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October 2026

The Rowan School

We have had an incredible start to the 2026-2027 academic year. Kicking off the Autumn Term with some very exciting things at The Rowan School!

Below are some of the things you can expect to see in this term's newsletter.

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Enrichment Activities

We have had some amazing events on this half term. We started off with International Day of Charity. Learners and staff kindly made donations that will be delivered by our prefects.

World First Aid Day was next, with lots of basic first aid skills being taught, including how to treat minor injuries, get help and learn how to correctly do the recovery position.

Jeans for Genes Week demonstrated the amazing creative skills with our design your own jeans competition. Well done to the learners who won the vouchers. More importantly, they found out what Jeans for Genes Week is and the challenges others face.

World Gratitude Day was a great time to think about and discuss what and who we are grateful for and how we appreciate what we all have.

Loudmouth then came to visit us all. An informative performance and discussion were held. We found out about all different types of bullying, how bullying impacts others and what we can do if we experience or witness bullying.

International Day of Sign Languages was thoroughly enjoyed by all learners and staff. We were taught the alphabet in British Sign Language, basic signs using Makaton, Urdu, Spanish and French. It has been wonderful to see learners around school using their new knowledge!

International Walk to School Month may be hard for learners who do not live locally. However, we ensured that everyone completed their daily walks and got their steps in!

World Animal Day welcomed new guests at The Rowan School. Stick insects! They started their journey as eggs and taught us all about their life cycles and how to care for them.

World Food Day was our finale for this half term. We enjoyed taste testing different cuisines from around the world. We look forward to our next action-packed half term!

Prefects

🌟 **Congratulations to our new Prefects!** 🌟

A huge congratulations to the learners who have been appointed as **The Rowan School's Prefects for the 2026–2027 academic year!** 🎉👏

Isabelle and BW! 🎉

Our prefects have been chosen to be positive role models within our school community, helping others, showing responsibility and demonstrating our school values each day. 💚

We are incredibly proud of you and look forward to seeing you take on your new responsibilities and make a positive difference around the school! 🌟

Well done, Prefects — we know you'll do an amazing job! 👏🎓

Online Safety Champions

🛡️🌟 **Congratulations to our Online Safety Champions!** 🌟🛡️

A huge congratulations to the learners who have been appointed as **The Rowan School's Online Safety Champions for 2026–2027!** 🎉👏

Luke, Rique, Albie, Imran and TW 🎉

Our Online Safety Champions will help promote positive, safe and responsible use of technology across our school. They will be fantastic role models, helping others understand

how to stay safe, make good choices and know what to do if something online doesn't feel right. 💻🤔

We are incredibly proud of you and look forward to seeing you make a positive difference throughout the year! 🌟

Well done, Online Safety Champions! 🛡️💚

Health and Safety Champion

🎉 **Congratulations to our Health & Safety Champions!** 🎉

A huge congratulations to Malachi and Jack on being appointed as our Health & Safety Champions! 👏.

They have already been a fantastic help in identifying potential risks around school and helping us to keep our school environment safe for everyone.

We are incredibly proud of their commitment and look forward to seeing them continue to make a positive difference! 🦺⭐

Physical Education

This half term, pupils at The Rowan School have been exploring gymnastics in their PE lessons, focusing on balance, movement and coordination.

Learners have been developing their skills in jumping, landing safely and creating a variety of shapes with control and confidence.

Working both individually and in groups, learners have enjoyed creating different shapes and using bean bags to challenge their balance and see how well they can maintain control.

Learners have also been working hard in their PE theory lessons, sharing what they already know about gymnastics and building on their knowledge as they learn more each week.

Well done everyone! Keep up the fantastic work. Mr Butler is very proud of you all! 👏🤸

School Council

During the School Council meeting, learners shared lots of exciting ideas to improve the playground. The children suggested adding more playground equipment to encourage active play.

Some members recommended creating a quiet area with benches, plants, and reading spaces for pupils who prefer calmer activities during break times.

The School Council agreed that these improvements would make the playground more enjoyable, inclusive, and welcoming for everyone in the school. We will be working on these areas this year.

Sustainability

This term for sustainability the learners have taken part in World Vegetarian Day which encourages people to consider vegetarian diets, which can help reduce the environmental impact of food production.

We also celebrated World Habitat Day, the learners created their own posters showing lots of different animals in their natural habitats.

We also celebrated the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, which highlights the importance of protecting the ozone layer from harmful chemicals and pollution.

These special days teach us that small changes in our everyday lives, such as reducing waste, saving energy, protecting nature and making environmentally friendly choices, can make a big difference in creating a cleaner and more sustainable world.

We have also recently started a gardening club where the learners get to plant their own fruit and vegetables. We all cant wait to try them!

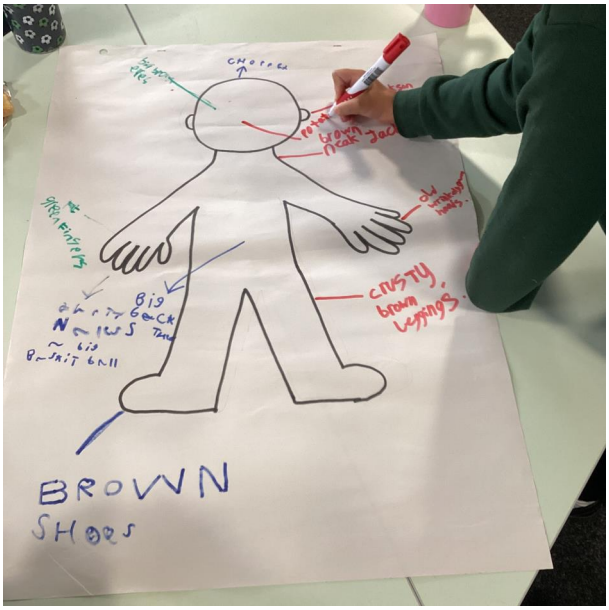
Elm Class

Elm Class have made a fantastic start to the year and have impressed us with their enthusiasm, creativity and hard work across the curriculum. In English, learners have produced some amazing pieces of writing inspired by *The Iron Man*, demonstrating wonderful imagination and a growing confidence in their writing skills. In Maths, they have developed a strong understanding of place value and have worked hard to apply their knowledge.

In Science, learners have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our topic of light and have demonstrated excellent teamwork and curiosity during their investigations. They have also shown fantastic creativity in Art, producing their own Banksy-inspired pieces using a range of techniques, including 'spray paint' online.

Learners have also worked incredibly hard to prepare and perform an assembly about Emmeline Pankhurst. They have shown great confidence when speaking and performing in front of an audience, while developing their understanding of Emmeline Pankhurst and her role in the fight for women's right to vote.

It has been wonderful to see new friendships developing within the class, alongside learners becoming increasingly responsible, independent and confident. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude Elm Class have shown so far this year. Keep up the fantastic work, Elm!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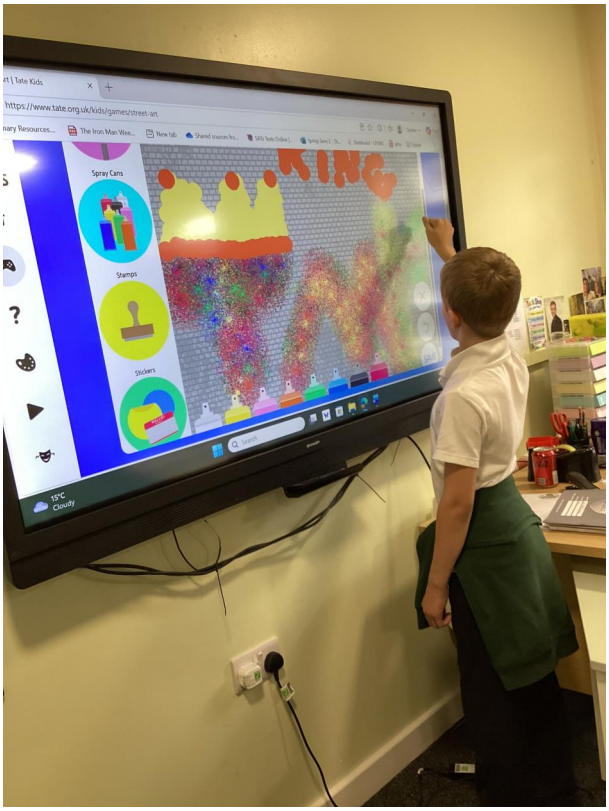
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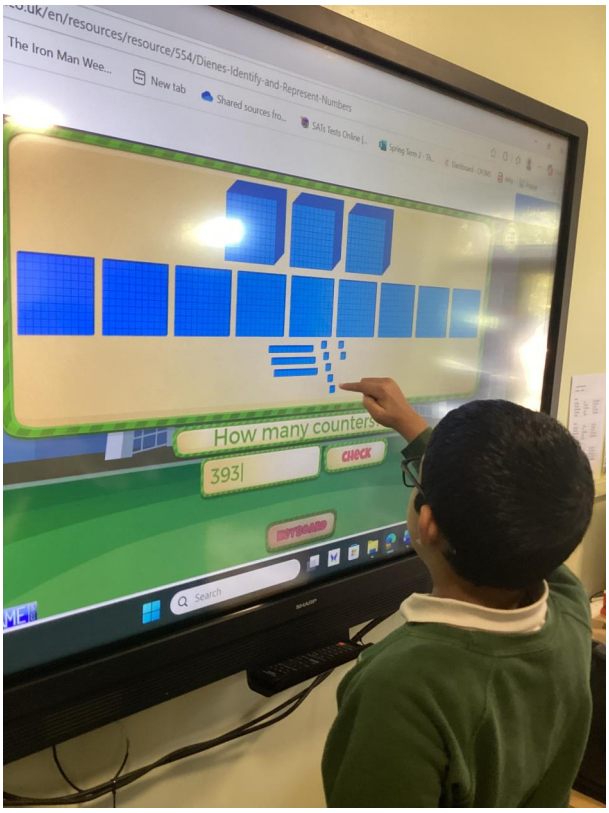
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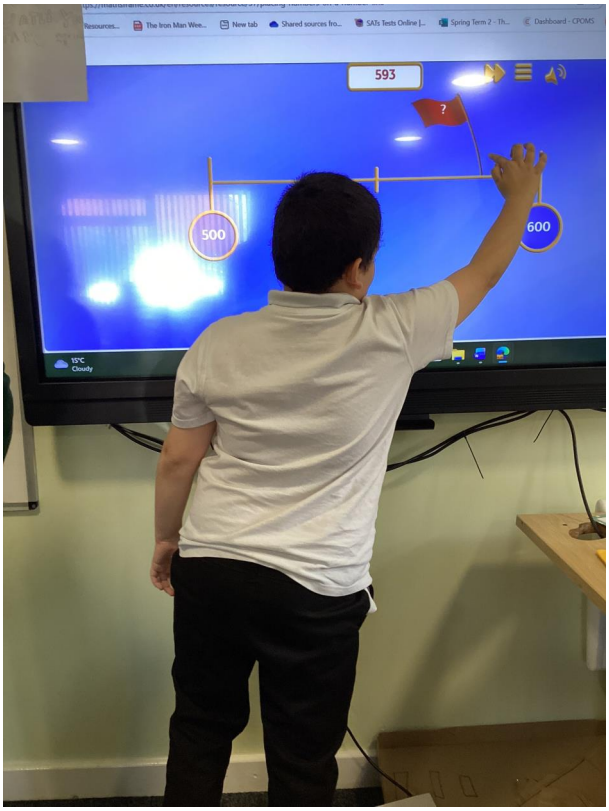
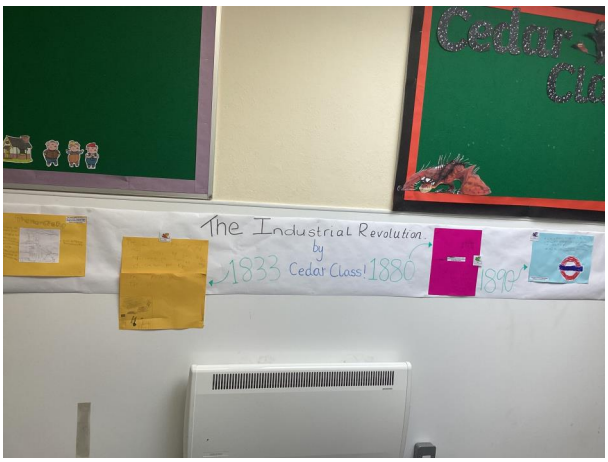


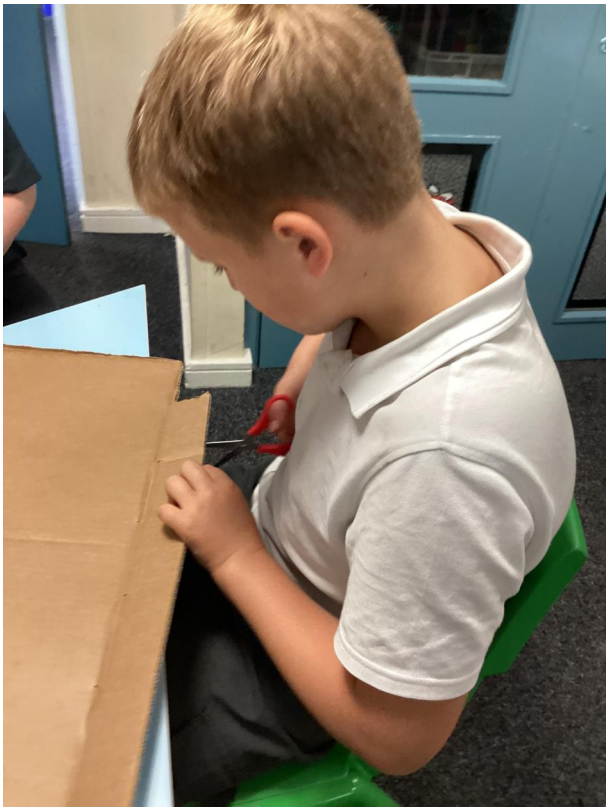
Cedar Class

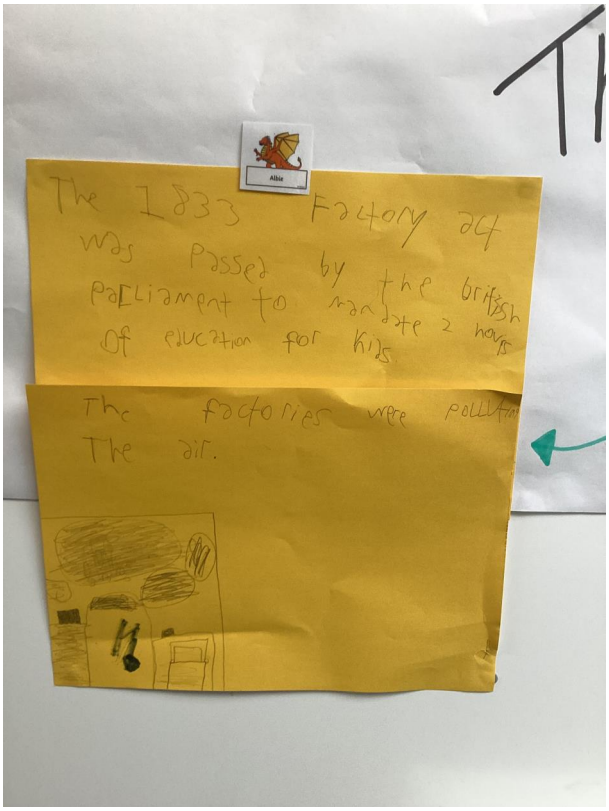
Cedar class have had an amazing half term settling in; we have had so many fun filled lessons. They have been looking at the Industrial Revolution in topic; we have identified why

the Industrial Revolution is important and what was achieved during this time. Cedar classes favourite part of this topic was creating their own factory out of cardboard; we had some fabulous different designs and ideas which were explained by the learners using key vocabulary from the lessons taught.

Well done, Cedar. We are all super proud of you, and we can not wait to see what the rest of the year holds!



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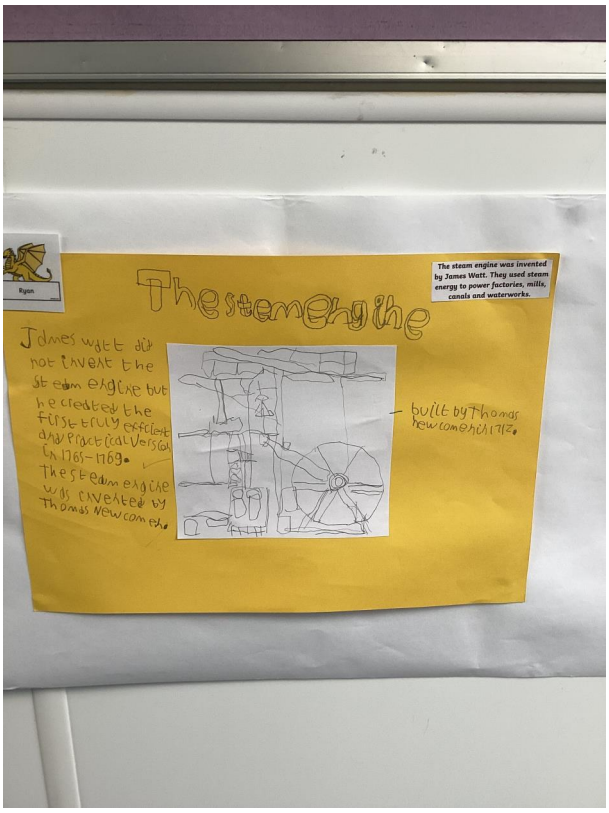
Ryan
The steam engine
The steam engine was invented by James Watt. They used steam energy to power factories, mills, canals and waterworks.
James watt did not invent the steam engine but he created the first truly efficient and practical version in 1765-1769.
The steam engine was created by Thomas Newcomen.
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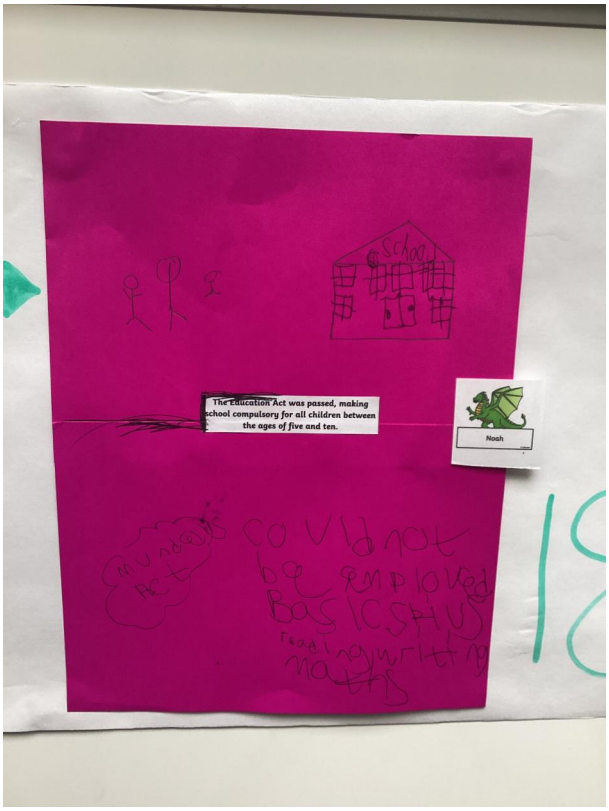
The Education Act was passed, making school compulsory for all children between the ages of five and ten.
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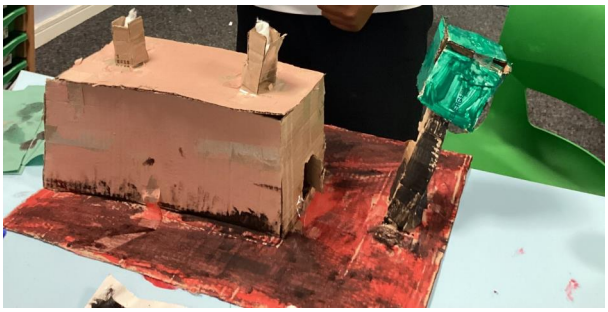

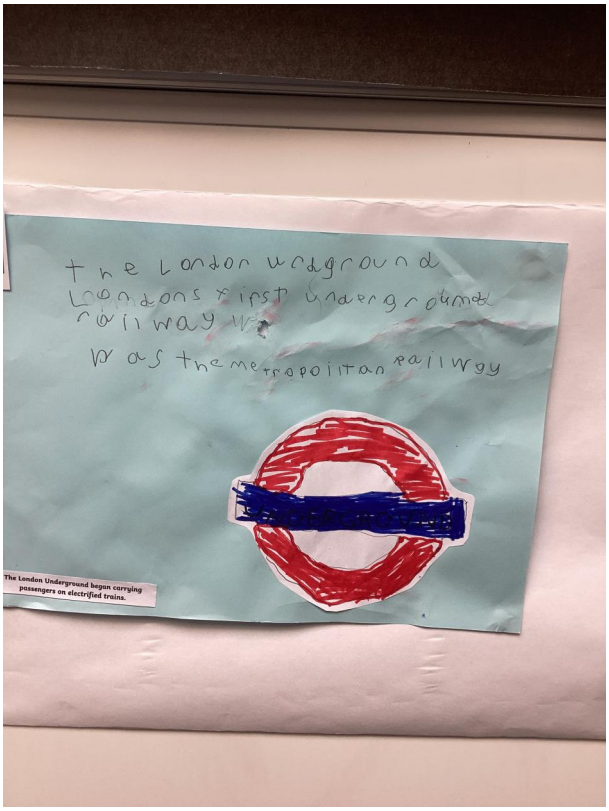

Oak Class

Oak Class have settled in really well and have made a fantastic start to the new school year.

In our English lessons, we have been reading *What the Ladybird Heard* and exploring the characters in the story. We have also been learning about adjectives and how to use them to describe the characters.

In Maths, we have been counting up to 100 and practising our tens and ones, representing numbers in a variety of ways.

Our topic this term has been the Great Fire of London, which the boys thoroughly enjoyed learning about.

In Science, we have been exploring the life cycles of animals and humans. We particularly enjoyed our trip to Exotic Zoo in Telford, where the children explored different animal habitats and discussed the various stages of animals' life cycles.

It has been a fantastic start to the new school year, and we are so proud of all the children's hard work and enthusiasm.

Well done, Oak Class! Keep up the great work!

Maple Class

This half term has been an excellent start for Maple class. Learners have all settled in well and have completed some amazing work. We started with Topic Week, learning all about France! In English, we have looked at the book "The Day the Crayons Quit". We have seen some excellent use of punctuation and adjectives. In Maths, we have been looking at place value. Learners have used resources to help them understand what place value is and how to use it. In Science, we have rocks as our topic. We have learnt lots of new vocabulary and got hands-on with creating our own rocks. In RE, we have been finding out all about Judaism. We have been finding out key information about the religion and learning all about the Ten Commandments. In PSHE, we have been learning about and understanding our feelings. We are so proud of how the learners have settled in and started the year, and we look forward to the next half term.

Well done, Maple class!

Willow Class

Willow Class Autumn Round-Up

We kicked off this first half of the Autumn Term with an exciting Topic Week! Willow Class delved into the fascinating history of the British Tudors.

Through the completion of timelines and linking relationships via family trees, we learned all about the famous King Henry VIII. The children enjoyed discovering how many wives he had and finding out who survived and who did not. A catchy song helped everyone remember the facts, and soon the children were singing along with confidence!

To round off Tudor Week, the children created some fantastic artwork by designing and decorating their own Tudor Roses.

To begin our second week, and as a focus for the rest of the term, we started exploring The Cat in the Hat. The children have been learning about nouns, adjectives, prepositions, adverbs and similes - using them to describe the setting from the story and, of course, the main character himself. We have been impressed by the wonderful vocabulary the children have used in their writing.

The learners have been having lots of fun with numbers and place value. They have enjoyed using Base 10 blocks and related Maths games online to help them deepen their understanding and to reinforce their mathematical skills. In Science, we began our topic on

Sound. The children have been learning about how we hear, exploring how sounds are made and how sound travels.

Our PSHE lessons have focused on teamwork and the importance of working together. The children have taken part in activities that encourage cooperation, communication and supporting one another to achieve a common goal.

In RE, we have been learning about signs and symbols in a range of faiths, including Christianity, Sikhism, Islam, Judaism and Buddhism. The children have enjoyed exploring the meanings behind these different signs and symbols and even created ones unique to their own beliefs.

Well Done Willow Class! We are very proud of all your hard work so far and look forward to more exciting learning next half-term. 🌟

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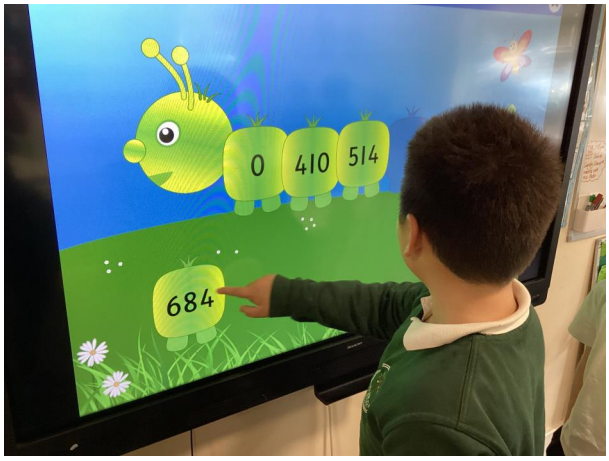


Online Safety Updates

We would like to make you aware of emerging online safety concerns that have recently been highlighted in national media investigations involving the gaming platform **Roblox** and links to so-called**"Com" (Community) networks**, sometimes referred to as **MyCOM**. Recent reporting has identified examples of self-harm-themed avatars, clothing and links that may direct users towards unregulated online communities where harmful content is shared.

These networks have been associated with the encouragement of self-harm, exposure to harmful and inappropriate content, coercive behaviour, and the grooming of vulnerable young people through online chat platforms. Law enforcement and online safety organisations have previously highlighted "Com" networks as a growing risk to children and young people online.

While platforms continue to remove content and accounts that breach their terms of service, parents and professionals should remain vigilant, particularly where children or young people:

- Spend significant amounts of time on online gaming platforms.
- Use avatars, clothing, or profile features depicting injuries, self-harm, or violent imagery.
- Join private chat groups or move conversations from gaming platforms to external messaging services.
- Show sudden changes in mood, behaviour, online habits, sleep patterns, or emotional wellbeing.
- Become secretive about online interactions.

Roblox has stated that it has systems and moderation teams in place to identify and remove content linked to these communities and that action has been taken in relation to content identified through the recent investigation.

Advice for Parents and Carers

Please consider:

- Reviewing privacy, communication, and parental control settings on all gaming and social media accounts.
- Discussing online safety regularly with your child and encouraging them to report anything that makes them feel uncomfortable or worried.
- Monitoring friend requests, private messages, and external links shared through games or social media.
- Reporting concerning content directly to the platform and, where there is an immediate safeguarding concern, contacting the school and relevant authorities.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep children safe online.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

At The Rowan School, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) are central to creating a safe, welcoming and respectful environment where every pupil, family and member of staff feels valued and included. The school is committed to ensuring that everyone has equal opportunities to learn, achieve and participate, regardless of their background, identity, ability, culture, religion, gender or other protected characteristics.

EDI is embedded throughout school life through an inclusive curriculum, positive relationships, and a culture that celebrates diversity. During Autumn 1, we have looked closely at the 9 protected characteristics and Equity and Equality. The children took part in class discussions and assemblies to deepen their knowledge. It was lovely to see so many children taking part in the assemblies that were held.

October is Black History Month, and we are very excited to take part in various activities to really celebrate inspirational people throughout the month of October. We can't wait to share all the fantastic things that we are going to create!

Dudley Zoo and Castle

Children can visit Dudley Zoo and Castle for just £1 during October and November!

'Kids for a Quid' offer is running every day until November 2026!

Choose any full-paying admission ticket and the Kids for a Quid ticket from the ticket options!

Tickets need to be pre-booked in advance by clicking the link below.

October Half Term - Halloween Fun!

Saturday 24th October - Sunday 1st November 2026

School Uniform Standards.

As we approach the end of Autumn 1, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our school uniform expectations.

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 uniforms, 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 reach the end of our first Autumn term back, I want to share how incredibly proud I am of our learners and all they have achieved. It has been wonderful to see the hard work, effort and engagement shown in class, with each learner continuing to develop their skills and grow in confidence.

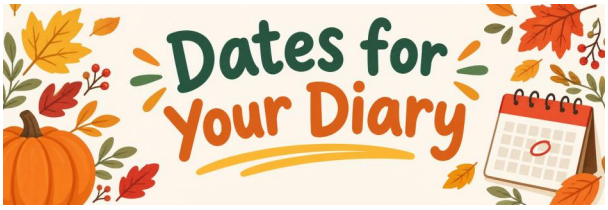
A heartfelt thank you to our parents and families for your continued support. Working together makes such a positive difference to your child's learning and development, and we truly value our partnership with you.

I would also like to thank our fantastic staff team for their dedication, care and commitment to helping every learner achieve their best.

I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved, restful half-term break. We look forward to welcoming you back next term, ready for new opportunities, further achievements and so much more to celebrate!

Wishing all our learners, families and staff a happy and restful break.

Important dates and upcoming news



School closes - Friday 16th October 2026 at your child's usual time

School reopens - Monday 2nd November 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.

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