Rockwell Green Primary School

Newsletter Friday 26th June 2026

"Sharing life in all its fullness." John 10:10

Values : The value we are focussing on this half term is Trust.

Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been a challenging week in school however, as you know, we are blessed with our school site and that has made a huge difference due to the shade we have been able to use. I would like to say thank you to both the children and the staff who have been fabulous in coping with all the adaptation measures we have had in place to keep all well and safe in this extreme heat as well as parents who have shared their appreciation for what we have provided. I continue to be very proud of all the staff at our school who show care and dedication to the children while also valuing their education. With global warming, these events are only going to become more common for us as a nation and learning to develop resilience is going to be vital.

Absence

Can I also please remind parents that it is their responsibility to inform the school if their child is absent from school. Attendance is a key part of safeguarding and when we do not know where children are we have to follow certain protocols to find the reason for their absence. As you can appreciate this is very time consuming and takes staff time away from the children .

Science Day

Yesterday morning half of the classes (Reception, Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3) had an age-appropriate session with Lottie Davies from the engineering firm Santec. The children who had the session learnt a little about the world of engineering and began to understand the basics needed for simple bridge construction. To aid this the children used specialist Lego to construct bridges with a focused challenge. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all and a great experience.

We will be organising another time for Lottie to return to school for the other children to have this experience.

Year 1 Phonic Screening

Today, our children in Year 1 will have brought home an envelope which has information about how they attained in the national Year 1 Phonic Screening. I am delighted to share that 79% of our children passed the screening (National 80%) but more importantly that 72% of the class scored at least 37 out of 40 in the screening. This demonstrates the secure knowledge the children have due to the quality of teaching that they receive. As you know, early reading in our school is incredibly strong as we know having a secure foundation is vital to build upon. I would like to thank both staff and parents for their continued hard work in supporting the children to achieve so well.

Yr4 Multiplication Check

Today, our children in Year 4 will have brought home an envelope that contains information about how they attained in the Year 4 Multiplication Check. The statutory test that the children took consisted of 25 questions and they had 6 seconds to answer each question. Surprisingly, the government have not set a pass mark. However, to give you a gauge of how well our children have achieved I can share with you that the national average for last year was 21 out of 25. Our Year 4 class have achieved wonderfully well this year with 52% of the class scoring 24 or 25 and the class average being 21.5.

Like with the phonics, being able to attain this well takes a lot of hard work, over more than one year, and I would like to thank again both staff and parents for their continued dedication and support to enable the children to attain so well.

Transition in school

Next Tuesday, 30th June, we are planning to have a school transition afternoon where the children will spend the majority of the afternoon in their new classroom getting to know their new class teacher from September. Children will be returning to their normal classroom before the end of the day so will be collected from there as normal.

Year 6 Transition

Next Tuesday and Wednesday are the Year 6 transition days for the children to experience time in their new school. If your child is attending Court Fields from September then they will come to school as normal on Tuesday and then will be walked to Court Fields by school staff for the first of their transition days. On the Wednesday the Yr6 children going to Court Fields will need to make their own way there.

Classes from September 2026

Class	**Teacher**
Badgers	Jo Balfour
Hedgehogs	Sarah Isherwood (Monday-Wednesday) Clarie Harris (Thursday & Friday)
Kingfishers	Clarie Harris (Monday) Charley Whelan (Tuesday – Friday)
Otters	Sue Gregory (Monday) Dora Allen (Tuesday – Friday)
Squirrels	Alex Ogilvie
Tawny Owls	Liz Williams
Woodpeckers	Gina Jenkin (Monday – Thursday) Dave Adfield (Friday)

Staffing for September

As you can see from above, we have a couple of changes. As I have shared in a previous newsletter Mrs Allen is returning to the school and will be teaching Year 3 four days a week and will be sharing the class with Mrs Gregory who already knows the children well.

We have more interviews for a teaching assistant post next week and once this has been completed we will be able to confirm in the coming weeks the teaching assistants who will be supporting in each class.

Celebration of Learning (Tuesday 14th July)

Just a reminder that we will be having a Celebration of Learning Evening on Tuesday 14th July (3.15pm-4pm and 5.30pm-6pm). This will be an opportunity for you to view your child/ren's learning from this year as well as visit other classes around the school including your child's new classroom. This will also give you the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher too including Mrs Allen who will be attending. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sports Day

I am pleased to share we have rescheduled Sports Day for Wednesday 8th July. This has not been easy to do and we do have the Play and Stay sessions for some of our new children in Reception for September 2026 which will still continue. For Sports Day, we will start at 11am and will have our family picnic at 12pm before moving into the house group teams for the afternoon.

Yr4 Violin Performance to Parents

I am afraid to allow Sports Day to occur we have had to move the Yr4 Violin Performance from the afternoon of Wednesday 8th July that we had planned to the provisional date of Wednesday 15th July. The children will be performing at approximately 9am in the school hall so you are more than welcome to stay after drop off. We will inform you once this has been confirmed.





Diary Dates

Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July	Court Fields Yr6 Transition Days
Tuesday 30th June	In school transition 1pm-3.05pm
Monday 6th and Thursday 9th	Yr6 Enterprise Sales at the end of school
Wednesday 8th July	Sports Day/Family Picnic – Parent/carers invited from 11am onwards
Thursday 9th July	School Disco EYFS and KS1: 5.15pm-6.15pm KS2: 6.30pm-7.30pm
Tuesday 14th July	Rockets Graduation 2.30pm Celebration of Learning Evening in all classes across the school 3.15pm to 4pm and 5.30pm to 6pm
Wednesday 15th July	Provisionally Yr4 Violin Performance 9am
Wednesday 15th July	Yr6 Production at 1.30pm
Thursday 16th July	Yr6 Production at 6.30pm
Monday 20th July	Yr6 Leavers' BBQ (4.15pm-5.15pm)
Tuesday 21st July	Rockets Leavers' Party at 1.30pm
Wednesday 22nd July	Leavers' Service at All Saints' Church (9.15am)
Wednesday 22nd July	Final Celebration Assembly of the term (2.30pm)
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of term