



Dear Parents,

Well, what a wonderful end to the term! The children have enjoyed many enjoyable activities - such as a Christmas treat from the trust with books and KS2 Christmas crafts. A very special visitor did the rounds today - with the FoRPS elves (pictured right)

Thank you for your support on Christmas Jumper day - so far the total raised for charity is £375. This is still open on SchoolMoney if you have not yet donated.

Please can we also ask that all arrears be cleared on School Money before the 6th January.

A massive thanks for your support with Elfridges - it raised over £1,500 with the after school sale included. One of the projects being funded by FoRPS, using the money you have raised, is new resourcing for our Inclusion Mentor, so that she can continue her work supporting the emotional well-being of our children.

A huge well done to the Poetry competition winners who performed at the Palmers Christmas Concert, Ava and Teddy, pictured below. We are so proud of you! .



This week has also seen the 'Rock Steady' concert being performed in the hall, to a rapturous audience. A big thanks to Mrs Prasser for organising this.

On behalf of the whole Rayleigh Primary team, we hope you have a peaceful and restful Christmas and a very happy New Year, We look forward to seeing you all on the 6th January.

### 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 \(applies from 19 August 2024\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/121421/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance-2024.pdf)

This week's class winners are:

- 1st Place - Jet 97%**
  - 2nd Place - Onyx 95.7%**
  - 3rd Place - Sapphire 95%**
- Well done! Keep it up!

### Updates

- If you have children born between 01/09/2020 - 31/08/2021 you must have applied for nursery before the closing date on 15/01/2025. Please note, this is not done automatically.
- With social media having more and more of an impact on our children here are some tips for safety on social media [here](#)
- Teach my family events will be happening throughout the Spring Term, where you will be invited into school to , Information [here](#).
- Please see attached information on the Cinderella Pantomime [here](#)
- Audley Mills Pharmacy have sent us some information regarding services they offer [here](#)

### Diary Dates

Upcoming dates:

**Children return back to school on the 6th January.**

09.01.25 - Year 6 Pupils Anti-Social Behaviour Talk

21.01.25 - Primary Dance Festival (1:30pm - 3:30pm at The Palace Theatre)

30.01.25 - Trust Pupil Senate  
Year 3/4 Times Tables Parent Workshop (3:30pm - 4:15pm)

03.02.25 - Teach My Family (Jet Class, 9:00am - 9:30am)

04.02.25 - Teach My Family (Diamond Class, 9:00am - 9:30am)

05.02.25 - Teach My Family (Sapphire Class, 9:00am - 9:30am)  
Y5/6 Athletics at Deanes

06.02.25 - Teach My Family (Emerald Class, 9:00am - 9:30am)

**Please see the link [here](#) for more 2025 diary dates - including all the class dates for 'Teach my Family'.**

Save the date - Year 6

- Friday 18th July Masquerade ball.
- 22nd July NEON festival at Spring Gardens!

