



Newsletter Term 1 2023/2024



Message from Miss Davies

Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful first month back at school. As always, we have been super busy with our learning from starting with our Take One Picture project to now delving deep into our History learning. Our children are already very knowledgeable about their learning, and I have had some great discussions with them about their historical figures, such as Christopher Columbus, Blackbeard, Henry V111, Elizabeth 1, Shakespeare, and Winston Churchill.

We are delighted to say our Ofsted report is now out! Thank you to everyone for your kind words, support, and encouragement. We are over the moon to receive Outstanding in ALL areas! The five areas being:

- Quality of Education
- Behaviour and Attitudes
- Personal Development
- Leadership and Management
- Early Years

To receive great feedback and to read such a wonderful report is a testament to our incredible staff team, our children and to all of you- our parents and grandparents too! Our community school is such a special place, and it was lovely to share all of the things that we do with the inspection team.

In Ofsted inspections they 'deep dive' into set subjects. This means they focus on some main areas of learning at our school. The subjects that they looked at in more detail were: Reading, Mathematics, Art, History, Computing, PSHE, DT, PE and Music. We are very proud of the curriculum that we have developed over time at Rodbourne Cheney. Learning lies at the heart of what we do. We believe that all subjects are equally important and it wonderful to see our children blossom in all these learning areas. The Ofsted team also spent a large amount of time inspecting the other areas mentioned above. If you have not read our report already, you can find it here:

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50228578>

We have been enjoying our singing assemblies, which are now on every Wednesday morning. The children across the school from Reception to Year 6 are incredibly enthusiastic. They always put a big smile on my face! Our current assembly songs are 'The Power in Me' and 'Unstoppable.' We will look forward to sharing these with you soon. Our children also learn different music genres each fortnight. So far, we have delved into 90s, reggae and now R&B. We have some very excited renditions from the children of Backstreet Boys and Bob Marley's Three Little Birds!

Our sporting opportunities have started off well this term. Our new football team have eagerly played a few matches in the Swindon school's league, narrowly missing out on the win. They have shown great teamwork and determination and we know they will go strength to strength as the season progresses. Well done to Leila for showing leadership qualities as our football captain. Our school elite dance team from Year 4 up to 6 have started their competition piece. Bella has begun her Dance Captain duties well inspiring our younger pupils with her dance expertise and positive attitude.

Our Year 5 pupils have started to learn their dance for the Wyvern, and I have been incredibly impressed with every single one of them. I know that they will represent the school very well at this event.

Warm regards,
Miss Davies



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School Social Media Channels

We love sharing our learning with you on social media. Please follow our school Twitter (also now known as X) @Rodbournecheney and our Facebook page too.

You can also find class Twitter (also known as X) pages on :

Nursery (2-3) - @NurseryRCPS

Preschool - @preschoolRCPS

Reception – @PeacocksRcps

Year 1 - @RCPSLinnetclass

Year 2 - @Robins_RCPS

Year 3 - @BlackbirdsRCPS

Year 4 - @BuzzardsRcps

Year 5- @Year5RCPS

Year 6 - @RcpsSwans



Our Learning for Term 1

Term 1 - Whole School Theme- Who Changed the World? (History focus)				
EYFS/KS1	Preschool	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Theme	Home from Home: All about me!	You and Me, and the Big, Big Sea	Explorers : Christopher Columbus	Black Death and The Great Fire of London
Book	Goldilocks and the Three Bears	Only One You Rainbow Fish	The Night Pirates and other pirate books	The Baker's Boy
KS2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Theme	Henry V111 and his Six Wives	The Vikings	Elizabethan Times	WW2
Book	Henry VIII: Guilty or Innocent?	Odd and the Frost Giants	Romeo and Juliet and other Shakespeare stories	The Emergency Zoo

Our whole school values for Term 1 will be **RESPECT** and **COURAGE**.

Learning about Democracy

A big thank you to Justin Tomlinson MP for visiting our children from Reception to Year 6 to help us understand how parliament works. Our children completed their own mock Sports Bill passed through the Houses of Parliament, House of Lords and to the King! It was a fabulous assembly.





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Year 3 School Trip to Hampton Court Palace.

Our Year 3 children visited the home of Henry V111 and had a wonderful time on their trip. They were able to visit the palace and had a workshop where they learned about different historical sources and new facts about Henry V111. One of their favourite things they learned was that it is probable that Henry wore glasses, but these are not featured in any of his portraits as he felt that wearing glasses may have made him look weak and not as strong and powerful to others!

Well done everyone for great attitudes and lots of enthusiasm to their learning throughout the day.



Diary Dates

Thursday 12 th October	Parent event: Story and sharing of my work at 2.45pm
Friday 13 th October	School Council meeting
Tuesday 17 th October	Class assembly for Year 6
Wednesday 18 th October	Harvest whole school concert (outside so weather permitting) More information to follow.
Wednesday 18 th October	Break up for half term
Monday 30 th October	Term 2 starts
Monday 30 th October and Tuesday 31 st October	Jonathon Jungle Roadshow visit to the school from Nursery to Year 6! Thank you to the PTA for funding this for our pupils.