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REMINDER

**School reopens on the
Wednesday 3rd of September 2025**
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As we reach the close of another amazing school year at the East SILC, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some successes this term.

This year marked the first time learners from Roger Cannon have taken GCSEs in mathematics and English Language, demonstrating not only exceptional progress but real grit and determination, often working very far out of their comfort zones to access and take the exams. We look forward to celebrating their results in August.

The East SILC hosted the Spectrum music festival, the first ever SEND friendly festival in Leeds in June 2025. There was an amazing line up of bands/artists, food vans and merchandise with a fantastic turn out of around 300 festival goers, including plenty of East SILC learners and families as well as other young people and adults with SEN. Spectrum would not have happened without the tireless work of East SILC staff and the generous sponsors. Inspired by the success of Spectrum the team are planning more events as well making Spectrum an annual event.

Another highlight was Prom, held at Thorpe Park Hotel. Seventy-five learners from years 11-14 attended and it was truly magnificent evening of sharp dressing, busting moves and above all togetherness.

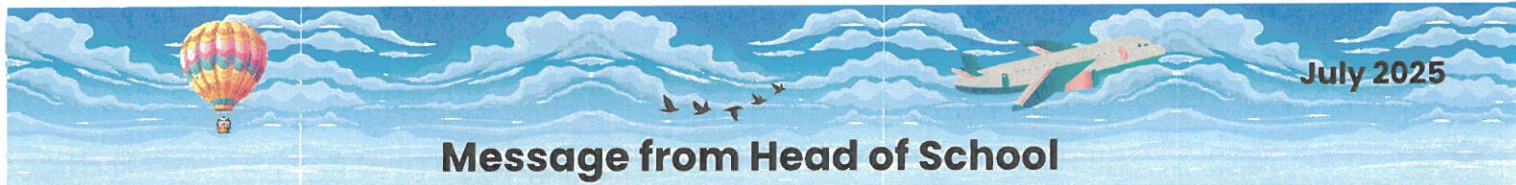
East SILC Employment Village at John Jamieson was officially opened on 27th June 2025 to provide learners with work experience opportunities in the café, shop and garden and for meaningful practical play and social skills development.

We have been overwhelmed by the support of the East SILC community, particularly the generosity of our parents/carers in our summer fairs which have raised over £2000! The money will go towards resources and equipment to benefit our learners.

Sadly, we lost a key member of our John Jamieson community, Ans Butt from 16+4. Ans was a loving young man who loved school and the people around him. His smile would light up any room and his love for WWE was known all around school. Our love goes to Ans' family and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing Ans.



As we look forward to the summer break, I want to wish our learners, families and staff a safe, restful and happy holiday. We look forward to welcoming learners back from 3rd September 2025, ready for another year of exceptional learning and experiences.



Message from Head of School

As we wrap up another school year, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the many accomplishments our students and staff have made since September. A key highlight has been the continued development of our Preparation for Adulthood curriculum. Learners now benefit from more dedicated time each week to build the essential knowledge and life skills needed for independence, wellbeing, and safety. We are especially proud of the learners who have completed their GCSE examinations this year—what a fantastic achievement! Their hard work and determination have truly paid off, and we congratulate them on reaching this important milestone. Our Key Stage 4 pupils have also earned recognition through unit awards, entry level qualifications, and arts awards. Congratulations to all who achieved these, and a sincere thank you to the staff who supported them every step of the way.

We're incredibly proud of our Year 11 leavers. Their positivity, resilience during exams, and role-modelling for younger pupils have made a lasting impact. We wish them all the best as they embark on exciting new journeys beyond Roger Cannon. This term also saw us enjoy a fantastic sports day and coffee morning. We are truly grateful for the continued support of parents and carers at these events and throughout the year—your involvement makes a real difference to our school community.

Looking ahead to September, we're excited to be welcoming both KS2 and KS5 provision to the Roger Cannon site. This expansion marks an important step in our journey and will allow us to offer a broader, more cohesive educational experience across key stages. We look forward to the opportunities this will bring for collaboration, continuity, and shared success.

We're also saying a fond farewell to Abi Hewitt and Rene Chau, who will be moving to the Jack Clark site in September. Abi and Rene have been valued members of our team, and we are confident that their move will help strengthen the cohesion and joint working between the two sites. We wish them every success and look forward to continued collaboration.

Finally, I'd like to thank all our staff—both permanent and supply—for their commitment and teamwork throughout the year. It's a privilege to work alongside such a devoted group who always put pupils first.

Wishing you and your families a relaxing summer break. Let's hope for some sunshine—and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

David Bergan



RC4

This term, Class 4 have enjoyed numerous PfA (Preparation for Adulthood) trips around the local area. We have focused on road safety and also completed lots of PfA work in the classroom, concentrating on money and hygiene.

All of Class 4 have consistently tried to embody the principles of RRS (Ready, Respectful and Safe) each week and have shown amazing maturity throughout.

In Science, we have been learning about the weather and forecasting, and even made our own windsocks!

In Maths, we have moved on to multiplication, and all pupils have really challenged themselves.

In English, we have explored biographies of inspiring individuals such as David Bowie, Martin Luther King, and Stevie Wonder.



Careers and Enterprise Updates

This term has been a busy one!

At the start of the term, as part of the Key Stage 4 Food Technology and Careers offer, some of our learners hosted a charity coffee morning, where they served homemade treats and drinks. Later in the term, the same catering enterprise group designed and made some wonderful summer cooler drinks, which they sold at the annual parent summer coffee morning.

Key Stage 4 learners also took part in the annual Green Enterprise Workshop, where they competed to design the most eco-savvy app. They all confidently stood up and presented their amazing designs in front of visitors from the transport, construction, and tech industries.

On 24th June, over sixty learners from Roger Cannon attended the SEND Careers Fair at Leeds Direct Arena.

They explored different college offers, work placements, and gained valuable insights into the opportunities available to them after school. We were also fortunate to host a careers fair within school. We welcomed representatives from various West Yorkshire organisations, including the Travel Training Team, SENDIAS, and Leeds City College.

RC1 - 4

Classes 1-4 at Roger Cannon had a wonderful opportunity to enjoy an interactive concert by Leeds Song. During the concert, we listened to songs in different languages and made predictions about their meanings using tone of voice and actions. We danced to familiar songs and engaged with the props they brought along to enhance the experience. It was a fantastic concert, and all learners had a great time!

We also enjoyed a Multisensory Day with YAMSEN, themed around time travel. During the day, we learned through music and dance, and had a wonderful opportunity to socialise with learners from other schools. We developed our independence skills by choosing and completing the tasks we wanted to do.

Everyone was amazed by the live band and thoroughly enjoyed themselves when given instruments to play and explore.



RC4

RC4 have had a great year, both out and about and in the classroom. We've explored museums, cafés, bus stations, farms, shops, parks, cinemas, and more!

All RC4 learners have really stepped it up a gear, with everyone achieving at least an Entry Level 1 qualification—five of whom achieved this before reaching Year 11, which is a fantastic accomplishment.

Pastorally, it has been wonderful to see them bond as a class and show kindness (most of the time!) to one another. With each passing day, they have matured and taken on advice and feedback from staff and peers. Mistakes have been made, but a lot of hard work has gone into correcting those mistakes and apologising when needed.

I wish Matyas, Joshua, and Hamas all the very best in their futures as they leave high school. It has been amazing to see them grow (almost as tall as me!) and prepare themselves for post-16 life.

To the Year 10s who are staying with me—I look forward to guiding you through Year 11 and achieving even more than we have this year. I am so very proud of you all!

Mr Convy

RC3

RC3 have had a great summer term! We've enjoyed a variety of PfA trips, with a particular focus on exploring jobs within the local community.

In Science, we've been learning about the seasons and the weather—paying close attention to how we should dress appropriately and what activities are suitable for different conditions.

Our PfA topic this term has been focused on the home. Learners have had the opportunity to practise their ironing skills and work together in groups to make a bed.

In English, we have focused on two lovely stories this term: *Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o and *The Proudest Blue* by Ibtihaj Muhammad. Using these inspiring texts, we created our own autobiographies and learned the skills needed to construct and write our own stories.

RC7 & RC9



This half term, learners in RC7 and RC9 at Roger Cannon have been exploring camping through the PfA curriculum. Learners have faced many exciting challenges, such as budgeting and shopping at GO Outdoors, and even building a tent for the first time.





RC6

RC6 have had a fantastic year developing their skills, building friendships, and exploring their local community. Learners have worked on their social skills and have done brilliantly at playing games together, taking turns, and asking each other questions during our social cafés.

Throughout each lesson, the class have shown great dedication and have often supported one another along the way. This term, we have learned more about participating in society and have had the opportunity to go on trips to further locations such as Leeds City Museum and Kirkstall Abbey.

On these trips, learners have practised using money, catching buses with their bus passes, and applying their road safety knowledge. Most recently, we visited the White Rose Centre and celebrated a whole year of hard work with a trip to Pizza Hut!



RC 10

Class 10 have enjoyed a busy final term. They have participated in careers fairs and PfA visits. Ms Vinci organised a brilliant end-of-year trip to Haworth, and learners travelled there on a steam train!

Many of Class 10 are leaving us this year, but before they go, they've enjoyed an exciting timetable, including trips to the park, Leeds Market for lunch (a firm favourite), and Leeds City Museum.

What a wonderful way to end a fantastic year!

Miss Clark & Ms Vinci



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RC2

During the summer term, we have been very busy in RC2. In Maths, we have been working on measurements. We used a range of different equipment to measure various items, including scales, metre rulers, and blocks. One of our favourite lessons was drawing around each other on large sheets of paper and then using a metre ruler to see how tall we all were!



In PFA, our topic this term has been all about keeping our environment clean and tidy. Learners have investigated each room of the house and explored how to keep it clean and organised.

When we were focusing on the bedroom, the learners learned how to make a bed by putting a duvet cover on a duvet independently. They also explored the importance of keeping a bathroom clean and tidy.



We have taken part in several trips this term, including visits to the park, a YAMSEN singing and drama workshop, and Tropical World. During these outings, learners demonstrated excellent awareness of road safety and consistently showed

Ready, Respectful, and Safe behaviour while out in public and representing the school. Our visit to Tropical World linked brilliantly with our Science topic on zoos. While we were there, we explored a variety of habitats and learned about the characteristics of a wide range of animals.

RC9

RC9 have focused on improving their planning and organisational skills out in the local community. This has taken the form of planning bus journeys to and from locations around Leeds, with learners taking the opportunity to independently lead the group. I am incredibly proud of what they have achieved by stepping up to this challenge

The football team this year has taken part in a number of fixtures against Co-op Academy, applying their skills in match situations. The most recent game saw the team narrowly miss out with a 2-1 loss, despite some fantastic teamwork.





RC8

RC8 have been working really hard this term.

They have been working towards their Entry Levels in Maths, English, and Science, and have produced some amazing pieces of work – well done!

In PfA, RC8 have done some fantastic work exploring the importance of healthy eating. They looked at the Eatwell Plate, designed their own healthy meals, and even created shopping lists for a weekly shop.

One of RC8's favourite lessons is Food Technology, and this term they had the exciting opportunity to visit the M&S Archives at Leeds University. They explored the exhibitions, learned about the history of M&S through official records and documents, and even got the chance to go into the kitchen to make some delicious chocolate desserts! It's fair to say all learners came back very happy.

RC8 have also been lucky to go on lots of trips this term. They visited Aldi to compare food prices and explore what ingredients go into different meals. A class favourite was a trip to the park, where they discussed the importance of exercise, being outdoors, and the positive effects this can have on mental health.

As a reward for all their hard work, the class enjoyed a special trip to Haworth, travelling on a steam train from Keighley. For some learners, it was their first time on a train, which made it even more exciting. Everyone was absolutely amazing – it was a fantastic day enjoyed by all!

RC 7

RC7 went to Pizza Hut at the White Rose Centre for their end-of-year reward trip. All learners demonstrated amazing independence skills – from travelling and ordering to helping themselves at the buffet. Most importantly, learners continued to make wonderful memories that will last a lifetime!

A massive thank you to all the parents and carers who continue to support our learners in accessing such fantastic opportunities.



RC 1

RC1 have enjoyed lots of trips out of school this term alongside their classroom learning.

In their PfA lessons, learners have been taking turns to be trip leader, ensuring their peers are meeting RRS (Ready, Respectful, Safe) expectations while out and about in the community.

I'm happy to report that the whole class have been ready, respectful, and very safe!

We walked to the Royal Armouries and had the chance to watch how gladiators were trained in ancient Rome. We then learned about weapons used during World War II, even getting the opportunity to hold a real (safely handled) gun!

The class earned their reward trip to Scarborough, which gave us all a chance to say goodbye to our Year 11s. The learners had a brilliant time playing in the arcades and enjoyed some delicious fish and chips—finished off with a doughnut!



RC 5

We have developed so much together as a class team—building relationships, strengthening social skills, and improving our road safety awareness through many wonderful trips.

We've enjoyed visiting museums, the Temple Moor Summer Fair, Tropical World, and exploring our local community, as well as taking part in some fantastic reward trips.

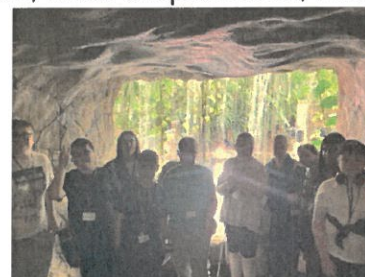
For our end-of-term reward trip, RC5 developed an enterprise project, selling treats during breaktime in our very own tuck shop. We created posters to advertise, discussed which items we wanted to stock, and each took turns working shifts. We raised a total of £43, which went towards a brilliant trip to bowling and McDonald's – well done, everyone!

The RC5 staff are incredibly proud of the progress each of our learners has made in their own way.

We wish you all the very best for the 2025–26 academic year.

Have a great summer, everyone!

Miss Brearton, Miss Stephenson, Miss Jay and Mr Blanchfield

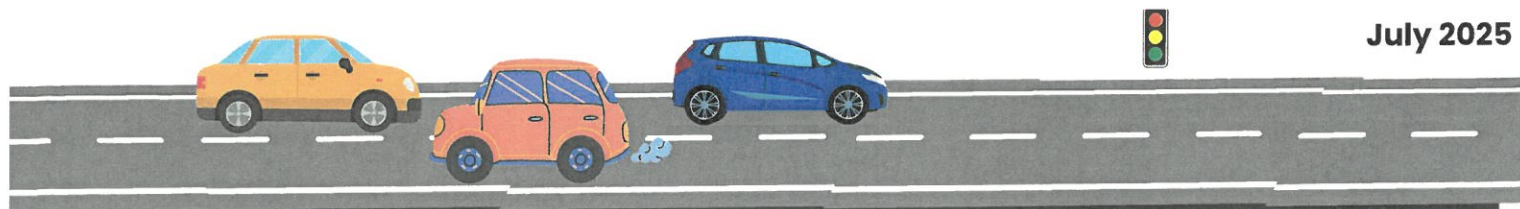


RC11

RC11 have had a tremendous year, taking part in lots of events outside of school that have helped them build their independence and resilience. The work we've completed in school has allowed learners to explore their post-16 options and think about their next steps.

To those who are leaving us this year – I wish you all the very best for the future. It's been a pleasure to be part of your journey.

Mr Mann

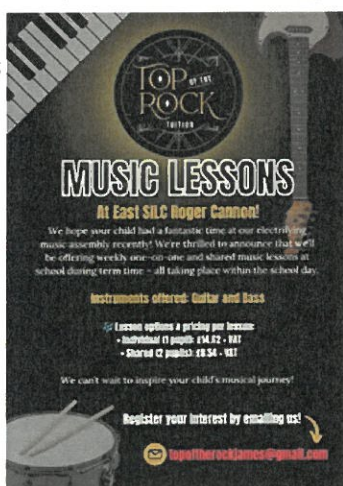


Musical Assembly

On Monday 2nd June, we had a special musical assembly. A musician from the Top of the Rock company visited to perform some of our favourite tunes on the drums, bass, and guitar.

If you would like your child to have lessons on any of these instruments starting in September, please register your interest via the email address provided on the poster below.

Thank you,
Mrs Stubbs



RC 12

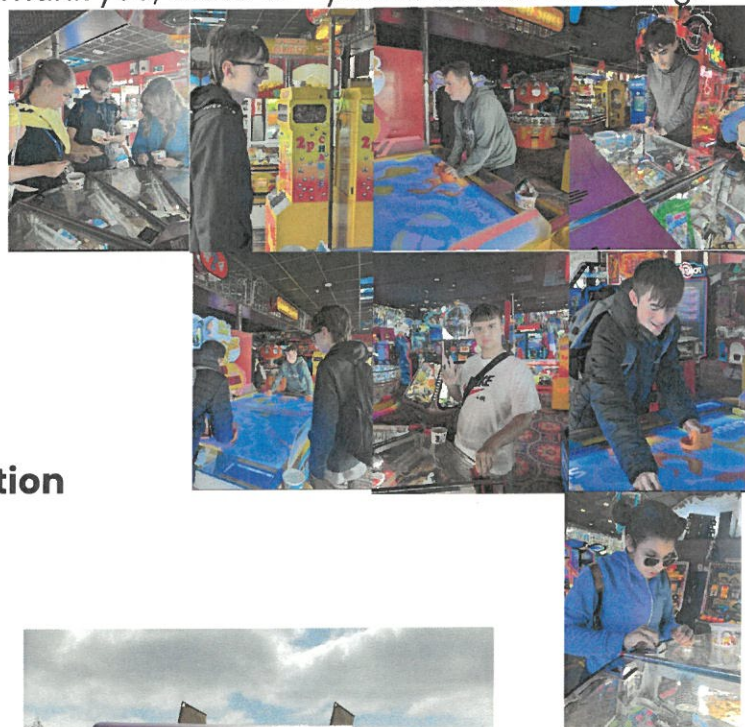
Class 12 have had a fantastic final term. They have all worked incredibly hard towards their Entry Levels and GCSEs respectively, and we could not be prouder.

The Arts Award Showcase highlighted all of their creative talents and accomplishments this year.

They worked hard to create the "Mindful Café", where they raised money for the class budget and developed their interpersonal skills.

The highlight of the year was our trip to Scarborough, where we enjoyed a well-deserved day of chips and fun!

Thank you, Class 12 – you have been amazing!



Mini Triathlon with the Brownlee Foundation

Learners from Roger Cannon took part in a mini triathlon organised by the Brownlee Foundation on Monday 19th May. Learners had to swim, cycle, and run before collecting their medals at the finish line.

The event was a fantastic opportunity for learners to showcase their physical fitness, achieve personal goals, and develop confidence. It was truly inspiring to see each and every learner supporting one another right to the very end.

Well done to all!



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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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Monday 1st September Training Day
 Tuesday 2nd September..... Training Day
 Wednesday 3rd September..... Return to school
 Friday 24th October Breaking for half term
 Monday 3rd November Reopen after half term
 Monday 1st December..... Training Day
 Friday 19th December Close for Holiday
 Monday 21st July Training Day
 Tuesday 22nd July..... Training Day

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