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Roughwood Primary School Newsletter

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We would like to warmly welcome everyone back to the start of the Summer Term - can you believe it is the end of April already!? It has been wonderful to see the children return refreshed and ready to learn, settling quickly back into school with enthusiasm and positivity.

A tasty way to learn about the components of blood in Y6

In Year 6's science lesson, we learned about the components of blood using sweets! We used water for plasma (55%), sweets for red blood cells (44%), and small amounts of marshmallows and sprinkles for white blood cells (0.5% each).

We then put everything into a jar and learned how each part helps keep our bodies alive, from carrying oxygen to fighting infection and helping blood clot. A fun and memorable lesson!



Year 3 Visit the Community Church

This week, the children in Year 3 learnt about Stories from the bible as part of their visit in St Johns Church in our local community.

The children learnt about the different parts of the Church such as the pulpit, the font and the altar. Before we left, all children got to complete a quiz at the end of their visit.



Y45 takes Maths outside in the sunshine

Year 5 enjoyed an exciting outdoor maths lesson this week, bringing their learning to life in the fresh air! The children used chalk to draw large rectangles on the playground, helping them to visualise and calculate the perimeter of different shapes.

The children worked collaboratively, discussing ideas and testing different possibilities, using the space around them to experiment and refine their answers. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm, teamwork and problem solving skills.

A brilliant way to combine maths, creativity and the outdoors - well done, Year 5!



HELP! The vegetables are stuck in ice!

In science, Chestnuts have been looking at the changing process of water to ice. We cut up different vegetables and sat them in bags of water. To freeze them, they were placed in the freezer overnight. We were left with bags of solid ice.

The children worked in teams using their new learning skill of the week 'Captain Teamwork' to try to melt the ice and free vegetables. We were given 10 minutes to melt the ice as quickly as possible. The children tried lots of methods such as sitting on it, breathing on it and hugging it to melt the ice.

The children came to the conclusion that for the ice to melt it needed to be warmed up. We tried our very hardest to make the ice as warm as possible and change it back to water!



Rotherham United Half Time Cup

An incredible day of football at Parkgate Astro as children from Year 5 & 6 competed in the Rotherham United Half Time Cup 2nd round. The children got off to a slow start losing their first game and need to win all their remaining games to progress to the finals. They were up for the challenge winning all their remaining games, winning the group and progressing to the final at the New York Stadium during half time between Rotherham United and Reading. Outstanding resilience shown throughout and amazing to see the children's hard work pay off.



13:31 5G 75%

Standings

Group phase Phase 2 Phase 3

Group A		PLD	PTS	GD
1	Roughwood Primary	5	12	3
2	Ravenfield Primary	5	10	6
3	Greasborough Primary	5	8	2
4	Waverley Primary Academy	5	7	0
5	Redscope Primary	5	3	-6
6	Whiston J&I	5	2	-5

Reading Tip

Talk about the books your child is reading by asking open -ended questions to improve comprehension. These tips can help foster a love for reading and enhance children's literacy skills.

Kindness Corner

A kindness tree is a great visual representation of your kids' acts of kindness. You can make it out of paper, stick it on the wall or use a branch. Each time your children perform a kind act, they can write it on a leaf and add it to the tree.

Quick activity to share with your children!

Play the ABC Game! Name a topic and each person will name An item that start with their letter to match what topic you've Chosen! This is a great game to play whilst eating your dinner together.

For example:

Topic: **Animals**

Person 1: Ant **Person 2:** Bee **Person 3:** Cat **Person 1:** Dog etc etc



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NOTICES/UPDATES:

Please encourage an open conversation with your child about Road and Car Safety. Young children learn by observing adults. Always set a good example by following traffic rules, using seatbelts whilst in a vehicle, using pedestrian crossings if walking and staying alert near roads. Keep children on the side of the path furthest from traffic and hold their hands.

Monday 4th May - School closed May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 11th May - The start of SATs week

Friday 22nd May - School closed Inset Day

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May - Half term

Monday 1st June - School reopens

Final Thoughts

As we continue through the final term of this school year, we are excited for the many opportunities ahead, including new topics, more outdoor learning and special events.

The children have already made a fantastic start, and we are proud of their enthusiasm and positive attitudes.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support - it makes a real difference. We look forward to working together to ensure a happy, successful and rewarding term for all our children, parents and staff.

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new" - Albert Einstein

Your Class Attendance



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.