Rotherfield Primary and Pre School Newsletter Friday 2nd October 2026 (No.5)

Message from Miss Bishop

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to everyone who sent their child in for a school dinner on Thursday - the kitchen staff cooked 130 meals which is record numbers for Census day. Practical support in this way

makes such a difference for our funding, especially when we are being asked to stretch our money further each year.

There has been an outbreak of impetigo at Pre-School. We would like parents to be observant to try and stop any spread into school. Impetigo starts with red sores or blisters, the sores or blisters quickly burst and often leave crusty, golden-brown patches. Anyone with impetigo will need treatment, which can be got from a pharmacist. Children can return to school 48 hours after starting treatment. We will be reminding children to regularly wash their hands.

We are looking forward to the Rotherfield and Mark Cross Carnival tomorrow night, we will meet at the bottom of Church Road at 7.30pm prompt next to Breacon Cottages, ready to join the procession. Car parking will be available in the field at the top of Rotherfield Hill as you come up from Crowborough. If you walk down the hill, you will find us waiting for you. Just a reminder that all children walking must have a parent to accompany them. The theme is 'Neon' - we would love everyone walking to be bright and colourful!

Have a wonderful weekend, Miss Bishop

Coming up next week

Monday: Wear Yellow for Young Minds Day

Wednesday: Individual and Sibling Photographs

Friday: Peake Class to Forest School (morning)

Keep up to date with all the events via our school website

https://www.rotherfieldprimary.org.uk/Diary/

Cake@break

Congratulations to Finley (1), Blossom (2), Basil (3), Erin (4), Summer (5) & James (6) who were all nominated for Cake@break today. It was lovely to hear of all their successes this week.

TTRS and Numbots award!

Based on the percentage of each person in the class who have played, the results are:

3rd place: Jemison

2nd place: Attenborough

1st place: Goodall

Year 1 have been practising those number bonds using Numbots. Well done. Can you win it again next week?

Creating a Calm and Confident Morning Drop-Off

A positive start to the school day can make all the difference to a child's confidence, independence and readiness to learn. While it's completely normal for some children to feel hesitant or emotional at drop-off, a consistent routine helps them settle more quickly and build resilience over time.

One of the most important things to remember is that most children are absolutely fine shortly after their parent or caregiver leaves. A quick goodbye and a confident handover allow children to engage with their friends, teachers and the activities that await them.

Here are some simple ways families can support a smooth morning drop-off:

1. Prepare the Night Before

A calm morning starts with good preparation. Lay out uniforms, pack school bags, and organise lunches and water bottles the evening before. Reducing last-minute rushing helps everyone start the day feeling more relaxed.

2. Keep Mornings Consistent

Children thrive on predictability. Try to follow the same sequence each morning—wake up, get dressed, eat breakfast, brush teeth and head to school. Familiar routines help children feel secure and know what to expect.

3. Arrive Calmly and On Time

Allowing a little extra time can make a big difference. When children arrive feeling calm rather than rushed, they are better able to transition into the school day. Children often take their emotional cues from the adults around them, so a relaxed approach is helpful.

4. Use Positive and Confident Language

The way we talk about school matters. Rather than focusing on worries or uncertainty, speak positively and confidently about the day ahead.

Try saying:

- "Have a wonderful day. I can't wait to hear about it this afternoon."
- "Your teacher is looking forward to seeing you."
- "You'll have lots of fun learning and playing today."

Children are more likely to feel confident when the adults around them show confidence too.

5. Keep Goodbyes Short and Predictable

Although it can be tempting to stay a little longer when a child is upset, lengthy goodbyes often make separation more difficult.

A simple routine works best:

- Walk your child to the drop-off point.
- Give one hug or kiss.
- Say a cheerful goodbye.
- Leave confidently.

Consistency helps children understand that school is a safe place and that their parent or caregiver will return at the end of the day.

6. Trust the Process

Some children need a little time to adjust, especially after weekends, holidays or changes in routine. A child may appear upset at the point of separation, but in most cases they settle quickly once they enter the classroom, reconnect with friends and become involved in learning activities.

When families and school staff work together to maintain a consistent approach, children develop greater independence, confidence and emotional resilience.

Working Together for a Positive Start

By preparing ahead, maintaining consistent routines and keeping goodbyes brief and positive, families can help create calmer mornings for everyone.

Miss Robins, SENCO

Yellow Day for Young Minds

On Monday 5th October, we will be celebrating Hello Yellow Day for Young Minds. Children can come in wearing yellow with a donation of £1 to Young Minds. Please use the link below for your donations. Thank you.

https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/bethanlong/hello-yellow?enref=2a7549aeadf1e81b1ca63978c92dd6e4

Year 5 Trip to Battle Abbey

On Monday the 21st September, Year 5 went to where the Battle of Hastings took place. We were split into 2 groups - group A and group B. We each went to explore the Abbey ruins and the field where the battle took place. Each group got to go to the top of the Abbey and explore the surroundings on the way. We joined up at the end for a talk and recreated the battle with plastic shields and then headed back to the coach.

By Leo and Harry

Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament

We have had a lot of match reports from the tournament, here is a selection.

"We won 5 and tied 2 matches. We finished in second place, so we are moving on to the next round. The only reason we weren't first is the goal difference - St John's had 14 goals and we had 13 goals." By Keeva

"Keeva was mainly in goal, but she also played in defence. Arabella was right wing and I was also in defence, The people participating were: Keeva, Ava, Arabella, Immy, Willow, Hettie, Devon, Berta, Collette, Olivia and Bea." By Immy

"On Wednesday we went to Beacon to play at a football tournament. We played very well. We won 5 of our matches and drew 2. We scored 13 goals in total and we came 2nd over all. We are going to the next round!" By Berta

Waitrose Token Scheme

From the 1st October 2026, we are the named school for the Waitrose Token Scheme. If you happen to shop at Waitrose in Crowborough in the next 3 months, please put a green token in our box. We really appreciate your support!

PTCA News

PTCA
2026
DATES FOR THE DIARY
Save the dates!
NEON
3rd October
Rotherfield Carnival
'Neon' Theme
16th October
Break the Rules Day
50p per rule break
23rd October
Raffle
RAFFLE
2nd - 6th November
Book Fair
27th November
Wear your own clothes
in exchange for Donations for Christmas Fair
(money, bottle and chocolate)
28th November
Christmas Fair
11am - 2pm
at the School
Date TBC
Wreath Making
We look forward to seeing you at these events!

BIRCHDEN VINEYARDS
AUTUMN
— MAGIC —
From Saturday 3rd October
CHILDREN'S IMMERSIVE MYSTERY TRAIL
PUMPKIN DECORATING • CRAFTS
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SEASONAL CAFÉ MENU
BOOK NOW
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Term dates and Inset days

End of term 1: Friday 23rd October.

Term 2: Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December

Monday 4th January 2027 - INSET day

Term 3: Tuesday 5th January to Friday 12th February

Term 4: Monday 22nd February to Thursday 26th March

Monday 12th April 2027 - INSET day

Term 5: Tuesday 13th April to 28th May

Term 6: Monday 7th June to Thursday 22nd July

Friday 2nd July 2027 INSET day

Useful links

Arbor[1]

Tapestry - Peake class[2]

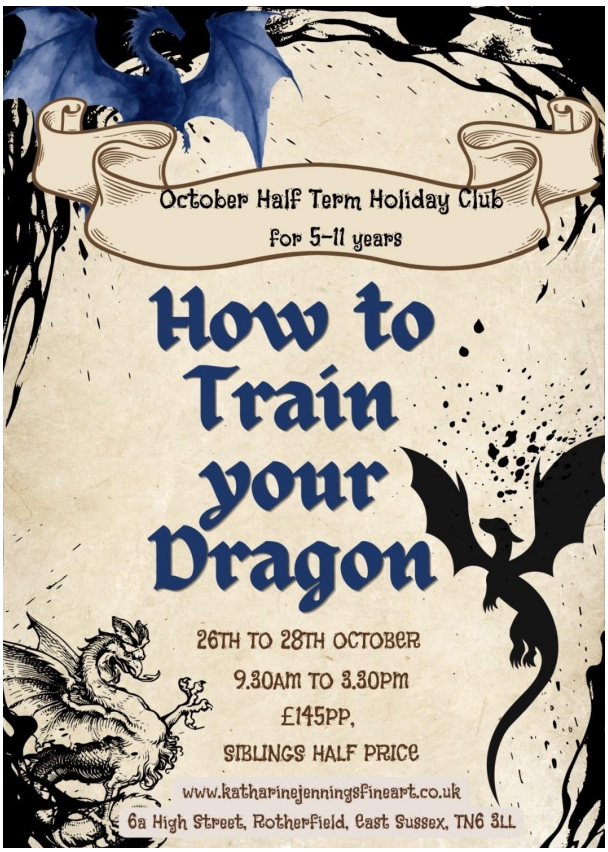
Seesaw[3]

Times table Rock Stars[4]

Numbots[5]

[1] https://rotherfield-primary-school-mis.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index
[2] https://tapestryjournal.com/
[3] https://app.seesaw.me/#/login?role=parent
[4] https://play.ttrockstars.com/
[5] https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login-type?

Adverts


October Half Term Holiday Club
for 5-11 years
How to Train your Dragon
26TH TO 28TH OCTOBER
9.30AM TO 3.30PM
£145PP,
SIBLINGS HALF PRICE
www.katharinejenningsfineart.co.uk
6a High Street, Rotherfield, East Sussex, TN6 3LL

ADVENTURES
in
The Enchanted Wood
MUDDY GINGERS
A 4 week drama & storytelling adventure for children aged 6+
Inspired by Enid Blyton's Magic Faraway Tree series
Saturdays 9.30-10.30
14 & 21 November
5 & 19 December
Crowborough Community Centre
£60 for all 4 sessions
Email: muddygingers@gmail.com
WhatsApp: 07966577667
Instagram: @muddygingers

OCTOBER HALF TERM CLUBS
FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING FREE SCHOOL MEALS

A variety of free clubs - including
- sports
- games
- arts
- drama
- music

and a free meal each day

for ages 5-16
- Free for benefit related free school meal (FSM) families - (both targeted and expanded groups qualify in October)
- Plus a small number of places available for other eligible groups.
- Please contact HAF@eastsussex.gov.uk for info

to book visit the event list @www.eequ.org/escchaf

East Sussex County Council

UK Government

October groups funded by the crisis resilience fund

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2 DAYS ONLY
£90*
INCL LUNCH

INCLUDING
RUGBY
ATHLETICS
ROUNDERS
FOOTBALL
CRICKET

29TH-30TH OCT

KIDS MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

KIDS AUTUMN MULTI-SPORTS CAMP AT CROWBOROUGH RFC
THURS 29TH- FRI 30TH OCT (9.30AM-3.30PM) AGE 6-13 (YEARS 1-8)

NON MEMBERS WELCOME, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
£10 DISCOUNT FOR JULY 2026 ATTENDEES | ONLY £80 FOR 2 DAYS
TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE **SCAN QR CODE**
FOR FURTHER INFO **EMAIL: KIDSCAMPS@CROWBOROUGHRUGBY.COM**

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*1 DAY OPTION AVAILABLE

Love the Game UK

Football Coaching

OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMP

Fun, games, goals, saves, technical sessions, penalty shootouts, tournaments and more.

Ages 5-14 | Boys and girls of all abilities

Coaches are first aid and safeguarding trained, DBS checked, and some even have Premier League coaching experience.

Early drop off and late pickup available.

Sevenoaks

Wednesday 28th October - Friday 30th October

£26 per day, £60 for 3 days.

10AM - 3PM

TWGSB Sevenoaks
Seal Hollow Road
Sevenoaks
TN13 3SL

SIBLING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE PLAYER DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

See website for more details or email:
camps@lovethegameuk.co.uk

To book -

- Follow the QR code, taking you straight to our booking site.
- Go to our website, find 'Holiday Camps', and book your place there.

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Come and join us for...

Messy Church

At The Village Hall Rotherfield

Please note change of venue!

Sunday 11th October

3:30- 5.45pm Fun for all the family!

Crafts, games, a short celebration service and delicious food!

For more information email
messychurch@stdenysrotherfield.org.uk