

Keep Learning

Autumn 1 2026

Under 2s



Take a look at the planned learning opportunities and adult guided activities this term

Our focus value this term is: Relationships



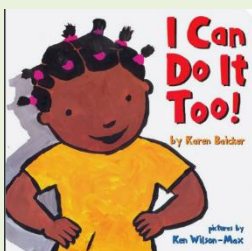
- Trusted, respectful relationships are developed with all our children and their families through high quality interactions, communication and support.
- Partnerships with colleagues ensures support is given when needed to ensure a healthy start and equity for all children.
- Nurturing adults feel joy and are honoured by sharing the learning journey of children.

At the start of the academic year we will be following our Starting School Framework for the first few weeks as the children settle in – please click on the link below and select your child's age band.

[Rowland Hill - Starting School Framework](#)

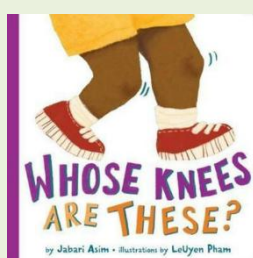
Focus text - We will be reading

Week 4



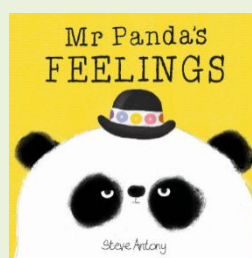
[Story Time: I Can Do It Too!](#)

Week 5



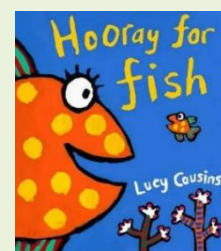
[LETS READ: Whose Knees are these?](#)

Week 6



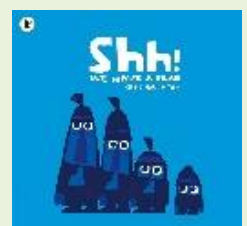
[Mr Panda's Feelings by Steve Antony](#)

Week 7



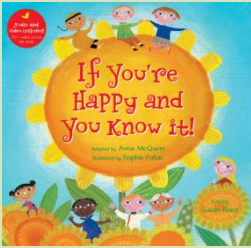
[Hooray for Fish! | Exploring Diversity & Friendship | Read Aloud for Kids | Hoots & Tales](#)

Week 8

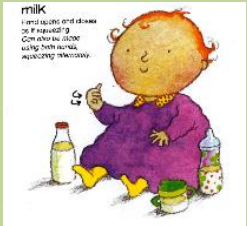


[SHH! WE HAVE A PLAN -let's catch that bird! - YouTube](#)

Rhyme of the Week - We will be singing

Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
 Twinkle Twinkle Little Star Nursery Rhymes for Kids Super Simple Songs - YouTube	 If You're Happy And You Know It Kids Songs Super Simple Songs		 Ten fat sausages Early Years - Nursery Rhymes	 Sleeping Bunnies! Little Baby Bum - New Nursery Rhymes for Kids

We will be learning these Makaton signs starting the week beginning Monday 21st September

Week 4: Nappy 	Week 5: Sleep 	Week 6: Milk 
Week 7: Hug 	Week 8: Review all signs from this half term We have videos of Makaton signs on our YouTube channel HEYSA - Makaton playlist	

We will be learning about these Maths concepts in our play: Spatial awareness

Adult Guided activities in play: Exploring spatial awareness

Activities will provide many opportunities to include positional vocabulary while the babies are exploring and playing such as;

- simple ball games where a baby may be placing balls *“through”* tunnels
- moving around the decking and climbing *“over”* the bridge
- going *“under”* the parachute during group games.

At home you could play:

- Peekaboo games, hiding *“behind”* hands and placing hands *“in front”* of your face.
- You can give your baby an empty container and objects taking them out while saying *“in,” “out,” “inside,” “outside.”*

Seasonal Calendar activities and events

Please see the activity posters below



Rosh Hashanah, also known as the Jewish New Year. This Jewish holiday celebrates the completion of another year, and the beginnings of a new year. It is also the time for rejoicing, and reflecting.

Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on Friday 11th and ends on nightfall on Sunday 13th, marking the start of the Hebrew year 5787.

Many will eat sweet foods including round challah, apples dipped in honey, and pomegranates to symbolise a good and sweet new year.

We will be learning about this festival in our Talking Times sharing experiences and reading books together to learn more.



***International Day
of Sign Languages***
September 23

We will be launching our Makaton 'Sign of the Week' on Monday 21st September 2026

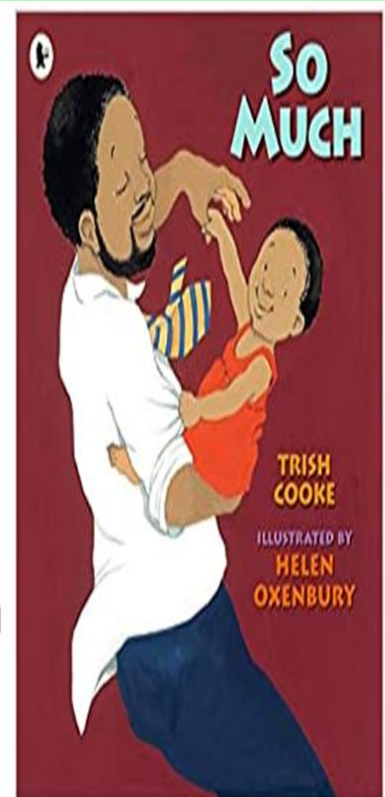
Check out our [Makaton playlist](#) on the Rowland Hill YouTube channel.

The weekly Makaton signs will also be highlighted in our termly curriculum overviews available on our website

CELEBRATING

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Throughout October we will be celebrating Black History Month by sharing a selection of books written by black authors, singing songs from around the world and trying some tasty dishes. If you have any talents and would like to come in to share these with the children to celebrate other cultures, please speak with your key worker.





Many of our families are already doing a great job walking to school every day.

Choose an active start to your day by walking to school and reducing pollution caused by driving.

If you are getting your daily exercise by travelling to school on a bike or a scooter, you can park it in our bike shed in the Community garden.

RECYCLE WEEK 2026

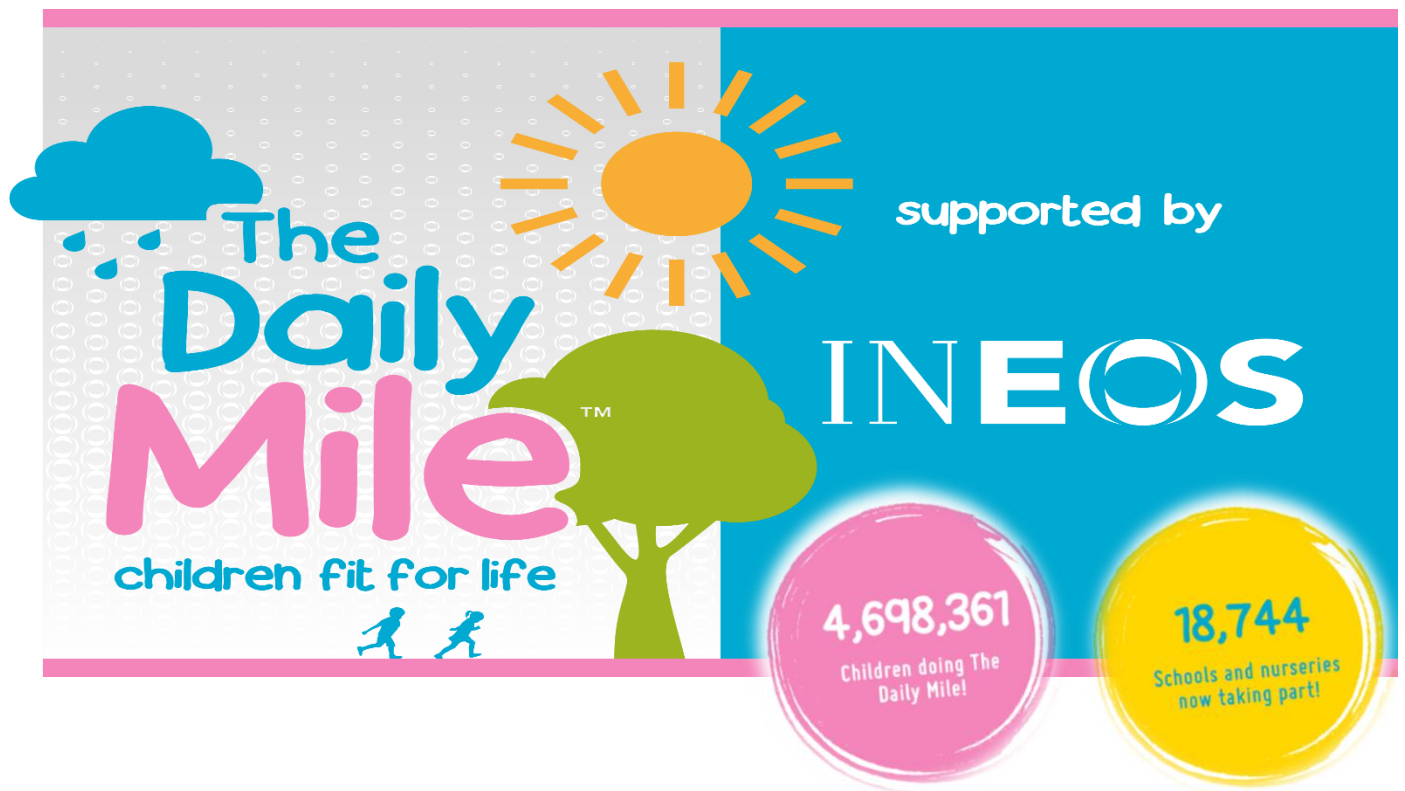
14-20 SEPTEMBER



2026 has been a big year for recycling, already! New policy, upcoming changes, and packaging developments, all helping improve recycling rates. But nothing changes without people choosing to recycle. This year, we're focused on maximising the impact of these changes through our biggest campaign moment. Helping change behaviour, so that the right things go in the right bins. [Recycle Week 2026 | WRAP - The Waste and Resources Action Programme](#)

As part of our Starting School Framework, we will be learning about recycling the materials we use at the nursery, talking about the materials that packaging and resources are made from.

The children actively take part in recycling when tidying up and will also be reusing materials through junk modelling and to support our creativity with loose parts in the garden.



RESEARCH ON THE DAILY MILE

We all know 'exercise is good for you', and The Daily Mile is no exception. There are a wide variety of health and wellbeing benefits associated with daily physical activity and an emerging body of evidence supports the positive impact The Daily Mile can have on children's health.



At Rowland Hill we will restart our daily mile sessions from 14th September 2026



National Poetry Day

Thursday 1st October 2026

At Rowland Hill we will have a celebration of Poetry through our Talking Times and will share some of our favourite authors in our curriculum overview, which is available on our website.

Share your child's favourite poems with us on Tapestry.



**Be part of our day of action. Wear Red Day -
Friday the 16th of October 2026.**

**The UK's leading
anti-racism educational charity**

Wear Red Day - Show Racism the Red Card

Key information about the charity from the website – link above

2026 is the 12th Anniversary of Wear Red Day. A landmark that we are incredibly proud of. Our first celebration in 2014 saw 7,000 people registering to take part. In 2024, that figure had exploded to become 710,000 participants celebrating with us.

We couldn't be more grateful to our supporters.

For 2026, we've set ourselves a target and with your help, we think that we can achieve it.

Will you celebrate with us and be one of the 1 million?

As a supporter, you are showing your true, brave colours. As part of the team, you make us stronger.

Every heart and every mind that we change changes at least one life but has the capacity to change hundreds, if not thousands of others.

Be a proud anti-racist. Be the difference. Join us.

Wear Red



Diwali 2026, the Festival of Lights will be celebrated across the UK with vibrant events, fireworks, and cultural festivities.

Starting on Sunday 8th November marking the main day of Lakshmi Puja. The entire five-day festival spans from Friday 6th November till Tuesday 10th November 2026.

