Rayleigh Primary Newsletter

9th October 2026

DEAR PARENTS

📚 Parent Consultations – Reminder

A quick reminder to please book a Parent Consultation appointment with your child's class teacher. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and talk about any areas you may wish to support them with. The dates are on the school calendar, so please take a moment to check the dates and book your appointment. Please note that each appointment is limited to 10 minutes, so we kindly ask that you arrive on time and keep to your allocated slot. Emerald, Jade and Amber classes have slightly different consultation days, so please check the calendar carefully when booking. Nursery Parent Consultation dates are also available on the school calendar.

We look forward to seeing you! 😊

🎄 Christmas Card Fundraiser

This week, all children across school are designing their own Christmas cards! Their designs will be sent home with your child next Monday, with the option to purchase their unique design on cards, mugs, bags and more. If you'd like to place an order, please complete and return the form to school by Tuesday 20th October. Thank you for your support! 🎄

ATTENDANCE

This week's top three classes are as follows:

1

2

3

Whole school attendance this week was

Please remember to call in to report absences each day.
Thank you

Updated statutory attendance guidance.

COMMUNICATION

School Contact Number: 01268 775712

We have an open-door policy and always welcome communication with families. Please feel free to speak with your child's class teacher straight after school, or contact the school office to arrange a meeting at a convenient time.
ClassDojo is also a great way to communicate with your child's class teacher, whether you would like to pass on a message, share positive news or keep in touch about your child's learning.
Please note that teachers may not respond to ClassDojo messages outside of their working hours. If your message is urgent, please contact the school office directly.

School Office Email:
rps-admin@schoolsforeverychild.org

SCHOOL WEBSITE

OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR CAN BE FOUND HERE

AMAZON WISH LIST LINK - THANK YOU!

DIARY DATES

14.10.26 Talk and Share-3:30pm - 4:45pm
14.10.26 Nursery Stay and Play 3.30- 4pm
15.10.26 Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Workshop (in the hall)- 3:30pm
16.10.26 Year 5 Viking Day
19.10.26 Individual and sibling photographs in school
19.10.26 Amber Parent Consultations 3:30
20.10.26 Nursery parent consultations-3:40
20.10.26 Emerald and Jade Parent Consultations 3:30
21.10.26 Amber Parent Consultations 3:30-6:00
21.10.26 Visions and Values Day
21.10.26 Parental Consultations-3:30pm
22.10.26 Parental Consultations 3:30pm
26.10.26 – 30.10.26 Half-term
02.11.26 Second Half of Autumn Term Begins

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Schools For Every Child Term Dates
https://www.schoolsforeverychild.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1235&type=pdf

Free October Half Term Clubs with Essex ActivAte – Live to Book

Essex ActivAte half term programmes half term programmes provide free, fun and engaging activities for eligible children and young people during the October half term break. From sports and crafts to outdoor adventures and more, there are plenty of opportunities to stay active, make friends and try something new, alongside receiving nutritious meals and snacks.
Spaces are limited and can be booked directly with local clubs now, with no HolidayActivities voucher code or referral required.
Make into a post for the news letter
To find a club near you, visit the Find Your Active Activity Finder on the Active Essex website. Simply select 'Programmes' to view the upcoming half term activities, enter your local area, and book directly with the club using the contact details provided.

Drop-Off, Collection & Walking Home – Pupils in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

There is no set age at which children are ready to walk to or from school independently. It depends on each child's maturity, confidence and individual circumstances. As parents and carers, you are best placed to decide when your child is ready to take on this responsibility. We would still highly recommend that children in Years 3 and 4 are brought to and collected from school.

When deciding whether your child is ready to walk independently, please consider the risks associated with their route, as well as their confidence and ability to manage the journey safely. You can help build their independence by practising the route together, developing their road safety skills and encouraging them to be aware of their surroundings. Walking to school is a great opportunity for children to develop important road safety and navigation skills. Walking with your child from a young age allows you to teach them how to cross roads safely, navigate their route and respond to traffic and other hazards. Over time, this helps them develop the experience and confidence they need to walk with friends or independently when they are older. Children who are regularly driven to school may have fewer opportunities to develop these important road awareness skills, so please consider how you can support your child in becoming a confident and safe pedestrian.

For further information, please see our Drop-Off, Collection & Walking Home Policy here: **https://www.rayleighprimary.org.uk/policies**