



# Head's News

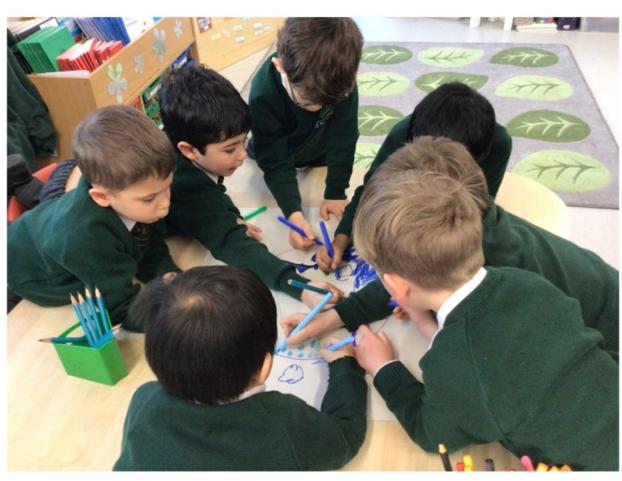
This week's issue:

Kindergarten

Reception

Year One

Year Two



A very warm welcome back to the Spring term and Happy New Year to you all. Thank you very much for your kind words regarding my permanent post as Head, it is much appreciated. More importantly, the children have settled straight back into their routines and it was a pleasure to see how they greeted their friends and teachers with such excitement despite the freezing temperatures! We have much to look forward to in the coming weeks, including International Week and several outings and workshops across all the year groups.

## CALLING OUR YOUNG ARTISTS!

Now in its sixth year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4-19 studying in the UK.

Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

If your child would be interested in this wonderful opportunity, The Rowans is a registered school. You can submit their chosen piece of artwork directly to the Royal Academy of Arts by 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

[Click here to find out more](#) and please do let us know if your child enters.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 then I would not be surprised if they have come home talking about "La Galette des Rois" this week. Madame Wilson's French lessons about this delicious cake, which includes a small charm called "la feve" and a crown, and is traditionally shared on the 6<sup>th</sup> January, are enough to get every tummy in the school rumbling! If your child would like to sample this for themselves, Chef Raymond Blanc shares his recipe [here](#). We would love to see any photos of their creations.

As you will have seen in my letter this week, we have launched a new website and app. This has been a lengthy process and areas of the website are still under construction. If you have any feedback, please do let me know so that I can pass it onto our marketing team. We are really excited to be launching these as we start our new

We have been asked by local residents to share a reminder of the 20mph limit on Drax Avenue. With many of our families walking, scooting and cycling this speed limit is there to help keep everyone safe.

Finally, in preparation for our upcoming International Week, we would love to find out how much of the world has been visited by The Rowans children in their lifetime. Our Year Twos will be analysing this information in their data handling lessons during International Week. To help make this as accurate and meaningful as possible, please take just a few minutes to add your child's responses to the survey by clicking [here](#).

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.  
Rose Fookes



#### Junior Travel Ambassadors:

Massimo, Zachary  
Freddie, Lakshya

## Year 2 Positions of Responsibility

There was great excitement in Year 2 as we announced the results of the election for the positions of responsibility.

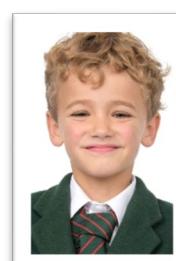
In assembly we reflected on the importance of 'pupil voice' in our school and the ways in which all our children can share their ideas and make a positive contribution to our school.

They put forward some excellent ideas and we look forward to working with them as they put these into action over the coming term.



#### School Council:

Eisa, Alba, Aydin, Arthur, Alexander



#### Birch House Captains:

Laith-Leo and Aayansh

#### Chestnut House Captains:

William and Lochlan

#### Oak House Captains:

Mia and Dylan

## Reception Parents' Maths Workshop

It was great to welcome many of our Reception parents into school on Monday evening for our Maths Workshop.

Led by Mrs Kell, we shared the theory behind our mastery and growth mindset approach, as well as lots of tips and resources to help develop the children's mathematical understanding.

The slides from the presentation are now available on the Parent Portal of our website.



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new website!



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