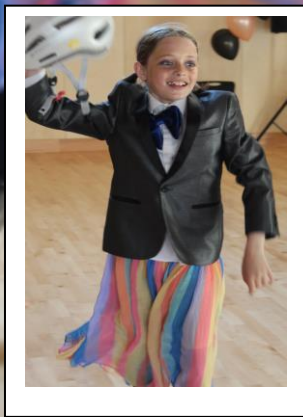
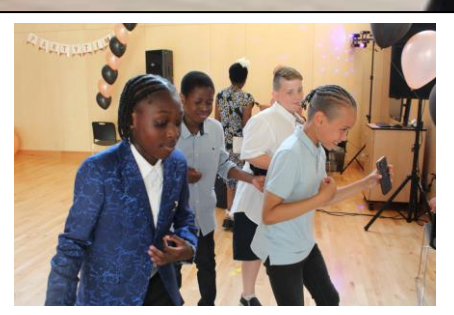
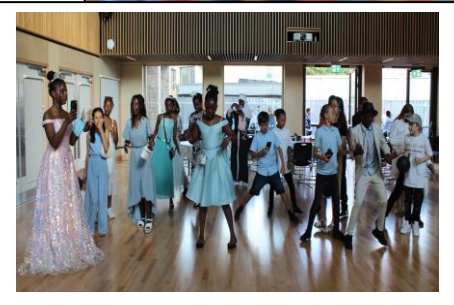
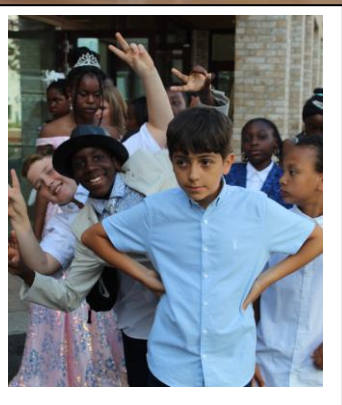
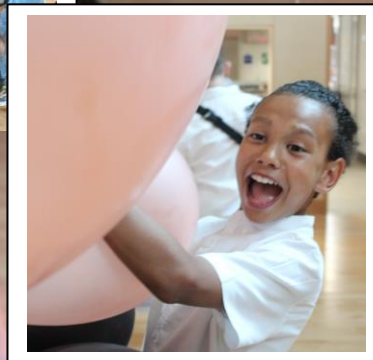
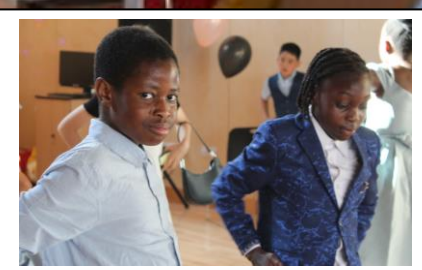
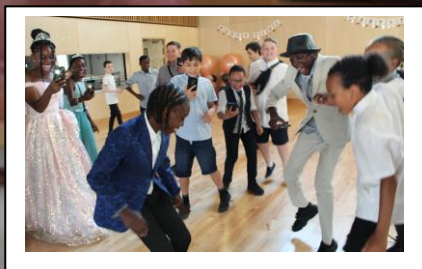
The red carpet was rolled out and our star guests arrived in style! Magic memories they will never forget!







Let the dancing begin!





STAR OF THE WEEK

Whale	Leila	Leila has had a fantastic week. She really enjoyed our healthy cooking lessons this week and she learnt some new skills to practice in the kitchen. She has made exceptional progress in all lessons.
	Madison	Madison was a great role model last week and has set a fantastic example for the new child (Sofia) in Whale class. Well done, Madison!
Octopus	Caylib	Caylib was so sensible and well behaved on the school trip. He was quiet on the bus and in the art gallery and very polite when speaking to staff. Well done, Caylib, you did RPS proud!
Coral	Jena	For an amazing attitude toward your learning. Keep it up!
Seal	Deeqa	For amazing presentation and handwriting in English. Well done!
Effra	Andrew and Jonathan	Andrew and Jonathan have worked hard this week in terms of building resilience when going back to edit and correct their writing. Well done!
Brent	Maqdis	For wonderful kindness and patience with all children both during lesson time and playtime. Superstar!
Walbrook	Tierra-Lee	Tierra – Lee was an amazing ICT Helper this week. She helped her class to log onto and off laptops. Anthony was very thankful for her help. Well done!
Ravensbourne	Riley	Riley has been very independent about navigating the new school. He has demonstrated a 'can do' approach which is also apparent in his academic work. I'm excited to see all the challenges he will conquer in Year 6 with this mindset. Keep it up, Riley!
Wandle	Wassim	For kindness and consideration to other children when they are in need. He shows real empathy – one of our school values. Well done, Wassim!
Lea	Brodie	For doing so well in his SATs Reading test. I am very proud of how resilient he has become. Amazing Brodie!
Thames	Charlie	For consistently being a good friend to a new member of Thames class. He has been kind, helpful and welcoming which has enabled his peer to settle in well in our class. Thank you and well done!



18th July	Meet your new teacher 9:15 – Year 2 parent tour
19th July	Parents Evening- open session 9:15 – year 5 parent tour
20th July	Jubilee celebrations/class parties Children will come home with a free book about the Queen.
21st July	10:30 - Year 6 parent tour Last Day of term. 11:30 – year 6 graduation Award ceremony.
22nd July	Staff Inset Day
Monday 5th September	Children Return to School

“Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.”

Joshua J. Marine

Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Wandle Class 97.1%

Well done and keep it up!



Speech and Language Therapist Coffee Morning

On Thursday Katrina our speech and language therapist held a coffee morning for parents. She talked about language development and provided tips for parents. We were really pleased to see so many parents attend. We hope you found it useful. We are planning to hold more coffee mornings in the future. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's speech and language development, please speak to Jennifer Cristobal our SENDCO or email her: jcristobal@rotherhithe.southwark.sch.uk

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme



Who is the programme for?

This holiday provision is for school aged children from reception to year 11 (inclusive) who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Benefits-related free school meals (FSM) are available to pupils if their parents are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits, and have a claim verified by their school or local authority.

Information on qualifying benefits can be found on the gov.uk website.

For more information visit the website: <https://sportworksltd.co.uk/our-programs/haf/>

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



This summer, visit your local library this summer to complete the Summer Reading Challenge. You need to read 6 books to complete the challenge. You can register at any library from Saturday 9th July and have until Sunday 11th September to finish. For each book you read you will collect stickers, prizes and receive a medal and a certificate for completing the challenge. If you read more than 6 books you will be entered into a special prize draw to win an Android tablet! This year the theme is Gadgeteers, meet the characters who are learning that science is all around them. Whether you like baking, music or helping the environment, you can use your imagination to make something new.

Find out more on the website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Events are taking place in all Southwark libraries throughout the summer. You can see all the listings on the Southwark Presents What's on diary or ask at your local library

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/events-cultureand-heritage>

For details of activities going on in Lewisham visit their website using the following link:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/socialcare/children/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/find-things-to-do>



Little Fish Learning for Life Summer Programme 2022

The Little Fish team works with Year 6 students in developing their personal, social and health education to support their successful transition to mainstream secondary school. Using music, dance, drama, video and art, we explore a range of issues relevant to learning new skills, dealing with risks, making friends and coping with change.

When: 8th - 19th August 2022 10 am-4 pm (Monday to Friday)

Where: Rye Oak Primary School, Whorlton Road SE15 3PD.

Click [here](#) to book your child a free place.

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HOLIDAY DATES 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM 2022	Events / Days	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
	INSET DAY 1 & 2 Thursday 1 st & Friday 2 nd September	School Closed
Children Back	Monday 5 th September 2022	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 24 th October 2022 Friday 28 th October 2022	School Closed
Children Back	Monday 31 st October – Friday 16 th December 2022	
	INSET DAY 3 Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	School Closed
SPRING TERM 2023		
Children Back	Wednesday 4 th January – Friday 10 th February 2023	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 13 th February 2023 – Friday 17 th February 2023	School Closed
Children Back	Monday 20 th February – Friday 31 st March 2023	
SUMMER TERM 2023		
	INSET DAY 4 Monday 17 th April 2023	School closed
Children Back	Tuesday 18 th April – Friday 26 th May 2023	
MAY DAY	Monday 1 st May 2023	School Closed
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 29 th May 2023 Friday 2 nd June 2023	School Closed
Children Back	Monday 5 th June – Wednesday 19 th July 2023	
	INSET DAY 5 Thursday 20 th July 2023	School Closed

Attendance Matters!

All parents and carers want the very best for their children and for them to get on well in life. Having a good education is important to ensure that children have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school, and your child's future may be affected by not attending school regularly. If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with schoolwork. In a busy school day, it is difficult for schools to always find the extra time to help children to 'catch up' with lost learning.
- They may not achieve their full potential.
- Children miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance often affects their friendship groups. Children with lower attendance are more likely to find it difficult to make and keep friends – a vital part of growing up.

Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from nursery and through-out their school journey will also help your child later on in their life. Children who have poor school attendance records may have less chance of securing a job when they are adults.

We are here to help and want to work in partnership with you. Please contact the school office and ask to speak to Kofi Danquah, if you need support or are concerned about your child's attendance.

Persistent Absence: Please note that parents have a legal responsibility to inform the school of any absences. If a child's attendance drops below 90% they are considered to be 'persistently absent' and the school will request a meeting with parents or carers. At this point the school may consult with the Education and Inclusion Team to discuss attendance concerns.

