



# Summer Term 1 - The Rowan School Newsletter 2026

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May 2026

The Rowan School

We have had an incredible start to our Summer Term at the Rowan School. Below are some of the things you can expect to see in this term's newsletter.

- Sustainability
- Dudley Health and Wellbeing Update
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## Sustainability



For sustainability, we recently celebrated Earth Day — an annual event held on 22nd April that encourages awareness and support for protecting our environment and preserving natural resources. As part of our celebrations, all of our learners created their own sustainability pledges, sharing simple and meaningful ways they can help care for the planet and live more sustainably in their everyday lives.



## Dudley Health and Wellbeing Update



Dudley has released a health and well-being update for us to share with you. In the images below, you will be able to find information for:

- Summer Water Safety
- Dudley Free Swimming
- Family Wellness Team
- Parenting Drop-In Sessions
- Keeping Up-To-Date With Vaccinations
- Phases Physical Activity Programme
- Dudley's Local Offer
- Starting Well
- Cranstoun Here4YOUth
- Super 1's
- Talking to Children About Their Developing Bodies and Feelings
- Free Street Cricket
- NHS Healthy Choices Quiz

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# Health & Wellbeing Update



## for children and families in Dudley

### Summer water safety

As the weather gets warmer, consider the dangers of open water to keep your family safe. Top tips from the Royal Life Saving Society UK:

- Stop and think – assess your surroundings, look for signs giving advice and look out for dangers.
- Stay together with friends or family and only swim at a lifeguarded venue.
- Float to live – float on your back, stay calm and call for help.

To view and download the summer water safety poster scan the QR code or visit [Healthy Dudley](#).



### ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are around water:

**STOP and THINK**

Check for hazards, such as:
 

- Slippery surfaces
- Power cables
- Deep water
- Strong currents
- Wind
- Weather
- Other people

**STAY TOGETHER**

Don't leave children unattended near water.
 

- Children should be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
- Children should be taught to swim.
- Children should be taught to use life jackets.

**CALL 999**

In an emergency, call 999 for help.
 

- Tell the operator you need help.
- Give the location of the incident.
- Stay on the line until help arrives.

**FLIGHT**

Get out of the water quickly.
 

- Swim to the edge of the water.
- Climb out of the water.
- Call for help.

### Dudley FREE swimming

Did you know that there is free swimming for children aged 16 and under during Dudley borough school holidays?

The free swimming scheme will take place during May half term, from Saturday 23 to Sunday 31 May.

For more details scan the QR code or visit [Free Swim Dudley](#).



### FREE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SUPPORT FOR YOUR FAMILY

Contributed by Dudley Council

Arrange free one-to-one support with a Dudley Family Wellness Coach who will help you and your kids eat well and move more.

Scan for a healthy lifestyle! Call our Health Dudley team on 0121 720 402 or visit [www.healthydudley.co.uk](#)

**Family Wellness Team**

Your local Family Wellness Team can help your family start new healthy habits that are both realistic and enjoyable.

Topics include portion sizes, food eating, healthy lunchboxes, keeping active and more.

Sessions are flexible to suit your family needs and even just a few sessions can get you on your way to a healthier future.

Call to book or find out more by scanning the QR code or visit [Healthy Dudley](#).

### Parenting drop-in sessions

Parenting information drop-in sessions at Cable Plaza, Waterford West, Buryley Hill, DYS 11W.

Meet the Dudley Parenting team at Cable Plaza in the breakout room for parenting information drop-in sessions 2026 to 2027. Find out what programmes are available for parents/carers in Dudley, from pregnancy to adolescence. No need to book, just pop in. Scan the QR code or visit [Healthy Dudley](#) for upcoming session dates.



### Keeping up-to-date with vaccinations

Find information on immunisations including meningitis vaccines for babies and children in year 6. To read the update from the Dudley Health Protection team for families, which includes details on the MMR and MMRV vaccines, scan the QR code.



Babies, children and young people team, Public Health, Health & Wellbeing, Dudley Council

### Phases physical activity programme

"Great opportunity for the family to improve fitness and wellbeing" - Phases parent / carer.

"I really enjoy PHASES Programme and I look forward to coming every Saturday" - Phases participant.

Find out more about the free gym-based physical activity programme for 11 - 16 year olds by scanning the QR code or visit [Healthy Dudley](#).

**PHASES** FREE gym-based physical activity programme

### Dudley's Local Offer

Dudley's SEND Local Offer has been redesigned and is now on the Dudley Council website to make it easier for parents, carers, children, and young people aged 0-25 with additional needs or disabilities to find the right information and support.

The new [www.dudley.gov.uk/sendoffer](#) brings together advice and information on education, health, social care and community services across the borough all in one easy to navigate place.

The offer has been consulted with local partners and parent carers, working together to create the Dudley Local Offer. It will continue to grow and improve in response to feedback.

Dudley is committed to making sure the Local Offer website is accessible, clear and usable for everyone.

Parents, carers, young people and professionals can now get the Local Offer by scanning the QR code or visiting [www.dudley.gov.uk/localoffer](#)

### CRANSTOWN

Free street cricket sessions take place in Buryley Hill, Lye, Central Dudley and Bromley Parkway. Scan the QR code or visit [Worcestershire Cricket Foundation](#) for more information.

**Free street cricket**

### Super 1s

Learn to swim at Dudley. Sessions are held at Dudley Leisure Centre. Scan the QR code or visit [www.dudley.gov.uk/super1s](#)

**Super 1s**

### Starting well

The Starting well section of the Healthy Dudley website has lots of information to support healthy pregnancy, infancy, childhood and adolescent health, up to age 19. Scan the QR code or visit [Healthy Dudley](#).

**Starting well**

### Free street cricket

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**Free street cricket**

### NHS Healthy Choices Quiz

Get your score in just 5 minutes. Take the free NHS Healthy Choices Quiz to find where you could make some changes to live a healthier life and receive support and guidance to get going. Scan the QR code or visit the NHS website and start the quiz!

**NHS Healthy Choices Quiz**

### Talking to children about their developing bodies and feelings

As a parent or carer, how confident do you feel talking to your primary-aged children about their body, puberty and development?

Hear from Brook specialists in this free webinar to learn how to take a positive, age-appropriate approach, by helping you feel more confident having those important (and sometimes awkward) conversations.

- Understand why a positive approach to children's bodies and development matters
- Feel empowered to have clear, factual conversations about bodies and puberty
- Manage awkwardness with confidence
- Adapt conversations to meet your child's individual needs (only include the below highlighted text if there is room)

The webinar includes a Q&A where specialists feed lots of interaction with parents and carers. A recording of the session is available on the parenting section of the [Brook website](#) or scan the QR code to view the video on YouTube.

**Talking to children about their developing bodies and feelings**

Babies, children and young people team, Public Health, Health & Wellbeing, Dudley Council

## Enrichment Activities



This half term, our learners have enjoyed a wide range of exciting enrichment activities alongside their learning.

To celebrate British Science Week, each class received a science experiment pack and took turns heading to the playground to become scientists for the day! Learners had a fantastic time carrying out the experiments safely and carefully while following instructions.

We also marked World Sleep Day, where learners explored the importance of sleep and how it supports our health and wellbeing. As part of the activities, they designed their own pyjamas, and we were very impressed by the creativity and effort shown in their wonderful designs.

St. Patrick's Day was another enjoyable celebration. Older learners completed a quiz after learning about the history and traditions of the day, while younger learners got creative by making their own four-leaf clovers.

Easter brought lots of fun and creativity, including a delicious Easter egg hunt enjoyed by all. Learners also worked together to create a fantastic Rowan School Easter egg garden using recycled wooden spoons, showing great teamwork and imagination. There were also some brilliant Easter egg designs created by learners. Alongside the celebrations, learners explored the true meaning and traditions behind Easter.

Finally, we learned all about St George and explored the history connected to St George's Day. Learners took part in a "Design Your Own Dragon" competition, and the creativity on display was incredible. Choosing finalists was very difficult! Three learners were delighted to receive prizes in recognition of their hard work and imaginative designs.

We are looking forward to many more exciting events and enrichment opportunities next half term. Well done to all of our learners for their enthusiasm and participation!







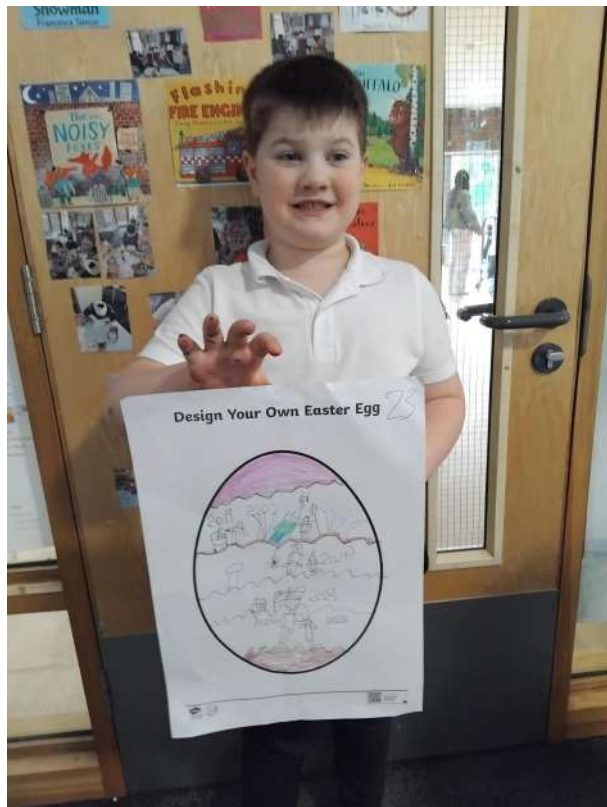






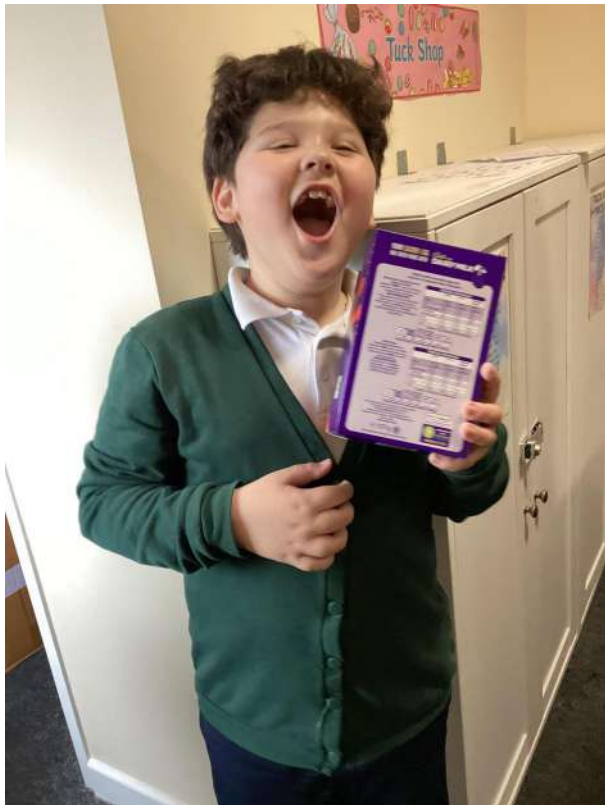


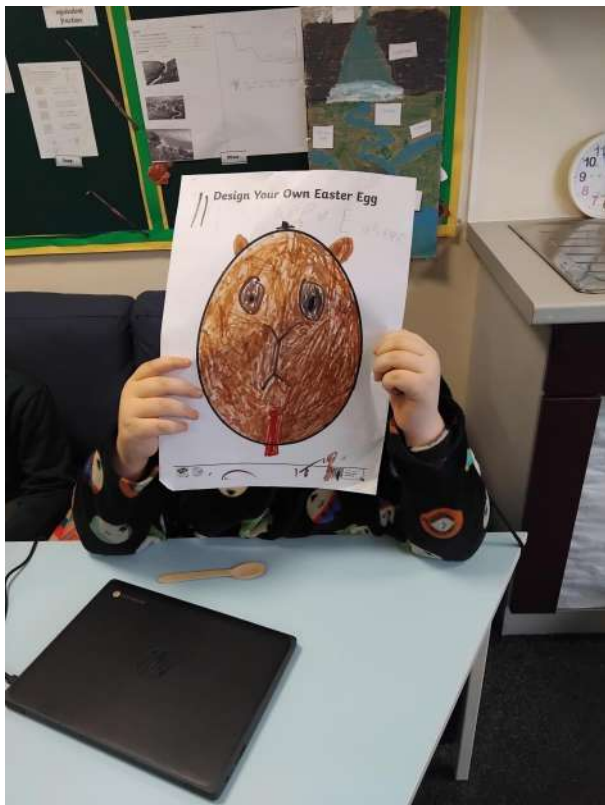












## Physical Education

In P.E. this half term, Oak and Maple classes have been developing their swimming skills during sessions at Duncan Edwards. It has been wonderful to see the confidence and progress each learner has made in the water, and we are incredibly proud of all their achievements.

Willow class have been focusing on football, practising a range of excellent skills including passing, control and teamwork. Meanwhile, Elm and Cedar classes have been learning the rules of dodgeball and developing some fantastic throwing, catching and dodging skills during their lessons.

Well done to all of our learners for their enthusiasm, effort and positive participation in P.E. this half term!









## School Council



During our School Council meetings, learners have been taking part in an exciting scheme called The Pot Gang. Each month, we receive a variety of fruit and vegetable seeds which learners plant, care for and watch grow over time.

This has been a fantastic opportunity for learners to learn more about gardening, healthy eating and caring for the environment. As our collection continues to grow, our vision is to create a small growing area within the school grounds where learners can watch the plants thrive and use the produce we grow to help promote healthy eating across the school community.









## World Bee Day!



*1 - At The Rowan School, we have teamed up to combine Enrichment, Sustainability and Wellbeing to celebrate World Bee Day!*

*On Wednesday, 20th May 2026, we celebrated World Bee Day. The learners had an incredible time planting attractive flowers and decorating bee hotels for the bees to enjoy!*

*We learned how important Bees are for pollination and how simple habitats can help bees safely nest and thrive. It's been a fun hands-on activity and a great way to celebrate nature.*

*We are really proud of our Bee hotels and excited to see them around the school!*



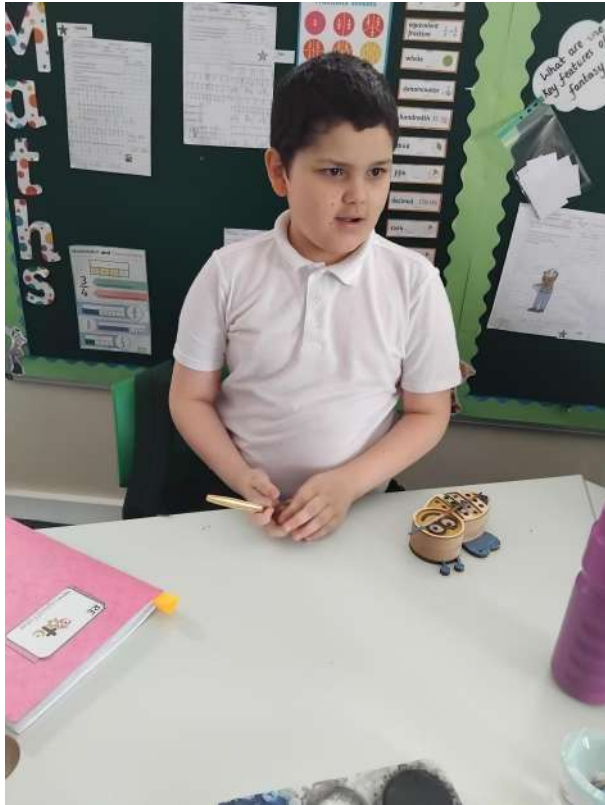


























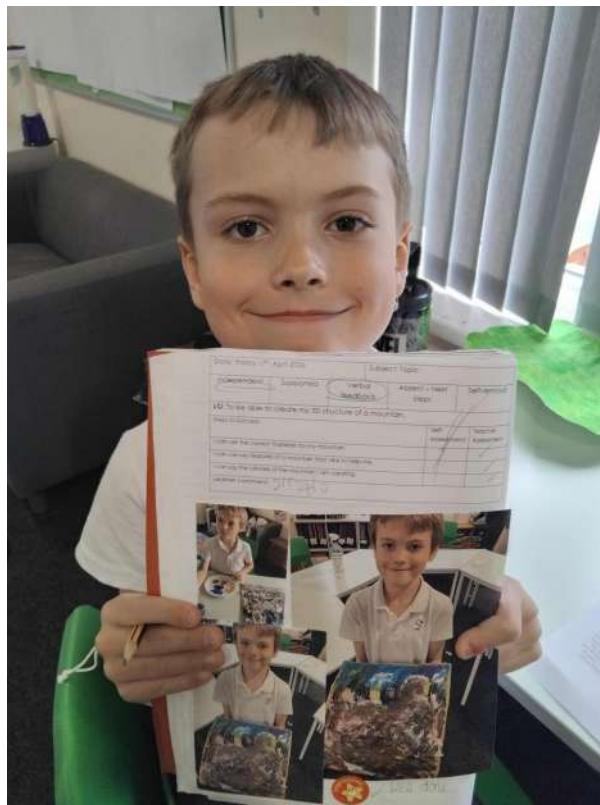
Elm Class

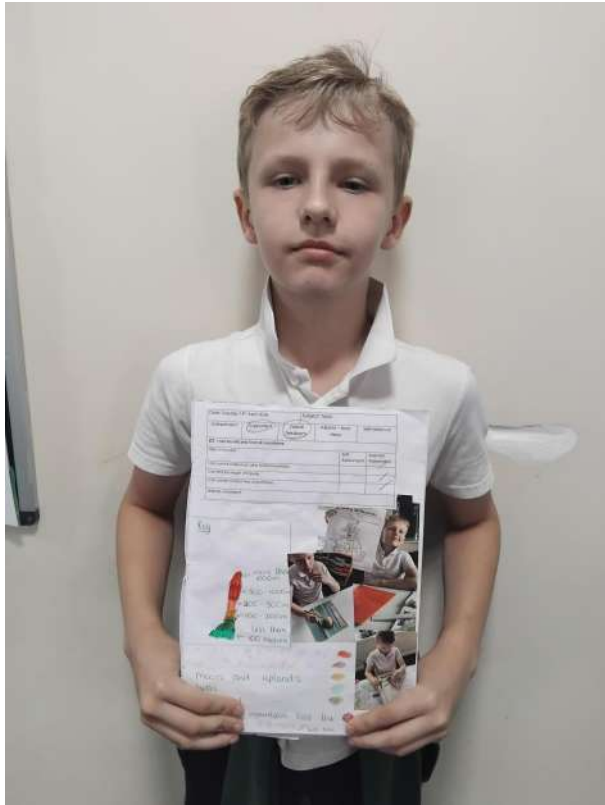


This half term, Elm class have been exploring the fascinating world of mountains. Learners have identified key mountain features, discovered how mountains are formed and learned about the climates of different mountain regions around the world. Throughout the topic, Elm class have shown excellent geographical skills, particularly when using an atlas to locate countries and mountain ranges.

Learners especially enjoyed creating their own 3D models of their favourite mountains, including volcanoes, Mount Everest and many others, using papier-mâché and paint. The creativity, effort and enthusiasm shown throughout this topic have been fantastic.

Well done, Elm class — we are all incredibly proud of your hard work this half term!





## Cedar Class



Cedar Class have made a fantastic start to the half term and have enjoyed a wide range of exciting learning opportunities.

During Topic Week, learners explored the life and times of Queen Elizabeth I. They enjoyed creating their own crowns and taking part in Elizabethan trials, where they learned about different crimes and punishments from the Tudor period.

In P.E., learners have been developing excellent dodgeball skills through a variety of throwing, catching and dodging activities. Their teamwork and enthusiasm during lessons have been wonderful to see.

In Maths, Cedar Class have shown a fantastic understanding of money by identifying coins and notes, as well as working out change from different amounts. To support their learning further, learners also enjoyed a trip to Tesco where they were able to practise budgeting skills in a real-life setting.

The class are now looking forward to their reward trip to Harvester, where they will enjoy an Elizabethan-themed feast together.

Well done, Cedar Class — keep up the amazing work!















## Oak Class

Oak Class have been working incredibly hard this term and should be very proud of all they have achieved.

In Maths, learners have extended their understanding of multiplication by exploring the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They have also been learning about doubles and halving, helping them to understand the important building blocks needed for multiplication.

In English, learners have focused on making predictions about stories and characters, as well as extending their sentences by using the word “because” to add more detail. Oak Class have been trying hard to apply their phonics knowledge within their writing and are becoming increasingly confident and independent writers.

During Topic Week, learners had lots of fun exploring toys from the past, learning how and why toys have changed over time and comparing them to the toys we enjoy today. In Science, the class have been learning all about plants, including their structure and what they need in order to grow and thrive.

Oak Class also enjoyed a fantastic trip to Little Owl Farm Park, where learners loved feeding the animals and learning more about how they are cared for.

Well done, Oak Class — keep up the fantastic work!

















## Maple Class



Maple Class have been very busy this term and have all worked tremendously hard. We are incredibly proud of the progress and achievements each learner has made.

In English, learners have been studying the story *The Boy Who Grew a Forest*. The class have thoroughly enjoyed reading the book and learning about the importance of forests for nature and wildlife. As part of their learning, learners created thoughtful letters and engaging playscripts inspired by the story.

During Topic Week, Maple Class explored Italian culture and traditions. Learners enjoyed learning simple Italian phrases, researching famous landmarks and discovering more about life in Italy. One of the highlights of the week was creating their very own pizzas, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

In P.E. this term, learners began swimming sessions at Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre. Every learner has shown fantastic determination, confidence and effort during the sessions, and we could not be prouder of all they have achieved so far.

Well done to everyone in Maple Class for your amazing efforts once again. Keep up the fantastic work — we are looking forward to seeing all that you achieve in the final term!





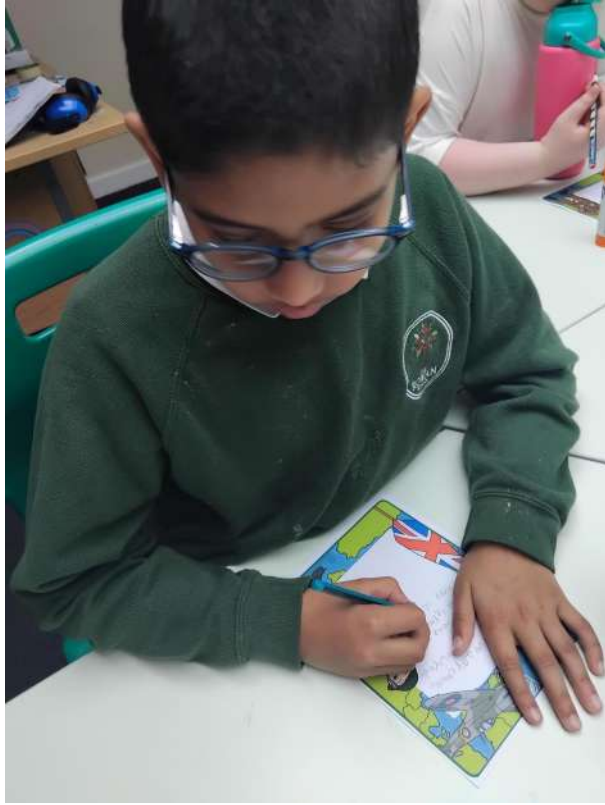






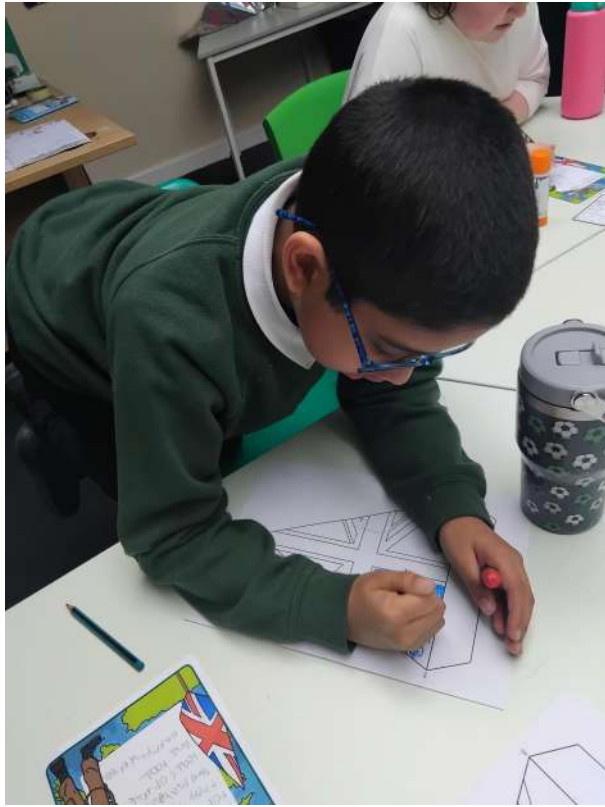


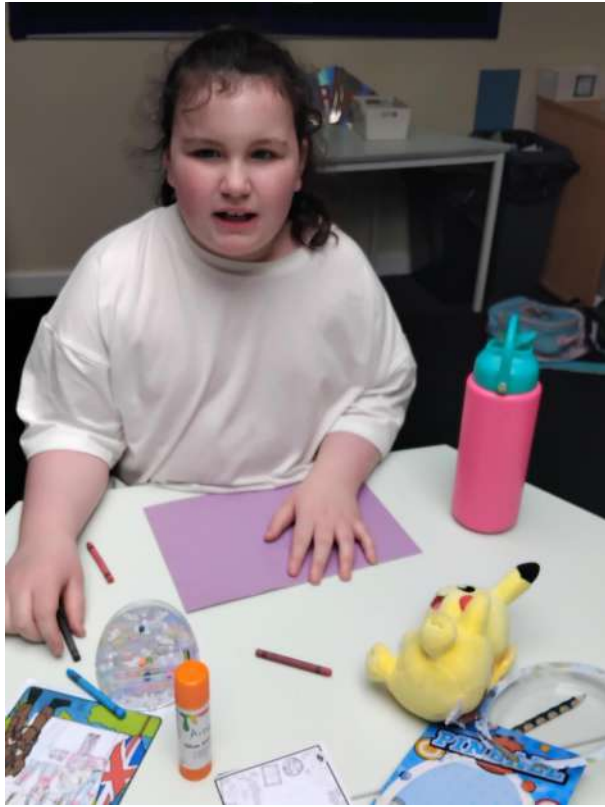






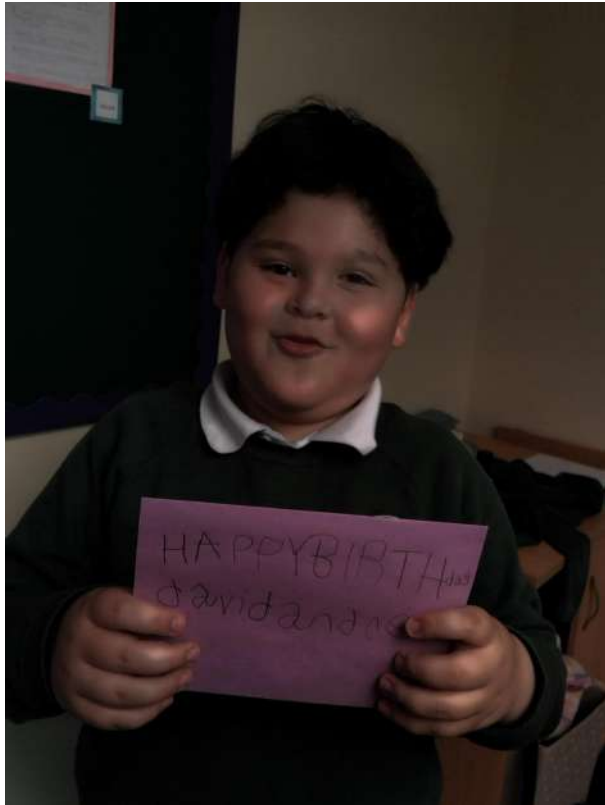


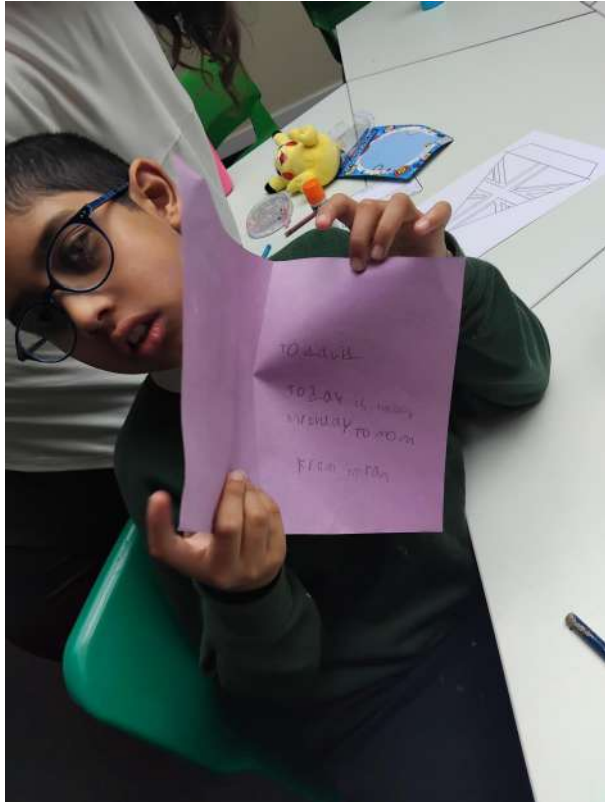


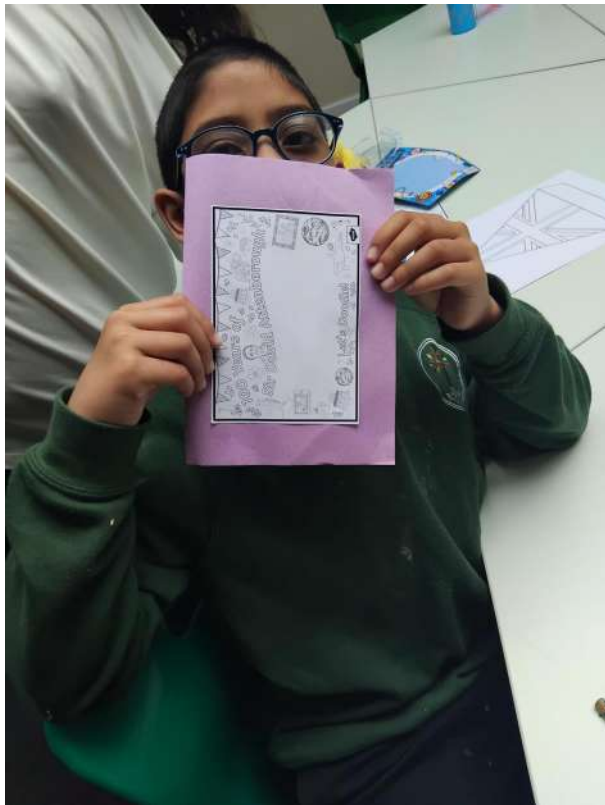
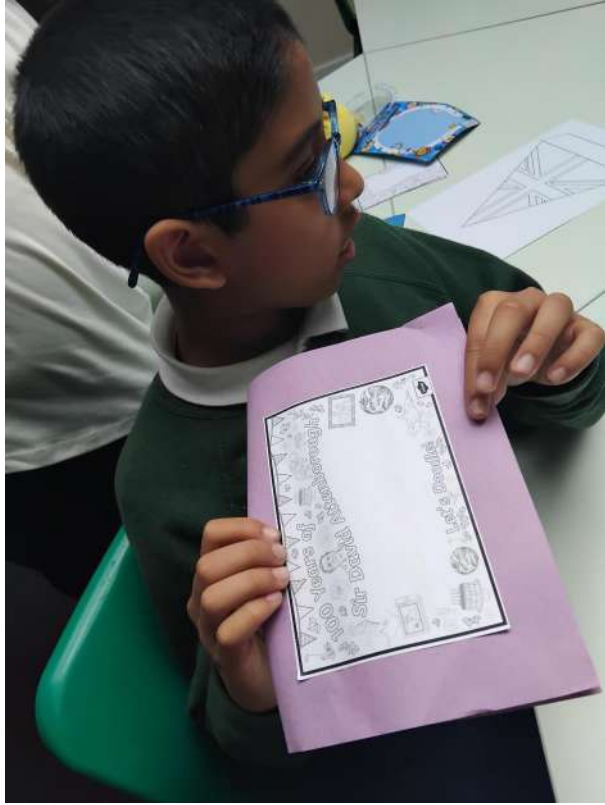


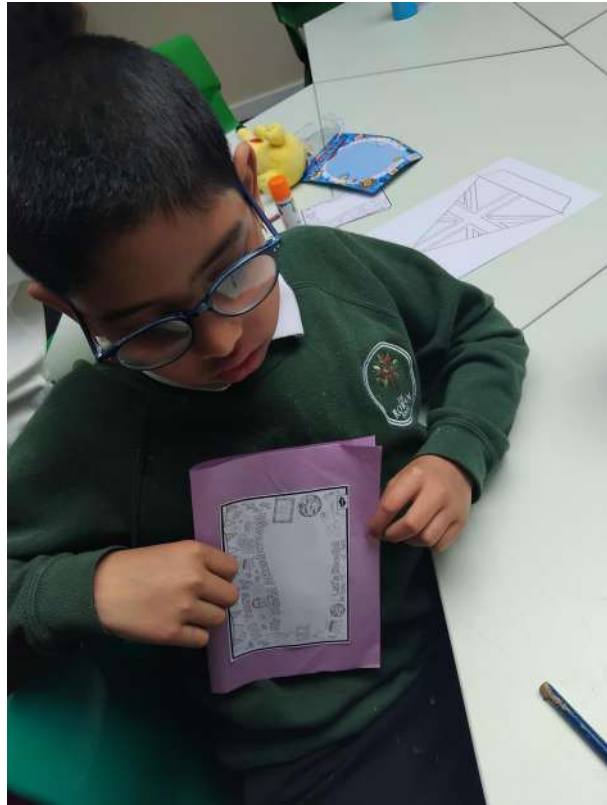
TO DAVID  
TODAY IS MAMMY  
BIRTHDAY TO MOM  
FROM IMRAN

To Sir David  
Happy Birthday









Willow Class



*Kimoo*

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Willow Class have had a fantastic half term and have worked incredibly hard across all areas of learning.

In Topic lessons, learners have been exploring rainforests and learning about the different habitats found within them. As part of this exciting topic, they created their own rainforest habitats in shoeboxes using plants collected from outside, showing great creativity and imagination.

In English, the class have been learning about comic strips and exploring poetry. Learners created their own spring-themed poems using similes and rhyming, producing some wonderful descriptive writing.

In P.E., we have been developing our football skills, focusing on passing, striking and defending. Learners have shown excellent teamwork and enthusiasm during lessons.

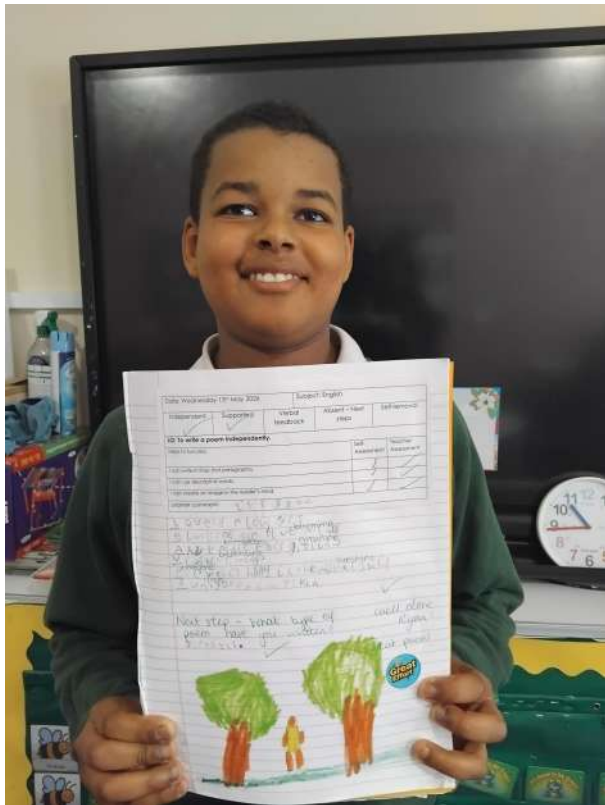
In Maths, learners have been building their understanding of money through addition and subtraction activities involving different amounts.

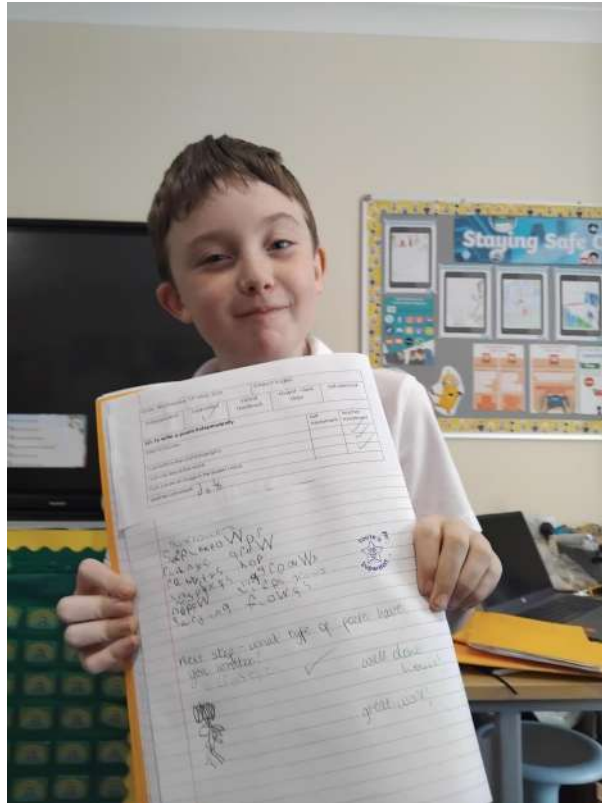
During Junior Duke sessions, we have also been learning important first aid skills, helping them to understand how to respond safely and responsibly in different situations.

Well done, Willow Class — keep up the fantastic work!

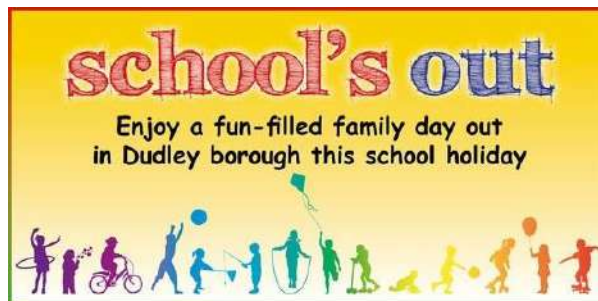








## Things to do in May Half Term



### Free Swimming in the Dudley Borough.

- Children who live in Dudley borough can benefit from free swimming at Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre in Dudley, Crystal Leisure Centre in Stourbridge and Halesowen Leisure Centre.
- Find out more information here: [find out more](#)

### Leisure Centre Fun

- Keep the kids active and entertained this half term at **Crystal, Duncan Edwards** and **Halesowen** leisure centres and the **Dell Stadium**.
- Next week's holiday programme is packed with brilliant activities for all ages — perfect for burning off some energy and trying something new.

- Grab your diary and check the [school holiday activities page](#) for the full timetable, or call **01384 812800** for more details.
- Find out more information here: [find out more](#)

### **Park Life**

- Priory Fest will take place at Priory Park on Friday 29 May, 10am to 4pm. The free family event includes inflatables, pony rides, stalls, food vendors, family activities, open mic and history tours.
- Park Active sessions are taking place in selected Dudley borough parks. The 45-minute activities are led by qualified volunteers and give people of all fitness levels the opportunity to be active outdoors.
- Find out more information here: [more on Park Active](#)

### **Crafty Fun**

- There will be a free family trail to celebrate World Bee Day at The Red House Glass Cone throughout the week. Families can also enjoy seaside crafts on Tuesday 26 May and family fusing on Thursday 28 May.
- At Dudley Museum at the Archives families can enjoy a free family trail of 'Older or Younger than the dinosaurs', with dinosaur crafts also taking place on Wednesday 27 May.
- Find out more information here: [book activities at Red House Glass Cone](#)

### **Outdoor Cinema at Himley Hall**

- The UK's No.1 outdoor cinema shows are coming to the Himley Hall and Park.
- Book now for popular films including Mama Mia, Sing, Dirty Dancing, Jurassic Park and Bing and Friends.
- Find out more information here: [find out more](#)

### **Libraries**

- Libraries across Dudley borough are offering hands-on activities, crafts and challenges to keep young minds inspired throughout the school holidays.
- Activities include Lego, crafting, storytelling, games and themed workshops.
- Find out more information here: [find out more](#)

### **Entertainment Live**

- Families are in for a treat this half term as Dudley borough's town halls host live shows packed with music, laughter and adventure.

- **The Utterly Revolting Science Show, Stourbridge Town Hall.** Friday 29 May, 11.30am and 2pm
- **The Music of John Williams vs Hans Zimmer, Dudley Town Hall.** Friday 29 May, 7.30pm
- **Sweet and Sour - The Ultimate Tribute to Sabrina Carpenter and Olivia Rodrigo, Dudley Town Hall.** Saturday 30 May, 7.30pm.
- Find out more information here: [find out more](#)

### **Discover Dudley**

Looking for ways to keep the kids busy this May half-term?

- Dudley borough is packed with great days out — from Dudley Zoo & Castle and the Black Country Living Museum, to canals, parks and more.
- To find out more about visitor attractions and things to do in Dudley head to the [Discover Dudley website](#).

### **Mental Health Awareness Week 2026**

On Friday 15th May 2026, we celebrated Mental Health Awareness Week across the school. Learners took part in a special assembly where they explored what mental health is, why it is important and the different emotions that we all experience.

Throughout the day, learners enjoyed a range of activities linked to mental health and wellbeing, including word searches, “Be Kind to Your Mind” crowns and “Supporting the Mental Health of Others” spinners. These activities encouraged learners to think about positive ways to care for themselves and support others around them.

It was wonderful to see everyone engaging so positively and thoughtfully throughout the day, and learners had a lovely time taking part in the activities.

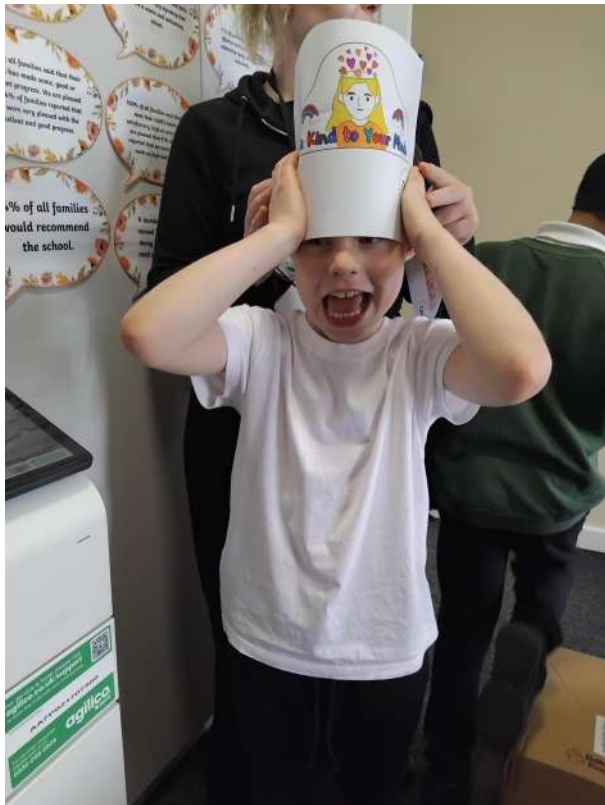
Well done to everybody for making the day such a success!



















# Safeguarding Corner

An infographic titled 'What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX'. The background is a vibrant, colorful Roblox game scene. At the top, the title is in white and red. Below it, the word 'ROBLOX' is written in large, bold, white letters. To the right of the title is a PEGI 7 rating icon. The infographic is divided into several sections with icons and text boxes:

- WHAT ARE THE RISKS?** (Introduction text)
- ONLINE PLAY RISKS** (Text about online play and chat)
- ANONYMOUS PLAYERS** (Text about anonymous users and reporting)
- MATURE CONTENT** (Text about age restrictions and content filters)
- RISK OF ADDICTION** (Text about game mechanics and time spent)
- IN-GAME SPENDING** (Text about virtual items and real-world money)
- SCAMS** (Text about phishing and social engineering)
- Advice for Parents & Educators** (Main heading for the bottom section)
- MONITOR THE CONTENT** (Text about parental controls and monitoring)
- PLAY TOGETHER** (Text about playing with friends and supervision)
- TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS** (Text about reporting and blocking)
- TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS** (Text about digital citizenship and safety)
- Meet Our Expert** (Text about the infographic's author)

At the bottom, there are social media handles for @wake\_up\_weds, www.thenationalcollege, @wake.up.wednesday, and @wake.up.weds. The National College logo is also present.

## Safeguarding Corner – Staying Safe on Roblox

We would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and carers about some important safety measures when children are using Roblox. Roblox can be a fun and creative platform for learners; however, it is important that children use it safely and with appropriate supervision.

Here are five important safety tips for families:

- Check privacy settings to control who can contact your child.
- Remind children not to share personal information online.
- Use parental controls to manage games, spending and screen time.
- Regularly check the games your child is playing to ensure they are age-appropriate.
- Encourage your child to speak to a trusted adult if anything online worries or upsets them.

Working together helps ensure that all children can enjoy online activities safely and responsibly. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our learners safe both in and outside of school.

## School Uniform Standards.



As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our school uniform expectations.

After the break, we expect all learners to return in full uniform each day.

The required uniform is:

- White polo top
- Black joggers or trousers
- Black shoes or trainers

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring that all learners arrive at school dressed appropriately and ready to learn.

If you require any support with school uniform, please contact the school office, which will be happy to assist you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Message from the Principal



As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to take this opportunity to say how incredibly proud we are of all of our learners. Throughout the term, they have shown enthusiasm, creativity and resilience across so many areas of school life, from exciting topic work and enrichment activities to sports, swimming, sustainability projects and Mental Health Awareness Week. It has been wonderful to see our learners grow in confidence, develop new skills and continue to support one another every day.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our families for your continued support in ensuring that your child arrives at school equipped, prepared and ready to learn each day. Your encouragement and partnership make a real difference to the progress and wellbeing of our learners, and we truly appreciate all that you do.

A special thank you must also go to our dedicated staff team, who continually go above and beyond to create engaging and meaningful learning experiences for our learners. Their creativity, care and willingness to think outside the box help make our school such a positive and inspiring place to learn.

We wish all of our families a restful, safe and enjoyable May half term holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the final term before the summer break. The Summer Term will be full of exciting events and opportunities, including Sports Day, the Parental Afternoon and our Summer Production. Please continue to check our social media pages and letters sent home for important updates and upcoming dates.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, and well done to all of our learners for another fantastic half term.

## Important dates and upcoming news



**School closes** - Friday 22nd May 2026

**School reopens** - Monday 1st June 2026 at your child's usual time.

## Contact Us



Should you need to contact us for any reason, please see our contact details below. We have also included our school social media account, we would be extremely grateful if you could follow us.

**The Rowan School**

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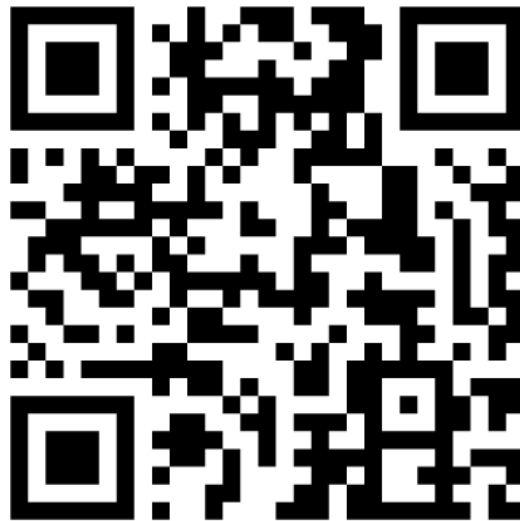
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