THE ROLPH ROUND-UP

SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the new academic year it has been!

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and see how quickly they have settled into their new classes. At the beginning of the term, we spent time recapping our behaviour expectations and revisiting the Rolph Behaviour Ladder. The children have responded incredibly well, demonstrating our school values and taking pride in making positive choices each day.

We are also delighted to have introduced our new PlayPod at lunchtimes. Packed with a variety of loose parts that encourage imaginative play, it has already proved hugely popular with the children. From crates and crutches to dressing-up clothes and tubes, the resources inspire creativity, teamwork and problem-solving. It has been wonderful to see the children inventing their own games and adventures, as well as children from different year groups playing together so positively.

We are looking forward to all that this year has in store and sharing the children's achievements and experiences with you.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Asbridge

SPORT NEWS

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Platinum Award for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 academic years. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise a school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We were able to apply for the Platinum Award following our previous four Gold Awards. Alongside the usual criteria, we also had to complete a case study about how we have embedded positive experiences into our competition offer. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport. We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those young people who haven't previously been active or represented our school and to try and ensure that all our students have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school in our community. We believe in the power of physical activity and school sport as a school and give opportunities to those young people that need it most. Well done to everyone at Rolph.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 1st October - Census Day
Thursday 1st to Friday 2nd October – Elm Class Overnight Residential at Birch Hall
Tuesday 6th October – Oak Class Trip to IWM Duxford
Wednesday 7th October – Hazel Class Trip to Fingringhoe Wick
Wednesday 7th October – Elm Class Swimming
Thursday 8th October - Whole School Harvest Festival Assembly
Friday 9th October – Non Pupil Day
Monday 12th October - Kittle Photographic taking individual and sibling photographs
Tuesday 13th October - Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 14th October - Whole School Firework Assembly delivered by Essex Fire Service Education Team
Wednesday 14th October – Elm Class Swimming
Wednesday 14th October - Parents Evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Friday 16th October - Last day of Autumn Term 1
Monday 2nd November - First day of Autumn Term 2
Friday 6th November - RSA Fireworks Night
Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday
Tuesday 10th November - Open Evening for Reception 2027 School Places at 5.30pm
Thursday 12th November - WW1 Aviation Heritage Trust Simulator Day for Ash and Elm Class
Friday 13th November – Non Uniform Day for BBC Children in Need
Friday 20th November - RSA Non Uniform Day & School Discos
Wednesday 25th November - Whole School Winter Safety Assembly, Home Safety Session for Birch Class and Online Safety Session for Oak Class delivered by Essex Fire Service Education Team

HOUSE POINTS
WORKING AS A TEAM

Every child belongs to a school house team. Throughout the half term, the children earn house points which are added to their house’s total. At the end of the half term, the house with the most points wins a prize. This half term, the winning house will enjoy a movie afternoon!

So far this half term, **Slytherin** is in the lead!

CELEBRATING
SUCCESS

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

Willow Class

Milo and Ivy

Sycamore Class

Finley, Leo, Evan and Nora

Hazel Class

Vinnie, Layla, William and Sophie

Birch Class

Fletcher, Stanley, Beau and Teddy

Ash Class

Oliver C., Willow, Poppy By., and Louvie

Elm Class

Samuel, Betsy, Oliver and Dylan

Oak Class

Albie T., Snow, Sophie and Robbie

ATTENDANCE
MATTERS

Our whole school attendance this month was:

96%

Place	Class	Attendance
1	Sycamore	98.52%
2	Willow	98.46%
3	Elm	98.28%
4	Birch	97.71%
5	Oak	97.1%
6	Ash	95.25%
7	Hazel	95%

Regular attendance is vital for children’s learning and wellbeing. Schools are required to report attendance to the Department for Education every day, highlighting the importance of being in school and ready to learn.

At Rolph, our aspirational whole-school attendance target is 96%. Thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve this and ensuring every child makes the most of their time in school.

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