

7th February 2025

Rayleigh Primary Newsletter



Dear Parents,

The 'Teach my family' sessions this week have been a real treat - the children benefit so much from explaining their learning and we hope you have enjoyed it as much as the children clearly have. Upcoming dates for these can be found on the diary dates and website.

World book day is fast approaching on 6th March. Our theme is 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and more details can be found here: [WBD letter](#)

The children in Year 3 will be putting on their performance of 'The Boy, the mole, the fox and the horse' on 11th February. Year 3 parents should have received a booking form for tickets and costume information too.

Please bring some cash and empty tummies for the FoRPS Valentines bake sale next Friday 14th 3.15pm outside the school office.

Ralph, the therapy dog, says he is really looking forward to a walk around RPS on his lead on Thursday next week. All the children will get to give him a wave in the doorway! Ralph will visit more regularly after half term. Have a lovely weekend.

Spotlight on...

Eliza joined Southend Diving Club a few months ago. She has always shown an interest in the sport as her grandad was National Champion and the club's head coach for many years. She had her second springboard diving competition in Southampton on Saturday, and came 3rd. Well done Eliza!



Website

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.

Polite Reminder

Dinners can be pre-booked online and this does make things much easier here in school! Please pay dinner and club arrears promptly and book all Breakfast and Afterschool Club sessions in advance. Thank you.

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 - Bryl 98.8%

2nd Place - Emerald 98.7%

3rd Place - Onyx 98.4%

Well done! Keep it up!

Updates

- Please see the link here for our new RPS Nursery, Spaces available from January 2025 in our 2+ and 3+ provisions. [Link here](#)
- Childcare support is expanding, Eligible working parents of children aged between 9 months and 3 years can get 15 hours childcare per week for 38 weeks a year is increasing to 30 hours from September 2025 Please follow the link [here](#) to see if you are eligible.
- FoRPS Spring Events are [linked here](#) and dates have been added to the 'Diary Dates' section.
- Please see [free LEGO magazine here](#)
- Fire museum open day information found [here](#)
- Helping families wellbeing information [here](#)
- February half term art camp [information here](#)

Diary Dates

Upcoming dates:

Teach My Family Dates

10/02/25 - Amethyst 9.00am-9.30am

12/02/25 - Beryl 9.00am-9.30am

13/02/25 - Amber 9.00am-9.30am

14/02/25 - Moonstone 9.00am-9.30am

04/03/25 - Jade 9.00am-9.30am

07/03/25 - Opal 9.00am-9.30am

24/03/25 - Onyx 9.00am-9.30am

25/03/25 - Aquamarine 9.00am-9.30am

26/03/25 - Ladybirds/Bumblebee's 9.00am - 9.30am

11/02/25 Year 1 trip to Hyde Hall

11/02/25 Year 3 performance

14/02/25 - Valentines bake sale 3.15pm, outside the office.

27/02/25 Year 5 Trust Career day

03/03/25 Trust Vision Day

06/03/2025 Word book day sale.

28/03/2025 Mothers day sale

25/04/2025 School Disco - FoRPS - more details to come.

CLUBS: Note that teacher run clubs will continue after half term, but there will be no clubs the last week of term, beginning 31st March. Clubs by other providers will continue as normal in the final week of term.