Rolph C of E Primary School and Nursery
Family Newsletter

Friday 27th February 2026

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 3rd March
CDPSSA Cross Country Event — KS2

Thursday 5th March
Life in Victorian Britain Workshop— Hazel Class

Friday 6th March
World Book Day

Wednesday 11th March
Sutton Hoo Trip — Elm Class

Thursday 12th March
Indoor Athletics District Finals

Tuesday 17th March
Colchester Castle Trip — Ash Class

Friday 20th March
Year 3 & 4 Girls Football Tournament

Wednesday 25th March
Easter Celebration Dinner

Friday 27th March
Last Day of Spring Term

Monday 13th April
First Day of Summer Term

House Points

Hufflepuff — 766
Gryffindor — 736
Ravenclaw — 837
Slytherin — 913

Well done to Slytherin for being the winning house this month.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is been lovely to finally enjoy some brighter weather after all the rain and the children have certainly been making the most of it!

Willow Class led a beautiful Eucharist on the theme of *love*. They spoke with such confidence in front of everyone and we were all incredibly proud of them.

Thank you to all who attended our parent/teacher consultations—we had excellent attendance, and we really value your support.

We are also very grateful for the kind donations of equipment for our new sandpit and mud kitchen. The children have been having so much fun using the new resources and spending more time outdoors.

Wishing you all a fantastic rest of the week,

Mrs Asbridge

'Live LIFE and flourish together'

Love **Integrity** **Fellowship** **Endurance**

Sport News

On Thursday 29th January, the boys football team played an away match against Great Bentley Primary School. Within the first 10 seconds, Mason provided an amazing assist to Kobie, who smashed it straight into the back of the net. Unfortunately, a little later Great Bentley got one back. In the second half, we showed amazing attitude and Sam was able to score two amazing goals, meaning we won the match 3-1. Our first win of the season. Well done to Frederick, Rowan, Jesse, Leo, Liam, Mason, Kobie, Arthur and Sam. by Liam and Leo

On Friday 30th January, the girls football team played a home match against St Andrews C of E Primary School. We played very well and managed to keep a clean sheet with a final score of 5-0. Congratulations to Scarlett for scoring a hat trick, Harriet for scoring one goal and Elvi for scoring her first goal for the team. Well done to Maddie, Betsy, Millie, Emmie, Emily, Scarlett, Harriet and Elvi. by Harriet and Elvi

On Thursday 12th February, the netball team played a challenging friendly match against St Philomenas. Despite playing well and Harriet scoring 4 impressive goals we lost the match 7-4. Some great defence was seen from Henry, Leo with Jack and Sarah creating some amazing passes. Overall, well done to Henry, Harriet, Sarah, Zara, Snow, Jack and Leo. by Henry and Leo

Celebration Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who received certificates this month for demonstrating excellence in the curriculum or our school values.

Willow Class

Mia, Nora, Finley, Bonnie, Leo and Ivy

Sycamore Class

Delilah, William, Poppy, Isla, Lyla and Ezra

Hazel Class

Ameera, Beau, Molly, George, Sophia and Jackson

Birch Class

Jacey, Harry W., Bonnie, Archie, Oliver P. and Maya

Ash Class

Charlie, Oliver, Ezekiel, Ronnie, Stanley and Scarlett

Elm Class

Luna, Jack, Molly, Charlie Ca., Elvi and Logan

Oak Class

Kendall, Henry, Evie, Dollie, Harriet and William D.

Well done everyone for your hard work this month!

RSA Update

Saturday 21st March - Hasty's Family Day — please return forms and payment by Thursday 19th March.
Friday 20th March — Easter Raffle - We are requesting donations of Easter eggs for raffle prizes. Tickets will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.
Friday 15th May - School Disco
Thursday 9th July - Inflatable Afternoon
Friday 6th November - Rolph Fireworks Night

Fundraising - please continue to use Easy Fundraising (searching for Rolph School Association) when purchasing everyday items to help raise funds for the RSA: easyfundraising.org.uk.

Next Meeting — **Friday 20th March 2026 at the Rose and Crown in Thorpe, starting at 9am** - please come along and join us.

Playtime Resources

Play is an important part of how children learn and develop. Not only is it essential for their mental and physical health, it also provides children with a resource to form relationships with their peers.

At Rolph, we would like to develop our playtime and lunchtime provision to provide children with a wider variety of resources to enable them to really engage in play when they are outdoors. So, if you are having a pre or post—Christmas clear out, we would be very grateful of any donations. The items we are looking for will enable the children to enjoy a wider range of experiences during play and lunchtime.

We are looking for the following items:

- Small world toys (cars, trains, animals, dinosaurs, dolls, etc)
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays wooden spoons/bowls or utensils
- Noodles (swimming pool ones), guttering, pipes, cable reels
- Pegs, corks, buttons, pine cones, conkers
- Road cones, wooden blocks, crates, spades, buckets, trowels
- Tarpaulins, soft nets or large sheets of fabric
- Hats, scarves or character costumes
- Pots of playdoh, colouring books, puzzles, loombands or clipboards

If you have any of the following items or know anyone who does, we would really appreciate your donations. Please chat to Mrs Emrich or Mrs Asbridge if you think you can help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance

93%

The Department for Education tracks attendance carefully and we aim to have an attendance figure in excess of the national average of 96.7%.

A huge well done and thank you to Sycamore Class who have the highest attendance this month.

Regular attendance is very important for children to achieve the best they can. If children are absent from school, it not only affects their education but they will miss out on the social side of school which affects their ability to make and keep friends and can dent their self confidence.

Class	Attendance
Chestnut Class - Nursery	89.55%
Willow Class - EYFS	92.74%
Sycamore Class - Year 1	96.33%
Hazel Class- Year 2	93.31%
Birch Class - Year 3	92.84%
Ash Class - Year 4	96.32%
Elm Class - Year 5	91.69%
Oak Class - Year 6	87.47%

Attendance

We would like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to all of our families who consistently ensure their children's attendance and punctuality is good. Getting these important habits established early on in your child's life will make a difference to their futures. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement.

If your child is going to be absent from school, contact must be made first thing that morning and each day thereafter. Contact can be made by either phoning the school on 01255 861317 and leaving a voicemail or using the Arbor app. Please provide us with as much information as possible about why your child cannot attend school. We may still contact you if we require more information regarding their illness. We may also require medical evidence. Please always give an honest reason why your child is not in school. Guidance from the NHS on illnesses and whether your child should be kept off of school can be found at Is my child too ill for school? - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Leave of absence

Any time off during term time will only be authorised when we consider the period of absence to be for an ***exceptional circumstance.*** Exceptional circumstances are one off events which are unavoidable. A form must be completed prior to the period of absence which can be obtained from the school office. Please give as much notice as possible. We will then make a decision whether to authorise the absence or not. We have a duty of care, shared with the Local Authority, to challenge poor attendance. **Unauthorised absences** are those which the school does not consider reasonable and for which no 'leave' has been granted. This type of absence can lead to the school referring to the Local Authority for penalty notices and/or legal proceedings.

Punctuality

We appreciate the efforts that our parents and carers make in order to get their children into school on time. Poor punctuality can affect learning and behaviour. The start of the day is when the teacher informs the class of what the day ahead will look like. Learning begins from the moment they enter the classroom. It is not only the pupil who is late that is affected, it has an impact on all other learners. If a child walks in late, the teacher is then required to recap on missing learning for that child which reduces learning time for the rest of the class. It is important that your child comes into school on time. A reminder that the school gates are open from 8.35am and close at 8.50am, this allows parents/children a staggered start to the morning. At 8.50am the gates are locked and the school day starts, if your child arrives after this time they will be marked as late. Thank you for your support in this area.