

# RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

At last the dream is becoming reality! We are finally moving into the new school. Thanks to all parents for your patience, words of kindness, excitement and support through what has proved to be a rather challenging period of time. We are very grateful. It is happening!!

Today Galiema delivered an assembly to all children in years 1 to 6 about our expectations regarding how children behave and look after the fantastic environment that has been created for them.

We request that all children are reminded to enter and walk around the school in a calm and orderly manner. We have stairs and the building is much larger than our current site which will take the children a little while to get used to. Children and all adults are being asked to keep to the left when walking up or down the stairs to ensure that movement is safe.

As with any move we may still have some unpacking to do over the next few weeks but teachers are working hard to create a stimulating and exciting environment for children to learn. The sound proofing is amazing too. It seems so quiet in the building and that we are so much further away from the road and traffic noise!

**Drop off and Collection Times:** Please see the reminders about drop off and collection times below as there is a slight change for some year groups.

**Uniform Policy:** On Monday our governors ratified our new school uniform policy and this is now on our website [click here](#). Our price list has also been finalized and it is now set up for parents on parent pay. The price list is as

follows:

Price List for Uniform

Childs Sweatshirt £10.00  
Adults Sweatshirt S.M.L.XXL. £13.00  
Children's Fleece £14.00  
Adults Fleece XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL  
£19.00  
Black Joggers £7.00  
Black Shorts £5.50  
Book Bag £7.00  
Cap £7.00  
Backpack £13.50  
Cardigan £9.50  
Badges £3.50

**Free jumpers:** Sharon will be distributing the free jumpers to parents from the new school office during the week of the 11<sup>th</sup> July. Watch out for a text as she will allocate a time slot for year groups to collect them.

**Parent pay uniform orders:** The week of the 18<sup>th</sup> July you will be able to collect any uniform that your order through parent pay. Sharon will contact parents and give you a collection time.

**Food School Policy:** We are a healthy school and our new food school policy has also been ratified by governors. You can access our policy on the school website or by clicking this [link](#).

**Kooth Transition Workshop:** Any change can be both exciting and stressful. Year 6 children took part in a workshop delivered by Kooth a charity that champion good mental health in children and young adults today. The children were very engaged and asked some thoughtful questions.

I hope the children can contain their excitement over the weekend!  
Lisa Christiansen (HoS)

## Drop of and collection times on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July:

**Nursery and Reception:** Please use the old pupil entrance on **Hodnet Grove** to enter the EYFS learning area. Please arrive at your normal times. This will be the EYFS permanent entrance long term. Nursery parents will be invited into the class with the children on Monday to help them settle. Morning parents you will be asked to leave by 9:30 am and afternoon parents you will be asked to leave by 1 pm.

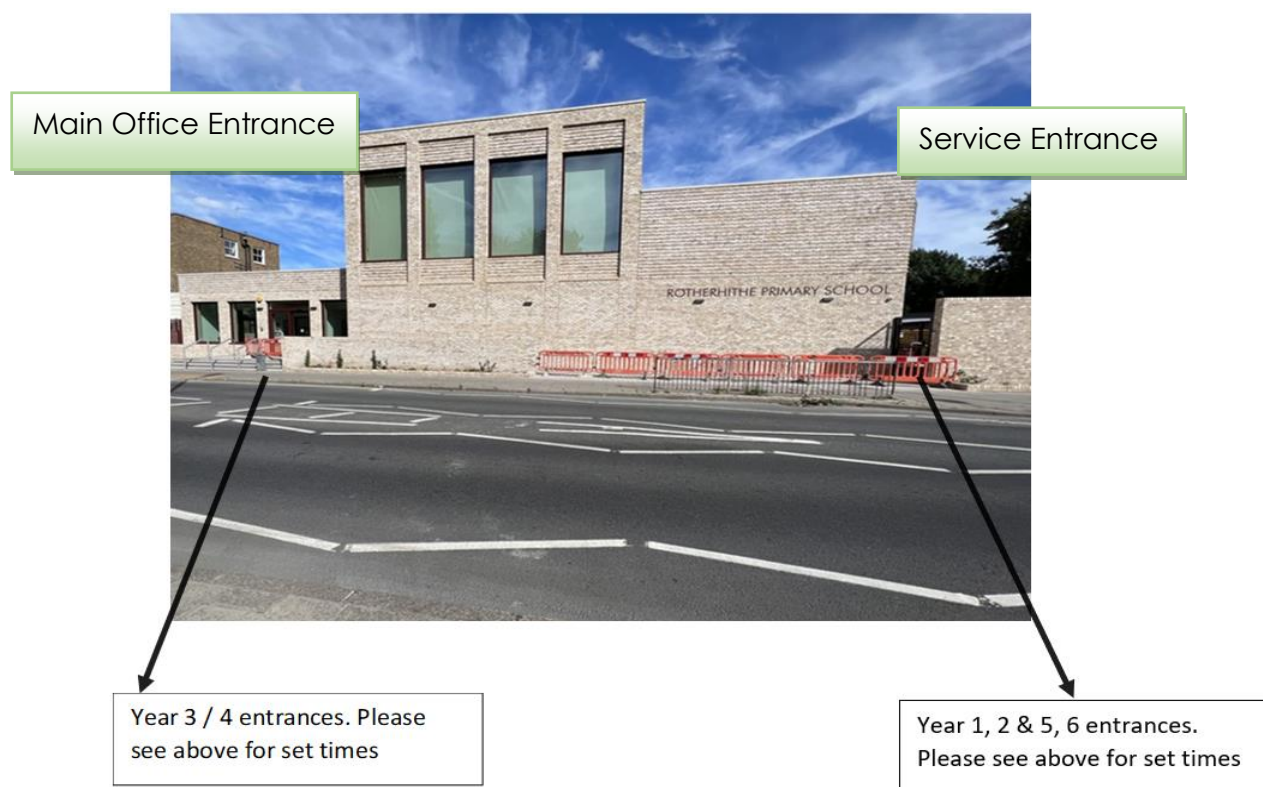


### Years 1-6 Drop off on Monday

Please drop the children off at the 'old school' / current building at the normal time using the usual entrances on Monday 4th July. We will take children over to the new building throughout the morning.

### Years 1-6 Collection on Monday

Year Group	Drop Off	Pick Up	Entrance to use
Year 1	8:50	3:05	Service Entrance
Year 2	8:55	3:10	Service Entrance
Year 3 / 4	9:00	3:15	Main Office Entrance
Year 5	9:00	3:15	Service Entrance
Year 6	9:00	3:15	Service Entrance



## Sports Day Arrangements for Years 1 to 6

Year 1-6 parents are cordially invited to attend the children's sports day next week. These sporting events will be held in Southwark Park Sports Centre- around the racing track. Please send children into school in their PE kit with trainers or plimsols and a labelled water bottle. Children will register in school and then start lining up ready to go over to the sports track. All events should start by 9:30 am. Parents can head over to the track after gates have closed.



**Years 1 & 2** sports Day is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July (**Please note children will remain in their PE kit for the rest of this day to avoid losing personal belongings as we are moving too. No bags or uniform on this day.**)

**Year 3 & 4** Sports Day is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

**Year 5 & 6** Sports Day is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Parents must wear a **RPS sticker**. Will give these out in the morning after gates or as parents enter the Sports Centre site.

The **entrance** to the sporting track is to the side of the Sports Centre (see picture left below). Parents and children will all enter at this point:



**Watching:** There is a mound (picture on the right) that parents will be allowed to sit on to watch the children. You must remain on the mound and watch from this spot. Parents are **not** permitted on the track with children. If there are any parents with disabilities who may find sitting or standing on the mound challenging please let staff know as there are a limited amount of chairs and we may be able to source one for you.

Parents must not enter the gym or stand on the gym platform to watch children. Staff will request you move if you do this. We request that parents are respectful with each other, the sport centre staff and also our staff.

Children will circulate around a variety of fun sporting challenges and then the final activity will be a number of races, before children are presented with trophies and medals.

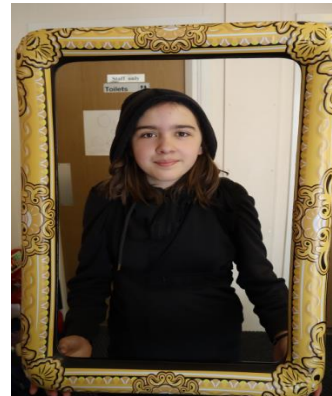
Children will wave when they walk past parents on their way to the new build. We ask that parents do **not** approach children as we walk back to school.

**EYFS sports day:** We will be holding sports activities for children in Reception and Nursery within the school hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Unfortunately, we cannot invite parents to this event this year.



# Art inspired dressing up!

To close our final week in the old building there was no better way than to have fun dressing up inspired by a piece of art or artist. It was lovely to see the creativity and expression on display. As you can see from the gallery below, we had no shortage of artists or famous works of art ranging from Banksy and Andy Warhol through to Picasso, Di Vinci and Van Gogh. Even Frida Kahlo delighted us with her presence today. We also had our very own Di Vinci classic "The Mona Lisa" available. Well done everyone! [See our full gallery here.](#)





30 <sup>th</sup> May-6 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term holiday
<b>Week starting 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Art & DT week
<b>27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	New Reception parents welcome meeting 2pm
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	New nursery parents welcome meeting 2pm
<b>June</b>	Pride month: LBGQT+ diversity awareness
<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Kooth secondary school transition workshop
<b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS1 Sports Day
<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 5 & 6 Sports Day
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	EYFS Sports Day
<b>11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Healthy Living Dance Workshops
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 5 Splash concert
<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Year 3 &amp; 4 Young Readers Event</li> <li>➤ <b>Year 6 prom</b></li> </ul>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Reports home and new classes announced.</li> <li>➤ Healthy Eating Day</li> </ul>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Meet your new teacher
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Parents Evening
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Last Day of term. 11:30 – year 6 graduation Award ceremony.

### Relationship and Sexual Health Education

We have started teaching our RSHE curriculum. Children will learn correct names for body part in these lessons. For further information please watch our webinar that sets out our school curriculum. See attached link:

<https://youtu.be/rZotLoayA8M?list=TLGGXH8fUdjHPM0xmZa1MjAyMg>

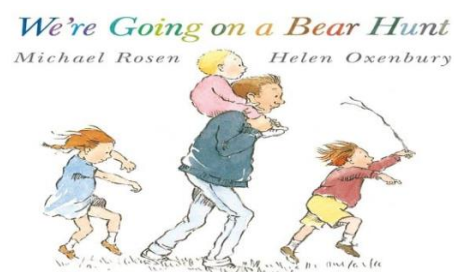
### Thought of the Week

You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have. – Maya Angelou

## Teacher Book Recommendations

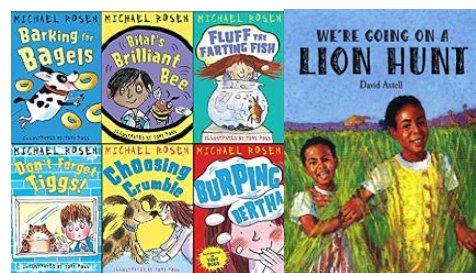
**Teaching Assistant:** Karen Scott

**Book:** We're going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen



I chose this book because when I was working in the Early Years I really enjoyed reading and acting out this book with the children. The children had so much fun wading through the 'long, wavy grass' and dragging themselves through the 'thick oozy mud', they even battled their way through a 'big dark forest and a swirling whirling snowstorm'. But guess what happened when they finally reached the 'narrow gloomy cave'....

Michael Rosen is a fantastic author why not check out some of his poetry books or 'We're going on a Lion Hunt' which has a similar rhythm..



### Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Seal Class 96.7%

Walbrook Class 97.7%

Well done and keep it up!





**14th July**

**Morning Nursery: 9am-10am**

**Afternoon Nursery: 12:30pm-1:30pm**

**Reception: 2pm-3pm**

**BE READY FOR...**

# **ROTHERHITHE PRIMARY SCHOOL IT'S TIME TO TALK**

**WITH SALT**

**AIM**

Speech and Language Coffee morning for Early Years and Foundation skills (all parents from nursery, reception and lower key stage 1 are welcome)

Encouraging your child's language development through the holidays.

RSVP to **Matt Kenney** by 13th July 2022

# ROTHERHITHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## HOLIDAY DATES 2022-2023

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

