

25th April 2025

# Rayleigh Primary Newsletter

## Website



Dear Parents,  
Welcome back to school! We hope you and your children had a restful break and feel ready and refreshed for the term ahead.

After school enrichment clubs run by teachers begin next week and if your child has been successful in their choice of club, you should have received a confirmation text message.

Excitingly, on Thursday 8th May it is the 80th Anniversary of VE Day and the children will be taking part in activities based around this on the day, arranged by our history lead, Miss Jordan.

As part of the day, we invite the children to dress in red, white and/or blue to mark the occasion. This could be red, white and/or blue head-to-toe, a combination of those colours or just an accessory alongside their normal school uniform. Whatever works for you and your child will be fine! We would prefer that the children do not wear football kits as part of this day.

Also, we are planning on having a picnic lunch on the day (weather permitting). If you have one, the children can bring in a picnic blanket to sit on when eating their lunch. On this day there will be the option of either a packed lunch from home or pre-bookable picnic lunch. A letter with this attached has been sent out today.

Our Waddle-on-sea baby penguin is complete and has been delivered today to include as part of the trail. The children have done a wonderful job! Thanks to Mrs Bailliel and FoRPS for co-ordinating this experience which raises much needed funds for Haven Hospice. The penguins will be displayed in Southend public spaces in July and August.

Have a wonderful weekend!

### Communication

We have an open door policy: feel free to chat with your class teachers straight after school or email the school office to arrange.

Dojo is a great way to chat with your class teacher to pass on messages and positive news. Just a note, teacher's will not reply to Dojo communications out of working hours- if something is urgent please contact the school office.

### Attendance

As you will be aware, the Government has updated their statutory guidance for school attendance.

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

This week's class winners are:

**1st Place - Onyx 100%**

**2nd Place - Jet 99.5%**

**3rd Place - Beryl 99.2%**

Well done! Keep it up!

### Updates

- [Cricket Free Taster session](#)
- [May half term netball camp](#)
- Please see the link for our new [RPS Nursery](#). Spaces available now in our 2+ and 3+

### Spotlight on.... Times Tables

If your child is in Year 4, the times tables statutory check is coming up after the half term break. Year 4 are practising regularly to prepare. Please do make sure you are practising regularly at home too! Times Tables Rockstars is a great way to do this! Also, this website does an on-screen test similar to the check that you can try at home.  
<https://urbrainy.com/mtc/test>

### Diary Dates

Upcoming dates:

Don't forget to use our website to look ahead.

28.04.25 After School Clubs, run by teachers, begin

30/04/25 - Pupil Senate trip to Parliament - KS2 High 5 Netball at Deanes

05/05/25 - May Bank Holiday

07/05/25 - Year 3 and 4 Mini-Tennis at Deanes

08/05/25 - VE Day Celebration – wear red, white and/or blue

Year 5 Performance 9:15am

09/05/25 - Year 5 Performance 2.00pm

12/05/25-15/05/25 - Year 6 SAT's Week

13/05/25 - Year 4 trip to Braintree Museum

16/05/25 Year 6 end of SATS celebration

- Year 5 & 6 Girls and Boys Southend United Football Tournament at Roots Hall

17/05/25 - Year 3 and 4 Police Cup at Lee Chapel

19.05.25 Rayleigh Primary School Swimming Gala

21.05.25 Owl Display and photographs

Year 6 Rounders Event at Deanes (RESERVE)

22.05.25 Junior Music Festival Rehearsal

26.05.25 – 06.06.25 Half-term (NOTE - 2 weeks)

