

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 12th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Fair

What a brilliant Christmas Fair we had today. It was fantastic to see so many of you there joining in the festivities. The highlight of the fair was of course the Christmas Raffle and it was lovely to see that when Myla, from year 4, won three times, she chose a prize for her sister... ahh that was so sweet! Thank you to our amazing staff, children and parents for running stalls and making things to sell.

Christmas Jumper Day was a hit as always and children had fun listening to Christmas tunes as they ate their delicious Christmas Dinners. Thank you to all parents who made a donation towards the Save the Children Charity, such a worthy cause.

Next week we have our Christmas performances and look forward to seeing you all there. See events flyer below.

3rd December was '**Disability Awareness Day**'. In assembly, children considered types of disability. They learned a little bit about 3 children with disabilities; they were introduced to a girl with cerebral palsy, a genetic disability. Also, to a partially sighted child called Theo, who really wanted the opportunity to engage in physical activities and Samantha a girl with Development Language Disorder (DLD), an invisible disability that impacts on the way language is processed. The focus of the assembly was to understand and ensure we treat all with respect and inclusivity.

Pioneer Dance

We are very lucky to have Chantel from Pioneer Dance deliver an After School Dance Club on Thursdays. This Thursday 11th was the final session of the term. To end their term with a bang, the children shared and celebrated some of their learning with their parents. The parents really enjoyed the performances and seeing how their children's sense of rhythm, self-discipline and musicality has progressed.



Christmas Parties will be held on Friday 19th December in the afternoon, when children can dress in sensible party clothes. School will finish at the normal time.
I hope you have a fantastic weekend. Lisa (HoS)

Science Club: Skittles Diffusion Experiment

This week in Science Club, we explored the primary chemical principle of **diffusion**—the movement of particles from an area of higher concentration to an area of lower concentration. When Skittles are placed in water, the sugar and food colouring dissolve and spread out, creating a colourful display as the colours move through the water.

We then posed further questions to investigate:

- **Will the temperature of the water affect the rate of diffusion?**
- **Will changing the type of liquid make a difference?**

These questions help us think about how factors like temperature and solvent properties influence diffusion.

'I believe that diffusion is when the concentration of sugar in the skittles has lost some colour into the water and it started making a colourful plate'
-Isata

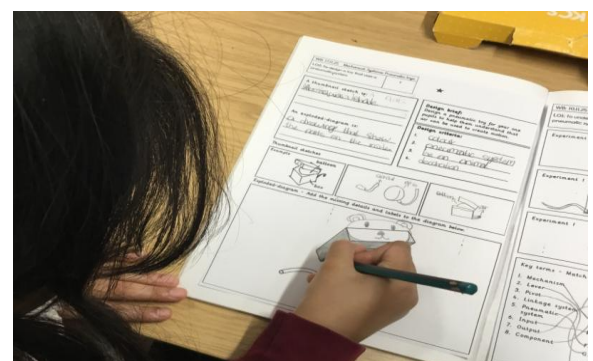
'The reason why the skittles made colourful swirls is because the water was warm and warm water has energy so it moves faster but if you use cold water it would take longer than warm water because warm water has energy.'
-Anwar



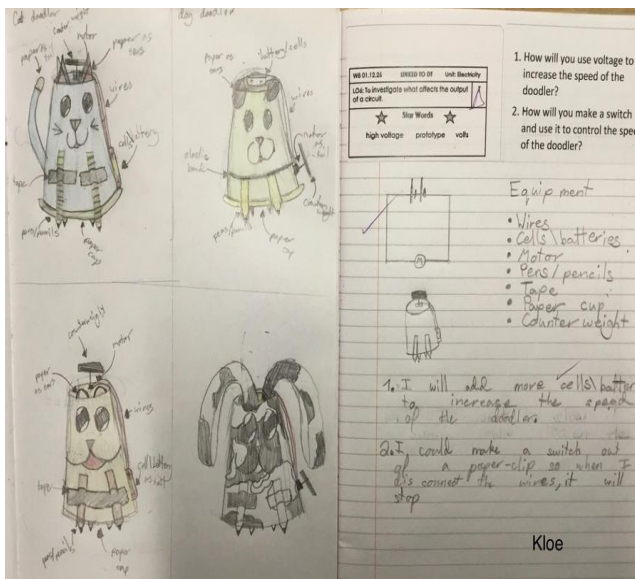
Year 3 Explore Pneumatic Toys

Year 3 continued their exciting journey into the world of pneumatic systems by designing their own pneumatic toys! The children worked from a design brief, developing clear design criteria to guide their ideas. They explored creative possibilities through thumbnail sketches and then took their designs a step further by producing exploded diagrams, showing how each part of their toy fits together.

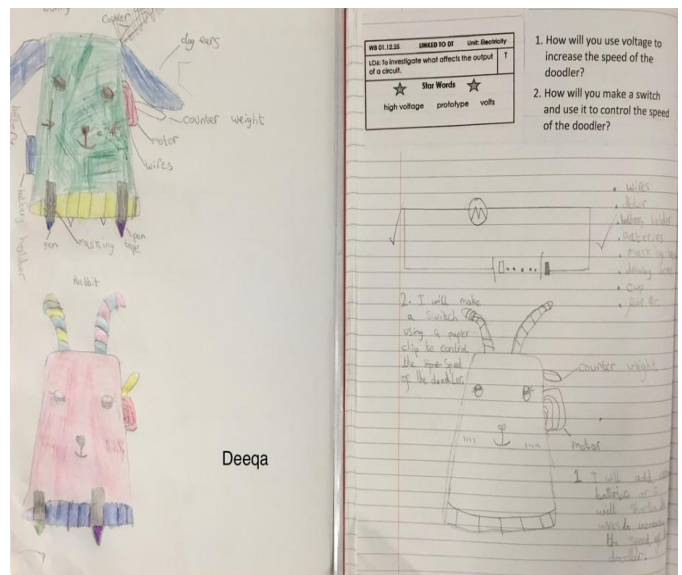
It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to combine creativity with engineering principles, and they can't wait to bring their designs to life!



Cross curricular learning



Kloe



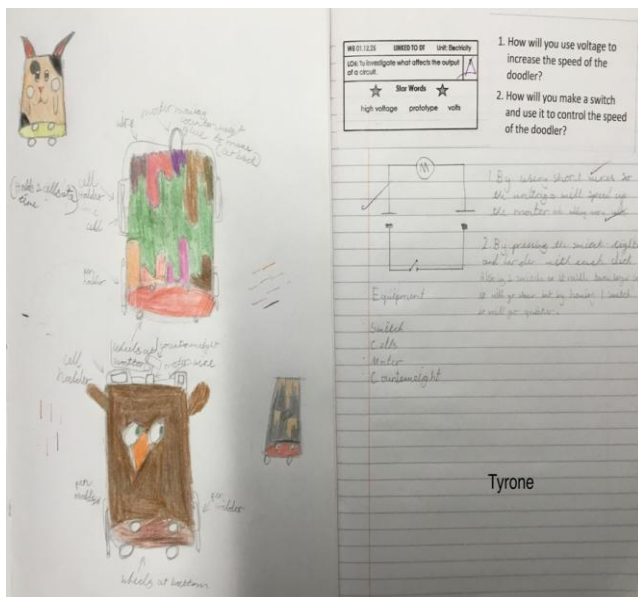
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Year 6 Combine Science and Design Technology

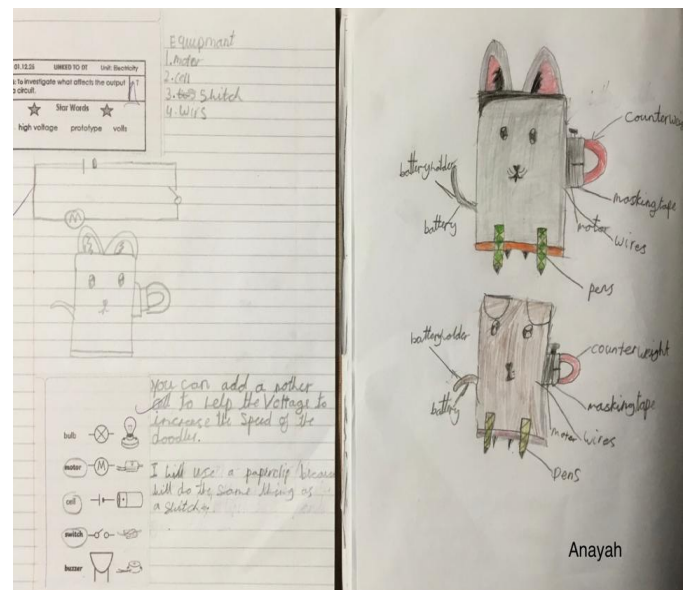
Year 6 have been deepening their cross-curricular learning by applying their knowledge of electrical circuits to a real-life product design challenge.

After conducting an investigation into circuits, the children used their findings to design and create a Doodler—a fun device that incorporates an electrical system to make creative patterns. This project allowed pupils to combine scientific understanding with practical design skills, encouraging problem-solving and innovation.

It's been an exciting way to see science and DT come together in a hands-on, creative context!



Tyrone



Anayah

How to wash your hands

There have been a lot of flu and sickness bugs in school recently. Please remember that if children have diarrhea or are vomiting, they must stay away from school for 48 hours. Please remind children about good hand washing and hygiene practices. [How to wash your hands NHS song | NHS](#)

Year 1's Festive Baking Extravaganza!

What a deliciously festive day Year 1 had!

During the week, our youngest bakers took part in a fantastic cooking session to prepare some goodies for the upcoming Christmas Fair. Thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers, the air in the school kitchen was filled with the sweet scent of Christmas as they made Italian Christmas biscuits!

The children loved getting hands-on with every step of the process:

- * Measuring: Carefully counting out ingredients.
- * Stirring: Mixing the dough to perfection.
- * Rolling: Shaping the biscuits with care.
- * Baking: Watching their creations turn golden.
- * Decorating: Adding the final, festive touches!

This wonderful session not only helped stock the fair but also gave the children a memorable, hands-on learning experience in following instructions, measuring, and teamwork.

A huge thank you to Maryam's mum who came in and made this session such a success! Be sure to look out for these tasty treats at the Christmas Fair!



Week ending
5th December



Whale	Matthew	This week he has impressed me with his speaking and his phonics learning, especially his ability to sound out and blend words independently. Keep it up.
Octopus	Scarlette	Scarlette has shown real resilience this week when something has not gone the way she had wanted it to. She has communicated her feelings and has regulated her emotions. Well done. I am very proud of you.
Tyne	Casian	Casian has amazed us with his brilliant maths skills and determination. He's worked hard to improve his reasoning, explaining ideas clearly and making strong connections. His confident oracy has really shone—well done, Casian!
Eden	Malcom	Malcom has impressed me this week. His eagerness in his learning and his willingness to develop further has been amazing to see. I really enjoy seeing you come out of your shell and put your hand up more and ask questions. Keep it up!
Avon	Jayden	Jayden has shown fantastic understanding in our Stop-frame animation unit in computing. He has confidently recalled key vocabulary and created his own animation. Your creativity, focus and enthusiasm has really shone. Keep it up!
Peck	Akbar	Akbar did exceptionally well in the recent round of assessments. He is careful and conscientious and it showed in some fantastic results, only dropping 1 mark on the whole the reading test! Well done!
Effra	Gladys	For her fantastic and thoughtful Lord Ganesh poster, I commend you on your calm colour-wash background, clear facts, and excellent layout. Well done and keep up the creativity!
Brent	Ayla	Well done, Ayla! This week in Brent, you have applied yourself exceptionally in partner talk and class discussions. You have not only engaged in and led purposeful talk, but you have also shown brilliant active listening and challenged your peers' views when appropriate. Keep it up!
Lea		Despite recovering from an illness at home, Elsie-Mae still diligently worked on and submitted her Brilliant Club assignment, which really impressed her tutor and displayed her dedication to schoolwork. Well done, Elsie-Mae; we are proud of you.
Thames	Adel	For making great progress in recent assessments, particularly in mathematics , achieving an impressive 32% increase . His hard work and determination are paying off—keep it up!

Millwall Breakfast and After School Clubs

Come and join us for our Breakfast and After School Clubs!

Breakfast club will start at 7.45am- This will include breakfast of cereal or toast and will cost £5.50 per day

After School club- sports activities and games will cost: 1 hour £6.30 and 2 and half hours £13.65

We are able to offer a discount to families that wish to book a full week after school club and this is charged at £57.75 per week.

Wraparound Care (ASC) will not be suitable for Nursery aged pupils.

Please see Sharon in the Office for more information!



Are you interested in working for NEST—or do you know someone who might be?

At NEST, we offer a wide range of rewarding roles across our schools. Whether you're an early careers teacher, an experienced educator, returning to work after a break, or simply looking for meaningful employment, we'd love to hear from you.

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Oracy Matters

Our whole school debate topic this week is...

Summer is more fun than winter.

I disagree with ... because ...

To build on what... said...

That reminds me of...

Could you clarify what you meant by...?

I have changed my mind because...

In my opinion...

I think we all agree that...

To sum up what has been said...

I partly agree with... but I also think that...

Each class debated this statement in their classroom this week using their oracy skills. Please ask your child about the discussion and what was presented for each side of the argument. You could even hold a mini debate at home!

RPS Christmas Performances 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,
You are cordially invited to this year's Christmas performances.

Tuesday 16th December at 9:30am
Early Years: 'Nativity'

The Nativity



Tuesday 16th December at 2:50pm
Year 1: 'Whoops- A- Daisy Angel'



Wednesday 17th December at 10:15 am
Year 3 & 4 concert: 'Snow!'



Wednesday 17th December at 2:45 pm
Year 5 & 6 concert: 'Winter!'



Friday 19th December at 9:30 am
Year 2: 'Twinkly Nativity'



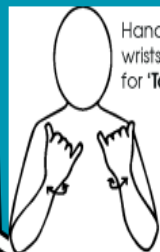


Autism Support Team

Hello! Autism Support team here wishing you a very happy holidays!

The end of term can be both exciting and daunting for autistic young people, the excitement and anticipation of seeing family and friends and a 2 week holiday followed by the big clunky gatherings and social expectations.

It's important to keep an element of structure when out of school. Bedtimes and wakes up are a good place to start. If you are finding that your child is sleeping in later and later and going to bed later and later a great way to break this cycle is to wake your child up on time, using light and breakfast. This restarts your usual routine again.



Hands twist at wrists, move up for 'To Celebrate'

Fun things to keep kids busy!

Some ideas we have cooked up which might hit the spot!

- **Kinetic sand** - not as messy as it sounds
- **Salad spinner** - sounds bonkers, but put some fairy lights inside and it is fantastic! [Video Link](#)
- **Fake snow** - This one is fantastic and easy to clean!
- **Visual timetable** - Having a visual timetable (scroll to 'Visual Supports that can be used in the home') will support structure and routine throughout the holidays.

The Local Offer

[This video](#) by Morgan Foley (@Morgafoley) is a young autistic woman who has a huge following on social media. She created [this video](#) which you might find interesting about presents

Top tips for supporting your child through a social event

- **Soft Entry:** If possible, come to the party at the start before the space is full of people.
- **Safe Space:** Identify a quiet safe space for your child to go to if they become overwhelmed.
- **Grounders:** Bringing a favoured object or activity for your child to centre onto will support their ability to regulate through familiarity.
- **Exit:** Give your child a code word which helps them say its time to go without having to say its time to go
- **Structure:** Create elements of certainty, first we will do X then we will do Y then its time to go home

Training links and sign ups

[Link to the Autism Support page where there are links to parent training, resources and links](#)

Activities over the holidays

[The London Transport Museum](#)

This is a big space, lots of interactive activities and a real hands on museum, children are free! There is a virtual tour to prepare your child to [watch here](#)

[The Postal Museum](#)

This place is fantastic, it has a train, pre visit video and sensory bags available at the ticket desk for your children to access, well worth a visit!

[Here is a link](#) of some accessible museums

Contact us here

autismsupportteam
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A Practical Approach
at Home for
Parents and Carers

Making Sense of Sensory Behaviour

Occupational Therapists are interested in the way in which our ability to make sense of our bodies and environments has an impact on what we do in areas such as (play, school, life skills, relationships, self-care tasks, learning). Occupational Therapists are often asked to explore the sensory issues that can limit an individual's ability to interact with others, their environment and perform meaningful activities. Much of the time they give advice/raise awareness of how sensory issues can help individuals engage. Any strategies given are taken on by the young person's main carer.

This booklet has been designed so that this information can be shared allowing those who care for a young person with sensory issues to plan for their day. Please click this link for more information.

[a5 booklet](#)



CHRISTMAS PARTY

CHILDREN & FAMILY

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025
3PM - 6PM

SILVERLOCK TRA HALL
WARNDON STREET SE16 2SB

FREE EVENT
RAFFLE, 5 TICKETS FOR £3



Parent Skills2Go
Community Interest Company

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Winter Food & Fun

FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN (0-8YEARS)

Date: Monday 22nd - Tuesday 23rd December 2025
Time: 10am - 2pm

Address: May Flower TRA 1
Neptune street
SE 16 7JP

Monday activities: crafts Music , games, lunch etc
Tuesday: Games, Christmas Lunch and a gift from Santa

For more Information
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AUTISM SUPPORT TEAM TOILET TRAINING FOR PARENT/CARER ONLY

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR AUTISTIC CHILD TO DEVELOP TOILETING SKILLS

In partnership with the Autism Education Trust (AET) we are offering Developing Toileting Skills Training for Parent + Carers of autistic children.

Aims:

- To develop knowledge of how to support autistic children to achieve toileting independence.
- To understand the importance of working with others to support autistic children to develop independent toileting skills

Learning objectives:

- Understand how autism can impact on children developing independent toileting skills.
- Understand the importance of all adults working together to support the development of **independent** toileting skills.
- Consider how to remove barriers to developing toileting skills and **how to make** reasonable adjustments to support further toileting independence.

Free Training Online Dates:

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| • 21 st October | 9.45 – 11.45 2025 |
| • 15 th December 2025 | 12.30 – 2.30 2025 |
| • 9 th February | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
| • 23 rd March | 12.30 – 2.30 2026 |
| • 18 th May | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
| • 23 rd July | 12.30 – 2.30 2026 |
| • 6 th August | 9.45 – 11.45 2026 |
| • 13 th August | 12.30 – 2.30 2026 |

Register [here](#)

Online Microsoft Teams Training Link will be sent to your email 2 days prior to start date of training.