



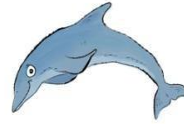
# Rode Heath Primary School

*"Inspiring learning; nurturing minds; achieving for life."*

April 2026



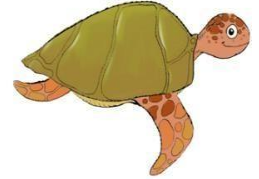
Curiosity



Teamwork



Fairness



Resilience

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to April's edition of our newsletter and I hope you all have had a wonderful break over the last two weeks. We return to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April and please remember the importance of arriving to school on-time.

## School Start Times

Pre-School: 9:00 – 3:00

Reception and KS1: 8:45 - 3:15

Key Stage Two: 8:50 (Children can enter their classrooms from 8:40am) - 3:20

If your child arrives after these times, they will be given a late mark. Persistent lateness may result in a meeting with parents.

**We would like to remind parents and children that games, footballs, and other play equipment should not be brought out or used before the start of the school day or at the end of the school day. Children remain the responsibility of parents and carers until school officially opens and once the school day has ended. We kindly ask that pupils do not arrive too early and that they leave the school premises promptly at the end of the day unless attending a supervised club or activity.**

## Emergency evacuations

Every half term, we carry out a fire drill to ensure that all children are confident in leaving the school building quickly, calmly, and safely. These procedures have been established for many years, and the children are now highly skilled at evacuating the building promptly and lining up at their designated fire assembly points on the playground. In addition, we have recently conducted a lockdown drill following the installation of a new lockdown alarm system. During this drill, children practised moving quietly and sensibly to safe areas within the school.

Prior to the drill, I spoke to the children to explain what a lockdown is and why it is sometimes necessary, using an age-appropriate analogy of a "dinosaur on the playground" to help them understand the importance of moving away from windows and doors. The drill was carried out very successfully and was well understood by the children.

Lockdown procedures will now form part of our regular termly health and safety practice, alongside our fire drills, to ensure that everyone remains safe and well prepared.

### Achievements and Celebrations

Well done to all that participated in the Alsager Key Stage 2 Swimming Gala. Congratulations to Year 5 and 6 who can third!

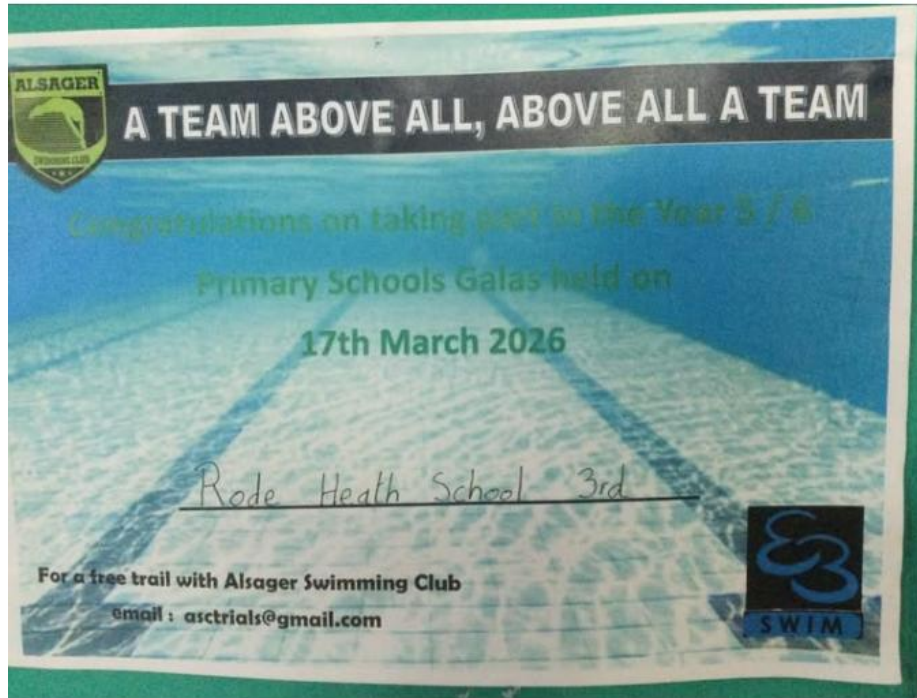


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Well done to the Year 5\6 swimming team who came 3rd out of the Alsager Schools. A great team effort!



### **World Down's Syndrome Day**

The sale of the gingerbread socks raised just over £200 for the Cheshire Down's Syndrome Support Group. Thank you to all who bought biscuits in support of this local charity.



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Today we are wearing colourful, brightly coloured socks to raise awareness, promote inclusion and celebrate the lives of people with Down syndrome. Year two have enjoyed... [See more](#)



## Year 5 York Residential

We had a fantastic time in York and the children conducted themselves excellently. There were very mature, asked lots of great questions, were very enthused, had fun and loved the breakfasts! We will be hosting a Y5 sharing assembly evening soon and more information about the date and time will come to you in due course.

## Science Week was a huge success!

# From Space to Sea: Science Week at Rode Heath

📅 March 16, 2026 👤 thinklikeanengineerproject

Another Science Week has come to a close at Rode Heath – and what a fantastic week it has been. Last year we reached for the stars, celebrating the 10-year anniversary of our Out of This World space project, inspired by Tim Peake. This year, however, we plunged into the depths of the ocean, helped by a team from the National Oceanography Centre.



If you are interested to find out more about what we got up to you then please read Mrs Wiskow's blog: [From Space to Sea: Science Week at Rode Heath – Think Like An Engineer.](#)

Kind regards,  
John Frankland

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