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Roughwood Primary School Newsletter

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Mental Health Week:

This year's Mental Health Week was focused on Community. Being part of a safe, positive community is vital for our mental health and wellbeing. We thrive when we have strong connections with other people and supportive communities that remind us we are not alone. On Monday we started with connecting with our community – we used conversation starters to connect, talk and share stories with our friends and peers. On Tuesday we focused on giving back to our community – we used compliment cards to bring a smile to members of our school community. Wednesday's focus was being active – playing exciting physical games with our Sports Leaders. Thursday's focus was to take notice of your community – we completed nature scavenger hunts in our playgrounds. Learning new things was our focus for Friday – We tried new games on the yard, which were enjoyed by all! We have had an excellent week and have thought about how special our school community is and how best to look after our mental health!



Leaf - Wentworth Farm Visit:

The children in the LEAF had so much fun becoming mini farm handlers. We had such a fantastic day with our grown ups and friends. We stroked the animals, brushed the pony's hair and fed the animals. We then explored the pirate ship where we had so much fun climbing, playing in the water and zooming down the slides!



Using AI to Inspire Writing:

In Chestnuts today, we have been writing short imaginative captions independently. Miss Whittington challenged us to write a funny sentence about an animal. We went off and independently wrote sentences. Once we had written them, she inputted our sentences into AI to turn them into cartoon pictures. We had so much fun thinking of the funniest things animals could do.



Exploring Inheritance in Year 6:

In our science lesson, Year 6 investigated how reproduction leads to offspring and how we inherit genes from our parents. We sorted and matched traits in humans and animals, discovering that while we share genes with our family, we are all unique – even compared to our siblings!



Butterflies in Acorns:

We have been reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* in class. We learnt about the lifecycle of a butterfly. Rosie's mum gave us some caterpillars so we could watch the lifecycle. After leaving them for 2 days to harden we had to put the chrysalis in the butterfly garden to keep them safe. 10 days later the butterflies emerged. We had circle time to look carefully at the butterflies and ask questions. We loved looking carefully at them. We are going to let them free. Take a look at our video of us letting the butterflies free:

<https://roughwoodprimary.org/2025/06/02/butterflies-fly-free/>



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Soup Making at Cooking Club:

In our after school club we made vegetable soup. We cut up our seasonal vegetables and put them into the soup maker. We added water and a vegetable stock before turning it on. It took 21 minutes to cook so we waited patiently and listened for the cooking noises. When it was finished it was too hot to try, so we had to take it outside to help it cool. When we tried a sip it was so yummy!



Word Classes Song in Class 2:

In Class 2, we have been learning about word classes, which are different types of words like nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. To help us remember them, we learnt a fun song that helped us practise the different word types. Take a look at our video: <https://roughwoodprimary.org/2025/06/12/word-classes-song/>

School Council Project Update:

Our School Counselors have been busy behind the scenes working on our 2024-2025 Project.

We first met and decided our project would be petitioning & improving our Key Stage 2 toilets. We spoke with our peers and collected pupil voice, then jointly wrote a letter to Mr Williams explaining our plan and gaining his support. Our next step was to start work on some design ideas to pass on to our School Governors. We have submitted our designs and what we believe the new spaces need. Mr Williams has taken our plans to the Governors! We will keep you posted!

Anti-Bullying Theatre Production:

We have been so lucky to have been visited by Tair Rafiq, his wonderful touring theatre company and Ann Foxley Johnson. The whole school enjoyed a performance of "The Haunting of Lenny Maggot" a play which focused on good and bad choices and the importance of repairing relationships and being kind to others. The show was amazing, and the children loved joining in and following Lenny Maggot's journey. We also had a special message from Ann Foxley Johnson, a reminder to always treat people with kindness! Our Year 3 & 4 classes also enjoyed a workshop with the theatre company. This workshop focused on bringing kindness to school, family & friends and the children also practiced some performance techniques!



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Notices:



Tuesday 17th June:

Key Stage 2 children will be taking part in our 'One Voice' concert at Magna. This is part of our school music curriculum. Please ensure you have given consent via Arbor. Tickets are available to purchase please follow the link:
<https://www.rotherhammusic.co.uk/events/tickets>



Thursday 19th June:

Little Acorns and Acorns children and parents will be visiting Cleethorpes! We are very excited for the trip to the seaside.

Friday 20th June:

Your child will be bringing home their End of Year reports. Please take the time to read these with your child and celebrate their achievements this school year.

Y3/Y4 Edale Residential:

Our Y3/Y4 children are going on their residential trip on Monday 23rd June - Tuesday 24th June. We will share the link to the blog so you can follow their adventures! Parents/Carers should have received final details from the class teacher. Please message on dojo if you have any questions.

Wednesday 25th June:

Author Peter Murray will be visiting school again. More information will be sent out to parents/carers.

Thursday 26th June:

Class 5 will be visiting the Rotherham Minster to take part in their singing project. Please ensure you give consent on Arbor for your child to attend and inform school of whether your child will be collected from the minster or returning to school for collection.

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Parents Evening:

Monday 30th June is our final parents evening for EYFS - Y5 children. If you feel you would like an appointment with the class teacher please book this on Arbor however there is no obligation to do so you can drop into school any time from 3:15pm - 6pm to look at your child's learning in class.



Our Target is **96%**. Remember everyday matters at school.

We always call if we have no reason why children are not in school. Please inform the office if your child is not able to attend.

Please be aware that we cannot release children early from school without seeing an appointment letter or card.