



Dear Parents,

This week saw our brilliant FORPS - Friends of Rayleigh Primary school have their AGM and we are very thankful to all the new volunteer parents who took on roles, making sure essential fundraising can continue. Thank you so much for your support in attending our 'Snapshot' parent meetings this week; it was wonderful to see so many of you. For those who were unable to attend in person, please check Dojo where we will upload the slides so you can see the information shared.

Swimming lessons for Y1 -6 will commence the week beginning 30th September, so get the swimming hats, towels and costumes ready! Look out for the letter from Mr Leeman sharing more details, including which day your child will swim.

Have a wonderful weekend - and wish us luck getting an excited Year 5 to sleep as they are staying over at school on Friday night!

Spotlight on..... Year Three

Over the past week, Year 3 have been looking at biographies in English. They have looked at the features and started to practise writing in the third person and the past tense. They are now looking at the difference between facts and opinions.

In maths they have been learning all about place value, using their knowledge of hundreds, tens and ones. They have been flexibly partitioning numbers to understand that numbers can be split in different ways and still make the same total.

In History they have started looking at timelines to understand that different periods of history last different lengths of time. They have also started looking at the Stone Age, learning about how they used to live.

Attendance

As you will be aware, the Government has updated their statutory guidance for school attendance. Should you wish to learn more, please see the link below:

[Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/19-August-2024)

This week's class winners are:

- 1st Place - Opal 100%**
- 2nd Place - Beryl 99.7%**
- 3rd Place - Onyx 99.4**

Well done! Keep it up!

Updates

- The Book Fair will be open in the hall on **Friday 20th, Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th**. Please come to the hall via the ramp outside reception.
- Are you aware that FORPS run a lottery? You can contribute as little as £1 a month, and the funds are used for computing equipment at our school. Send a message on the [FORPS](#) page to find out more.
- The Fitzwimarc School's open day is on the 26th September and the booking link is [here](#). If your child is currently in Year 6, the deadline for applying for their secondary place is 31st October. The link is [here](#).
- Coffee morning for parents of children who access SEES (South Essex Extended Services) Thursday 3rd October - 9.45 am - 11am at Rayleigh Primary The SEES coffee morning is free, with a great speaker, tea, coffee, good quality biscuits ... !
- Fancy training to be a teacher? BTSA are running a recruitment event on the 24th September - [link here](#).
- There are a number of courses run by FACE available for parents and carers to attend - most of which are free. Check them out [here](#) and [here](#).

Diary Dates

Upcoming dates:

20.09.24 Year 5 Sleepover event

23.09.24 Year 5 Road Safety Session

24.09.24 Year 5 Road Safety Session

02.10.24 Year 5&6 Girls Football at Deanes

03.10.24 Individual pupil photographs

09.10.24 Year 5&6 Boys Football at Deanes

3:30pm - Talk and Share (book look)

16.10.24 Year 3&4 Tag Rugby (RESERVE) at Deanes

23.10.24 KS2 Performance Festival at Deanes

3:30pm - 6:00pm - Parental Consultations

24.10.24 3:30pm - 6:00pm - Parental Consultations

25.10.25 Year 5 Viking Day

Please see the [website diary](#) for dates beyond this.



18th South Essex Boys' Brigade
Years R to 3 Thursdays at 5:30-7:00
Years 4 to 6 Fridays at 6:15-7:45
Years 7 to 11 Fridays at 7:45-9:15:30
£2 per week at Rayleigh Baptist Church
For fun, games and new challenges
New members are always welcome.



Find out more by calling 01288 745730
or emailing essex@rayleighbaptist.org.uk
or just come along. **NO WAITING LISTS**



3rd Rayleigh Girls' Brigade
Rayleigh Baptist Church
Wednesdays at 5:30-7:00 (£2 per week)

Exciting activities for girls aged 4-14
New members are always welcome.

We are so proud of Isha from Onyx Class. She got to the final four in the bravery category of the 'BBC Essex Make a Difference Award'. This is because she has supported her sister, who has medical needs, brilliantly. There were hundreds nominated in the whole of Essex and Isha was awarded as runner up. Congratulations Isha!

