

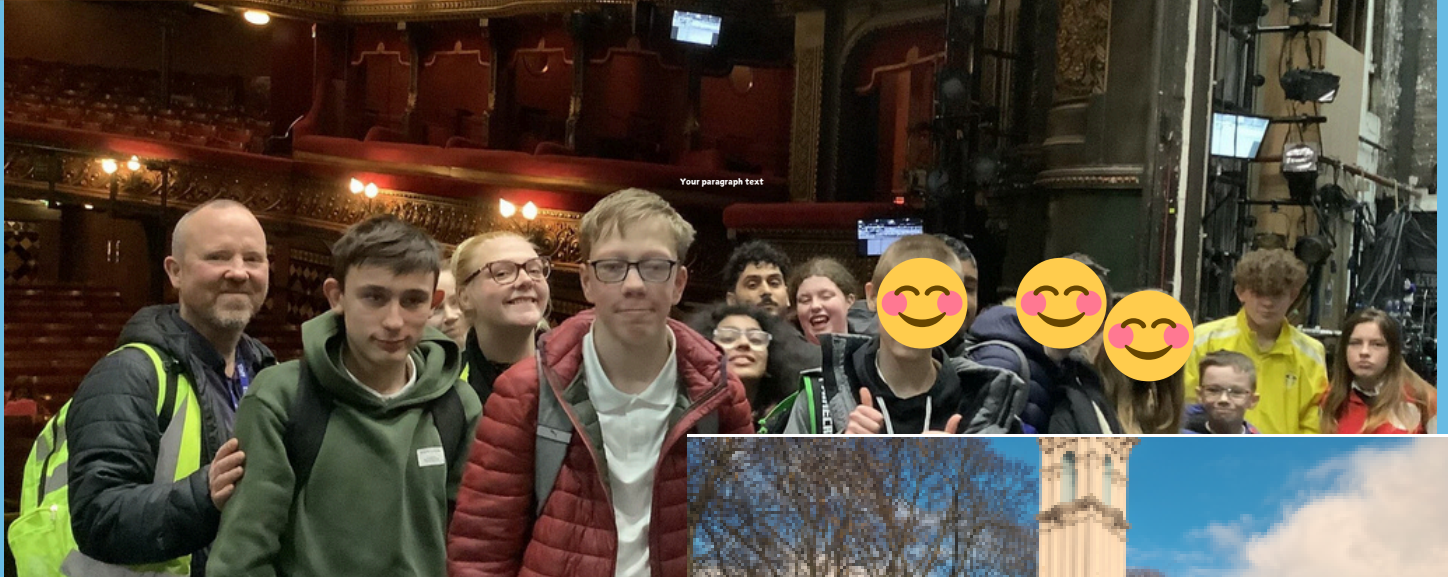


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Newsletter

East SILC Roger Cannon



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REMINDER

**School reopens on the
22nd April 2025**

**Please see the back of the
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Dear Learners and Parents,

We've had another action-packed term culminating with Eid and Easter celebrations. Spring has finally sprung, and it's been wonderful for our learners to be outside more and see some of the outdoor spaces being developed with planting from last term coming to life.

We have been busy preparing for next year, in particular changes to some of our sites, including getting Jack Clark ready to welcome more early years learners, Roger Cannon ready for KS2 learners and Whitkirk learners moving within the SILC. We've also been planning transition sessions for our Year 6 and Year 11s.

May 2025 will see the start of our GCSE exam season, with learners from Roger Cannon sitting GCSE mathematics and English for the first time. They have been working hard and successfully undertaken a series of mock exams and I am incredibly proud of the learners' resilience and determination to succeed.

You will know that from September 2024 we moved to recording our information at the East SILC on Compass. Parents/carers can access their child's information via the Compass App, including attendance, paying for meals/trips, contact with class teams, booking for parents evening and keeping up to date with important information. If you have not already signed up for the Compass App, please check your emails including junk folders for an email with your link to sign up.

Plea for support – we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Board. There is one current parent governor who has a child at John Jamieson, and we would welcome applications from parents from any of our other sites. If you would like more information and want to understand what the role of Parent Governor involves, please contact Nicola Wilkinson via email: nicola.wilkinson@eastsilc.org.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our learners, parents/carers and staff for their support and hard work over the term and wish everyone a safe and healthy Easter break.

Kind regards,
Louise



April 2025

Message from Head of School

As the Easter break begins, it's hard to believe how quickly this term has flown by! Our students have achieved so much once again, excelling both in their studies and through a variety of enriching experiences—from the Arts Award to Preparation for Adulthood, and so much more. Their unwavering adaptability, determination, and resilience continue to inspire us all.

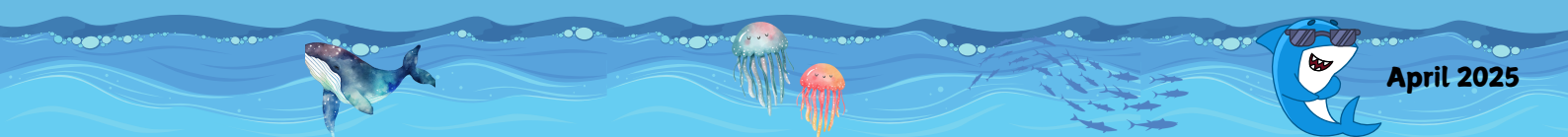
This term, many of our older students have been hard at work preparing for their GCSEs and Entry Level qualifications in English, maths, and science, while others have been focused on completing their Arts Award. A huge well-done to every one of them for their dedication and effort. A special thank-you must also go to our amazing staff, whose hard work and commitment make these successes possible.

We've also had some incredible highlights this term. Our careers fair was a fantastic event, giving learners valuable opportunities to explore their future career options. Another standout moment was our neurodiversity assembly, where students eloquently and confidently shared their experiences of being neurodiverse—a truly inspiring occasion.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for an exciting summer term, starting on Tuesday, 22nd April.

David Bergan



**RC3**

Class 3 have been working hard across all subjects. We have completed many PfA trips to support our learning including; exploring prices of everyday items in a shop; showing we can walk safely by the side of the road; identifying where it is safe to cross a road; attended a trip to the cinema and have walked around the local area identifying hazards and learning how to keep ourself safe. We have also looked at how to keep our bodies clean and the importance of staying clean and healthy. In Science we have been focusing on sound and light. As part of one of our "light" lessons we made shadow puppets and experimented with distance to explore how it effects the sizes of shadows. Our KS4 pupils are doing very well in Maths and are enjoying completing their coursework and exams towards their Entry Level qualification. KS3 have been focusing on time and have made great progress in reading time off analogue clocks.

**Neurodiversity Celebration Week**

The student council at Roger Cannon worked really hard over Spring term to plan and deliver a special assembly all about neurodiversity, as part of Neurodiversity Celebration Week (w/c 17th March 2025). Learners from all classes took on different roles, including doing research into neurodiversity, interviewing neurodivergent people about their experiences, creating posters to spread awareness, sharing their own experiences of being neurodivergent and presenting the assembly to the rest of the school! Well done to everyone involved.



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RC1

For their arts award pastorally based classes have had the pleasure of being involved in Bollywood dance sessions. The tutor is joined by 2 older pupils from The Bridge who are excellent choreographers, helping to really break down the dance moves for the pupils. Experiencing various art forms will contribute to pupils Arts award qualification.



St Mary's church

The year 11's from RC11 and RC12 visited St Mary's church to enjoy the Van Gogh immersive experience. As part of their Arts award Bronze qualification, they must experience and reflect on an arts event, this has given the opportunity for the group to do this. The class have since written a review on their experience back at school. The group was well behaved, respectful and safe throughout the whole of the trip!



RC6

RC6 have had a brilliant term continuing to work hard and continue building their friendships. Students have worked hard across lessons and have been developing their social and independence skills across the curriculum as well as in PfA. In social cafe, we have been focusing on students being independent when they make and serve drinks and several students have been able to follow instructions to independently make a drink. We have learnt about clean and tidy houses in PfA and students enjoyed the opportunity to clean the classroom when it was messy and have a go at hoovering sections of the room. Another highlight was blowing up an airbed to make using duvets and sheets. In addition, we have continued to develop independent travel skills and have visited several places including walking around the local area, shops, the park, and the cinema for an into film festival screening of IF which all the students enjoyed!

World Maths Day

On Friday 14th we celebrated world maths day at Roger Cannon, this day enabled all our learners have the opportunity to engage in activities relating to mathematics this lead to memorable experiences where the children felt confident to express their mathematical ability whilst also having fun!



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RC4

RC4 this term have worked really hard in all areas of the curriculum. In maths they have all achieved an entry level 1 or above. In English they have worked towards bettering their understanding of a book call 'The invisible string'. In Science we have look at light and sight, even making most of the spring sun and drawing around our shadows. In PFA we have taken lots of local trips out looking at buying items independently, what you can buy for £1 and road safety. We have seen some amazing behaviours and all pupils in RC4 are maturing into wonderful young adults with lots of potential.



RC9



RC9 have been working very hard on developing their understanding of relationships this term. This has included identifying different types of relationships and acceptable social skills in order to maintain a relationship. There have been trips to cafes and local parks in order to apply some of their knowledge. Pupils have also been completing some examinations as part of their Entry Level Certificate qualification course. Some pupils took part in the Come Outside walking event to promote healthy wellbeing as well as others taking part in a weekly swimming session. The focus was water safety and pupils enjoyed the opportunities to practice their rescuing skills.

RC5

RC5 have been working hard in all aspects of school-life throughout this term. They have made great effort across the curriculum and shown increasing resilience with new and unfamiliar topics. We have welcomed a new pupil into our RC5 class team, and we are so proud of how our pupils have supported them in their transition. The kindness has shone through! Throughout all of our trips out it is clear to see the increase in independence and knowledge of road safety, specifically asking for their own bus ticket and crossing roads safely. They should be very proud of their efforts, as am I, and we look forward to seeing what joy the Summer term brings to RC5!

Miss Brearton, Miss Jay, Miss Stephenson and Mr Blanchfield.

RC11

During the spring term RC11 have continued to build their independence skills whilst in the community engaging in our weekly visits off site these visits have enabled the learners to focus on those real-life skills which are transferrable to their next steps in education. They participated in visits to York as part of their arts award and visits to Roundhay park, trinity shopping centre and Leeds city museum, To expand their knowledge of the real world. At school we have been looking at different types of relationships with a focus of self esteem and emotions.





Odd Socks

On Friday 21st March, we celebrated World Down Syndrome day by wearing odd socks. We learnt the importance of celebrating World Down Syndrome Day as it allows people to learn about a Syndrome they may not be familiar with. The more awareness the better.

In our assembly the learners had to identify the odd sock which was the only single sock while the rest of the socks were in pairs. Then we were exploring the reason behind why odd socks are worn on World Down Syndrome day. Together we spoke about the role of our socks are the same and we treat the left sock the same as we treat the right sock even though they are different from each other. Just like we treat others who may be different from us.

Can you find the odd sock?



RC8

Class 8 at Roger Cannon love their food technology lessons with Miss Vinci! They have demonstrated great skills in both collaborative working and developing independence.



This term they have been making more complex dishes from around the world. Here are some photos of pupils making a lasagne which was a big hit!



Theatre Trip

Thank you to all staff who came on the Theatre trip yesterday! All pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and consistently demonstrated RRS.

Pupils engaged in lots of discussions, shared brilliant creative arts knowledge, and asked crucial questions. We even had special performances by George, Dylan and Dean! Below is a link to lots of pictures and videos. Thank you once again!



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Careers Event

We were really excited to have back with us the Careers and enterprise workshops which were arranged by Ahead Partnerships.

We had an abundance of interesting careers based workshops which included vets, construction, app design, STEM, museums and Asda supermarket. The students all reported that they were really interested in finding out about the different careers. They seemed particularly interested in finding out about behind the scenes of supermarkets and Museums, and loved practicing being construction workers and vets, they even learnt a bit of animal first aid.

All in all it was a great success. We look forward to having them back again later on this year where the students will be learning about green careers and how we can work to help the planet. We will also be holding an East SILC careers week starting on the 23rd June.



Youth Mental Health Week

We had an assembly and asked the learners "What is Mental Health?"

BR (RC1) - "Mental Health is keeping it balanced"

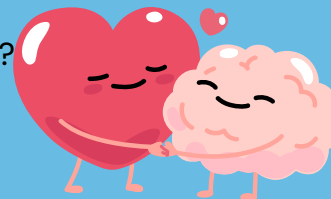
DS (RC8) - "Its similar to physical health but in our brains" "There is depression, PTSD and anxiety"

HO (RC1) - "Sleep, exercise and eating healthy help our mental health"



Who can help us when we struggle with our mental health?

NC, NK, IE (RC7) "Teachers, Childline, Parents and Doctors"



Text SHOUT to 85258 to contact Shout's textline
Call HOPELINEUK on 0800 068 4141 or the NHS on
111 and select option 2
Contact Childline by using 1-2-1 chat or calling 0800
1111

Teen Connect Text 07984436680
Night OWLS
Call Night OWLS on 0800 1488244
Text Night OWLS on 07984376950



Learners were given numbers to call if they feel like they would like to speak to someone whether they were struggling with their mental health or not.

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RC2

This spring term, we have been very busy in science exploring the topic sound and light. We discovered how sound travels in waves and how sound is so important. During the topic we used sound meters to measure who in the class had the loudest scream, the predictions taken before the experiment were pretty accurate. Then we moved onto light and why that is so important to everyday life and shadows are created. The learners made their own shadow puppets and made a little scene to perform to each other.

This term we have celebrated World Book Day also fell on pancake day so after spending the day exploring books, whether that was reading them independently or listening to an audio book.

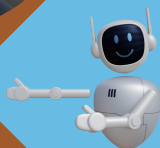


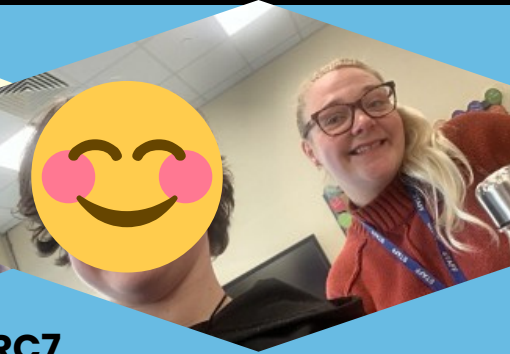
We also read a pancake recipe to be able to cook them correctly with the correct ingredients. After sampling the pancakes, in the afternoon we had some left over, so we went onto the field to have a pancake flipping race.

We have also celebrated Children's mental health week; we explored what the term mental health meant and how it can affect individuals. During this week we trialled different activities that could help improve someone's mental health. As a class we took part in yoga, a walk outside and we even visited the class spa and enjoyed a foot spa.

RC12

Class 12 have been working hard in all aspects of their learning this term. They have been contributing towards meaningful conversations about healthy relationships in PFA. We have been enjoying weekly trips to the library focusing on our independence- we have been: taking out books, independently asking for drinks orders, using the time for mindful activities, focusing on road safety skills, and researching careers in the jobs hub. All of class 12 have worked hard on their Entry Level and GCSE English work, respectively. We are looking forward to seeing what next half-term brings!



**HAPPY
EASTER****RC7**

RC7 have had a lot of PfA trips this term focussing on the kitchen and participating in society. Pupils have explored local cafes, parks, shops, libraries and even theatres! Pupils in RC7 thoroughly enjoy accessing the local community and always demonstrate RRS.

**Come Outside**

30 pupils from East SILC Roger Cannon took part in the 'Come Outside' event held at Roundhay Clock on 12th March. The intent was for students, staff and parents to be given the chance to develop social opportunities out of school whilst also participating in free green exercise. A 5 km walk around the Roundhay area was completed. It is hoped that those that really benefit from the activity may join the actual Come Outside club that meets on Saturday mornings. The meet is once a month at the Oakwood Clock at 10am

**RC10**

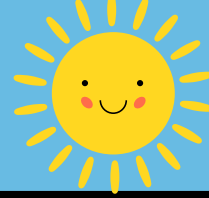
Class 10 have had a busy half term, especially in Preparation for Adulthood lessons which focussed on how to keep a home clean and tidy; pupils have learned how to safely dust, iron, vacuum and change a bed! Our Preparation for Adulthood local visits have helped us to cross the road safely, buy items from a shop, as well as carrying out surveys on members of the public.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Please make sure to check the East SILC website for key dates and upcoming events
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Friday 4th April..... Break up for Easter
Tuesday 22nd April..... Return to school
Friday 2nd May..... Break up for May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6th May..... Return to school
Friday 23rd May..... Break up for half term
Monday 2nd June..... Return to School
Friday 18th JulyBreak up for summer
Monday 21st July..... Training Day
Tuesday 22nd July..... Training Day