



Roe Green Infant School

Newsletter

Friday 27th February 2026



Welcome back to another addition of our Roe Green Infant School Newsletter.

Happy Chinese New Year, Happy Lent & Ramadan Kareem to all those celebrating.

Reception:

We had a fabulous time Making noodles for Chinese New Year.

The children did a fantastic job of dressing up on Number day and carrying out activities based on numbers.

Phonic streaming is going well with the children now in a good routine of knowing what to do.

It is great to see more children on Active Learn reading books.

Year One:

In Year 1, we have been looking at instructional writing by writing our own recipe for a ghastly cake.

We finished our topic on materials in science.

In humanities we are comparing London to Quito in Ecuador.

The poetry assembly was on the theme of water. All videos are on Dojo.

We are looking forward to going on our Walled Garden walk to observe the signs of spring.

We would like to thank all the parents for their massive support in making bird feeders as part of our science project.

The pictures are amazing and they looked very creative! Please encourage the children to look out for some common birds who visit the feeder.

Year Two:

In Year 2 this month we have been reading George's Marvelous Medicine by Roald Dahl. The children have been really enjoying the book. We are learning about the characters in the story. We are also focusing on George's medicine and will be making up our own recipes for Grandma's medicine.

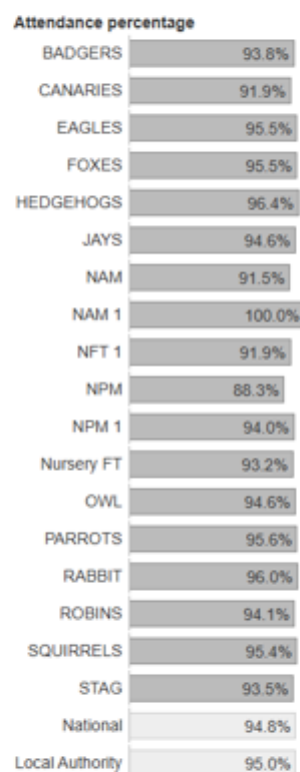
We are also learning about The Great Fire of London and finding out how and why the fire spread so quickly across London in 1666. The children are finding this topic really interesting.

Attendance Update: We Need Your Help

At Roe Green Infant and Nursery School, we are enormously proud of our children and the vibrant, welcoming community we have built together. However, we must be open and honest with you about something that is causing us real concern — our attendance figures.

How Are We Doing?

The chart below shows attendance for each class up to Friday 13th February 2026 — the last day before the half-term holiday. It is pleasing to see that some classes are doing well, with a small number at or above the national expected standard of 96%. However, other classes are a cause for concern, and we know that as a school, we still have a great deal of work to do to bring our overall figures to where they need to be.



Persistent Absence: A Serious Concern

The area that worries us most is our **persistent absence rate**. A child is classed as persistently absent when they miss **10% or more of school sessions** — that is roughly **one day in every two weeks**. This may not sound like much, but over the course of a school year it adds up to weeks of missed learning, disrupted routines, and gaps in your child's education that are very difficult to recover.

Currently, **20.5% of our pupils** — more than one in five children across our school — are persistently absent. This figure is deeply concerning and is simply not acceptable. Every one of

those children is at risk of falling behind, and we are determined to work with families to bring that number down.

Why Does It Matter?

Research consistently shows that children who attend school regularly achieve better results, develop stronger friendships, and build the confidence and resilience they need for life. The early years — the years your child spends with us — lay the foundations for everything that follows. Missing school now has a real and lasting impact.

How You Can Help

We know that life can be difficult and that sometimes absence is genuinely unavoidable. But the only way we can turn these figures around is by working **together**. We are asking you, as parents and carers, to:

- Send your child to school every day, unless they are genuinely too unwell to attend. A slight sniffle or runny nose is not usually a reason to stay at home.
- Book medical and dental appointments outside of school hours wherever possible.
- Contact us on the first day of any absence — our office team is here to listen and support.
- Talk to us if you are facing challenges — we have people in school who can help.

We are committed to supporting every family at Roe Green, but we cannot do this without you. If you would like to speak to someone about your child's attendance, please contact the school office and ask to speak with **Mr Miller**, our Attendance Coordinator.

Every day matters. Every child matters. Let's work together.

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Toilet - training:

Mrs Sidhu will be running a toilet-training workshop on Monday 16th March in Evergreen @ 9.15.

Brent Needs More Foster Carers

Could You Change a Child's Life?

Every day, children in our community need safe, stable and loving homes — and right now, Brent urgently needs more foster carers.

Fostering isn't about being perfect. It's about offering kindness, patience, and a willingness to make a difference. Whether you're single, married, renting, working, or retired, you could help transform a child's life.

By fostering with Brent, you'll receive:

- Full training and ongoing support
- A dedicated social worker
- Generous allowances

24/7 help when you need it most

If you've ever wondered what fostering involves — or if it might be right for you — I'd love to hear from you. Even a quick conversation can be the start of something life-changing.

To find out more, contact Tee Malik:

tee.malik@brent.gov.uk

Together, we can make sure every child in Brent has the home and support they deserve.

Repair Items for FREE – Church End & Roundwood Repair Café

By Brent Libraries, Culture and Heritage

Church End and Roundwood Unity Centre London, England

Saturday, Mar 7 from 11 am to 3 pm

Overview

Free clothing repair, fix small electrical items, bike repairs, a bike market, and much more.

Join this FREE event promoting repair and reuse in the community.

International Women's Day

Come along to the coffee morning on Friday 6th March from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Infant small hall.

There will be refreshments along with cakes and biscuits.

A small donation will be appreciated in order to keep events like these to take place.

Roe Green Infant School Is going for the UNICEF's Rights Respecting School's GOLD AWARD!

Our school will be accredited for Gold on Thursday 19th March 2026.

During the accreditation process, the assessor will speak to children about their "Rights," and how familiar they are with their rights and how it helps them.

World Book Day

It is world book day on Thursday 5th March across England.

But at Roe Green Infant School we are dressing up as a book character on **Friday 6th March 2026. For more details refer to the letter sent out by Mr Miller.**

That's all for now. I will be back in March with another addition of the school newsletter . Till then happy reading everyone.



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Rights Respecting Schools Coordinator

Sustainability Lead teacher

