



Headteacher's Newsletter

Friday 23rd May 2025

Dates for the diary

Monday 2 nd June 2025	Summer 2 term starts
Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	School Council trip to Houses of Parliament
Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	Parent Gym Week 4
Tuesday 9 th June 2025	Nursery + Reception Sports Day
Tuesday 10 th June 2025	Reception trip to Willows Farm
Thursday 12 th June 2025	Eid Celebration
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	KS1 Sports Day (morning)
Monday 23 rd June 2025	Year 2 Science trip
Tuesday 24 th June 2025	Parent Gym Week 5
Wednesday 25 th June 2025	KS2 Sports Day (morning)
Tuesday 1 st July 2025	Parent Gym Week 6
Wednesday 2 nd July 2025	1MS trip to Woodberry Wetlands
Friday 4 th July 2025	1SP trip to Woodberry Wetlands
Tuesday 8 th July 2025	1SG trip to Woodberry Wetlands
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Reception Summer Dance Show
Friday 11 th July 2025	INSET day – school closed to children
Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Year 4 trip to Celtic Harmony
Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Year 6 Leavers' Show 1
Wednesday 16 th July 2025	Year 6 Leavers' Show 2
Friday 18 th July 2025	Summer Choir Concert – 2pm
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Summer 2 ends

Earrings

We would like to remind parents of our school policy regarding earrings: only small, simple studs are permitted to be worn in school. This is to ensure the safety of all pupils during lessons and playtimes, particularly during physical activities where larger or hooped earrings can pose a risk of injury.

We appreciate that children may enjoy wearing different styles of jewellery outside of school, but we ask for your support in following this policy during the school day in order to keep all children safe.



<https://rhodesavenue.school/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/School-Uniform-summer-2022.pdf>

English

Natasha Morgan (English Lead) writes:

We are pleased to share that our English curriculum webpage has been newly updated to give parents a clear and detailed overview of how we teach English at Rhodes Avenue. The page outlines the different components of the subject, including reading, writing, phonics, spelling, and grammar, and explains how each area is taught across the school.

Whether you're curious about how we foster a love of reading or how writing skills develop from year to year, the updated page provides helpful insights into our approach. We encourage all parents to take a look and see how we support your child's journey in English. You can view the page by visiting our school website and clicking on the link below: <https://rhodesavenue.school/our-learning/37985-2/>

Half term

Please find a link and QR code to Haringey's May Half Term activities booklet.

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-05/holiday-fun-booklet-may-2025.pdf>



Haringey SEND newsletter

Please find below the link to Haringey's SEND Newsletter (May 2025 edition):

<https://mailchi.mp/haringey/send-news-may2025-5753480?e=8837f264a8>



Ocean Plastic Pollution assembly

Today, Defra's International Biodiversity and Climate directorate team member Ilona Drewy led an assembly for junior children on ocean plastic pollution. Ilona modelled how what we do has an impact on the whole world. She went through top tips to follow to help protect the ocean. Did you know that there is only 1 ocean? Ilona explained that people often refer to oceans but that this is incorrect as the ocean is one.



Residential trip to Pendarren House



Last week, our Year 5 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable residential trip to Pendarren House in the heart of the Welsh countryside. It was a week full of challenge, teamwork, and new experiences — and the children rose to every one of them with enthusiasm and resilience.

During their stay, the children took part in a wide range of outdoor activities including caving and following the course of the River Mellte. They also enjoyed long walks through stunning natural landscapes and learned new

skills such as map reading and problem solving. In the evenings, there were team challenges and time to reflect on the day's adventures.

A huge thank you to the staff who accompanied the trip and made it such a positive experience for everyone involved.



Residential trip to PGL



This week our Year 6 pupils returned from an action-packed residential trip to PGL Liddington — and what a week it was! From the moment they arrived, the children threw themselves into every challenge with energy, courage, and plenty of laughter. Activities included zip-lining, abseiling, raft building, archery, and high ropes, all designed to build teamwork, resilience, and confidence. Staff commented on children encouraging one another, stepping out of their comfort zones, and developing newfound friendships along the way.

A big thank you to the staff who supported the children throughout the trip. Year 6 have created memories that will last a lifetime!

Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC)

As mentioned in my last newsletter, we hosted a well attended 'Parenting in the Digital Age' event for parents earlier this month. As a school we support Smartphone Free Childhood.

More and more, we are seeing the impact that early access to smartphones can have on children's wellbeing, focus, and emotional development. We see this first hand at Rhodes Avenue.

Speaking honestly as a parent myself to two teenagers, I often wish I had known before what I know now. With hindsight, I would have delayed smartphone use for my own children for as long as possible. Childhood is short, and I truly believe our children deserve the chance to grow, play, and develop away from the pressures and distractions that smartphones can bring.

This is your decision as parents. As a school we will educate the children and provide you with the information to support you to support your children like we provide information for subjects. This is a conversation worth having, and I encourage you to explore the resources available through Smartphone Free Childhood if you're thinking about this for your own family.

Some takeaways from the event's presentation:

1. According to NHS data, in the past decade childhood outdoor accidents have reduced by 70% but self-harm has increased by 93%.
2. MRI scans of young children have shown excessive screentime reduces the size of the brain areas responsible for visual processing, empathy, attention and memory.
3. Pre-teens lose the equivalent of a night's sleep per week to social media. 73% of teenagers take their phone to bed with them.

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>



Vision

Do you know the missing 3 words from our school vision?

Answers at the end of the newsletter.

At Rhodes Avenue, we want our children to:

Know who they are

Respect [REDACTED] for who they are

Never stop learning

School [REDACTED]

We will act with cooperation because we are a community.

We will use creativity to learn and grow.

We will show consideration as everyone is of equal value and [REDACTED].

Year 3 Girls Harris Academy Tottenham Football Festival

Sports Coach (Chelsea Orridge-Golding) writes:

The Year 3 girls has a great time at the Football Festival and played loads of matches. They were all proud to represent the school.



Year 4 Middlesex Cricket Festival

Sports Coach (Chelsea Orridge-Golding) writes:

The children had an amazing time at the Middlesex Cricket Festival. In the morning, they took part in cricket activities such as bowling, batting and fielding. In the afternoon, they played Kwik Cricket matches. The children also got to meet ex Rhodes Avenue student William Burrridge who has not long returned back to the UK from playing in Australia.



Year 5/6 Haringey Sitting Volleyball Tournament

Sports Coach (Chelsea Orridge-Golding) writes:

The children had a great time representing the school and showed great courage in all the games. They won the tournament and will now represent the Haringey at the London Youth Games in June.



100km in May for Horizons Charity

I (along with one member of staff from all schools within Haringey Education Partnership - HEP) agreed to walk 100km in the month of May in order to raise money for Horizons – HEP's charity, to support children and young people across Haringey and Enfield to access life-changing extra-curricular activities. I have been walking on my treadmill most days as well as in my local park to complete my 100km. I have kept up with my daily target of 3km. Rhodes Avenue benefits directly from this charity and I am proud to do my bit in return as part of Team Horizons. Should you wish to contribute to this cause please click on the link below.



https://www.justgiving.com/page/maria-panayiotou-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 2nd June 2025.

Best wishes,
Maria

Maria Panayiotou-Argyrou Headteacher

Vision answers

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Respect others for who they are

Never stop learning

School values

We will act with cooperation because we are a community.

We will use creativity to learn and grow.

We will show consideration as everyone is of equal value and importance.