

Reynalds Cross School newsletter

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May 2025 edition



Term



dates



TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2024/25

SUMMER TERM 2025

HALF TERM

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

TERM ENDS

Monday 21st July

TRAINING DAYS/PUPILS NOT IN SCHOOL

Monday 21st July 2025



Message from Mrs Brettell



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Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of this short but very productive half term, I wanted to take the opportunity to share some of our recent highlights and celebrate the wonderful achievements and events that have taken place at Reynolds Cross School.



- **Sports Day:** Our annual sports day was a fantastic success! Pupils participated enthusiastically in a range of activities, showing great team spirit and determination. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event and cheer on our students.
- **VE Day Celebration:** We marked VE Day with a range of activities that helped pupils learn about the importance of this historic occasion. Classes enjoyed themed arts and crafts, music, and special assemblies. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved and reflecting on the significance of the day.
- **Bag Books Day:** We were delighted to welcome the Bag Books team, who visited several of our classes. Their interactive and sensory storytelling sessions were thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils, providing a unique and engaging learning experience. Thank you to Bag Books for making this possible.

Looking Ahead

- Please keep an eye out for upcoming dates and information about events next half term, including Renny day, parents' evenings and upcoming projects.

I would like to thank all pupils, families and staff for your continued support and commitment to Reynolds Cross School.

Best wishes,
Dawn



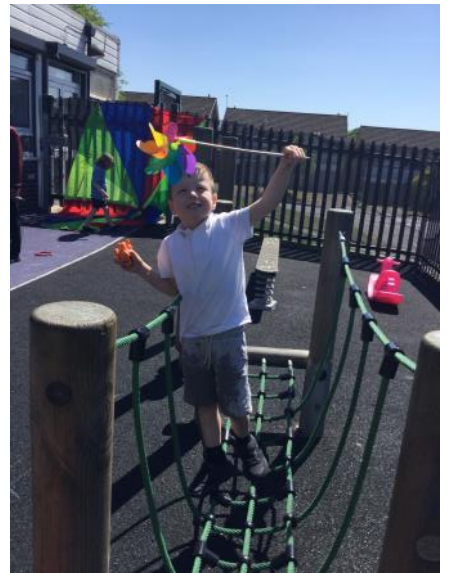


Shooting stars

Shooting Stars Reception

All of the lovely sunny weather can only mean one thing in Shooting Stars – Water Play!!! The children have been exploring their skills using water spray, pouring between containers, and even having a paddle.

Ice lolly treats are also a favourite at this time of year!





Shooting stars



Shooting Stars Year One

This half term Shooting Stars have been learning about gardening, we have helped to plant seeds and look after them.

We have been busy making sand from cereal, helping to use a blender to crush the cereal up.

Fun in the sun Friday was a busy afternoon, we explored lots of water and sand play, made sounds on the microphone and chased bubbles. The afternoon ended with an ice lolly.





Sunshines



class



Over



this



term,



a lot

of



our



learning



has been



Outdoors.



We



have been



expressing



our



likes



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Sports day!





Planets



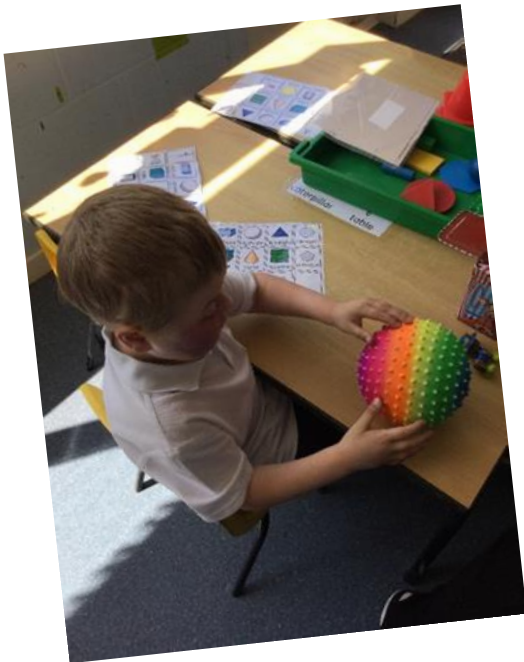
 Planets	 class	 went to
 Dodford Farm.	 We	 had a
 lovely	 time	 feeding the animals
 and	 playing	 in the play area.













Rainbows

In Rainbows, we have been enjoying learning about both 2D and 3D shapes and exploring using tessellation. Our topic of construction is lots of fun and we have explored sounds of a construction site such as BANG and CRASH! In Science we have been exploring the force of 'Push and Pull' in real life scenarios.



















Moonbeams










 In music we are exploring different places around the world.

 We use our senses to explore different music and sounds, whilst learning about

 somewhere around the world.

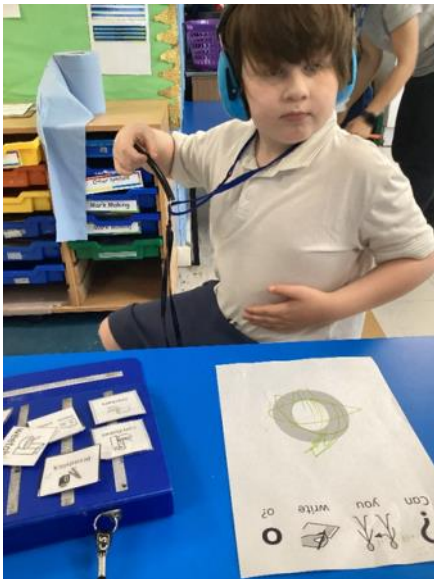










 So far we have explored an Italian mandolin, an Australian didgeridoo and an American banjo.





Rockets



We have been using our writing skills and learning the grapheme 'o'.

We used shaving foam to form the letter.

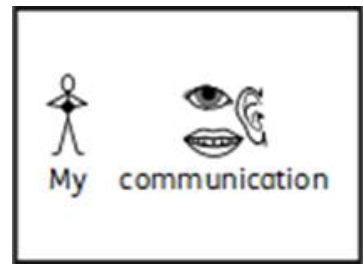


On Friday afternoon we participated in a well being afternoon. We had a disco, ice-cream and waterplay.





Comets



This term in Comets we have been working on our communication skills out in the community. We have used the house garden area to PEC's and request verbally for toys and snack.





This term in Galaxies we have been looking at the theme 'Construction'. We have

made our own cement + and stacked bricks but we are also reading 'Goodnight,

Goodnight Construction Site'. For science we have been exploring 'Forces and Magnets'.





Mercury class

This term in Mercury class, we have been taking part in guided reading sessions. We have also read sensory stories in which we have explored characters and settings from different stories. This term, we also had a visitor that told us the story of a hair cut. Moreover, we have also enjoyed our cosy class reading corner.





Venus



This half term, Venus class has been developing their functional skills through practical activities. The pupils have been practising counting cutlery needed to lay a place at the table. Additionally, they have worked together to create an item and price list for our class tuck shop, which opens every Friday afternoon. Each pupil counts out 10 pennies into a purse, which they will spend during this session.





Mars

This term we have started a new focus on Maths around shapes.

Pupils have been engaging and exploring hands-on activities with shapes

linking them to everyday language and community signs such as stop, go,

& be careful! We will continue with our environmental shapes through

Summer Term.





Jupiter

This
 month
 we
 have
 learnt
 about
 VE day
 through
 activities

including
 a
 sensory story
 and
 art
 activities.









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

aeroplanes,
 drums
 and
 whistles
 in the
 sensory story.













Saturn



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  class
  have been
  learning
  about
  2D shapes

 in maths
  this half
  term
  Pupils
  have been
  identifying

 shapes,
  making
  'shape'
  pizza's'
  +
 and have also been

 constructing
  2D
  shapes
  using
  lolly sticks.





Neptune

In My Community pupils have been learning about safety on private transport. They have sorted different types of transport and taken part in role play.



Satellite Centre

This half term, Satellite Centre have been making the most out of the weather and spending lots of time outside. Here's what we've been up to...



Seaside and
ice-cream afternoon



Satellite Centre (continued)



Gardening

Canoeing



Year 14 – 19 students



Working toward ASDAN qualifications

Our 14-19 have worked really hard with their ASDAN units this year, there are 171 units in total and we have 5 leavers this year. The units have now been sent to ASDAN for external moderation. External moderation verifies school assessments and ensures consistency within these national Ofqual recognised qualifications.

Meanwhile, students in years 10, 12 and 13 have had their work moderated in school in preparation for submission to ASDAN for external moderation in year 11 or 14. We are also looking forward to our upcoming prom on 10th July, exciting time ahead!!

Student collecting gardening tools from the shed as part of the unit 'getting things done'



A student in Venus class working on 'Personal care' unit, choosing correctly the right options for brushing hair.

Supernova classes

Congratulations to the classes below for achieving 100% attendance for the week.



Well done

Week ending 02/05/2025

- ◆ Saturn

Week ending 09/05/2025

- ◆ Saturn

