



**Welcome to our January edition of our Rosherville Round-Up.
A celebration of community, kindness, learning, and growth at Rosherville C
of E Academy**

Donaldson's History lessons

This term in Donaldson, we have been learning about Kings and Queens. In our first History lesson this term, we made our own decrees and then stained the paper with teabags to make it look old. One of our Queen's decreed that all boys pay £100 for an ice cream and girls only pay £1!



Morpurgo Class Explore the River Thames

Morpurgo class are studying The River Thames for both History and Geography so we walked to the river. The children will be learning about how The River Thames has been used over the centuries. This trip engaged the children in the topic to be taught. They compared what they could see now and what they could have seen a hundred years ago or a thousand years ago.

Children were also able to make links to their previous history unit - WW2- and thought about how the river was used during the war:

'I knew that the wind turbines would not have been there even 50 years ago'

'I think the River Thames was used to transport weapons and soldiers'





Wicked singalong

On Thursday 22nd January Rosherville choir joined over 8,000 singers online to sing a Wicked medley. Hosted by Young Voices for their 30th anniversary, the event featured West End star Emma Kingston as Elphaba to celebrate the musical's 20th anniversary year.

The choir had been learning this song ready for their young voices trip and had the unique opportunity to join in this worldwide event. The children were very excited to be part of such a huge choir and had worked hard to learn every word by heart.

They sang along beautifully and the energy was infectious making this an enjoyable event for both children and staff.

Looking After Our Mental Health



Morpurgo class were lucky enough to take part in a mental health webinar by Kooth, who in partnership with the NHS and other organisations provide free mental health support to young people from ages 10-18.

The children found this webinar very interesting and interacted very well - asking relevant questions.

Dahl class Sculptures

Dahl Class completed their abstract sculptures this week by adding some paint. We are really proud of them as they showed hard work and perseverance. Unfortunately, some of us will need to make some repairs with glue when they are dry, but that is all part of the learning process!





The Future of Swanscombe Peninsula

The Swanscombe Peninsula is a unique and special place. It contains some of the oldest archaeological remains in the UK, it is a busy industrial area, and it provides important habitats for wildlife.

You may have heard about the previous plans for the London Resort theme park on the peninsula in the past. These plans have been halted and the company behind them has been closed. Since then, Swanscombe Peninsula has been designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) under the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981). The SSSI designation is a legal conservation status used in England to protect areas that have important wildlife (such as rare or threatened species, important habitats etc.) or important geology (such as rock formations, fossils or landform features of scientific value).

As part of ongoing work to shape the future of the peninsula, the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) visited Rosherville C of E Academy to learn how our pupils, families, and the wider community currently use the area, what they value about it, and what they would like to see improved. This partnership highlights how our school is working closely with the local community and key organisations to ensure the Swanscombe Peninsula is protected, respected, and thoughtfully developed for future generations.

Young Voices at the O2

On Friday 23rd January, our school choir took part in the incredible Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena, joining thousands of other children from across the country in the world's largest school choir.

The day was filled with excitement, teamwork and joy as the children sang their hearts out, performed with confidence, and experienced the thrill of being part of something truly special. They represented the school beautifully, showing courage and enthusiasm throughout the day.





Taking part in Young Voices gave our children a powerful opportunity to build confidence, celebrate music, and create memories they will carry with them for years to come. It was a proud moment for our school community and a wonderful example of our children flourishing together.



We have had a fantastic start to 2026 at Rosherville and give thanks for all the wonderful opportunities we have had in the first half of the academic year.

