

Dear RBA Families,

It was wonderful to see so many sports kits at school today as a way to raise money for Steve Fox's memorial fund. Thank you to everyone who was able to afford a MUFTI donation and to those of you coming along to the match tonight - here's hoping the RBA team wins out!

Today was a very busy one as it was also the European Day of Languages, as part of which all students took part in a languages quiz, as well as being our Discovery Day where a select few year 5 students tended to the Tiny Forest that was planted by year 5 students last year.

As if that was not enough, today was also National Teaching Assistants Day. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated group of staff supporting our students with additional needs and we provided them with a special breakfast this morning as well as some hand-written thank you cards from the students they [support](#). It was a wonderful community event that showed this key group of staff how valuable they are.

In other news this week, year 5 students completed their entry assessments in English and maths to allow us to tailor lessons, and the support they are given, to their needs. They conducted themselves incredibly well during these tests and I have a strong suspicion that they are going to be a very high achieving year group.

This week we also learned that one of our year 8 students, Primrose has had her coeliac disease podcast, 'The Coeliac Shack', shortlisted for the Voice of the Community Award at the 2025 Community Radio Awards! We are very proud of the way she uses her voice to raise awareness and will have everything crossed for her when the winner is announced.

Over the summer we invested in a new piece of maths software for home learning called Century, which uses AI learning to plot a pathway through the maths curriculum for students based on what they can and cannot do. Initially this is only for KS2 students and will be of particular help to year 6 students as they embark on their journey towards taking their SATs this summer. If you are a parent/carer of a student in year 5 or 6, please watch this very [short video](#) as a way to be introduced to the programme. Students will be shown how to use Century over the next week or so.

Looking ahead to next week, we have our first two big parent/carer events of the year with our year 5 information and meet the tutor evening on Tuesday and the same event for parents/carers of students in years 7 and 8 on Thursday. We are hopeful that as many of you as possible have been able to book a face to face meeting with your child's tutor and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you into RBA on those evenings.

Thank you as ever for your time, I look forward to possibly seeing some of you at Shefford Sports Club this evening.

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