



The Roche Nursery School

Keswick House

Newsletter

Week beginning 9th March 2026

Dear Parents

The last couple of weeks have been extremely busy at school. We had a wonderful World Book Day and it was lovely to see so many children dressed up as their favourite book characters. The creativity and enthusiasm they showed made the day very special and it was so evident to see the children's excitement for reading.

We are pleased to announce the two winners of our **“Most Unusual Place to Read a Book”** competition seen in the photos below.



Thank you to everyone who took part; the entries were imaginative and showed many new places where we can enjoy reading!

Project is still going strong and continues to enhance the children's curiosity and creativity. This week Upper Nursery children were challenged to find 10 objects of their choice to create something unique, which encouraged creativity, problem-solving, and imaginative thinking. It was a perfect example of how our little ones can design with a purpose.

We have also continued with our celebrations in school recognising important events such as Holi, Ramadan, St David's Day and Mother's Day. It has been a great opportunity for the children to learn about different cultures, traditions and celebrations. Please ask them as they are becoming quite knowledgeable.

It has also been wonderful to see the children making excellent progress in Spanish. In particular, during lunchtime many of the children confidently ask for different fruits and vegetables in Spanish. They are really embracing the language and use newly discovered words in everyday situations around school.

During Forest Camp, the children explored nature by making their own perfume using petals and other natural materials and also created beautiful sun catchers using natural resources which they really enjoyed experimenting with. It is so sweet to hear them ask 'are we going into forest camp today?' so the camp is becoming part of their everyday! In Forest School the children used natural objects such as leaves, sticks and stones to create faces, encouraging creativity and exploration of the outdoors. They have been keen on using telescopes to participate in bird spotting.









Lower Nursery are also incredibly keen on exploring the art area with a fair degree of independence and are fast working out that marks make meaning. They love drawing multiple faces! Over the next couple of weeks we are enhancing all art areas as this area of learning is becoming so strong across the Nursery.

Other News:

A reminder that there will be a Reception Taster Day tomorrow on Friday 13th March 10-11 a.m. for all those attending the main school in September.

Parents who could not attend the talk on child anxiety by Dr Stephanie Doig, please find attached her presentation. You can also find the video of her talk on The Roche School

website at Catch up on Recent Talks | Prep School London | Roche School[<https://therocheschool.com/news-events/catch-up-on-recent-talks/>]

There are so many useful talks available so do look them up.

SAVE THE DATE NEXT TERM!

Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 2nd July.

Upper Nursery Summer Concert will be on Monday 6th July at 2 p.m.

Celebration of books to mark World Book Day!

It will not come as a surprise to any of you that reading (and being read to) is incredibly valuable for all our children. It is, however, easy to forget all the ways that books support our youngest. It helps develop-

- **Language and vocabulary development-** Look for books which introduce new vocabulary around topics children are already interested in. Children who love dinosaurs can learn complicated names and facts easily because they are so motivated by the topic, and this is the same in all other areas too. If toddlers can learn to say 'Tyrannosaurus Rex', they can absolutely learn many other big, interesting words!
- **Emotional & Social Growth:** Reading stories helps young children understand emotions, foster empathy, and navigate social situations.
- **Imagination & Creativity:** Books transport children to new worlds, stimulating creativity and critical thinking.

Below are some suggestions of books based on some of our recent celebrations.

Lunar New Year by Natasha Yim. A celebratory, inclusive and educational exploration of Lunar New Year for both children that celebrate and children who want to understand and appreciate their peers who do.

Holi by Sital Gorasia Chapman. Every March, people across India and around the world celebrate Holi, the Hindu festival of colour, new life, love and spring. In *Celebrations & Festivals: Holi*, the festival is brought to life through the eyes of two children who are celebrating Holi with their family and friends to mark the beginning of Spring and new beginnings.

My Mum by Anthony Browne. Is a warm, witty and heartwarming tribute celebrating mothers everywhere, featuring a child's endearing, perspective-driven account of their mother's talents and loving nature.

Good morning, Buenos Dias by Meritxell Marti. One of our favourite Spanish books in nursery. A bilingual slide-the-tab board book, with text in English and Spanish. Cleverly

introduce basic ideas about what happens in the morning when you wake up, including a rooster crowing, an alarm clock ringing, Dad shaving, and neighbours making coffee.

Best wishes

Nursery Team