

RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week we have had! We celebrated a range of themed days including, National Numeracy Day, skipping workshops, Children's Book Project reading cafes and we concluded the week with London History Day on Friday as well as a Key Stage 1 National Literacy Young Readers picnic. Phew! I am sure both children and staff are now ready for a well-earned half-term break!

Year 5 Queen Elizabeth Hall concert is now available on the RPS blog [Click link.](#)



Year 4 have been bringing their Spanish learning to life by performing café role plays. Using their *Menú del día*, the children worked in pairs to practise and perform conversations.

It has been wonderful to see them collaborating and developing their speaking skills in such a fun and practical way.

¡Buen trabajo! [Click this link.](#)

Lea Class delivered the first, class assembly of the year on Friday. Class assemblies provide children with the opportunity to develop their oracy skills while sharing their learning. The children presented to Key Stage 2 pupils and their parents about the Maya civilisation, an ancient culture from the region now known as Central America. They did a fantastic job and finished with a catchy song. Well done, Lea Class!



Have a wonderful half-term break. I look forward to welcoming you all back on

Monday 1st June.

Lisa (Head of School)

Isambard Kingdom Brunel



As part of London History Day, children across the school learned about the great engineer **Isambard Kingdom Brunel**.

Brunel was a pioneering Victorian engineer who designed tunnels, bridges and ships. Locally, he designed the **Thames Tunnel**, the first tunnel ever built under a river, linking Rotherhithe and Wapping. Originally designed for horse-drawn carriages, it became a popular tourist attraction for pedestrians. In 1869, it was converted into a railway tunnel and is still in use today.

Reception children took part in a range of activities to explore how the Thames Tunnel was built and who was involved in its construction



Tyne class visit the Brunel Museum and the Thames Tunnel



Tyne Class had a fantastic trip to the Brunel Museum! They learned all about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and his amazing ideas. The highlight was seeing the Thames Tunnel and learning about the challenges faced during its construction. The children asked thoughtful questions and showed great enthusiasm throughout the visit. Everyone had lots of fun exploring, asking questions, and learning something new. It was an exciting and memorable day for everyone.



Linking History and Design Technology



Tyne Class explored the history of the Rotherhithe Tunnel by thinking about how it was built in the past. Inspired by the work of Brunel and other engineers, they designed and created their own tunnels using junk modelling materials. This helped the children to understand the challenges builders faced and how materials and design were used to construct tunnels long ago.



National Numeracy Day 2026

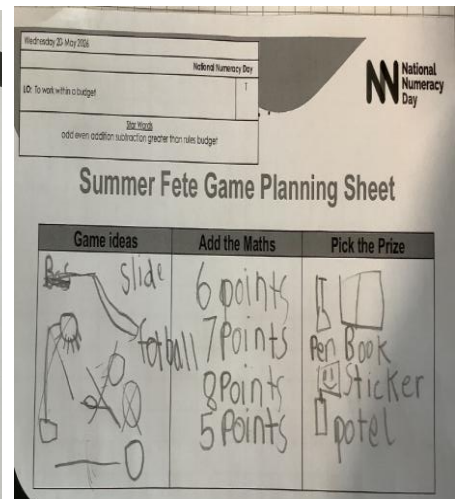
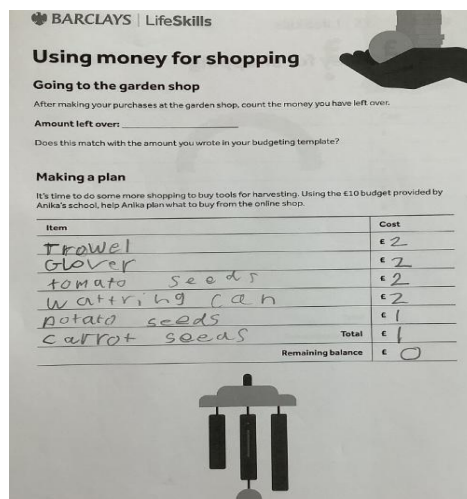
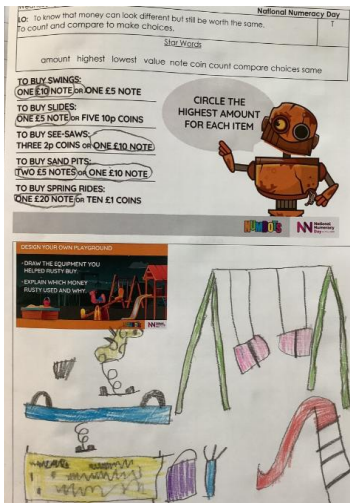
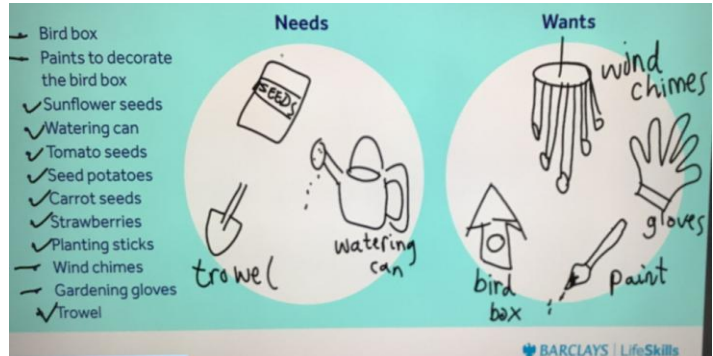
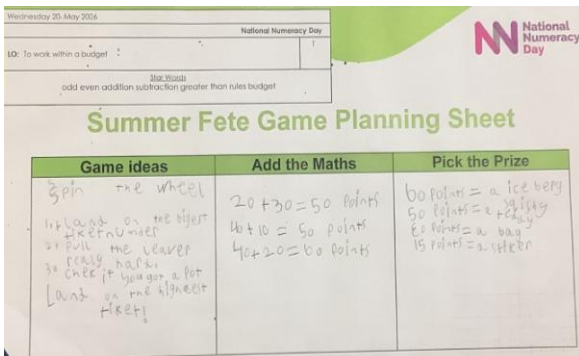
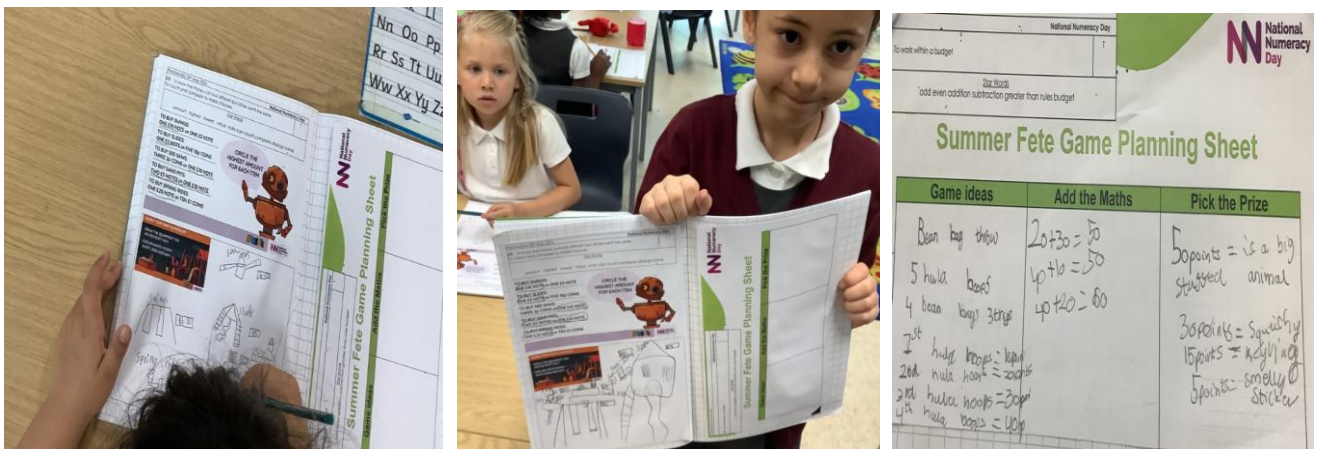
National Numeracy Day is the UK's only campaign dedicated to improving everyday maths confidence.

Key Stage 1

Pupils took part in practical activities, including:

- Counting money
- Budgeting for purchases
- Identifying needs versus wants

They carefully selected items within a set budget, applying their mathematical knowledge in real-life contexts.



National Numeracy Day

Children in Key Stage 2, enjoyed an engaging and purposeful morning of Numeracy, where they took part in a live 'Would You Rather?' webinar, encouraging them to think critically and justify their answers using mathematical reasoning.

Pupils also explored financial literacy through practical activities, including budgeting for a school fête, which allowed them to apply their understanding of money in a real-life context. They further investigated how numeracy is used in hobbies and sports and developed their problem-solving skills by comparing prices to find the best value for money.

Throughout the morning, the children worked collaboratively, demonstrating strong communication skills and enthusiasm for applying mathematics in meaningful and relevant ways.

Year 4 also enjoyed completing Times Tables Rock Stars challenges in preparation for the Multiplication Check.



National Literacy Trust - Young Readers Picnic



On Friday, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils enjoyed reading outdoors in the sunshine with their new books, generously provided by the National Literacy Trust.

This event is part of a series of reading opportunities designed to foster a love of reading. Children enjoyed exploring new stories and sharing their books, which we hope they will continue to enjoy at home.



Change your story



Children's Book Project – Reading Cafés



I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Children's Book Project for donating two books to every child. Throughout the week, reading cafés were held where children could choose their new books. Parents were invited to attend and support their children with book selection.

Class Assemblies

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

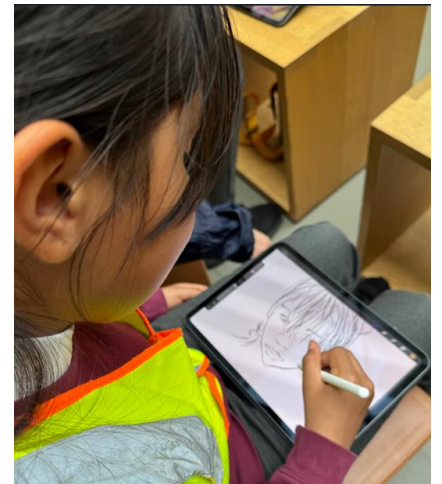
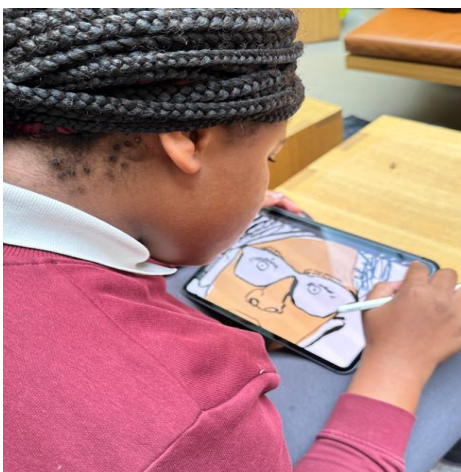
Please make a note of the dates for your child's class assembly in your diaries. You are warmly invited and we do hope to see you there. Next up is Thames class.

Class	Date of Assembly
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

Year 6 Artist at work and Apple Store Trip



Year 6 pupils have begun an exciting sculpture project focused on self-expression. They have been encouraged to create a piece that represents something about themselves and their memories of primary school, exploring their ideas freely and creatively. This open-ended approach has supported creativity, individuality, and confidence in artistic expression.



Year 6 combined art and technology at the Apple Store today where they explored the apps 'Freeform' and 'ProCreate'. They used photography, adjusting tones and brush strokes to create a portrait.

It was useful to learn how to shade whole sections of my portrait and learning new functions such as double tapping to erase.
-Adel

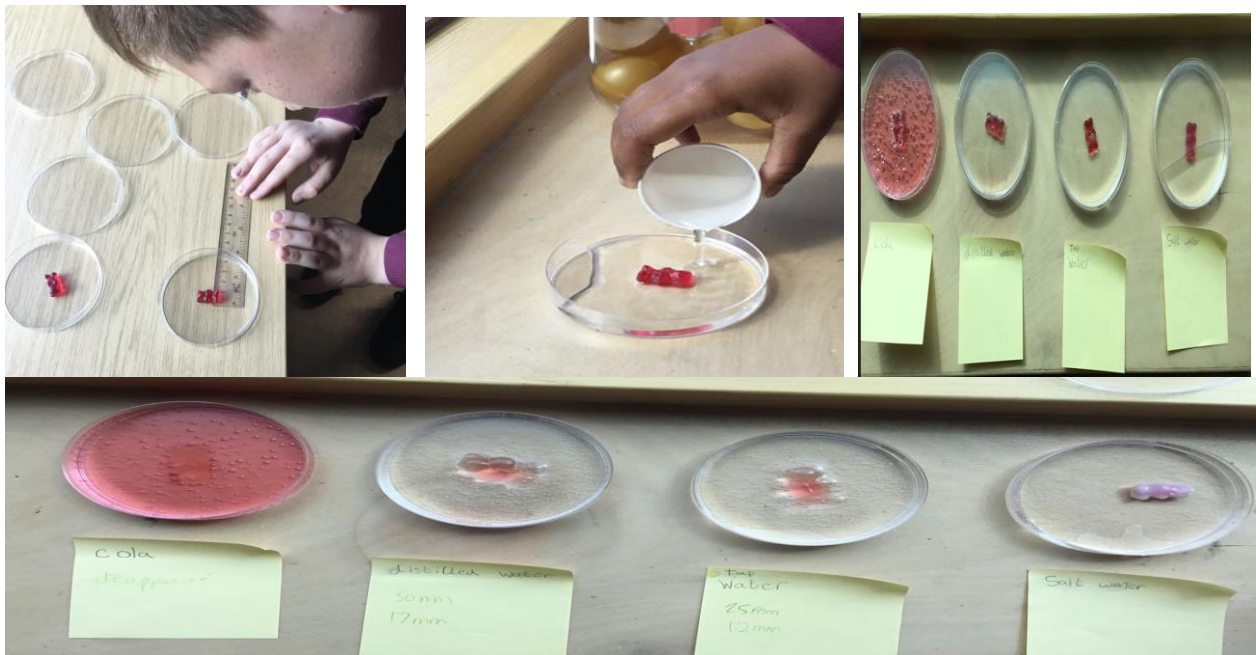
Combining different layers of lines and tones was interesting
-Tyrone

It was very interactive
-Hudson



Year 6 investigate osmosis and diffusion!

Year 6 have been investigating how substances move within the body by exploring osmosis and diffusion. Using gummy bears placed in different solutes, pupils observed how the solvent moved between areas of high and low concentration. This helped them understand how particles travel across membranes, linking the experiment to how nutrients are transported in the human body. Through this hands-on investigation, pupils made predictions, recorded results, and drew conclusions, developing a deeper and more secure understanding of these key scientific concepts.




TALKING TUESDAYS


ORACY HAND SIGNALS

I agree because... 

I disagree because... 

I challenge that because... 

I would like to build on what has been said... 

Linking to what has been said... 

“Weekends should be 3 days long”



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!

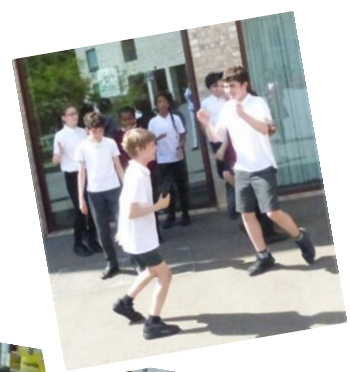
Star of the Week

Whale	Annie	Annie has been chosen as Star of the Week for her fantastic progress in writing. Since January, her writing has improved significantly, and she is now working at a Year 1 standard. She shows a very positive attitude towards her learning and makes excellent use of available resources to support her writing, helping her to become more independent and confident. Well done, Annie!
Octopus	The Whole Class	Octopus Class has had a brilliant final week of the half term. They represented themselves extremely well during the skipping, theatre and reading workshops. Well done! 😊
Tyne	Amina	During our special skipping workshop, Amina listened carefully to instructions and showed excellent focus and enthusiasm throughout. She impressed us all by becoming our skipping "Top Banana", achieving an amazing 181 skips in just two minutes! Most importantly, she approached the activity with a big smile and lots of enjoyment.
Eden	Lily-May	This week, Lily-May has really impressed with her focus and contributions to class discussions, particularly in writing. Keep up the great work!
Avon	Leena	This week, Leena has shown pride, care and progress in her handwriting. She has worked hard to improve her letter formation, resulting in clearer and neater writing..
Peck	Jeronimo	Jeronimo performed excellently in a recent science assessment. He has worked hard throughout the term, and his understanding of key vocabulary really shone through in the test. Well done!
Effra	Aiya & Adam	Aiya and Adam are recognised for their confidence and enthusiasm in showcasing their Spanish-speaking skills on the school website. They spoke clearly and confidently throughout. Well done to both of you!
Brent	Caylib	Caylib has shown fantastic determination towards his learning this week. At times when he has struggled, he did not give up; instead, he showed resilience and worked even harder to understand challenging concepts. Very well done, Caylib — keep up the hard work! 😊
Lea		Mark demonstrated great imagination and creativity in our class assembly this week, projecting his voice clearly and adding actions to engage the audience. A true performer — well done, Mark!
Thames	Kamai	Kamai has shown remarkable confidence by auditioning and willingly taking on speaking roles in the Year 6 production. Well done and thank you!

Attendance Parties!

On Friday, children who had attended school every day for the previous half term got to attend a special attendance party. They had popcorn, ice poles and danced and sang along to music. They enjoyed using the new microphones and leading the party in the playground or if they preferred they were able to do quieter art-based activities in the foyer.




Attendance Ladder



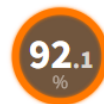
Dates for your Diary

1.6.26	Children return to school
2.6.26	Thames National Portrait Gallery trip
3.6.26	Year 6 movie night
4.6.26	Pioneer Dance starts back
5.6.26	Year 5 movie night
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 Year 4 movie night
10.6.26	Year 3 movie night
11.6.26	Year 2 & Year 5 Fire Safety workshops
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 Year 2 movie night
17.6.26	Year 1 & 2 Young Readers Event trip to Canada Water. Year 1 movie night
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
29.6.26	Year 5 & 6 trip to the Greenwich Observatory
1.7.26	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
6.7.26	Years 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day
7.7.26	Years 1, 2 & 3 Sports Day
8.7.26	EYFS sports Day
8-10 th July	Year 6 Residential Trip to Truleigh
9.7.26	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 Break up for the summer holiday

Attendance Matters

Class	Weekly percentage	Star attendance winners
Penguin	94.8%	
Jellyfish	92.9%	
Octopus	89.6%	
Whale	91.7%	
Eden	98.3%	
Tyne	94.8%	
Avon	98.2%	
Peck	94.1%	
Effra	96.2%	
Brent	93.2%	
Lea	94.6%	
Thames	80.3%	

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 !\[\]\(07549ea8c24e6a9587f5e27f215997c7_img.jpg\)](#)

Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud.
Maya Angelou



Half Term Programme

MINI MARATHON PRACTICE/HEATS

Tuesday 26th May, 2026 **Time:**
at Southwark Park SE16 2TX 10am -1pm
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MINI MARATHON FUNDRAISING EVENT

Wednesday 27th May, 2026 **Time:**
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at The SurreyQuays Side

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Price: £110 (£20 for local parents & carers)

How to book: via our webpage

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All training is in English. Unfortunately no crèche is available.

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It is relevant for use with children and young people with a wide range of needs and across a range of settings, for example in the nursery, school, college and home.

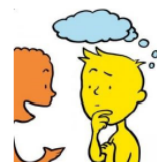
Course Outline:

- To introduce you to the background and principles of Talking Mats
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- To video a talking mat in practice

Course Objectives:

At the end of the course you should be able to:

- Identify and explore relevant topics for a Talking Mat
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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 process and can be completed online @ <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/>.