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## Roughwood Primary School Newsletter

### **21st May 2026**

*As we wrap up the first half of summer term, we want to take a moment to celebrate everything our brilliant children have achieved over the last few weeks. It has been a packed and joyful term, and a well-deserved break awaits us all!*

#### **Class 4 and Class 6 Showcase Their Musical Talents!**

Children in Class 4 and Class 6 performed alongside other children from other schools across Rotherham at one of local secondary schools - Winterhill. We have kept our strong relationship with the Rotherham Music Service as we strive for continued musical excellence at Willow Tree Academy.

The children delivered a joyful and energetic concert performance, showcasing their talents on djembes and ukuleles.

Their teamwork, rhythm, and enthusiasm created a lively atmosphere that entertained and impressed the audience. The concert highlighted the children's creativity, confidence, and love of music, and it was a pleasure for our learners to listen to the older children from Winterhill perform on their instruments too.

Take a look at some 'snap shots' from our wonderful performance.



## Self Portraits in Year 6

Year 6 have been developing their artistic skills through a fantastic self portrait this term. We began by practicing sketching techniques in our sketchbooks before using photographs of ourselves to explore symmetry in our sketchbooks before using photographs of ourselves to explore symmetry by completing the missing half of our portraits.

The children moved on to creating their final published pieces, choosing from a range of artistic styles we had explored in previous lessons. These include cubism, realism, cartoon-inspired art, pencil sketching and surrealism. It was wonderful to see each child's creativity and individuality shine through their work!



## Special Visitors

We have had some special visitors come into school! There were minibeasts as well as a rabbit, a guinea pig, a skinny pig!!, a mouse and a snake.



The Millipede tickled our hand as she walked!

A tortoise is sooooo slow!

The snake was friendly but felt cold.

The mouse was so cute.

A skinny pig has no hair!

The rabbit was so soft.



We loved stroking all the animals. Our grown ups were so proud because even if we scared we still tried

## Rotherham Hospice & Rotherham School Games - Colour Run

What a fantastic morning Year 6 children had at the Rotherham Hospice KS2 Colour Run. After completing their SATs earlier in the week it was amazing to see the children enjoying themselves with their friends participating in the run. All the children raised an incredible amount of money for such an amazing charity - well done!



### Reading Tip

Children are great mimics - let them see you read! Whether it's a novel, a newspaper or a magazine - it sends a powerful message to your children.

### Kindness Corner

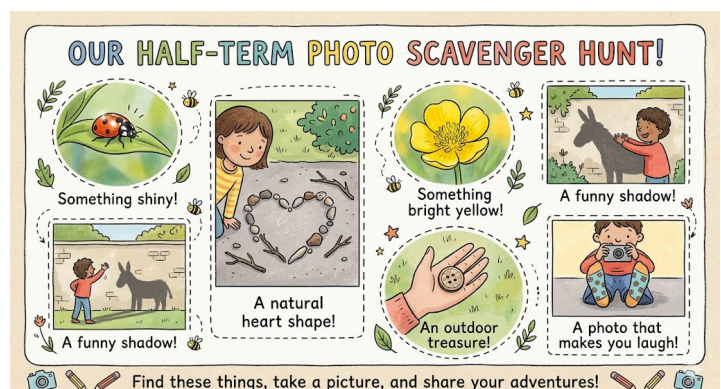
Kindness isn't just for people; it's for our planet too! Over the half-term break, show some kindness to the nature around you. You could build a small "bug hotel" in the garden out of sticks and leaves, put a shallow dish of water for the birds and bees in the warm weather, or pick up three pieces of litter when you visit the park.

### Quick activity to share with your children!

A photo scavenger hunt! Give your child a camera and a list of things to find on a walk or in your garden.

For example: *something shiny, a heart-shaped leaf, something bright yellow or a funny shadow!*

It's great way to keep children walking without any complaints - enjoy!



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## NOTICES/UPDATES:

A massive well done to our Year 6 children for completing their SATs! Their hard work, resilience, and focus over the last few weeks have been fantastic to see. We are incredibly proud of every single one of you. Take a bow Year 6, and enjoy the holidays!

**Friday 22nd May** - School closed Inset Day

**Monday 25th - Friday 29th May** - Half term

**Monday 1st June** - School reopens

**Tuesday 9th June** - EYFS Space Event - Wonderdome. Please sign up on Arbor.

**Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th June** - Residential to Eyam

**Thursday 11th June** - Day Visit to Eyam

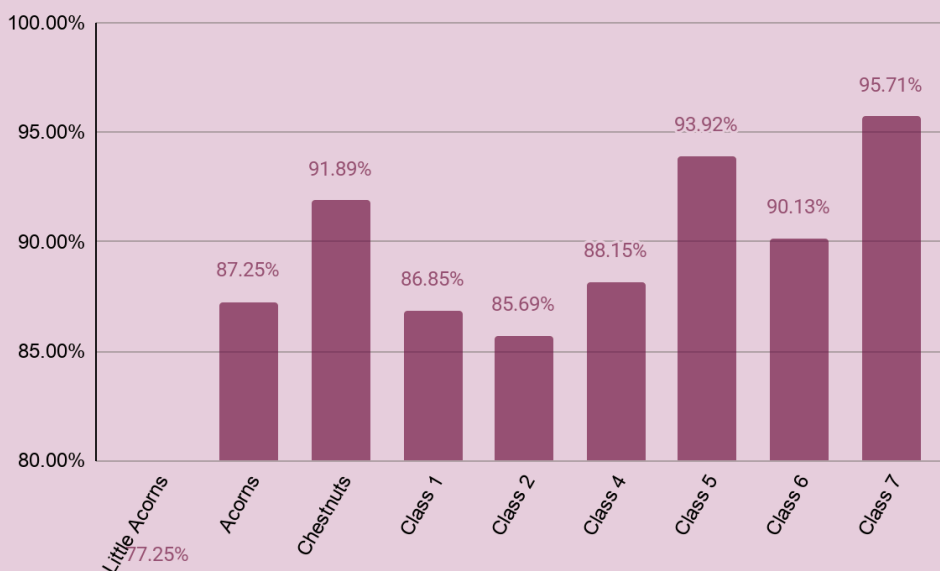
### Final Thoughts

We hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing half-term break next week. When we return, we will be entering the final seven weeks of the academic year. It is always a packed, exciting, and fast-moving term filled with sports days, summer visits, and transition days as we prepare the children for their next big steps.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready on the 1st June.

*"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."*  
Arthur Ashe

**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.