

Reynalds Cross School newsletter

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May 2026 Edition



Term



dates

REMAINING SUMMER TERM DATES

May Day - Monday 4th May 2026

Half-term - Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026

Inset Training Day - Friday 26th June 2026

Inset Training Day - Monday 20th July 2026

Last day of attendance for pupils:

Friday 17th July 2026

TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

Term starts - 1st September 2026

Half-term - 26th October - 31st October 2026

Term ends - 18th December 2026

End of term holidays - 21st December - 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Term starts - 4th January 2027

Half-term - 15th February to 19th February 2027

Term ends - Thursday 25th March 2027

End of term holidays - 26th March - 9th April 2027

Summer Term 2027

Term starts - 12th April 2027

Bank holiday - Monday 3rd May 2027

Half-term - 31st May - 4th June 2027

Term ends - Wednesday 21st July 2027

Training Days (pupils not in school)

1st & 2nd September 2026

Other training days to be published before end of summer term



Message from Mrs Brettell



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Dear Parents and Carers,



This half term has given the children plenty of opportunities to develop their skills and knowledge through enrichment activities. We're delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

KS3 were visited by a theatre company and many pupils fully immersed themselves in the experience. It was wonderful to see our children engaging so enthusiastically with the live performance, developing their confidence and creativity through drama.

Dodford Farm Residential - The first residential of the year has commenced, and what a success it has been! Pupils had a wonderful time at Dodford Farm, enjoying:

- Swimming in the pool
- Playing in the soft play area
- Feeding and caring for the animals

These experiences have helped our children develop independence, social skills, and confidence in new environments. The smiles on their faces said it all! A huge thank you to all the staff who gave their evenings to support this valuable opportunity. Your dedication ensures our pupils can access these enriching experiences that make such a difference to their development.

Our very first Miles for Smiles took place on the 17th May, and it was a tremendous success! Thank you to FORCS (Friends of Reynolds Cross School) for organising such a fabulous day. The atmosphere was brilliant, with pupils, staff, and families coming together for a wonderful cause. All money raised will go towards a new sensory room, which will provide a calm, therapeutic space for our pupils to regulate their emotions and engage their senses in a supportive environment.



We have also held a number of parent workshops this half term. Thank you to all those who have attended. Your engagement with your child's learning environment is invaluable, and we hope you found the sessions helpful and informative.

Dawn Brettell

Shooting Stars

Sensory activities form a regular part of our sessions in Shooting



In Scientific Enquiry sessions, the children have been exploring 'Changes in state'. They explored corn-flour as a powder, then watched it change as water was mixed. Lots of fun exploring the finished mixture too!



We also did some seed planting and the children monitored them, as well as adding (lots!) of water to help them grow.



Then in Sensology sessions, the children have been using their senses to explore things relating to 'Celebrations'. They have been tasting cake, icing biscuits, and of course exploring the dressing up clothes.



Sunshines



      
Over this half term we have been focusing on life skills














 
and independence.

        
These are pictures from our Myself and Others day.



Planets












					
Planets	class	have been	working hard	on	
					
their	Writing	targets	and	some	pupils
					
have	started	to	type	their	name
					
on	the	computer	using	the	keyboard!























Rainbows



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 this half
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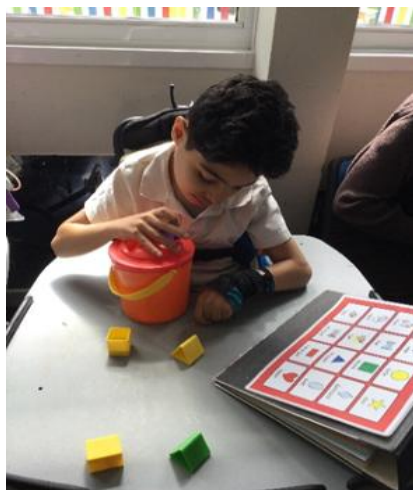
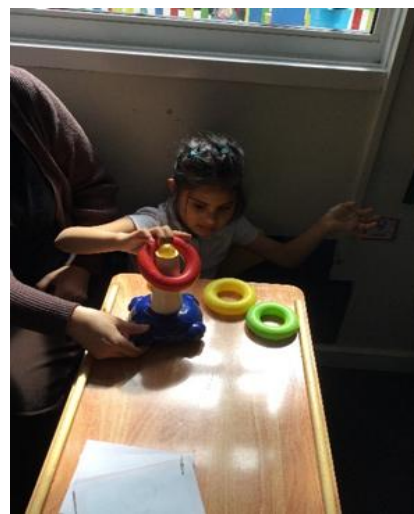
 would
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  play
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  choosing
  their
  photo
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resources.



Moonbeams

In maths we have been exploring shape. We listened to a sensory story called 'The Great Shape Party'. We explored lots of different props linked to the shapes in the story and then took part in some sensory shape activities.

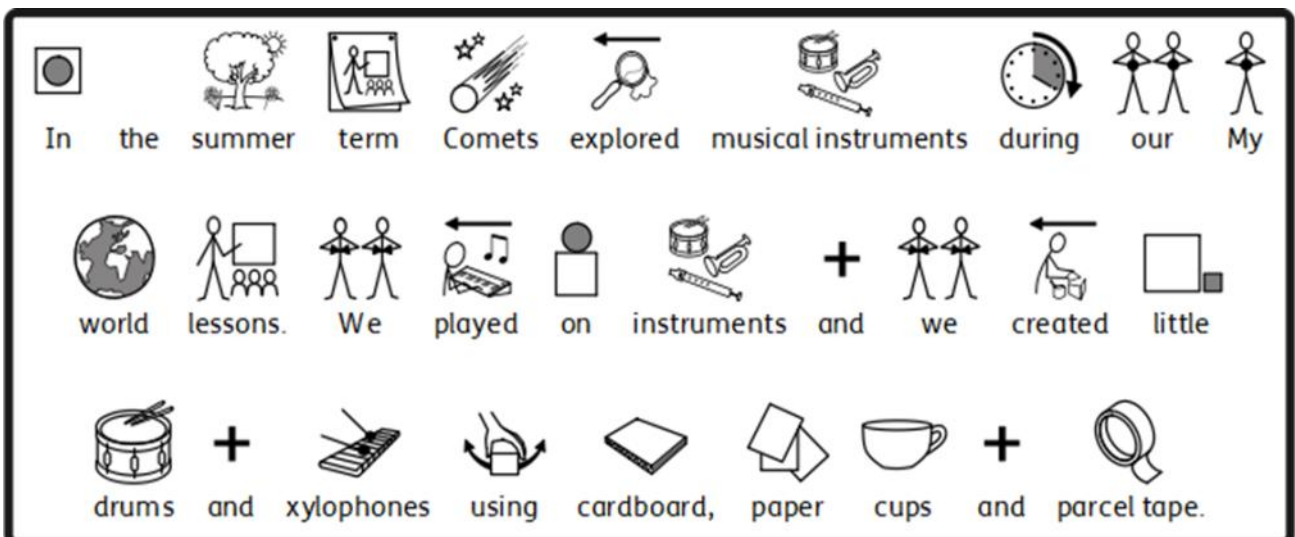
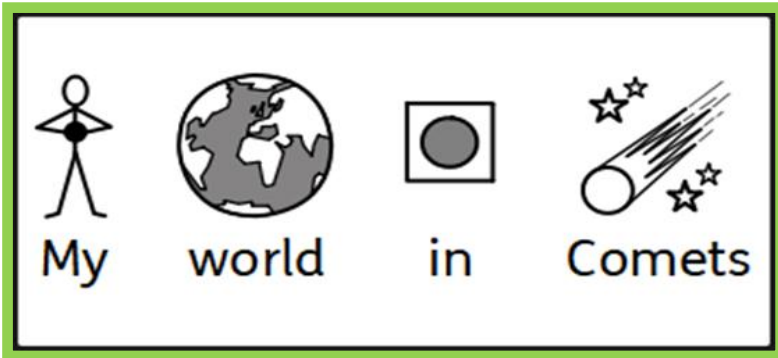




In Rockets class we have been exploring celebration. We have looked at

different Music, clothes and made food related to different celebrations.
















Galaxies

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This term Galaxies have been exploring Geometry in Maths. The children







have been making 2d shapes and exploring whether they are straight or

round edge shapes. Galaxies really enjoyed the Myself and Others

Workshop where they explored a range of activities that encourage

independent skills, personal care and bedtime routines.





 Mercury class

Pupils in Mercury class enjoyed their visit to Rose Cottage farm.
 We looked at the animals, explored the nature and sandpit and shared a
 snack with peers. In general for 'My community' lessons we have been
 practising safe walking with an adult on the school field and park,
 which we put into practice on the trip.

















In science this term, we have been exploring different types of forces.











We have been learning about push and pull when using pipettes and water













sprays. We have also made marble runs when learning about gravity. Pupils











have been predicting results when investigating friction, buoyancy and magnetism.



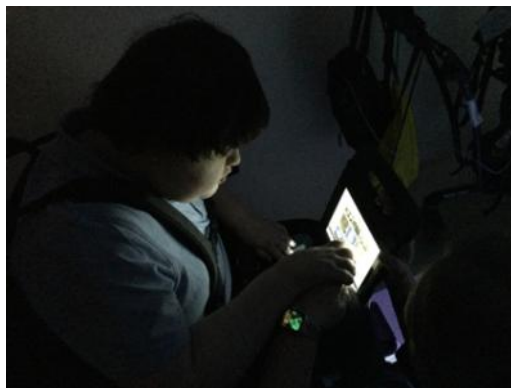
Mars



Jupiter & Earth Base



This term Jupiter class have been using technology to explore our celebrations topic.



Saturn



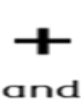
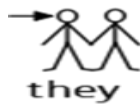
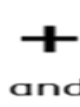
We enjoyed exploring life skills in
our Myself and Others workshop.



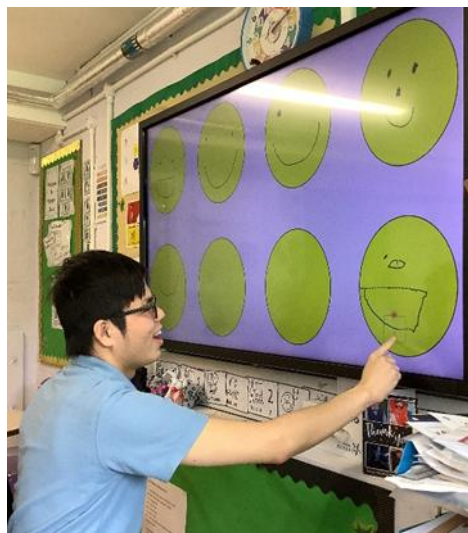
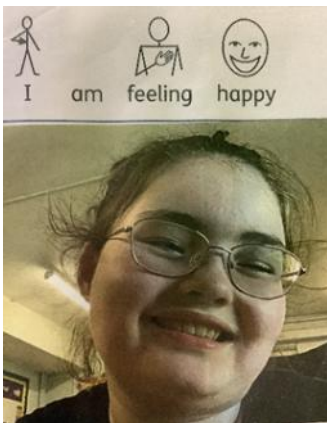
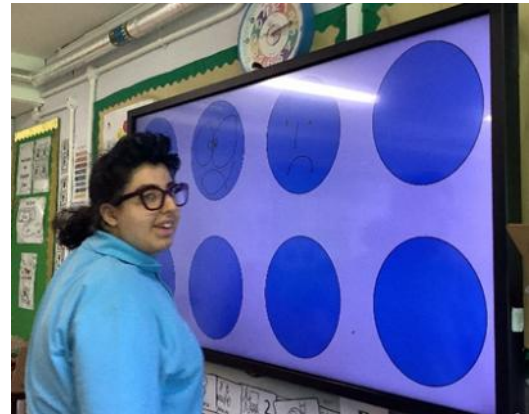
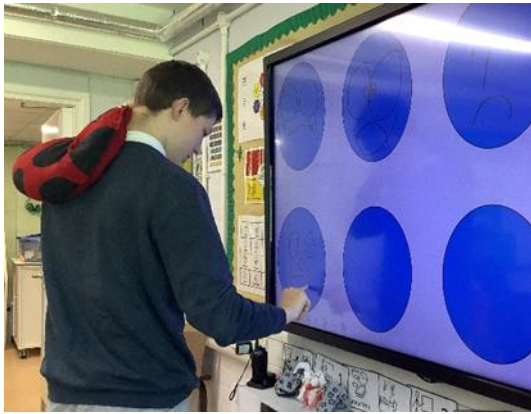
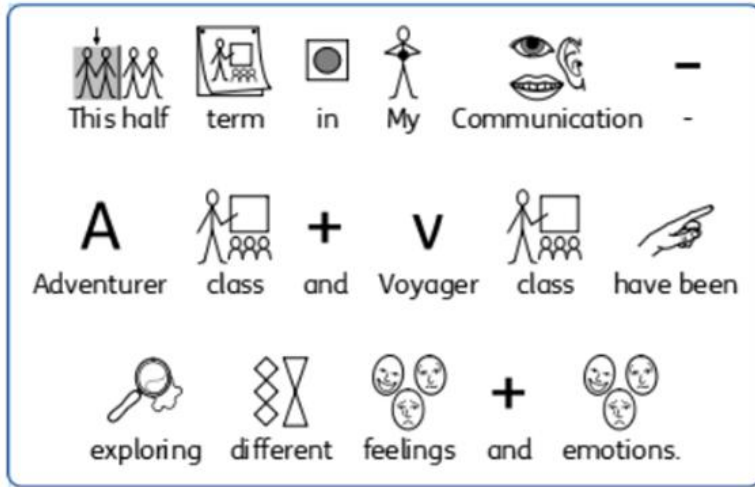
We have been playing games to practicing
our turn taking.



Neptune



Satellite Centre



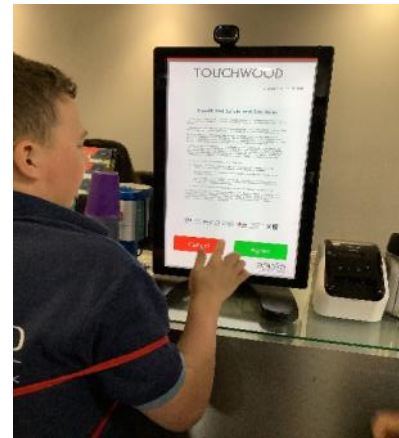
Year 14 – 19 students



Working towards ASDAN qualifications

Students in 14 – 19 stage have worked really hard towards their ASDAN qualifications, the year 11's and 14's are having their work sent off to be externally moderated and we are really proud of how hard all students have worked to achieve this.

Students from Satellite Centre visit Touchwood each week, this is part of their work experience, here is one of our students signing in. The students really enjoy going to Touchwood, they learn new skills, get to meet new people and it's a great opportunity for them.



As part of our 'Engaging with the world around you- therapies' One of our students in Jupiter class is enjoying the texture of sand. He is enjoying playing with it whilst it is dry and then adding water to experience the different textures.

One of our students in Venus Class is enjoying using the IPAD. This is part of 'Developing ICT skills' He chooses the same game and will find his favourite letter song independently.



Forest School

Forest School Update

In Forest School lately classes have been enjoying the warmer

weather and engaging in lots of different activities. Recently, some

classes have started practicing putting sticks on a pretend fire

and trying on fire gloves.

We see lots of smiles, laughter, teamwork and creativity in

Forest School and are proud to say that we have just

achieved the Green Tree Bronze award for learning about nature,

recycling and tree-decorating.

