



NEWSLETTER No. 1

18th September 2026

Value of the Month: Respect

Welcome back Roecroft family,

It has been wonderful to welcome you all back for the new academic year. I am incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into school life. They have returned with enthusiasm, positivity and a real eagerness to learn. Staff have been delighted to see such positive attitudes across the school, and it has been lovely to see classrooms busy with learning once again. To our Early Years families, you have been incredible, our Gosling, Cygnet and Ducking children have done wonderfully and it is only week one!

Thank you to all our families for your continued support in helping make the start of term such a success.

As many of you may be aware, Microsoft Publisher will reach the end of its lifecycle later this year. As a result, we will be making some changes to the format and presentation of our school newsletter, so this will be the last one in its current format.

The good news is that our new approach will be more straightforward to navigate and access across a range of devices, making it easier for families to find the information they need quickly and efficiently. We will share further details once the new format is finalised, but we are confident that these changes will improve the overall experience for parents and carers.

You may also notice that, for the time being, we will not be including photographs of children in our newsletters, or across our social media platforms.

This is a temporary measure while we work with our Governing body to review our approach to the use of images. We want to ensure that our policy is consistent across all communication and reflects a thoughtful, informed decision that considers both safeguarding and the rapidly evolving landscape of digital technology and artificial intelligence.

The way images can be stored, shared and used continues to change, and we feel it is important to take the time to carefully consider best practice before moving forward. We appreciate your understanding and patience while this review takes place.

As always, we will continue to celebrate our children's achievements, successes and experiences through our communications, and we look forward to sharing updates with you in a way that remains safe, inclusive and aligned with best practice.

Have a wonderful weekend, with warmest wishes,

Mrs Cross

Attendance for w/c 7th September 2026

Reception	99.14%	0 Late Marks
Year 1	97.09%	5 Late Marks
Year 2	98.61%	3 Late Marks
Year 3	95.87%	6 Late Marks
Year 4	94.96%	7 Late Marks

Attendance for w/c 14th September 2026

Reception	96.86%	4 Late Marks
Year 1	98.55%	11 Late Marks
Year 2	95.69%	2 Late Marks
Year 3	95.31%	6 Late Marks
Year 4	94.70%	6 Late Marks

Thank You!

We would like to say an enormous 'Thank You!' to FORLS, who are covering the cost of the school's new anaphylaxis 'Kitt' - a set of junior and adult adrenaline auto-injectors for emergency use in school.



Benedict's Law came into effect throughout the UK this month, to ensure that all schools can prevent and respond to severe allergic reactions. Our new 'Kitt' and the associated training for all staff will mean that as a school, we comply with the new regulations and will be able to respond appropriately to a potential emergency.

This is a huge commitment but vitally important, and we are incredibly grateful to FORLS for covering the full cost for the next five years.

Polite Reminder

Can we please remind all parents that children should not be allowed on the playground apparatus after school.

Staff are not on duty at that time and cannot supervise the children, so to prevent injuries please keep your children with you as you move through the playgrounds. Thank you.



Appeal for Donations

We have a school Nintendo Switch in our Phoenix Room, which is unfortunately lacking in games. We are hoping that someone might have a spare age-appropriate game or two that they could donate!

If you have any unwanted games that might help, please drop them off at the School Office.

Thank you!

Piano Lessons in School

Boris Peck is a classically-trained conductor, violinist and pianist who teaches weekly 20/30-minute piano lessons to children in Year 1 and above, in school.

He has been teaching at Roecroft since 2017 and has spaces for new students from September 2026. He would be happy to arrange a trial lesson for anyone interested in learning the piano.

Please contact Boris via email at boris_peck@hotmail.com, or phone 07884 057278 for further information.



Booking Meals on SchoolGrid



A reminder that you can order school meals up to half a term in advance via SchoolGrid. Lunches cost £2.90 per day and the menu can be found on our website [here](#).

If your child is absent, when informing the school please also remember to cancel any booked meals (please note that, if your child is in Year 3 or 4, you can be charged for missed meals).

FORLS AGM



A reminder that the Friends of Roecroft Lower School (FORLS) Annual General Meeting will take place in the School Hall at 6.30pm on **Thursday 24th September**.

FORLS work tirelessly to provide many special experiences and extras for our children, including parties, personalised Christmas cards, the Scholastic Book Fair and sponsored events, and need the help of as many volunteers as possible to do so. Please do attend the meeting if you can, or, if you would like to help but can't make the meeting, please email FORLS at FORLS@roecroft.co.uk.

Thank you for your support!

Starting School in 2027

If you have a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, you can now make a 'Starting School 2027' application online on the Central Bedfordshire Council website at: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Alternatively, you can email the Admissions team at admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk, or telephone 0300 300 8037. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2027 and if you have any queries regarding an application please contact the Admissions team or the School Office.

Transfer to Middle School in 2027

Later this year, we will be preparing our Year 4 children for their transition to middle school. If your child is in Year 4, applications for their place in middle school can now be made online on the Central Bedfordshire website at:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

If you prefer, other methods of applying are listed at the above website. Please note that the deadline for these applications is 15th January 2027 so do please send in your application as soon as possible. Our local middle schools have Open Evenings arranged on the following dates:

Henlow Academy—Thursday 24th September

Etonbury Academy—Thursday 1st October

Pix Brook Academy—Thursday 15th October

Robert Bloomfield Academy—Thursday 12th November

Please check their websites for further information on session times and booking slots. We advise having a look around as many schools with your child as possible, to find out more about what is offered and to see where they might feel most at home.

Online Safety

As a school we continue to prioritise educating our pupils and their families about safety online. In school this is taught across PSHE and computing lessons.

Use the links below to find practical information from trusted places to help you feel more confident on the steps you can take to protect your child online.

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/groups/c8dp5jz9z19t>

Parent Workshops

There are several different services across the local authority which offer workshops to support parents with a range of topics such as SEND and Mental Health.

Please find attached to this newsletter leaflets detailing workshops being run this term by CHUMS, CAMH and the Early Help Team, including information on how to book.

Census Day Menu

This term's Census Day is Thursday 1st October, and HCL are providing their Burger Day! A full-sized menu is attached and, as our funding for school meals is based on how many children book these Census meals, please do book your child in for the lunch if you can.

Thank you!



Netball Club

Play Sports Juniors are launching a brand new Netball Academy this month, and are offering every child a FREE taster session at **Kingshott School, Stevenage Road, St Ippolyts, Hitchin, SG4 7JX.**

Sessions take place on Sundays at the following times:

9:00–9:50am: Reception–Year 2 10:00–10:50am:– Years 3–4

Their Academy is designed to give children a fun, friendly and welcoming place to enjoy netball, whether they're completely new to the sport or already love playing.

- All abilities welcome
- Experienced coaches
- Fun, structured weekly sessions
- All equipment provided
- Join on your own or with friends
- **First taster session FREE.**

Parents can find out more and register at [Play Sports Juniors](#).

Kidz Zone Club

Kidz Zone Club provide holiday clubs and wraparound care at Roecroft Lower School.

Please see the attached poster for further information, prices and activity timetables.

Sessions can be booked by phone on 01525 591036, on their website:

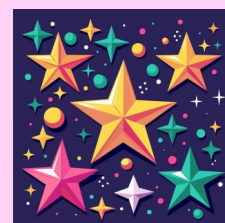
[Kidz Zone Club](#), or email:

hello@kidzzoneclub.com.



Values Star of the Week, 14th—18th September

Congratulations to Teddy D, Ryan CC, Bella C, Nyla-Marie T, Martie M, Eva G, Savannah B, Jack S, Jaxon H, Theo H, Orla R, Alex F, William N and Finley L - you have all earned a Values Star award this week!



Values Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have lived the Value of **Respect** for the week of 14th September:

Name	Class	House
Lando Bowers	Cygnets	Sapphire
Tamara Aziz	Duckling	Sapphire
Zachary Lemon	Gosling	Amethyst
George Bailey	Penguin	Sapphire
Mia Smith	Puffin	Ruby
Eva McColm	Nightingale	Diamond
Freddie Freestone	Owl	Ruby
Charlotte Harper	Swan	Emerald
Kenny Wijethunga Mohottalalage Don	Falcon	Emerald
Seb Elwin	Kestrel	Amethyst
David Eyohwo	Kingfisher	Ruby
Lily Hermann Ucin	Eagle	Emerald
Cleo Crompton	Hawk	Sapphire
Teddy Firth	Kite	Diamond

Well Done to all of our Playground Experts, who lived the values during lunchtime this week!

Cygnets	Vinnie Haskell	Duckling	Lily Gauntlett-Smith	Gosling	Ava Jeffs
Penguin	Lily Furness	Puffin	Christos Taouxis		
Nightingale	Reuben Wood	Owl	Honey Bain	Swan	Joseph Jeffrey
Falcon	Keira Day	Kestrel	Theo Hatchett	Kingfisher	Rosie Wallace
Eagle	Ellen Amujo	Hawk	Max Parhar	Kite	Miah Barker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (new dates are marked with an asterisk)

Wednesday 23rd September*	Year 4 PGL Caythorpe Virtual Meeting (4.30-5pm)
Thursday 24th September*	FORLS AGM (6.30pm)
Friday 9th October*	Open Classrooms (3.30-4pm)
Tuesday 13th October*	Parent Consultations (in person)
Wednesday 14th October*	Parent Consultations (in person)
Thursday 15th October*	Flu Vaccinations (all years)
Friday 16th October*	Interhouse Competition—Hit the Button (wear House coloured tops)
Friday 23rd October*	Year 4 Topic Day—Romans
Monday 26th—Friday 30th October*	Half Term
Tuesday 3rd November*	Year 3 Trip to the STEM Discovery Centre
Monday 9th November*	Open Evening (6.15-7.30pm)
Monday 16th-Friday 20th November*	Anti-Bullying Week
Sunday 6th December*	FORLS Christmas Fayre (further information to follow)
Monday 21st December—Friday 1st January 2027*	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January*	Inset Day
Tuesday 5th January*	Children Return to School
Monday 15th-Friday 19th February*	Half Term
Friday 26th March*	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 29th March*	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 30th March — Thursday 8th April*	Easter Holidays
Friday 9th April*	Inset Day
Monday 12th April*	Children Return to School
Monday 3rd May*	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June*	Half Term
Wednesday 21st July*	Last Day of Term