

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 19th December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a busy final week with performances galore and Christmas parties to finish the term. I know you all enjoyed seeing your children. We managed to film some of the EYFS nativity and Year 1 performances of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' which you can watch using the following links:

Year 1: <https://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/rps-news/whoops-a-daisy-angel-video/>

EYFS: <https://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/rps-news/nursery-reception-nativity-video/>

Our Year 2 children certainly sparkled in their year 2 Twinkly Nativity on Friday.



And Year 3 & 4 shared really interesting information about Christmas traditions around the world.



Year 4 & 5 performed thought-provoking Christmas poems and sang some beautiful new Christmas songs. Well done to all our amazing children and a big thank you to all staff who made the performances happen.

Children's Book Project: I am extremely pleased to announce that we have been selected to receive books from the 'Children's Book Project' again this year. All children across the school were able to choose 2 books to take home this Christmas. We hope this will encourage them to do lots of reading during the holiday!

Hellos and Goodbyes: It is with sadness we say farewell to Salma (Whale Class). We thank her for her hard work and wish her well for the future. We welcome and say hello to Aliyah who will be teaching the class from January.

Have a great holiday! See you on Tuesday 6th January. Lisa (HoS)



Year 2 make Christingles!

In the final week of term Year 2 children made Christingles as part of their R.E. topic; "What do candles mean to people?" They learned that each part of the Christingle has a special meaning:

Candle – Jesus as the light of the world

Orange – World

Ribbon – Love

Sticks and sweets – The seasons and the good things in life

The children talked about how candles can symbolise hope and celebration, and the children loved creating their own Christingles!



Christmas Fair 2025



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Fair. Lots of parents attended and ensured this was a huge success. We hope you enjoyed the treats bought or won. All prizes were donated to the school many from members of staff.

The money raised from the fair helps us to put on events for our children and to purchase resources such as the books the children received as Christmas gifts at the end of term. Thank you!

Year 6 Blushing Dance!

One of our PE lessons each week this term has been focussed on dance. As a school we have been very grateful to have been supported by the Royal School of Ballet this year. They have led 2 training sessions for our Key Stage 2 teachers and provided a unit of dance teaching called 'Blushing'. The lessons use the song 'Sway' sung by Dean Martin. You can hear the song by following this link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXq-XdyGehk>

The dance unit teaches the children to think about direction and speed when dancing. It teaches them to include moments of stillness and to create interesting sequences of movement that also include synchronisation. The children had to work as partners and then as a trio and to also perform to each other.




Year 6 had a fantastic time exploring this unit. The pupils worked together with creativity and enthusiasm, producing some truly impressive performances.



How to wash your hands

There have been many 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](#)

Achievement Awards Christmas 2025

Turtle 	Myla	Myla has had a wonderful journey in nursery this year. Although her first group of peers moved up to reception, she has shown amazing resilience and confidence as she continues to grow. She quickly made new friends and became a kind, caring guide to others, showing the children around all areas of the nursery and always thinking of fun new games to play. Myla has become a confident and enthusiastic member of Turtle class, leading by example and showing what it means to be a great role model. We are so proud of her progress and her bravery. Well done Myla
	George	George started later in the term than the other children, however, he has settled well into Turtle class. He shows great resilience with his learning and always tries his best in all the learning activities. He has a flair for numbers and often pushes the boundaries of the task to higher numbers and extends his knowledge of math's vocabulary. If he is unsure about anything he will always ask to make sure, he has a good understanding of the explanation given before ending the conversation. Keep up the good work George.
Jellyfish 	Nathania	Nathania approaches every task with determination and enthusiasm. She is making steady progress across all areas of learning, but we have noticed the growth in Phonics and when working with numbers. Nathania is becoming more vocal in sharing her ideas and engaging in discussions. It's been a joy to see her skills developing this term. Keep up the good work!
	Yasmeen	Yasmeen consistently demonstrates a positive attitude towards learning, approaching every task with a willingness to try her best. She is always polite and well-mannered, showing kindness and respect to both peers and adults alike. Even when faced with challenges, Yasmeen does not shy away from the task ahead. Her determination and positive mindset will support her learning experiences.
Penguin 	Ashton	Ashton, for his fantastic progress in writing and phonics. Ashton has been trying really hard with his letter formation by continuing to write for pleasure on our independent writing table. He has also been doing some fantastic writing with adults. He has made great progress in phonics and is beginning to apply his learning by starting to orally blend sounds into words. We are very proud of you Ashton. Well done!
	Selai	Selai is a fantastic role model who always goes above and beyond. She always looks for learning opportunities in her play and supports other children with their learning too. Selai has great behaviour for learning. She tries hard when on the carpet by listening intently, participating and showing a keen interest. Selai is already working at a high level and we are really proud of her. Keep it up Selai!
Whale	Tekali	Tekali always shows great enthusiasm in his learning, is keen to help and is consistently ready to learn with a positive attitude. He tries his best every day, approaching his work with both positivity and a calm determined attitude. His willingness to participate, especially in partner activities has grown and he should be proud of his efforts this term.
	Katerina	Katerina has been an outstanding student this term. Her excellent manners, exceptional writing skills and strong work ethic make her a wonderful role model for the class. She approaches every task with a conscientious attitude to learning, applying herself in every subject and on every single day. She is reliable and kind and should be very proud of her achievements.

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Octopus	Harry	Harry has made lots of progress in writing this term. He now consistently demarcates sentences with punctuation. I am so impressed with the immaculate presentation of his work across the curriculum. His handwriting is beautiful! Keep it up.
	Catherine	Catherine is consistently engaged during lessons. She is always ready to participate and eager to impress. She responds well to praise and shows a strong desire to do her best. She is on a strong trajectory to excel.
Eden	Abdullah	Abdullah always puts great effort into his learning, and his curiosity is very admirable. He is a great role model, always follows instructions and helps other children. This term I have been very impressed with your mental maths and your enthusiasm in the lessons.
	Yong	Yong is hardworking and always goes above and beyond in her work. She is a model student and always makes the right choices. Yong is always ready to learn. This term, the improvement in her confidence has been great to see.
Tyne	Maryam	Maryam, for always trying her best in every lesson and showing kindness to everyone in the class. She has worked hard, listened carefully and helped make our classroom a happy place. Well done!
	Simon	Simon for showing fantastic enthusiasm for learning and making brilliant progress this term. You have joined in with a big smile, shared great ideas and never given up. We are so proud of you!
Avon	Israel	Israel has shown excellent effort when applying mathematical strategies. He has shown determination and a good attitude towards his learning, trying his best in every lesson and showing real perseverance when tackling new and challenging concepts. He has become increasingly confident in choosing and applying strategies. He has also made brilliant progress on Numbots, steadily moving up the levels. His hard work has helped strengthen his understanding and develop key skills. Well done and keep up the hard work!
	Leena	Leena approaches every lesson with enthusiasm, curiosity and a positive attitude. She is always eager to share her ideas with the class and contributes thoughtful comments. She is a brilliant listener who shows respect for her to her classmates. She consistently puts in her best effort, even when tasks are challenging and never gives up. She responds well to feedback and uses it to improve her work and grow as a learner. We are all proud of her commitment, resilience, kindness and hard work. Well done, Leena!
Peck	Alfie	Alfie has made excellent progress in Peck Class this year and we are very proud of his achievements. He is a focused and careful learner with a real appetite for knowledge. He shows this in all aspects of his work, from handwriting to science, Alfie is always striving to make his work great. He has really shone with regard to our Oracy focus. Alfie uses clear and precise language and full sentences to ensure his ideas are understood. Well done dude!
	Anaiah-Rae	Anaiah-Rae is a star! Every time she is on the carpet or at her desk, she is locked in and ready. She has an amazing attitude to every task because her focus is so diligent. Due to her impressive attitude and learning skills she is a role model for all and the progress she has made with her learning has really impressed us. Well done dude!



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Effra	Quan	Quan has demonstrated exceptional progress and achievement this year. His dedication to self-improvement and his receptiveness to feedback have been commendable. In both maths and science Quan's talent is evident. He is also supportive of his classmates, consistently offering assistance and encouragement. His positive attitude and diligent work ethic have greatly influenced those around him.
	Adam	Adam approaches reading, writing and math's with enthusiasm and determination, making fantastic progress through hard work and creativity. He shares his ideas clearly and confidently explaining what he has learned in a thoughtful articulate way. His politeness imagination and positive approach inspires others. Well done.
Brent	Miguel	Miguel has worked incredibly hard. He has shown remarkable determination and self-motivation, and I am extremely proud of all his hard work. Not only is he a true role model in his behaviour, his drive and passion for education is truly inspirational. He shines in maths – always seeking out new challenges. He has shown that hard work, perseverance even when thigs are tough, truly pay off. Well done Miguel!
	Christine B	Christine arrives at school each day with a bright smile and wonderful readiness to learn. She consistently uplifts her peers and works exceptionally well with all of her classmates. Her confidence has grown tremendously. She shows courage, often stepping out of her comfort zone to challenge herself and deepen her learning. She is never afraid to make mistakes and instead embraces them as valuable learning opportunities. Well done Christine!
Lea	Mohammed	Mohammed is a true role model in Lea class. He starts every day with a smile and a positive attitude! During lessons, he stays focused, shares his fantastic ideas and is helpful to those around him. Above all, he is respectful and kind to everyone he encounters. We are so lucky to have you in our class, Mohammed!
	Lina	Lina has made superb progress across the curriculum this term. This is down to the dedication she shows to her learning and her impressive ability to implement feedback immediately. Both her arithmetic skills and her handwriting are two areas in which she has made exceptional progress. I am so proud of you, Lina!
Thames	Ayana	For demonstrating exceptional growth in reading comprehension and writing skills. She consistently shows the ability to understand texts with depth and clarity, expressing ideas with creativity and precision. In addition, Ayana's thoughtful and pertinent contributions to class discussions have enriched the learning experience for everyone, reflecting both confidence and a genuine enthusiasm for learning. Thank you and well done!
	Ayan	This Autumn term, Ayaan has consistently demonstrated an exemplary work ethic and a proactive approach to all tasks. His kind and collaborative nature makes him a valuable member of the class, always willing to help his peers. In addition, Ayaan always shows excellent learning behaviour by listening attentively and applying feedback effectively. Thank you and keep it up!



Dates for your Diary

6.1.26	Children return to school
7.1.26	Recorder lessons start for year 5 Swimming lessons start for Effra class
8.1.26	Pioneer Dance starts back
9.1.26	9.30am new to reception open morning
13.1.26	EYFS/KS1 Reading parent workshop 9:00-9:30 am Sound Steps Assembly
14.1.26	KS2 Reading parent workshop 9:00-9:30 am
15.1.26	Groundwork parent coffee morning 9-9:45 am
18.1.26	Energy Saving Week
22.1.26	Effra class trip to the Garden Museum
23.1.26	'Midnight in the Toyshop' workshops for Reception and Year 2 children.
29.1.26	Groundwork parent coffee morning 9-9:45 am
3.2.26	Breck Foundation workshops Yr 3 & 4 and YR 5 & 6: Staying safe online First Debate Mate competition
5.2.26	Year 4 Parent Workshop – Multiplication check 3:45 pm
6.2.26	Time to Talk Day (mental Health and wellbeing)
9.2.26	Year 1 Parent Workshop – Phonics Screening check 3:45 pm Safer Internet Day LGBT – history week
12.2.26	Groundwork parent coffee morning 9-9:45 am
13.2.26	Break up for Half term
25.2.26	Pupil Led Review parents meeting (all classes except Brent)
26.2.26	IQM review Brent class Pupil Led Review parents meeting
2.3.26	Yr 1 Mock phonics check
3.3.26	Tyne class trip to the National Gallery Parents evening individual meetings
5.3.26	World Book Day
9.3.26 week	STEAM Week/Yr 6 Mock SATS Avon & Peck trip to the National Gallery
16.3.26 week	Parents meetings for children with SEND
21.3.26	World Poetry Day
23.3.26	Effra class trip - Royal Festival Hall
26.3.26	Achievement Awards KS2 Pioneer Dance finishes
27.3.26	Easter Bonnet Parade Achievement Awards KS1 Children break up for Easter

Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	87.4%	
Jellyfish	90.7%	
Octopus	85%	
Whale	85.4%	
Eden	94.7%	
Tyne	92.7%	
Avon	88.9%	
Peck	85.7%	
Effra	94.8%	
Brent	95.3%	
Lea	93.2%	
Thames	88%	

If children are unwell they should remain at home, but please **do not book holidays** during term time! This may lead to a penalty notice.

Reminder: Parents need to contact the school and let us know each day that a child is absent. If you have the Study bugs app, this makes it far easier for you to let us know. So, if you have not already signed up to study bugs, please do so by following this link:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

A Chubby Snowman

A chubby little snowman
Had a carrot nose.
Along came a bunny,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little bunny
Looking for some lunch,
Grabbed that snowman's nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!
-Anonymous

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We offer non-judgemental and
confidential support for
parents/carers of children with
anxiety, challenging behaviour,
and/or neurodiversity

Tea/coffee Morning

Time: 9:00- 9:45



Upcoming dates:

- 15th January: Introduction to the EWT
- 29th January: Selfcare & Managing Stress
- 12th February: Online Safety for Children

For more information please contact:
foluke.oshin@groundwork.org.uk



Millwall Breakfast and After School Clubs

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

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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.

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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](#)

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- Where to find local part-time and flexible jobs
- 10 great career ideas including Digital, SEN, Green roles..
- The Working in Education Course with a guaranteed interview
- The skills in parenting that employers are look for
- Links to 7 local family-friendly employers
- A 5-step action plan to make it happen!

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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

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