



ROXETH MEAD NEWSLETTER

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From The Headteacher

It is hard to believe that the end of the academic year is upon us – it has gone so quickly. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching your children. Thank you for allowing us to undertake this wonderful task.

Our “Animal World” topic has been so much fun, allowing us to learn about pets, farm animals, wild animals and sea creatures. Our trip to Willows Farm was a great way to introduce this topic – we had so much fun (see page 2).



The warmer weather has meant that our wonderful garden has been fully utilised and we were blessed by perfect weather for our Sports Day and family picnic. Thank you for coming (see page 3).

Sadly, the end of any year is always a time for goodbyes as we have a number of children transferring to new schools, including Orley Farm, Quanton Hall, Haberdashers and many excellent State Schools. We are sad

to see them go, but we are sending them off with pride, knowing that we have given them the best possible foundations for future success. We were pleased to present a special bookmark to our leavers with our Moving On poem. We hope this years’ newsletters will serve as nice reminders of some wonderful times at Roxeth.

We are also saying goodbye to two valued staff members, Mrs Raza and Miss Gaby, who are leaving to embark on new adventures. We thank them both for everything they have done to make Roxeth the amazing place it is. We will miss them and send them off with our very best wishes.

Looking ahead to September, we welcome Mrs. Costa and Mrs. Kanabar, and Miss Zara will now join us full-time. Mrs. O’Neill, as Nursery Manager, will work across all the classes without being attached to any one class.

The staffing for September is as follows:

Class		Staff	
Ladybirds (Babies)		Mrs Sheikh Miss Pallavi Mrs Kanabar	Mrs O’Neill - Out of class as Manager for Downstairs
Butterflies (Toddlers)		Mrs Akter Miss Gordon	
Parrots (Pre School)		Mrs Costa Miss Zara	Mrs Kalsi – Manager of Upstairs
Tigers (Nursery)		Mrs Kalsi Mrs Ghatora Miss Gohil	



Moving On
 Your time with us was special,
 We've watched you learn and grow.
 But now the time has come for you,
 To spread your wings and go.
 So hold your head up proudly,
 We know that you'll go far.
 You'll be a shining beacon,
 Just being who you are!

Wishing you a wonderful summer break. Mrs Mackintosh

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Willows Farm Trip

What a wonderful day we had at Willows Activity Farm, near St Albans Farm on **Tuesday 11th June**, as these photos show.





Sports Day

Thankfully, the sun shone on Thursday 4th July for our Sports day and picnic. Thank you for supporting this event. Everyone had a wonderful time, as these photos show.



News from Baby (Ladybird) Class



I can't believe we have come to the end of another amazing academic year. It has been heart-warming to see this group of children develop, especially since many of them were so young when they started with me. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching this group and will miss them in our class. I also want to thank the parents for your unwavering support throughout their journey in the baby room.

This term, we explored the topic of animals. The children learned about different animals and the sounds they make. They had a lot of fun creating various animals using a variety of art supplies. Our trip to Willows Farm was wonderful, especially since we took the younger ones this year, and they fully enjoyed it.

We then delved into the world of sea creatures. The children examined different creatures that live under the sea and learned to name them. We created a variety of sea creatures for a lovely display, and the children enjoyed exploring with these sea creatures in water. Overall, it was a delightful topic to cover. The children really enjoyed it, and we received positive feedback from parents who shared that their children were naming sea creatures at home. Our sports day was a huge success. Well done to all the children who participated, and it was lovely to see some of the parents as well.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all the parents. We are very fortunate to have such amazing parents at Roxeth Mead. I have truly enjoyed teaching your children and will miss them dearly. I wish them all the best. A gentle reminder that the children who are moving into the Toddler Room in September will need school uniform - track suit bottoms, white polo shirt and a green Roxeth sweatshirt.

Finally, it is so sad that we will be losing Miss Gaby from Baby Room, although she will be back to do some supply cover when she can. I wish her well for her future endeavours and we will really miss her.

Mrs Sheikh





News from Toddler (Butterfly) Class



What an amazing academic year we have had, and the summer term has been no exception. It has been a tremendous journey for the children, filled with exciting ventures and experiences.

We engaged in numerous stimulating activities related to our topics—farm animals, pets, and under the sea. The children created beautiful artwork for our display in Butterfly Class. They impressed us with their ability to identify animals by their sounds, which they learned in class. Additionally, the children showcased their knowledge about their pets at home.

This term, they were fascinated by dancing to the “Chicken Song” and enjoyed singing personalised songs like “Old MacDonald” with baby animals and “Wheels on the Bus” with animal sounds.

The children loved imitating sea creatures such as pufferfish, starfish, and jellyfish as they learned about sea life. We made fishbowls, painted colourful sharks, crafted dolphins, spent quiet time listening to water sounds, and played with sea animals in water and sand.

Our trip to Willows Farm was very pleasant, and the children demonstrated excellent behaviour, making us proud. The children enjoyed playing in our beautiful garden, exploring outdoor equipment in the glorious warm weather. We had picnics during snack time under the enchanting sunshine. The little ones developed their gross motor skills and core muscle strength through running, jumping, riding, climbing, balancing, and participating in many more physical activities.

It is heartening to see the little toddlers grow and progress remarkably well this year. I wish them all the very best for their new experiences in September.

In the meantime, have a great summer and happy holidays!

Miss Saimoon and Miss Zara.





News From Pre-School (Parrot Class)



As we reach the end of another academic year, I find myself once again marvelling at how quickly the time has flown by. At Roxeth Mead, we are fortunate to have the most supportive parents who entrust us with their wonderful and receptive children. Each child is unique, and the satisfaction we gain from watching them flourish and develop their own little personalities is unparalleled.

The preschool group has been with us for at least two terms, and it has been a privilege to see them bond, develop their social skills, and become members of the wider school community. Recently, at one of the children's birthday parties, many parents commented on how lovely it was to see the children together. Life is not solely about academic success, and these children have shown remarkable progress in all areas of their development.

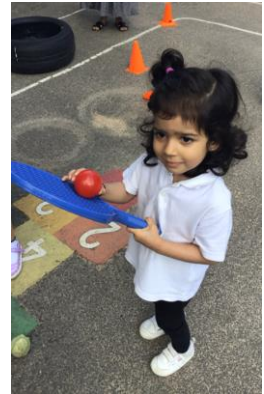
This half term, we explored the world of animals. We discussed their habitats, whether they live on a farm, in the wild, or in a home environment as pets. We learned the names of their babies, various body parts such as manes, hooves, and whiskers, and sang lots of animal songs.

A highlight of the term was our trip to Willows Farm, which was a resounding success. The weather was perfect, and even the rain cooperated by falling during our lunchtime indoors. The children loved seeing and feeding the animals, 'milking' a cow, and watching the Peter Rabbit show. Many of the children leapt up in delight and danced along, bringing smiles to all our faces. For those who haven't visited Willows Farm, I highly recommend it—it's a fantastic day out, and the playground is perfect for your children's ages. A huge thank you to all the parents for your help on this trip.

Sports Day has come and gone, and it was another great success. It's always lovely to have a chat with you all while sharing a picnic.

Once again, thank you for all your support and good wishes. We wish you all a wonderful summer. For those of you leaving nursery, it has been an honour to see your children grow and flourish, some from their earliest days, and we wish you all the best for your futures.

Mrs L O'Neill, Miss Pallavi and Miss Natalie.





News From The Lower Nursery (Squirrels)

It is almost unbelievable that this is our very last newsletter. Our little caterpillars have grown into butterflies, ready to spread their wings and fly. It's evident how well they have progressed with phonics and maths, but what makes us proudest is how independent and mature they have become. It is heart-warming to see how each child has developed their individuality and personality. Our hearts are full of gratitude knowing they are now ready for Reception. They have all developed a positive attitude towards learning, and we are confident they will flourish in primary school.



This half-term was packed with exciting and enriching activities, with the highlight undoubtedly being the trip to Willows Farm. The children had the opportunity to feed and stroke some animals, which sparked a keen interest in them. Inspired by this, we based our assembly on an animal theme. The children thoroughly enjoyed making beautiful props and practising for their performance. It was their very first time in front of an audience, and it was such a joy to watch them perform so confidently.

Another memorable day this half-term was Sports Day, where the entire Roxeth Mead family came together to cheer and enjoy the day.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the continuous support you have shown this year, from sending pictures for our weekend journals to writing comments in the reading records. We wish the children of Squirrel Class the very best in all their future endeavours and feel very fortunate to have been part of their journey at Roxeth Mead.

Mrs Raza and Miss Gohil





News From The Upper Nursery (Tigers)



It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter of this academic year. It seems that time has flown by and the children who started in Tiger Class last year in the Autumn Term are about to leave Roxeth Mead, ready to start at their new schools in September. They are now confident and independent children, ready to take on the new challenges of a bigger school. Some of them started with us as toddlers and to see their growth and progress over the years has been very rewarding. Their end of year reports are a testament to how hard they have worked and achieved in all the areas of the curriculum. The highlight of this half of the Summer term was our trip to Willows Farm and the children's excitement was very evident. They enjoyed looking at all the farm animals and feeding them. As I write, they have been practising for Sports Day and are very excited about having a picnic afterwards. Tiger class have also been rehearsing for our end of year assembly for the parents and have written out invitations.



Some of the topics we covered this term were, Jungle and Farm Animals, Pets, Sea Creatures and Summer. They listened to stories and learnt songs about Jungle & Farm animals. Delving into the world of sea creatures was fascinating and they coloured pictures of various sea animals and learnt facts about them. For our next topic 'Summer' the children talked about the weather, clothes, food, sandcastles, beach, created a beautiful seaside picture and talked about their personal experiences. They designed Father's Day cards and made a bookmark for their dads.

The children's progress in reading and writing through the RWI scheme has been excellent. They have enjoyed our Phonics lessons every day. Our practical Maths activities have been a great success and the children have consolidated their understanding of the topics and participated with enthusiasm. The children have looked forward to their weekly cookery lessons and



have become confident chefs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their cooperation and support through this academic year. It has been an absolute pleasure having your children in our class and teaching them. I wish them all the best as they move to their new schools in September.

All I want to say to the children in my class is that, "You have all worked hard, done so well and I want to tell you how proud I am of all of you. I know that your love of learning will continue and you will achieve even greater success in the future".

Wishing you all a very happy and relaxing Summer holiday. Mrs Kalsi & Mrs Ghatora.





Parents' Information



Topics for Next Half Term:

AUTUMN TERM				
W/B	Babies	Toddlers	Pre-School	Nursery
Sept 4 -6	Settling in, Songs, Nursery Rhymes, Books, Free play & exploration	Settling in / Routines	Settling In / Rules & routines Goat Goes to Playgroup	Settling In / Rules & Routines
9 th		My Special People (Family)	All About Me: Family / My Body . Song- Head, Shoulders Knees & Toes incl Owl Babies	Fairy-tale: Jack & The Beanstalk
16 th		Sensory - That's not my Books	Dinosaurs Dinosaur Roar If I had a Dinosaur	All About Me: Family / My Senses and Emotions / Memorable events
23 rd		Fairy Tale - Goldilocks	Fairy-tale – 3 Little Pigs	Dinosaurs Dinosaur Song
30 th				
October 7 th 14 th				
21 st October – 1 st November - 2 week half term				

Our yearly topic map is on the curriculum page on our website <https://roxethmead.com/curriculum/>

Fees Letter

I hope you saw our letter emailed to you on 5 July, if not, it is here again for you....

Dear Parents,

As you know, providing the best possible environment for your children is our top priority. We value your support in achieving our aims and ambitions to nurture and develop your children.

It also important to us to ensure that we provide an excellent service at the appropriate level of cost and in reviewing our fees for the forthcoming academic year, we have come to the difficult decision that we must increase these fees with effect from September 2024. Taking into account the significant increases in our operating costs and rising salaries we know that our fees need to increase in line with those changes so that we can continue to provide high-quality education and care to your children and fairly reward our talented and dedicated staff. I attach a copy of the new fee structure alongside this email which represents less than 5% average increase on last year's fees.

We recognise that despite slowing inflation the cost of living remains a challenge for many and therefore we understand that an increase in fees might be difficult for some families. If these increases result in significant financial difficulties for you then please do come and speak with us.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we move forward with this change. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We value your feedback and look forward to continuing to work with you and your family.

Finally, we can confirm that, as we are a Nursery School, we are exempt from any plans to add VAT to such fees should Labour's plans for Independent School fees come to fruition.

Kind Regards,

*Mrs Mackintosh, Mrs Blunt, Mrs Goodwin
Roxeth Mead Proprietors*

Our Uniform Provider

<https://www.aceclothing.co.uk/products-school/roxeth-mead/uniform-3/boys-girls>

Please note that everything is made to order, so you need to allow 7-10 working days for the order to be ready.

A reminder that all pupils, except babies, need uniform

Our uniform list is on our website here ... <https://roxethmead.com> under tabs - Current Parents / Useful Links

Reminder: deadline for working family eligibility code applications (including for 9 months to 23 month olds)

The autumn term deadline for working parents to apply for their eligibility codes for both the existing 30 hour entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds, working family entitlement for 2 year olds (15 hours) and the new working family entitlement for 9 months to 23 month olds (15 hours) is **31 August 2024**. Start dates of eligibility codes must be on or prior to this date for the autumn term funding.

Existing eligibility codes requiring action

Please check your eligibility codes for 30 hours funding and working family codes for 2 year olds. If any of the validity end dates have passed, please re-validate your eligibility code via your childcare accounts on the [.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website by the end of August. If you do not re-check your eligibility successfully and the grace period end date has expired before the start of the autumn term, the codes will no longer be valid, and we will not be able to apply your funding.



If you wish to read the summer edition of **Education Choices**, please copy and paste this link into your web browser

https://issuu.com/educationchoicesmagazine/docs/ecm_sum24_final



If you wish to read the summer edition of **Family First**, please copy and paste this link into your web browser

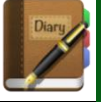
<https://familyfirst.co.uk/issue3-24>

Helpful Websites for the Summer Break

GoNoodle - Movement and mindfulness videos for children	Website: https://www.gonoodle.com/
STEM.org.uk -Free home learning resources for all ages in science, technology, engineering and maths	Website: https://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning
Cosmic Kids - Free yoga sessions aimed at children	Website: https://www.cosmickids.com/
Storytelling for Younger Pupils	https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/
Fun Science at Home	https://pstt.org.uk/resources/curriculum-materials/Science-Fun-at-Home



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



JULY		
Wednesday 12 th	12 noon	Break up for Summer Holiday
Holiday Club available Monday 15 th July to Friday 16 th August		
AUGUST		
Friday 16 th		Last day of holiday club
Monday 19 th to Friday 30 th		School Closed
SEPTEMBER		
Monday 2 nd & Tuesday 3 rd		Staff Training and settling of new pupils only (by invitation)
Wednesday 4 th		New Term Starts 8am

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2024

Inset for Staff:

Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3rd September

Term Begins:

Wednesday 4th September

Half Term:

Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November

Term Ends:

Wednesday 11th December at midday after the Nativity

Holiday Club – available

School Closed 2 weeks over Christmas

Spring Term 2025

Inset for Staff:

Monday 6th January

Term Begins:

Tuesday 7th January

Half Term:

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

Term Ends:

Friday 28th March at midday

Summer Term 2025

Inset for Staff:

Tuesday 22nd April

Term Begins:

Wednesday 23rd April

Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May

Half Term:

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Term Ends:

Friday 11th July