

RPS Weekly Newsletter

**Happy Bank
Holiday Weekend!!**



Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Bethany from Green Schools Project visited RPS on Monday. She delivered an assembly for years 2-6 on climate change. She encouraged the children to think about the impact that climate change is having on our planet and the actions that each of us can take to reduce our carbon footprint. She was really impressed with the scientific vocabulary that children used in their explanations.

What can we all do at school to help?

Eat more plant-based foods. Throw less food away. Buy local.



Turn down heating. Turn off lights and devices. Monitor energy use.

Buy and throwaway less. Repair items. Use reusable items more.



Drive cars less and walk, scooter and cycle more.

GREEN SCHOOLS PROJECT

How can we help the plants and animals in our local area?

Plant more bee-friendly plants and wildflowers.



Put out food for the birds and wood for insects.

Pick up litter in the playground and use a compost bin for food



Go on nature walks to identify and observe plants, and different

GREEN WILDLIFE PROJECT

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SCHOOLS
PROJECT

Bethany was interested to learn that one of the jobs of our gardening ambassadors is to compost the waste food from our classrooms. We also showed her our very own garden allotments and Forest School.

At RPS, we have a Climate Action plan which sets out action to improve our energy efficiency and promote sustainability. You can read how we are doing by clicking the following link: <https://rotherhitheprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Climate-Action-Plan-2025-26.pdf>

After that, she delivered workshops for the year 5 classes where she discussed green jobs with the children. She supported them to consider which jobs they thought could become more planet friendly in the future and how that might happen. Children also shared their project work with her and the ways in which they are reducing our school's carbon footprint.

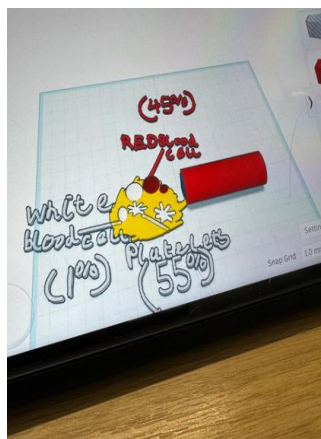
The weather has started to warm up at long last. Please remember on hot days to apply sunscreen on your children, ensure they have their water bottles and are appropriately dressed.

I hope everyone has a fantastic bank holiday weekend.



Year 6 love Tinkercad!

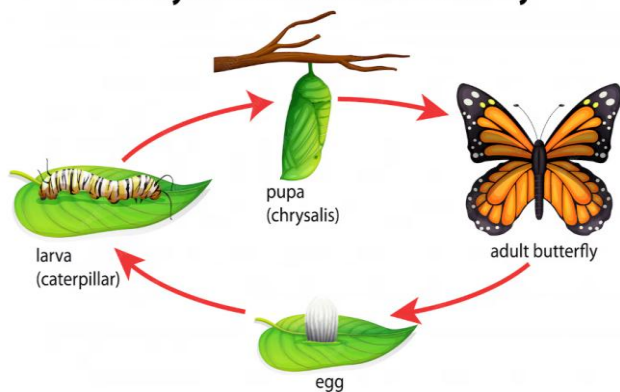
Year 6 applied skills from their learning in the 3D modelling programme *Tinkercad* to demonstrate their understanding of the components of blood. Pupils used resizing handles to adjust objects accurately, changed perspectives to position objects effectively, and applied colour and duplication tools to represent different components clearly. This practical activity strengthened their computing skills, while reinforcing key scientific knowledge through purposeful digital design.



Caterpillar Diaries!

Year 2 children Science Ambassadors, tell us all about the life cycle of a caterpillar.

Life Cycle of a Monarch Butterfly



They are brilliant at using correct scientific vocabulary as they show us the caterpillar in its different states. Can't wait to see them hatch into butterflies!

The children were also filmed by our year 6 Science Ambassadors.



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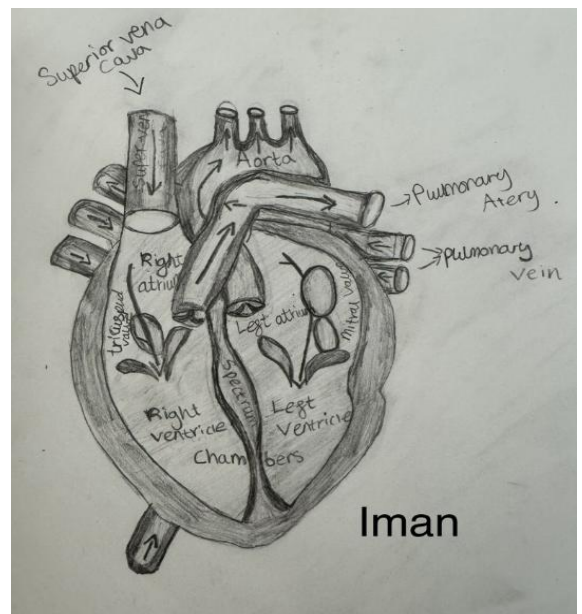
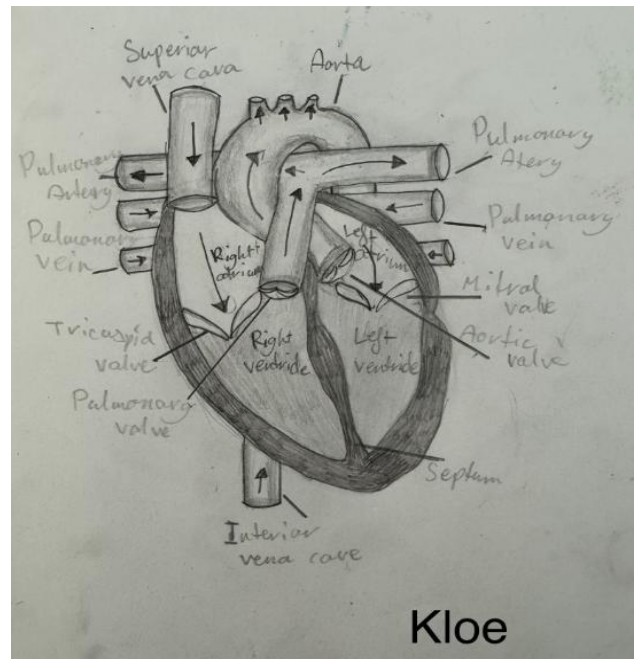
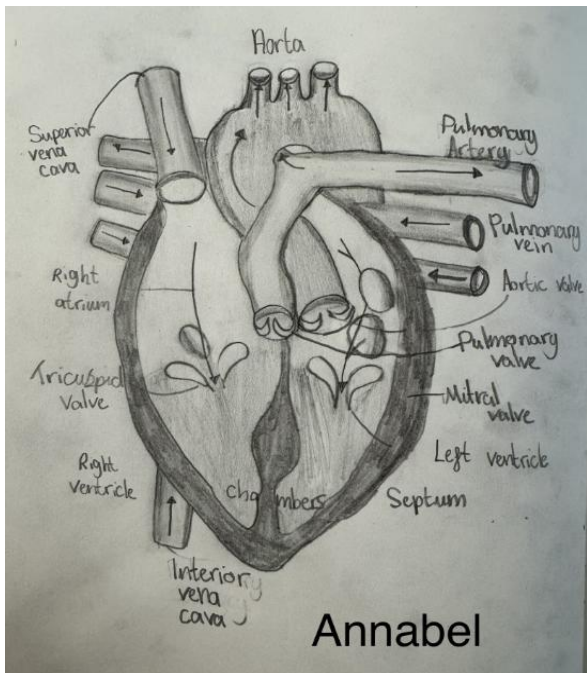


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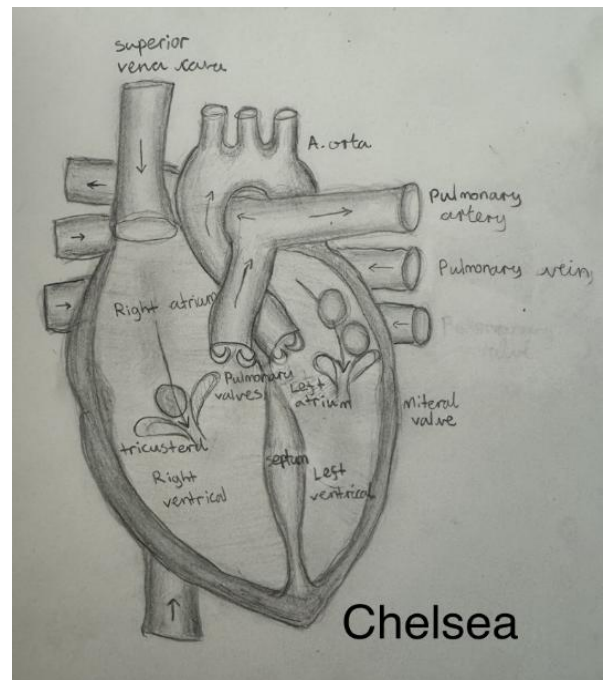
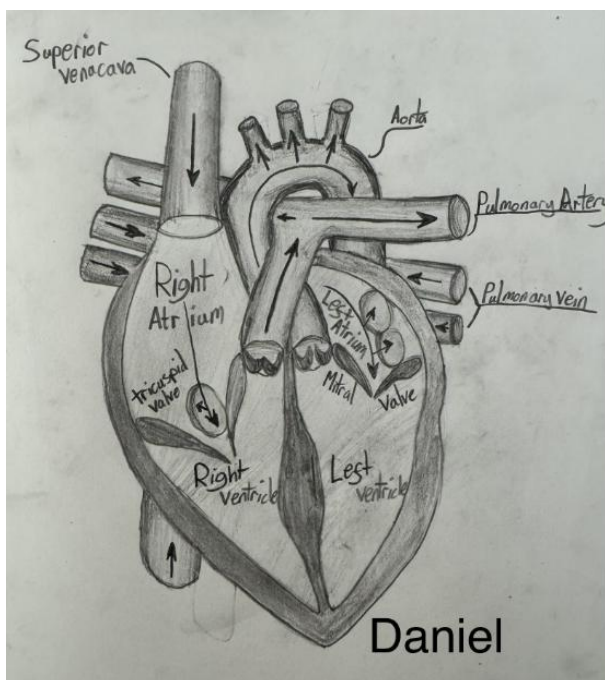


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The beating heart!



Year 6 combined art and science once again by creating detailed scientific diagrams of the heart. Pupils applied specific art techniques, such as careful shading, to add depth and accuracy to their drawings while reinforcing key scientific vocabulary. This activity also provided another valuable opportunity for pupils to orally rehearse and explain the movement of blood through the heart, supporting retention and deepening their understanding of the circulatory system.



Year 1 learn all about how seeds grow into plants!

In the first week of this term, Year 1 began their new science unit on Plants, focusing on understanding that seeds grow into plants.

The children learned how to plant a seed, carefully discussing what plants need to grow and following each step with enthusiasm. They enjoyed handling the seeds, soil and pots, and showed great care while planting them.

Since then, pupils have been closely observing their seeds and are already excited by how much they have grown. The children have been amazed to see real changes happening and are developing a strong understanding of how plants grow over time.

We look forward to continuing this learning journey and watching the plants grow further over the coming weeks!



Well done Olga!



We are very proud to announce that Olga, a much-loved teaching assistant at RPS, successfully ran and completed the London Marathon, last Sunday 26th May. She achieved this in a grueling 5 hours and 2 mins run!! Impressive! Well done, Olga!

If you would like to make a donation to either of the 2 charities she was supporting you still can at the following links:

- **Voice for Ukraine UK Fund** — a cause very close to my heart, where I'm personally involved. The organisation supports music schools and provides music therapy sessions for children in Ukraine.
https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign_id=BR59WW9PCVRLU
- **British-Ukrainian Aid** — doing incredible work delivering medical and humanitarian aid, as well as essential supplies and vehicles to Ukraine.
<https://2026tclondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/olga-skachko>

Star of the Week

Whale	Gulalai	Gulalai is Star of the Week for her fantastic effort in understanding place value. She initially found it challenging, but showed great determination and didn't give up. Through her hard work and perseverance, she made excellent progress and her efforts really paid off. Well done, Gulalai—keep up the great work!
Octopus	Yazmin	Has been really engaged with her maths learning both during input session and independent work at her table. She has been able to reason using correct vocabulary to justify her answers. Keep up the good work!! 😊
Tyne		This week's Star of the Week is Kenisha for her excellent work in clay! She worked very carefully to create a beautiful pinch pot, taking her time to shape it evenly and smoothly. Kenisha showed great focus and perseverance, listening closely to instructions and making thoughtful improvements as she worked.
Eden	Harley	Harley has been really focused on his learning this week and produced excellent work in his writing this week. He carefully thought out his adjectives to describe the dragon in our book for English called George and the Dragon.
Avon	Jude	Jude has shown fantastic creativity and skill in his artwork. He used charcoal to create beautiful shading, using a range of textures and tones in his drawings of prehistoric animals. Keep up the amazing work.
Peck	Carter	Carter performed excellently during our cricket PE lesson this week. He was excellent batting the ball with skill and control, but he excelled as a fielder, sprinting after the ball, modelling teamwork and keeping the game moving.
Effra	Hewad	Hewad is our Star of the Week for his confident and clear demonstration of how the ear works. He used excellent scientific language and presented like a pro. Well done!
Brent	Ayub	Ayub has shown great maturity and willingness to help his peers in Brent class this week. He has shown great kindness not only supporting his peers who have needed help but when cheering on his peers during PE this week. He has been such a great help, ensuring he encourages and motivates his classmates in all aspects of learning. He is a positive role model for the whole school. Very well-done Ayub.
Lea	Sofie	Sofie has produced some excellent writing this week. She has been ambitious in her vocabulary choice when writing a character description and has included some powerful similes too. I thoroughly enjoyed reading her work!
Thames	Roselyn	For sustained effort and resilience in progressing confidently in both reasoning and reading comprehension tasks. Well done!

Attendance Matters!

Good attendance really matters! Children with good attendance typically achieve to a higher standard and have more secure friendship groups. Where will your child be on the attendance ladder by the end of the academic year?

To acknowledge those children who are showing improving attendance we are awarding them with certificates in assembly.

Improved Attendance Awards went to.....

Rising to above 90%: Olivia, Rhyle, Isaiah W, Lottie

Rising to above 93%: Arlena, Rayan, Ramzy, Hassan

Rising to above 95%: Josie, Alex, Olivia, Amina



Attendance Ladder



Class Assemblies

As we are in the final term of the year, each class will deliver a class assembly for parents to watch.

Please make a note of the dates for your child's class assembly in your diaries. You are warmly invited and we do hope to see you there. First up is Lea class on Friday 22nd

Class	Date of Assembly
Lea Class	Friday 22 nd May at 10:30 am
Thames Class	Friday 12 th June at 10:30 am
Octopus Class	Thursday 25 th June at 10:30 am
Peck Class	Friday 19 th June at 10:30 am
Tyne	Thursday 2 nd July at 10:30 am
Effra Class	Friday 3 rd July at 10:30 am
Eden Class	Thursday 16 th July at 10:30 am
Avon Class	Friday 10 th July at 10:30 am
Whale Class	Tuesday 21 st July at 10:30 am
Brent Class	Friday 17 th July at 10:30 am

Dates for your Diary

5.5.26	School council trip to Rosecourt
Week starting 11th May	KS2 SATS. Monday SPaG, Tuesday Reading Wednesday and Thursday Maths.
13.5.26	Year 5 pupils Music Festival Queen Elizabeth Hall
15.5.26	Peter Pans Neverland – Perform 4 All performances for Years 1 & 2.
18-22nd May	Walk to School Week- challenge!
20.5.26	National Numeracy Day
22.5.26	London History Day Attendance party for those with 100% attendance in a half term block. Break up for half term
1.6.26	Children return to school
2.6.26	Thames National Portrait Gallery trip
4.6.26	Pioneer Dance starts back
8.6.26	Phonics Screening check and Year 4 MTC to be administered this week.
9.6.26	Thames Garden Museum Trip New Reception Parents meeting 9:30 am
12.6.26	Sport Inspired workshop for years 3 & 4
16.6.26	Year 3 & 4 to Sports Inspired Festival at the Salmon Centre Brent and Lea trip to the National Portrait Gallery
17.6.26	Year 1 & 2 Young Readers Event trip to at Canada Water.
19.6.26	Class photographs
Week beg 29.6.26	Parents meeting for children with SEND needs.
23.6.26	Year 6 Kooth wellbeing workshop- transitioning to secondary school
26.6.26	Spanish Day
1.7.27	Southwark School's Secondary School transition day
2.7.26	Year 6 Performance of Matilda to parents at 4:30 pm
3.7.26	Year 3 to attend Central School of Ballet workshops
6.7.27- 8.7.26	Year 6 residential trip
7.7.26	Years 1, 2 & 3 Sports Day
8.7.26	EYFS sports Day
9.7.26	Years 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day Pioneer Dance finishes
10.7.26	PTA Summer Fair
13.7.26	Meet your new teacher Parents evening
16.7.26	Year 6 Prom
22.7.27	11:30 Year 6 graduation ceremony End of year parties

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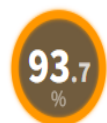
Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	89.3%	
Jellyfish	93.6%	
Octopus	95.5%	★
Whale	95.7%	★
Eden	97%	★
Tyne	98.3%	★
Avon	97.4%	★
Peck	96.2%	★
Effra	96.6%	★
Brent	96.8%	★
Lea	98.8%	★ ★
Thames	90.8%	

Please help us to improve our school attendance. Currently we fall below national expectations for attendance- 96%.



Attendance Week to Date

For All Pupils



Attendance School Year to Date

For All Pupils

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:

Studybugs

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AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

**STARTING 14TH APRIL
TIME: 3:30PM - 5:00PM**

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
TUESDAYS - ARTS, CRAFTS, SPORTS
WEDNESDAYS - KARATE AND SPORTS
THURSDAYS - COOKING AND SPORTS

**VENUE: THE LEWINGTON CENTRE
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Dulwich, SE22 8RB	Sundays	9:30-10:30am
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Applications open to join the Royal Ballet and Youth Opera free programmes

Applications are now open to join the Royal Ballet and Opera's Youth Opera Programmes. We are inviting young singers aged 8–11 (on 1 September 2026), living in and around London, to apply to join our **Young Voices** programme and **Youth Opera Company** this September.

Applications close at **midnight on Sunday 10 May.**

Both programmes are **free** and offer an exciting opportunity for young people to develop their singing, performance skills, and confidence.



Young Voices (Ages 8-9)

A six-month singing training programme developing vocal skills and musical understanding and vocal skills, with performance opportunities in showcases at the **Royal Opera House**.

Youth Opera Company (ages 9–11)

A multi-year programme offering all-round training in the performing arts. Members develop vocal technique, language, stagecraft, musical literacy and creative skills. They also have opportunities to create and perform their own new operas, and to audition for the Children's Chorus, who perform in productions on the Royal Opera House main stage.

Current members say:

"It has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life. Before I joined YOC, I was a bit hesitant about opera, but I now really enjoy it!"

— **2025 Youth Opera Company member**

"YOC is really special because I've met lots of other young people who like singing, like me. I've also loved performing on the Royal Opera main stage in The Magic Flute and in Hansel and Gretel."

— **2026 Youth Opera Company member**

Find out more and apply here: [RBO Youth Opera Programmes](#)

Applications close at midnight on Sunday 10 May. If you have any questions, or run into any issues completing the application form, please do get in touch at youthopera@roh.org.uk.

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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- Supportive Community**
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Who We're Looking For
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- Creative, patient and resilient.
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Southwark Park now has a **Junior parkrun!**

Junior parkrun is a free 2km event for children aged 4–14. Children can take part on their own or with a parent, and they are welcome to walk, skip, jog or run. We have marshals all the way around the course.

Junior parkrun takes place every Sunday in Southwark Park at 9:00am, with a warm-up starting 10 minutes beforehand. It is **free**, and families just need to register once to get a barcode for each child. The barcode lets children record their times and work towards milestone wristbands after 11, 21, 50, 100 and 250 runs.

Registration is a one off and can be done at <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

The start and finish are just outside the cafe in Southwark Park, and all details are on the website: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/southwark-juniors/>.