



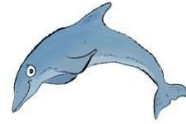
# Rode Heath Primary School

*"Inspiring learning; nurturing minds; achieving for life."*

## April 2025 Newsletter



Curiosity



Teamwork



Fairness



Resilience

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to April's edition of our newsletter and I hope you all have a wonderful break over the next two weeks. We return to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and please remember the importance of arriving to school on-time.

### **School Start Times**

Reception and KS1: 8:45 - 3:15

Staff will be out on the infant playground at 8:40am. At 8:45 a member of staff will blow the whistle. This is the signal for the children to line up and the start of the school day. Please could I ask parents/carers to stand back from the class lines once the whistle is blown allowing all the children to be seen by their teacher. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 finish the school day at 3:15pm.

Key Stage Two: 8:50 - 3:20

Key stage two children have a staggered start to the day to help ease traffic congestion outside of the school gates and to reduce overcrowding in the cloakrooms. Children can enter their classrooms from 8:40am, and should be in school by 8:50am. The junior gate is locked at 8:55am. Year 3 to Year 6 children finish the school day at 3:20pm.

If your child arrives after these times, they will be given a late mark. Persistent lateness may result in a meeting with parents.

### **Emergency evacuations**

Every half term, we conduct a fire drill and the children practise leaving the school quickly and calmly. We have done this for many years and they are now very skilled at leaving the building promptly to line up in their allocated fire assembly points on our playgrounds. As of the summer term, we will introduce a lockdown drill using a newly installed lockdown alarm system. We will practice moving to safe areas within the school. Before we complete this drill for the first time, I will speak to the children about this and why we need it. I will explain that this alarm may be used if there is a stranger on the playground or if there is a loose animal outside and that we need to move to safe areas within school.

### **Medication**

Just a reminder that our school Calpol (paracetamol) is for emergency use only. If you know that your child needs Calpol during the school day, please fill in a medical form at the office and provide us with a bottle. We will then follow the instructions and administer the paracetamol as per your request.

## Achievements and Celebrations

Well done to all that participated in the Alsager Key Stage 2 Swimming Gala. Congratulations to Year 5 and 6 who managed to win!

A fantastic win for the Year 5\6 Swimming Team who took part in the Alsager Schools Swimming Gala this week! Well done.



Well done for taking part in the year 3 and 4 Alsager Schools Swimming Gala. You all swam really well and showed excellent swimming skills! Great team.



### **World Down's Syndrome Day**

The sale of the gingerbread socks raised just over £200 for the Cheshire Down's Syndrome Support Group. Thank you to all who bought biscuits in support of this local charity.

Year 2 have gone all out with their colourful socks for Down Syndrome Awareness Day. We've purchased sock biscuits to eat later, I hope they share them with you. Thank you for your support.  
[#oddsocksday](#) [#downsyndromeawareness](#)





## Performances

Our amazing choir performed beautifully during their very own concert to their friends and families. It was such a pleasure to see them all singing with such enjoyment and confidence.

Wow! What a wonderful performance! Thank you so much to Ms. Burton and our amazing choir for such a fantastic evening of music. 🥰🎵🎵🎵🎵



Our Year 4s treated the whole school and their parents to a **spectacular** musical performance on their glockenspiels!

🎵💎 From **rock 'n' roll** to **pop hits**, they played with confidence and style—looking extra **groovy** in their sunglasses and caps! 😎👢



## Holiday Club – SPACES AVAILABLE FOR EASTER!

We continue to provide a safe, enjoyable environment in our Holiday Clubs with lots of different activities available for all children to enjoy. We are looking forward to seeing some of you in our upcoming Easter Holiday Club. Bookings can be made via your ScoPay account.





## Trips and Visits

### Year 5 York Residential

We had a fantastic time in York and the children conducted themselves excellently. There were very mature, asked lots of great questions, were very enthused, had fun and loved the breakfasts!

Year 5 have made it to York and are very giddy to explore! We are looking forward to a fun-filled few days 🥳



### Year 6 London Trip

A couple of weeks ago, we took an early morning train to London to visit the Houses of Parliament. This gave the children such an insight into how our government works. We then took a boat trip up and down the Thames, followed by a bite to eat at an Italian restaurant. It was such a good trip!

Year 6 have arrived in London and are ready for their tour of the Houses of Parliament.





## It's all about Space at Rode Heath

2025 is a landmark year for Rode Heath, marking a decade since we first launched our *Out of This World* project—an unforgettable, space-themed adventure that united our entire school in discovery and innovation.

Mrs Wiskow has written an article about our excellent Space Week that we had at the beginning of March, please find the link below:

[It's all about Space at Rode Heath – Think Like An Engineer](#)

## Science Week

Year 1 have had an amazing space week! We have created our own artwork, performed a song, completed some space maths, made and launched rockets and had another fabulous dress up day!



The Y3s applied their teamwork skills to build towers out of paperclips and paper. Thank you Y5 Space Ambassadors for helping them.



Year 3 having a wonderful time during Space Week! Rocket catchers, bionic hands and the eggonaut experiment as well as some great space costumes.

