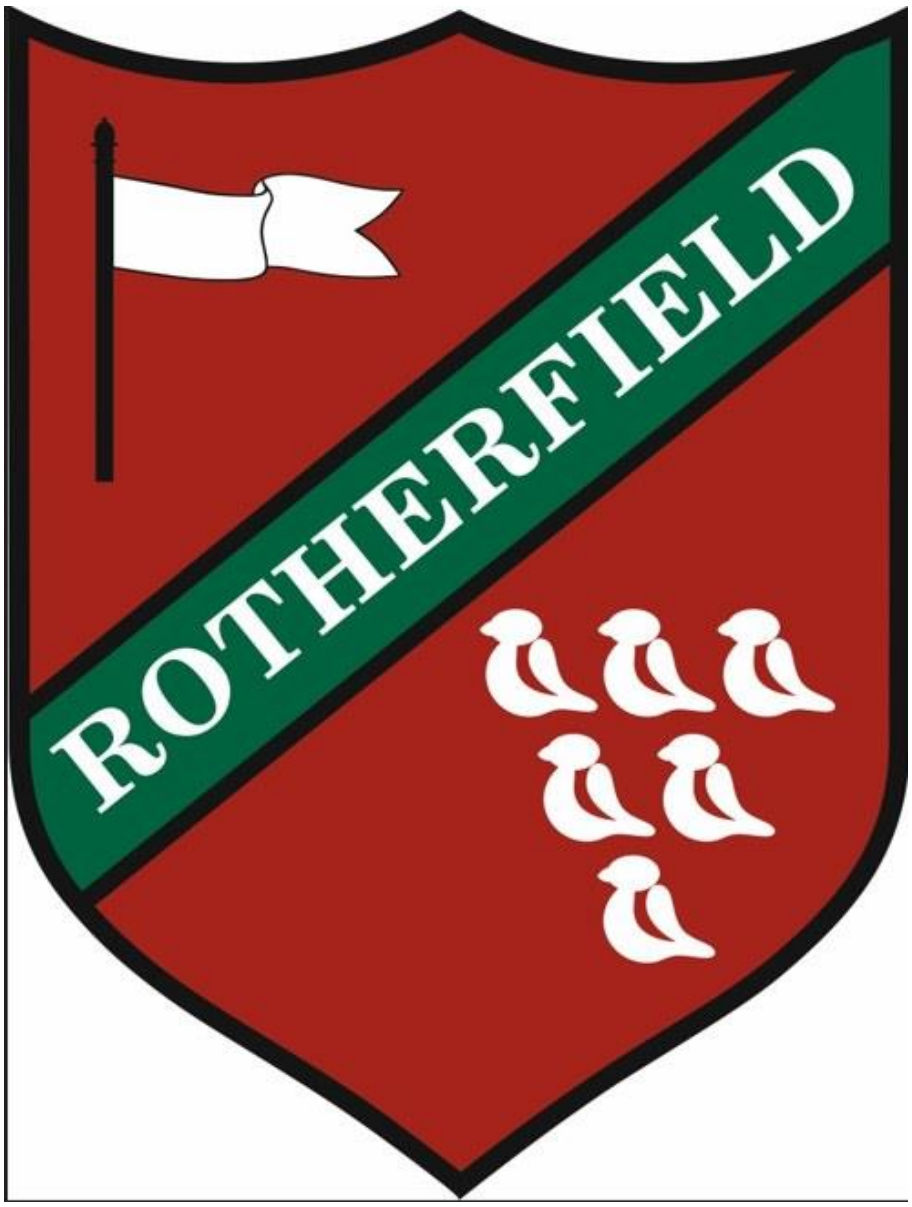


Rotherfield Primary and Pre School Newsletter Friday 9th October (No.6)

Message from Miss Bishop

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Rotherfield and Mark Cross Carnival night. The event was a wonderful celebration, with vibrant colours and a genuine festive atmosphere throughout. It was lovely to see so many families from our school community in attendance, and the occasion served as a reminder of the strength of our local connections. These

shared experiences are invaluable in building the sense of belonging that we work hard to foster here at Rotherfield Primary School.

I am delighted to inform you that we have placed an order for new playground equipment. The equipment will be fitted during term 2 and we anticipate that the children will benefit greatly from the enhanced facilities. We will keep you updated as the installation date approaches.

We are experiencing an increasing issue with lost clothing items, particularly jumpers and cardigans. On a weekly basis, we receive a significant number of unnamed garments that we are unable to return to their rightful owners. I would therefore urge all parents and carers to ensure that all items of clothing, including coats, are clearly labelled with your child's name. This is especially important as we move into the winter months, when children require additional layers such as coats for wet weather. Named clothing makes it far simpler for us to reunite items with their owners promptly.

I recognise that labelling every item can be time-consuming, but the difference it makes in terms of ensuring children's belongings are returned home is considerable. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter and look forward to a significant reduction in unclaimed items in our lost property.

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Bishop

Coming up next week

Monday: NSPCC Stay Safe Workshops - Year 2, Year 5 & Year 6

Tuesday: Parents Evening - early slots

Wednesday: Cross Country event at Beacon Academy

Thursday: Parents Evening - late slots

Friday: Year 6 - Bikeability

Friday: PTCA Break the Rules Day

Keep up to date with all the events via our school website
https://www.rotherfieldprimary.org.uk/Diary/

Cake@break

Congratulations to Robbie (1), Molly (2), Isla Cr (3), Benji R (4), Penny (5) and Albert (6) who were all nominated for Cake@break today. It was lovely to hear of all their successes this week.

Parents Evening Changes

We wanted to let you know about a few changes to the arrangements for Parents Evenings next week. This year, all parent-teacher appointments, for every class, will take place in the school hall. We are making this change for safeguarding reasons and also to help the evening run smoothly and keep appointments to time. Your child's books will be available outside their classroom before your appointment, so please take the opportunity to look through their work first. Appointments will be 10 minutes long. A bell will ring every 10 minutes to signal the end of each appointment and the start of the next. We would be very grateful for everyone's support in keeping conversations within the allocated time so that later appointments are not delayed. If a longer conversation is needed, your child's teacher will be very happy to arrange a separate appointment with you. You can access the school using the main entrance, a temporary door code will be available.

Our school afterschool club will run out of Peake class on both evenings. To collect the children, please enter the main door and walk round to Peake classroom.

If you have not yet booked your Parents Evening appointment, bookings are still available through Arbor.

Thank you for your support and understanding. We look forward to welcoming you.

TTRS and Numbots award!

A huge thank you to all the families who have been supporting regular practice on **Times Tables Rock Stars** and **NumBots**. Every short practice session helps strengthen the neural pathways in children's brains, making number facts easier to recall automatically. When these facts become secure, children have less cognitive load to manage and can focus more of their brainpower on new and more complex learning. It's wonderful to see so many children putting in the effort, and we'd like to thank everyone who has been taking the time to practise at home. Your support really does make a difference to their confidence and progress in maths.

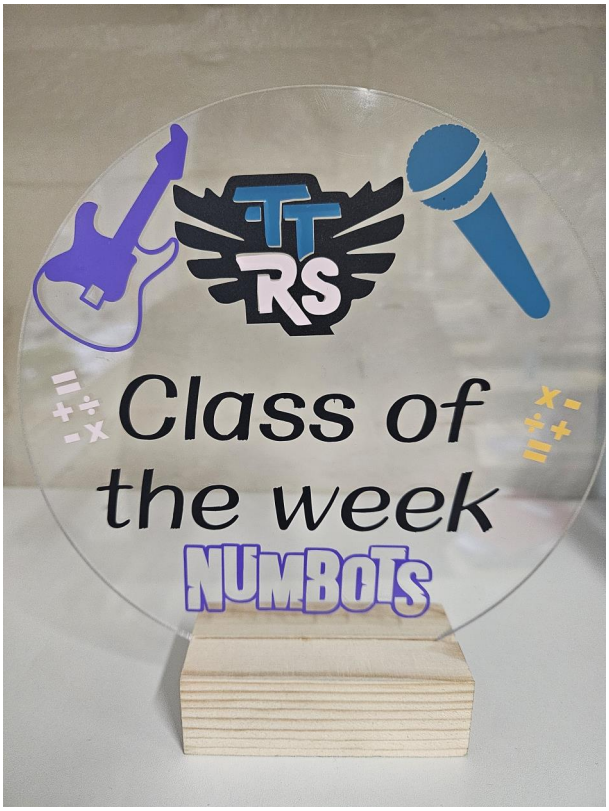
Based on the percentage of each person in the class who have played, the results are:

3rd place: Goodall

2nd place: Franklin

1st place: Attenborough - 94%

A special mention to **Newton**, who are quietly sneaking up on the outside and could soon challenge for the top places!



Counting Backwards at Home

One area we are working on across the school is helping children become more fluent at counting backwards. This is a really important skill because it supports children's understanding of number order, place value, subtraction and division, helping them become confident and flexible mathematicians. When practising at home, try not to always start from familiar numbers such as 10, 20 or 100. Challenge your child to count backwards from **any number**, for example:

- 34, 33, 32, 31...
- 57, 56, 55, 54...
- 83, 82, 81, 80...
- Odd numbers such as 17, 15, 13, 11... or 29, 27, 25, 23...

The goal is for children to understand how the number sequence works, rather than simply memorising counting patterns.

Fun ways to practise:

🚀 **Rocket Countdown** - Choose any number and count down to zero before launch!

🚗 **Car Journey Challenge** - Spot a number on a sign, house or vehicle and count backwards from it.

⚽ **Pass and Count** - Throw a ball to each other while counting backwards.

🎲 **Countdown Competition** - Take turns choosing a starting number and see who can reach zero without making a mistake.

📺 **Jack Hartmann Counting Backwards Videos** - These fun, active videos are great for practising at home. To make them more challenging, pause the video and ask your child to continue counting backwards from a different number than the one shown.

Just a few minutes of practice each day can make a big difference to your child's confidence with numbers.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Moon

Bonfire Night Change of Menu

Christmas Cards Designs

Today the children will be bringing home their wonderful Christmas card designs. If you wish to order any cards or gifts, please follow the instructions within the paperwork provided. **After making your order online, it is very important that the original artwork is returned to the office by Thursday 22nd October,** as it has to be sent to Cauliflower cards before half term, so that your order can be printed and delivered in time for Christmas.

Thank you, Mrs Turner

Wraparound Care Bookings

We are seeing an increased number of children who are coming to wraparound without prior booking. Please ensure that you have booked your child's place in advance through Arbor. Spaces are limited and fill up quickly. If you are unable to book through Arbor, please email wraparoundcare@rotherfield-cps.e-sussex.sch.uk[1] to book your place. Many thanks.

The Wraparound Team

[1] mailto:wraparoundcare@rotherfield-cps.e-sussex.sch.uk

PTCA News

BREAK THE RULES DAY
Have fun, be creative, and break some rules!
Friday 16th October
50p per rule!
Wear non-uniform clothes
Wear your own favourite outfit, pyjamas or a onesie instead of the standard school uniform.
Crazy hair
Sport a wild hairstyle, use hair gel, or add temporary hair dye/ colour spray.
Nail varnish and temporary tattoos
Wear bright nail polish or fun temporary skin tattoos.
Makeup or face paint
Wear light makeup, glitter or face paint for the day.
CRISPS
Snacks at breaktime
Bring a sweet treat, chocolate bar or crisps instead of a standard healthy snack.
Just remember: no nuts!
Juice
Drinks in water bottles
Put squash, juice or flavoured water in your bottle instead of plain water.
No fizzy or energy drinks allowed.
Wear a hat or cap
Wear a baseball cap or a fun hat inside the classroom.
Bring a small toy
Bring a soft toy or small toy from home for your desk.
Pay by:
Cash
Card
or use link
PTCA

Rotherfield Primary School
Parents Teachers Children Association

RAFFLE

Three amazing prizes!

1st Prize

Family tickets for Christmas at Bedgebury

Experience the magic of Christmas with a family day out at Bedgebury with Forestry England.

Forestry England

2nd Prize

1 child and 1 adult for the Autumn Magic experience at Birchden Vineyards

BIRCHDEN VINEYARDS

3rd Prize

Lunch for two at The Catts Inn

Tickets can be purchased here:

Make a Difference at Rotherfield PTCA

CAN YOU HELP?

We're looking for people to help in the following areas... small amounts of time can make a big difference!

Diary Coordinator
1 PERSON NEEDED
Making sure key dates and events are communicated with relevant persons.

Tuck Shop
3 PEOPLE NEEDED
Help keep the tuck shop running smoothly.

Newsletter
1 PERSON NEEDED
Help put together content to keep our community informed.

Christmas Event
1 PERSON NEEDED
Help coordinate our magical Christmas event.

External Stalls
1 PERSON NEEDED
Contact and organise external stallholders for events.

PTCA Stalls
1 PERSON NEEDED
Help plan our fundraising stalls at events.

Raffle Prizes
1 PERSON NEEDED
Help find and organise exciting raffle prizes.

The Shed
1 PERSON NEEDED
Help keep the PTCA shed organised and tidy.

Different skills. Same goal.
Brighter opportunities for our children.

We'd love to hear from you!

Interested? Please get in touch by email:
rotherfieldprimaryptca@gmail.com

PARENTS • TEACHERS • CHILDREN • COMMUNITY • A STRONGER ROTHERFIELD

Break the Rules Day link for payments:

https://rotherfieldprimaryptca.charityhive.co.uk/tickets/9/break-the-rules-day

Raffle tickets can be purchased here:

https://rotherfieldprimaryptca.charityhive.co.uk/raffle/2/rotherfield-ptca-october-2026-raffle

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[2]

Tapestry - Peake class[3]

Seesaw[4]

Times table Rock Stars[5]

Numbots[6]

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

Adverts

Come and join us for…
Messy Church
At The Village Hall
Rotherfield
GLUE
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

2 DAYS ONLY
£90*
INCL LUNCH
INCLUDING
RUGBY
ATHLETICS
ROUNDERS
FOOTBALL
CRICKET
29TH-30TH
OCT
KIDS MULTI-SPORTS
CAMP
GILBERT
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
CROWSRUGBY
*1 DAY OPTION AVAILABLE

Eastbourne Cycle Centre
East Sussex County Council
What's on
October Halfterm - 2026
MONDAY 26th October
LEARN 2 RIDE SESSIONS
09.00 – 09.45 COURSE FULL
10.00 – 10.45 COURSE FULL
11.00 – 11.45 1 SPACE
12.30 – 13.15 COURSE FULL
13.30 – 14.15 1 SPACE
14.00 – 15.15 COURSE FULL
Cost £22.00 pp
BIKEABILITY LEVEL 1
10.00 – 12.00 4 SPACES
Cost £13.00 pp
BIKEABILITY LEVEL 2 DAY 1
10.00 – 15.00 COURSE FULL
Cost £23.00 pp (for both days)
BIKEABILITY LEVEL 1 PLUS
13.00 – 15.00 8 SPACES
SCAN ME TO BOOK!
TUESDAY 27th October
BIKEABILITY LEVEL 3
09.00 – 12.00 4 SPACES
Cost £32.00 pp
BIKEABILITY LEVEL 2 DAY 2
10.00 – 15.00 COURSE FULL
Cost £23.00 pp (for both days)
LEARN 2 RIDE SESSIONS
13.00 – 13.45 COURSE FULL
14.00 – 14.45 COURSE FULL
15.00 – 15.45 1 SPACE
Cost £22.00 pp
WEDNESDAY 28th July
LEARN 2 RIDE SESSIONS
09.00 – 09.45 2 SPACES
10.00 – 10.45 COURSE FULL
11.00 – 11.45 COURSE FULL
12.00 – 12.45 COURSE FULL
Cost £22.00 pp
FAMILY FUN WHIZZ
14.00 – 16.00 TURN UP ON THE DAY
Cost £7.00 pp
THURSDAY 29th July
MTB GROUP RIDE
10.00 – 14.00 7 SPACES
Cost £35.00 pp (Child)
Cost £35.00 pp (Adult)
Email:holidaycourses@eastsussex.gov.uk
Phone: 07766 422352 / 07584 262556

Scan the QR code to book

Hindleap Adventure Camp

- October Half Term
- £40 per child per day
- Sibling Discount
- Ages 8-12
- 8.30am-5.30pm

Hindleap
OUTDOOR LEARNING

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

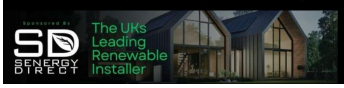
TWGSB Sevenoaks
Seal Hollow Road
Sevenoaks
TN13 3SL

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.



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

ADVENTURES in *The Enchanted Wood*

MUDDY GINGERS

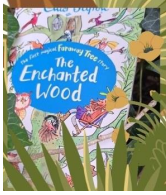
A 4 week drama & storytelling adventure for children aged 6+

Inspired by Enid Blyton's Magic Faraway Tree series

Saturdays 9.30-10.30
14 & 21 November
5 & 19 December

£60 for all 4 sessions

Crowborough Community Centre



Email: muddygingers@gmail.com
WhatsApp: 07966577667
Instagram: @muddygingers

RSM
Rotherfield St Martin

Charity Christmas Wreath Making Afternoon

3 December

1-3pm

Rotherfield Scout Hut

£35
Includes refreshments

Call RSM on 01892 853021 to book your place

Frame, foliage and ribbons all provided - please bring your own secateurs