

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school for the start of a new academic year. The children have settled in well and it has been a real pleasure to see them returning with such enthusiasm, confidence and excitement for the year ahead. Our new children have also made a fantastic start, quickly becoming familiar with routines, making new friends and feeling at home in our school community. There has been a lovely buzz around school, with children already engaging positively in their learning and enjoying being back together. I would like to thank all our families for helping to make such a positive start to the term. This newsletter has a few notices/reminders/dates for you.

Assistant Headteacher

Kayleigh Meek (new Assistant Headteacher – Behaviour and Attitudes) writes:



It has been a real pleasure to join Rhodes Avenue as Assistant Headteacher, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week getting to know the children, staff and wider school community. I was particularly drawn to Rhodes Avenue because of its strong values and its commitment to preparing children not only for school, but for their future beyond it. I have already experienced what a welcoming, kind and inclusive school this is, where everyone is encouraged to feel that they belong. I have also been hugely impressed by the dedication, expertise and warmth of the staff.

I am particularly looking forward to leading on Behaviour and Attitudes and working with the whole school community to develop and implement our new Behaviour Policy. I will keep parents and carers updated as this work develops, and I look forward to working in partnership with you on this.

Dates for the diary

Monday 14 th September 2026	Year 5 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Tuesday 15 th September 2026	Year 1 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Wednesday 16 th September 2026	Year 2 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Thursday 17 th September 2026	Year 3 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Friday 18 th September 2026	Year 4 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Monday 21 st September 2026	Flu Vaccinations – Day 1
Friday 25 th September 2026	RAPSA Coffee Morning + Welly Swap
Wednesday 30 th September 2026	6CD + 6MD SEN support meetings
Tuesday 6 th October 2026	Year 1 + 3AG SEN support meetings
Wednesday 7 th October 2026	6EL + Reception SEN support meetings
Friday 9 th October 2026	4MES + 2JM SEN support meetings
Friday 9 th October 2026	6CD Class Assembly (9.10am)
Wednesday 14 th October 2026	5AR + 3BG SEN support meetings
Thursday 15 th October 2026	RAPSA AGM Meeting
Friday 16 th October 2026	3SP, 2DC + 2BD SEN support meetings
Friday 16 th October 2026	6EL Class Assembly (9.10am)
Tuesday 20 th October 2026	4EG + 5CN SEN support meetings
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	5JN + 4MAS SEN support meetings
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	RAPSA Halloween Cake and Costume sale
Friday 23 rd October 2026	6MD Class Assembly (9.10am)
Friday 23 rd October 2026	End of autumn 1 st half (normal home time finish)

Monday 2 nd November 2026	Start of autumn 2 nd half
Tuesday 10 th November 2026	Individual + Sibling school photos
Tuesday 17 th November 2026	Flu Vaccinations – Day 1
Tuesday 24 th November 2026	Parent Consultation Meetings (4-6pm)
Wednesday 24 th November 2026	Parent Consultation Meetings (4-6pm)
Thursday 25 th November 2026	Parent Consultation Meetings (4-6pm)
Sunday 29 th November 2026	RAPSA Winter Fair
Tuesday 8 th December 2026	RAPSA Santa's Grotto
Thursday 10 th December 2026	Reception Winter Show (9.30am)
Monday 14 th December 2026	Woodpecker Sing Song (9.30am)
Tuesday 15 th December 2026	Year 2 Winter Warmers Show (9.45am)
Tuesday 15 th December 2026	Year 5 Winter Warmers Show (2.30pm)
Wednesday 16 th December 2026	Year 6 Winter Warmers Show (9.45am)
Wednesday 16 th December 2026	Year 3 Winter Warmers Show (2.30pm)
Thursday 17 th December 2026	Year 4 Winter Warmers Show (9.45am)
Friday 18 th December 2026	Year 1 Winter Warmers Show (9.45am)
Friday 18 th December 2026	End of autumn 2 nd half (normal home time finish)

Hedgehog Sing Song date to be confirmed shortly

Earrings, jewellery and hair

A reminder of the school's policy on the following:

Earrings - simple one stud earrings, in the lower ear lobe, of each ear. No other piercings are permitted.

Simple jewellery, e.g. necklaces and bracelets, which are to be removed in PE.

Watches can be worn in school but these must not be smart devices.



E-bikes and e-scooters

Haringey's Specialist Community Liaison Sergeant writes:

As we begin the new academic year, we would like to highlight some important information regarding the use of e-bikes and e-scooters, as well as steps that can be taken to keep young people safe. The popularity of these vehicles continues to increase, and so too have concerns around road safety, theft, robbery and the unlawful use of certain electric vehicles.

⚡ THINK BEFORE YOU BUY ⚡

E-BIKES & E-SCOOTERS
What Parents and Young People Need to Know

✓ **LEGAL E-BIKES**

- Must have working pedals
- Max motor 250 watts
- Electric assistance stops at 15.5 mph

⚠ **PRIVATE E-SCOOTERS**

- Generally illegal on roads, pavements and cycle lanes
- Can be seized if used unlawfully

🔒 **STAY SAFE**

- Use a quality lock
- Store securely
- Report thefts
- Travel safely

Advice for Parents

Research before purchasing. Check that an e-bike or e-scooter is legal, discuss safe use, and ensure young people understand the risks of theft and misuse.

KEY MESSAGE: Understanding the rules can help keep young people safe, prevent crime and avoid vehicles being seized. For further Government guidance please see:
<https://www.gov.uk/electric-bike-rules>

Extra-curricular clubs

A reminder for those parents booking children into extra-curricular clubs. Please make sure you are clear as to whether the club is a school led one or an external provider led one so that you are aware of who to communicate with if you have questions/issues relating to your child attending the club. Please also look out for new clubs starting this term, e.g. new Xplorer STEM/Coding and new Meditation clubs.

<https://rhodesavenue.school/parents/extra-curricular-clubs/>

Haringey SEN newsletter

Please find below the link to Haringey's SEND Newsletter (August 2026 edition):



<https://us2.campaign-archive.com/?u=d154b1b068c54fa3558c3cb26&id=a5f8c36dfb>

INSET days

Our three INSET days last week provided a valuable opportunity for our teachers and support staff to further develop their knowledge and skills, ensuring that we continue to provide the very best support and learning experiences for all our children. Staff took part in a full programme of professional development, with training focused on areas that have a direct impact on children's learning, safety, inclusion and wellbeing. This included:

- Developing and strengthening our approach to **Maths**
- **First Aid** and **Safeguarding** updates to help keep children safe
- Understanding how **Artificial Intelligence** can be used effectively in education
- **Allergy awareness** and supporting children with medical needs
- **Adaptive planning** to ensure learning meets the needs of every child
- Promoting positive **wellbeing** for children and staff
- Developing our understanding of **South Asian heritage** to enrich our curriculum and celebrate diversity
- Supporting **SEND children with their social interactions**, helping them to build confidence and positive relationships

Junior building end of day collection

Due to the layout of the school site and the number of gates in use, it can take a couple of weeks at the beginning of a new school year for drop-off and collection routines to settle. We have found that the flow around the site is much smoother when adults collecting from the junior playground arrive before classroom doors open at 3.30pm. Arriving after 3.30pm can lead to a build-up of people around the park gate, making it more difficult for everyone to move around the site and navigate the narrow gates. We therefore ask that you arrive on the school premises in good time to be in the junior playground for 3.30pm. We also ask that you do not wait in the area in front of the park gate and the stairwell door. Thank you for helping us to keep collection running safely and smoothly for everyone.

Mobile phones

A reminder to all that children should not bring mobile phones into school. All schools in England are legally required to have regard to statutory Department for Education guidance on mobile phones which states that all schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default. If a mobile device is seen in school, this will be dealt with in line with our Behaviour Policy.

Nut free school

A reminder that our school is strictly nut-free. Please ensure that nuts and nut products are not brought into school, including in packed lunches and snacks/food brought into school or on educational visits.

This is an important part of our commitment to keeping every child safe, particularly those living with potentially life-threatening allergies. It is especially timely as the new statutory allergy-safety guidance associated with Benedict's Law comes into effect in England from September 2026, strengthening the measures schools must have in place to protect children with allergies.

PE kit



A reminder of the expectations for PE kits which need to be worn in all PE lessons:

Navy shorts – generic items acceptable

Turquoise polo shirt – branded version required (also used for Choir/Sports Competitions if applicable)

Fleece/jumper for cold weather – branded version is optional/generic items acceptable

Black plimsolls or sports trainers (any colour acceptable)

PE kit bag – branded version is optional

Parents and carers can purchase any branded items via the Uniform Me website (link below). Parents can obtain non-branded uniform listed above from wherever they choose as long as the colours match. Our school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Rhodes Avenue Primary School Association (RAPSA), frequently arranges second-hand uniform exchange schemes, e.g. the Welly Exchange, the PE Top Exchange. The school also stores second-hand uniform for parents/carers to access should they need it.

<https://uniform-me.com/product-category/schools/rhodes-avenue-school/>

Premises hire



Did you know that our premises are open to community use? We have many spaces – indoor and outdoor – available to hire on an hourly or daily rate before or after school, at weekends and during the school holidays.

Some of the available spaces we have for hire are: a large air conditioned school performance hall with a lighting and sound system, a large sports hall, an enclosed outdoor sports pitch, a large playground, a large nature area (Spinney), a computer room and an art room.

For further details on hiring any of our school spaces for parties, events, celebrations or learning classes please contact Andrew Satwick (Facilities Manager) via lettings@rhodes.haringey.sch.uk / 0208 826 1810

School Priorities 2026/2027

As well as the school's performance data at the end of last academic year (to be shared with you shortly once final data is available) we were also very pleased with the progress and achievements made with the main whole school priorities we worked on last academic year.

This academic year our whole school priority areas are as follows:

Priority 1: Nurturing Success

Priority Target: To develop a supportive and inclusive school environment that meets individual needs, promotes positive behaviour and wellbeing, and enables every child to succeed.

Priority 2: STEAM Futures

Priority Target: To strengthen the breadth, quality and impact of the STEAM curriculum, developing confident, curious, creative and responsible learners.

Priority 3 – Rights Aware

Priority Target - To embed children's rights into the school's everyday ethos, policies, and practice by working towards the Rights Respecting Schools Silver award.

Further information relating to these priority areas will be shared with you shortly.

Secondary Transfer (September 2027 admission) – for Year 6 parents or Year 5 parents whose child is educated out of chronological age group

Haringey Admissions writes:

The Secondary Transfer deadline date is **31st October 2026**. All applications must be submitted by this date; applications received after this date will be classed as late and not considered until all on time offers have been made.

Haringey School Admissions will be hosting live sessions where there will be a presentation and Q&A session. Information relating to this is available on Haringey's website: [Secondary school open events and online talks about applying | Haringey Council](#)

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Secondary Booklet: www.haringey.gov.uk/schooladmissions This will take you to the page where you can find the Secondary booklet, we strongly urge you to read this as it will take you through the process and provide you with important information on the schools' admission criteria. There is also a step-by-step guide on how to apply online.

Apply online: www.eadmissions.org.uk This will take you to the eAdmissions site where you can apply online. Please ensure that you read the application form carefully before ticking any boxes and ensure that you provide the evidence required.

Term dates

The term dates for this academic year (2026-27) are always available on the school website.

<https://rhodesavenue.school/news-events/diary-dates/>

Thank you RAPSA!



On behalf of the children I would like to thank RAPSA for paying for the works completed over the summer holiday. The Year 1 Outdoor Area has been developed which has meant the provision for Continued Provision is stronger than before and our children who transitioned from Reception don't stop playing as they move into Year 1. We know that children learn best through play and are grateful to RAPSA for funding this project. The fencing around our quad area surrounding our chickens has been fully replaced with fencing suitable for use. We are also very grateful for the new covered structure in the infant playground. Unfortunately with a deficit budget these projects are ones we would not be able to fund through our school budget. Thank you RAPSA!

Year Group Curriculum Meetings for Parents reminder

A reminder of the date and time of the Year Group Curriculum Meetings for Parents which will be taking place next week. This is where there will be a chance to meet your child's class teacher and the year group teaching team who will outline the curriculum and arrangements for your child's new year group. All meetings will take place in Witham Hall at 9.10am. The curriculum newsletter and any other relevant information will be shared with all parents after this event should you not be able to attend.

Year 1	Tuesday 15 th September 2026
Year 2	Wednesday 16 th September 2026
Year 3	Thursday 17 th September 2026
Year 4	Friday 18 th September 2026
Year 5	Monday 14 th September 2026
Year 6	Friday 11 th September 2026

Best wishes,

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