



We have been working with local schools to assess the writing across the school.

From this work we have decided to relook at our handwriting policy, there will be an assembly next week for the children explaining more about it. On the website (curriculum) is the correct formation we will be looking for. I will write more on next weeks newsletter explaining what we are doing.

Homework projects– we still do the homework projects, even though we don't send home sheets of homework. There are some fantastic ideas with what you can do with your children at home. This weekend is a 3 day one, so why not visit your child's year group page on the website and have a go at some of the projects.

Spellings come home every week for the children and even if they haven't made the Spelling Bee final, they can still learn the words.

Reading should be happening every day, preferably with their phonics or AR book. Please remember to return any of the schoolbooks.

Maths, the children can bring home some power maths questions to do at home, and they all have a login to TTRockstars – why not challenge me to at the Arena or a Battle of the Bands this weekend.

Monday is a bank holiday weekend. I was asked by a child why we have Bank Holidays. There are 2 in May, one the first Monday and then again, the last Monday of the month. The origins of an early May holiday tradition lie firmly in pagan or pre-Christian traditions which were heavily influenced by astrology, the sun, the moon and the stars, and therefore the seasons. One particular festival was the Celtic festival of Beltane, which celebrated the waxing power of the sun and the arrival of summer. People lit fires, danced around maypoles, and crowned a May Queen, marking fertility, community and seasonal change. These customs were later incorporated into the British Culture as festive traditions. The official first bank holiday was in May 1871.

British winters can be harsh so the change in weather, and lighter and longer evenings came as a huge welcome and it was no surprise that May became a time for revelry, fertility and community fêtes. So, I hope you all have a wonderful Bank Holiday Monday!

Miss Jennings

Head Teacher



Due to various events happening we will be holding the final of this years Spelling Bee on **Tuesday 5th May**

If your child has made it through to the finals you are welcome to to come and watch them. We will be starting at 1.30pm on the North site. For Years 1,2, & 3 Then 2.15pm for years 4,5,& 6



Bookings for Holiday club are open for the summer holidays.



## SPECIAL DATES

### ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE BY CLASS

| Form                    | %      |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Nursery North AM        | 83.77% |
| R Goose                 | 85.75% |
| R Grouse                | 86.91% |
| Nursery North PM        | 88.34% |
| 2 Mallard               | 88.81% |
| Nursery South PM        | 89.50% |
| Nursery North Full Time | 90.07% |
| 1 Chaffinch             | 90.11% |
| 5 Sparrow               | 90.11% |
| R Goldfinch             | 90.69% |
| 4 Wagtail               | 91.13% |
| 2yr North AM            | 91.19% |
| 5 Swan                  | 91.33% |
| 1 Chiff Chaff           | 91.71% |
| 4 Woodpecker            | 91.82% |
| 3 Kittiwake             | 92.14% |
| 2yr North PM            | 92.36% |
| 4 Waxwing               | 92.47% |
| 6 Barn Owl              | 92.52% |
| R Goldcrest             | 92.71% |
| 2 Merlin                | 92.91% |
| 5 Swallow               | 93.19% |
| 2 Magpie                | 93.47% |
| 1 Crow                  | 93.49% |
| 4 Wren                  | 93.55% |
| 1 Cuckoo                | 93.81% |
| 3 Kingfisher            | 94.04% |
| Nursery South AM        | 94.27% |
| 6 Blackbird             | 94.38% |
| 6 Buzzard               | 94.62% |
| 5 Skylark               | 94.66% |
| 3 Kestrel               | 94.76% |
| 3 Kinglet               | 95.33% |
| 2 Moorhen               | 95.89% |
| Nursery South Full Time | 96.05% |

### **MAY—Article 6 Every child has the right to life**

#### **4th Bank Holiday Monday No School.**

5th Spelling Bee Final  
PTA meeting

7th Nursery South CLOSED—Polling day  
Governors meeting

8th Buzzard class Assembly  
STEAM trip winners with Dr. Goodchild

11th KS2 SATS Monday—Thursday

18th Skylark Ragged museum

21st Year 1 @ Epping forest  
Swallow @ Ragged museum

25th—29th Half term Holiday  
No Holiday club

### **JUNE -Article 24 Every Child has the right to the best possible health.**

1st School starts for final half term.



Well done to Livy in Buzzard class who won a Blue Peter badge recently. Over the Easter break year 6 children were given a challenge that gave them a chance to win a badge. There were lots of different ways to apply and Livy, the School Captain in buzzard class, applied and her poem won her a badge.

We are very proud of her achievement.

## **Applications are open to join the Royal Ballet and Opera's Youth Opera Programmes.**

We are inviting young singers aged 8–11 (on 1 September 2026), to apply to join our **Young Voices** programme and **Youth Opera Company** this September. Applications close at **midnight on Sunday 10 May**.

Both programmes are **free** and offer an exciting opportunity for young people to develop their singing, performance skills, and confidence.



### **Young Voices (Ages 8-9)**

A six-month singing training programme developing vocal skills and musical understanding, with performance opportunities in showcases at the Royal Opera House.

### **Youth Opera Company (ages 9–11)**

A multi-year programme offering all-round training in the performing arts. Members develop vocal technique, language, stagecraft, musical literacy and creative skills. They also have opportunities to create and perform their own new operas, and to audition for the Children's Chorus, who perform in productions on the Royal Opera House main stage.

### **Schedule and location**

Sessions take place on **Saturdays during term time** at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, with additional and extended sessions around performance opportunities.

Young Voices: 10:00–12:00 (September–Easter)

Youth Opera Company: 13:00–16:00

### **Current members say:**

*"It has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life. Before I joined YOC, I was a bit hesitant about opera, but I now really enjoy it!"*

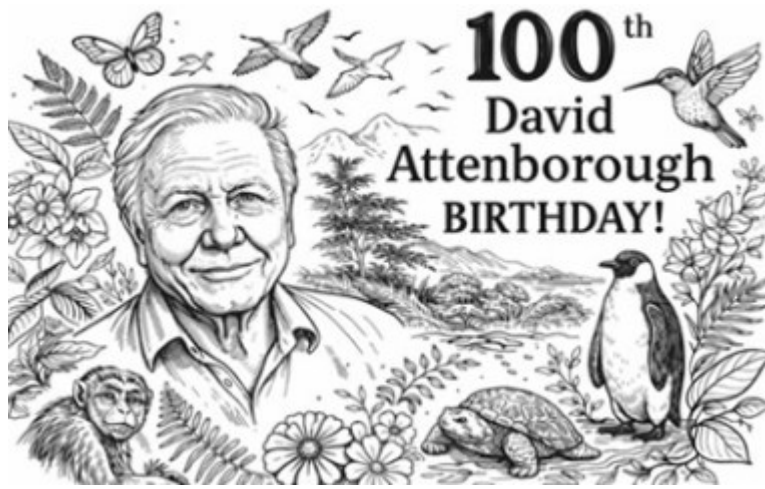
— **2025 Youth Opera Company member**

*"YOC is really special because I've met lots of other young people who like singing, like me. I've also loved performing on the Royal Opera main stage in The Magic Flute and in Hansel and Gretel."*

— **2026 Youth Opera Company member**

**Find out more and apply here: [RBO Youth Opera Programmes](#)**

**Applications close at midnight on Sunday 10 May.** If you have any questions, or run into any issues completing the application form, please do get in touch at [youthopera@roh.org.uk](mailto:youthopera@roh.org.uk).



It is Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday on the Friday 8th May.

We will be doing assemblies and events in school to help him celebrate in style. We would like the children to come dressed as animals, explorers or just something to do with wildlife and nature on Friday.

Salim and the kitchen staff will be serving a special Sir David meal on the day.



Thank you to Mrs Atwal, Miss Harper and Mr Conor for giving up 2 evenings to take the year 5 children camping. They had glorious weather even though the evenings were quite chilly. What a fabulous experience for the children. We will be putting camping on parentpay for year 4 children so that that you can start paying installments now! Here are a few pictures but I am sure more will be on the website soon.



# Our Vision



## EVERYONE AIMS HIGH

I challenge myself to do even better.



## EVERYONE IS INCLUDED

There is always space for one more.



## CREATIVITY IS VALUED

There is more than one way to solve a problem.



## INTEGRITY

I take responsibility for my actions.



## INCLUSION

Our differences make us stronger.

# Our Values



## LIFE-LONG LEARNING

I ask questions and stay curious.



## RESILIENCE

I stay positive and keep trying.



## HIGH ASPIRATIONS

I believe I can achieve great things.



We have a lot of scooters that are just being left every week in the playgrounds. Please make sure that you remove any before we dispose of them.

### Class Assembly

Thank you to Mrs Lambat and Wagtail class for sharing an assembly full of facts and information about Mental Health and Well Being week. It was great to see so many parents in attendance.





Year 4 showing some of their amazing Brazil home projects. Keep up the great work!

Dear all

The Roots organisation are holding this FREE workshop aimed at parents to help understand their child's sensory needs and how these needs can influence their wellbeing, behaviour, and everyday experiences. This workshop will be led by their Neurodiversity Therapeutic Practitioner, who specialises in supporting neurodivergent children and their families.

Please do sign up to not miss a place for one of your families on your caseload. If you have any questions about this workshop, feel free to email Juliana from The Roots at [juliana.salgado@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:juliana.salgado@groundwork.org.uk)

Link to book a place: [link to book](#)  
**Sensory Processing and Wellbeing workshop**  
**Date: Wednesday 6 May 2026**  
**Time: 10am to 11:30am**  
**Location: Queens Road Family Hub**  
**Address: 215 Queens Road, London E17 8PJ**

**You don't have to face it alone —  
when it's *your* problem,  
*it's ours* too.**

**The Community Box**  
*Advice Service*

**Blossom Group**  
COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SERVICE PROJECT

**When:** Every Wednesday  
**Time:** 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM  
**Where:** Leyton Cricket Ground,  
2 Crawley Road, London E10 6RJ  
**Website:** [www.blossom-group.net](http://www.blossom-group.net)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  
Citizens Advice  
Waltham Forest  
Adult Early Help Services

**How we can help you:**

- Benefits claims** — Help navigating Universal Credit, PIP, ESA and all other benefits
- Housing issues** — Disrepair, eviction threats, homelessness and housing rights
- Domestic violence** — Confidential support, safety planning and referrals to specialist services
- Family issues** — Parenting support, family breakdown, children and social care
- Community support** — Signposting, referrals and connecting you to the right help

**Free. Confidential. No appointment needed.**  
Whatever your situation — *we will not judge you.* We are here for you.