

1st September 2026

Rayleigh Primary Newsletter

Website



Dear Parents,

We can't wait to welcome you to a brand new school year! Just a few reminders ready for the new term:

Our uniform policy can be found [here](#). Please do read through and check that your child has everything they need. Please remember no tight shorts for PE. PE lessons, including swimming, will start the week commencing Monday 7th September. Days for swimming and PE are available on the website. Year 1 children to start swimming at a later date.

Remember children from Year 1 can bring a pencil case to school. It should be a small, simple pencil case (no large 'Smiggle' pencil cases/ keyrings or accessories/ or anything larger than A5)

Pencil cases can include:

- Pencils
 - A blue, black (once they have their pen licence!) and green biro (Year 2 and up)
 - Coloured pencils- a small selection
 - A ruler
 - A rubber
 - A glue stick
- Children should also bring in a water bottle. Please remember to label everything your child brings into school with their name.

We kindly ask parents and carers not to arrive too early in the morning, before the school gates open. Please also ensure that your children are supervised while they are outside the school grounds before the school day begins. The school cannot accept responsibility for children who arrive before the gates open. The KS1 gate opens at 8.35 am and closes at 8.45am, with a bell at 8.44 am to indicate this closing. The KS2 gate opens at 8.40am and closes at 8.50 am.

We are excited to work with you and your children this year, supporting them as they continue their learning journey with us and preparing them for the world that awaits.

Classes for 2026-2027

Nursery: Butterflies- Mrs Braglia (Room Lead)
Nursery: Dragonflies- Mrs Harwood (Room Lead)
Reception: Ladybirds- Miss Burrows
Reception: Bumblebees- Mrs Yeldham (EYFS Lead)
Year 1: Jet-Miss Sawford (Previously Ladybirds)
Year 1: Diamond-Mrs Reynolds/Mrs Ager (Previously Bumblebees)
Year 2: Sapphire-Miss Jordan (Previously Diamond)
Year 2: Emerald-Mrs Tapsell (**Assistant Head**) / Miss Coombes (Previously Jet)
Year 3: Opal-Mr Corfield (Previously Sapphire)
Year 3: Jade -Miss Newe (**Assistant Head**) / Miss Coombes (Previously Emerald)
Year 4: Amber-Mrs Baillieul/Miss Stone (Tuesday) (Previously Jade)
Year 4: Moonstone- Miss Pert (Previously Opal)
Year 5: Onyx-Mrs Martin/Miss Stone (Monday) (Previously Amber)
Year 5: Aquamarine-Mrs Scillitoe (Previously Moonstone)
Year 6: Amethyst- Ms Archer (Previously Aquamarine)
Year 6: Beryl- Mrs Coleman (Previously Onyx)

Parking Permits Scheme:

3PR parking permits for the next academic year (beginning of Sep 2026 - end of Jul 2027) are now available These allow Rayleigh Primary School parents and carers to use Castle Road and Websters Way Car Park between 08:20-09:00 and 14:45 to 15:45 Mon-Fri during term time only.

To apply for your permit, please email our School Parking team via schoolparking@chelmsford.gov.uk with the following details:

- 1 | Your full name
- 2 | Your child's name
- 3 | Vehicle registration number
- 4 | Mobile number
- 5 | Email address
- 6 | Full home address

Entrance and Collection Doors

Reception- drop off at the KS1 door and collect from the play ground gate.

Year 1- drop off and collect at the KS1 doors.

Year 2- drop off at the KS1 door and collect from the doors opposite the entrance to the hall.

Year 3- drop off at the KS2 entrance and collect in the quad area.

Years, 4,5,6 drop off and collect at the KS2 doors.

Diary Dates

01.09.26 INSET Day
02.09.26 INSET Day
03.09.26 Autumn Term Begins
Reception staggered start times below
07.09.26
15:30 - Year 1 Curriculum Meeting
15.15 - KS2 Football Team Trials
10.09.26
15:30 - Year 3 Curriculum Meeting
11.09.26
All Reception children in at 9.15
Reception Lunch with parents- 11.30-12.00
Year 4 Curriculum Meeting-15.30
14.09.26
Year 6 Curriculum Meeting-15:30
Netball trials for Years 5 and 6 only after school
17.09.26
Year 5 Curriculum Meeting- 15:30
18.09.26
Year 2 Curriculum Meeting -15.30
21.09.26
School Enrichment Clubs to Begin
22.09.26-24.09.26 Book Fair after school
28.09.26 -EYFS and KS1 phonics work shop after school 15.30
02.10.26
Year 6 team building at Spring Gardens
05.10.26 Flu Immunisations

More diary dates for the Autumn Term will come out on next week's newsletter.

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03.09.26
Bumblebees: 9.15 to 11.30
Ladybirds: 13.00 to 15.15
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Ladybirds: 13.00 to 15.15
07.09.26
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Ladybirds: 13.00 to 15.15
08.09.26
Ladybirds: 9.15 to 11.30
Bumblebees: 13.00 to 15.15
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