



July 2026

Rowsley C of E Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

How fast time flies! Only 2 weeks left of this academic year and what a busy few weeks it will be.

Please keep an eye on Parenthub for all communications.

I cannot believe that we are so close to the end of yet another amazing year for Rowsley CofE Primary School.

The last few weeks

Your child has now completed their transition morning in their new year group – obviously some have the same teacher, but class names are changing.

Reception/Year 1/Year 2 – Mary Anning Class

Year 3/4 – Alexander Fleming Class

Year 5/6 – Jane Goodall Class

This year's advocates have all contributed to science in one way or another and are all inspirational in their own way.

The Year 6s have completed their transitions to their new secondary schools; they are all very excited and, on the whole, I think nerves have been settled.

All the junior children have been practising their lines for our end of year production 'Sherlock and Cinders'. We hope that you can join us for one of the performances on Tuesday 14th July, the times are 1.45pm and 5.30pm. Junior children must be back in school for 5.00pm on that day.

There are no tickets – you pay to leave not to come in! Please bring some change as donations towards the cost of staging the play (costumes, Hall hire, performance licences, music etc) would be most welcome. The PTFA will also be serving refreshments. Two seats will be reserved in the front rows for Year 6 parents/carers.

The final dress rehearsal is the morning of Monday 13th July, costumes need to be in school that morning at the very latest. If you are struggling with any aspect of your child's costume please let us know as soon as possible so that Mrs Hodgson and I can sort something out.

What is going on in school?

The Julia Donaldson Class (EYFS, Y1 & Y2)

As part of KS1 English this half term, the children have been enjoying the wonderful experience of caring for caterpillars as they watched them grow, form chrysalises and finally emerge as beautiful butterflies. The excitement of releasing the butterflies into the school grounds was a memorable moment and helped the children learn about life cycles and the importance of caring for nature. Meanwhile, Reception have been developing their maths skills by exploring different ways to present information. They have been creating pie charts and bar charts to organise and interpret data, building their understanding of how information can be displayed clearly and effectively.

The Judith Kerr Class (Y3 & Y4)

It was a delight to take Judith Kerr Class to Lea Green in June. The children were wonderful ambassadors for the school and fabulous company all day. Despite really challenging weather conditions, the children attempted all the challenges with great enthusiasm and fantastic teamwork. The day started with a river walk, with children having to scramble up moss-covered rocks and through some quite deep pools of water. Our wellies were soon filled up! Some children weren't at all bothered by the chilly water and enjoyed sitting in it at any opportunity they could! The children were completely soaked before they even started the waterslide activity and were soon covered in bubbles from that too. Everyone had a nice warm shower and some lunch before heading back outside to do the low ropes course. Children finished the day with a frantic run around in the soft play to warm up. Back at school, it was too wet to go to the woods as planned so we had a wonderful game of hide-and-seek all over the school before our sleepover. A big well done to all the children for a memorable day.



The Joseph Coelho Class (Y5 & Y6)

This is always a super busy year for the Year 5 and 6s – especially the Y6s as this is their last term at primary school.

The children recently returned from a 3 day stay at Boggle Hole near Whitby. It was such a lot of fun and it was great to spend time with my class in a completely different setting. We were on the beach or outdoors from breakfast until bedtime. The behaviour of the children was exemplary – this was commented on by the people we encountered in the shops we visited and by passersby – it was a lovely moment when they started chatting to a man walking to Scarborough, who they then all clapped and cheered him on his way. They all loved the sea and the body boarding/surfing – many had never tried this before and were a little nervous beforehand. A big thankyou to Whitby Surf School who made them all feel so welcome and confident.

It was one of the best residential that I have ever been on.

I must take this opportunity to thank a few people: Mrs Middlebrook who did such an amazing job at organising it all – I know what a mammoth task it was; Mrs Booker and Mrs Wyer who got stuck in and helped with everything, and finally, Cassie Nix who helped with behaviour control!



Sports Day

This year's sports day was a lot of fun, as always, and the children all competed well, showing grit and determination to succeed. Well done to the Yellow Team for winning the overall competition. Thank you to all who came to watch and also to those who helped out.



Safeguarding

Years 2, 5 and 6 have had a visit from the NSPCC recently and have learned about their right to 'Speak out and Stay Safe' especially during the holidays! If they have any issues they know to call



CHILDLINE 0800 11 11

- Childline links: Online with 1-2-1 chat or email counselling at www.childline.org.uk
- For d/Deaf children: www.childline.org.uk search Deaf Zone
- Kids area for support, advice and things to make and play & Activities for kids at home | NSPCC
- There is also the Buddy Zone for more safety advice for children

PTFA

Many thanks to our wonderful PTFA for putting on this year's Water Olympics Event this half term. It was a lot of fun for all the children. This was a free event which took a lot of time and energy to set up – events like this can not be run without our PTFA. Thank you to all who volunteer.



The PTFA raises vital funds for trips and equipment – they recently donated a large amount towards our new goal posts.

To keep it running we need volunteers to help out. If you can spare any time or want to help out please see myself, Mrs Middlebrook or Claire Harrison – everyone is welcome.

Please also continue to support them by coming to our school fairs – the next one is Thursday 16th July.

Well Dressing

A massive thank you to the PTFA who also organise our well-dressing every year. This is a fabulous school and community effort. We really could do with some more volunteers in the future, as without parents/grandparents etc, this long-standing tradition will not be able to continue. All the children get a turn to contribute to the making of it and Jenny Vickers takes all the Y5/6 designs and combines their ideas to make the final one. I am sure that you will agree that this year's was a fitting tribute to Sir David Attenborough. Thank you again to all involved.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Details
July		
Monday 13 th July	Final dress rehearsal for Junior Production	All junior children to be in school on time with costumes in named bags.
Tuesday 14 th July	Junior End of Year Production	Sherlock & Cinders – 2 performances: 1.45pm and 5.30pm at the Village Hall
Thursday 16 th July	School Summer Fair	3.30pm -5.00pm in the school grounds. All welcome. If you can volunteer to man a stall or bake for the cake stall please let Claire Harrison or Mrs Middlebrook know.
Tuesday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers' Event	Pizza and Water Fight Night 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd July	School Leavers' Service	9.30am at St Katherine's Church Followed by tea and cake at school for Y6 parents and carers.
Thursday 23 rd July	Last Day of Term	School closes
Monday 7 th September	School reopens	All children, including new Reception back to school

And finally...

This is the final newsletter of the year so can I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the staff, children and parents who have contributed to a wonderful 2025/26 academic year.

I also want to wish all our Year 6 students all the best at their new schools – I know that they will all be brilliant.

The school newsletter can be found on our school website and diary dates are on the school website calendar.

If you have any queries or questions, please do speak to us or arrange a meeting. You can email the school at info@rowsley.derbyshire.sch.uk or email myself at c.hewitt@peaktorfederation.co.uk

If you would like a paper copy of the newsletter, please let me know and this can be arranged.

Live 'life in all its fullness.' (John 10:10b)

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