



Dear Parents,  
RPS choir blew the staff away at the Rayleigh Lights Switch on last night - well done children! There might have been a bit of dust in our eyes....! A big thank you to Mrs Scillitoe and Mrs Prasser who worked hard to prepare the children.

Due to the festive season, we will be pausing swimming sessions from the week beginning 9th December (Year 5 will be contacted via dojo), with the last swimming sessions taking place next week. The first session will begin again on the week beginning 6th January 2025. Please see this letter about [Swimming](#) - which requests a £10 contribution towards lessons for the Spring Term.

We can't quite believe it, but one of our Year 6 pupils, Connie Baillie is starring (oh yes she is) in Jack and the Beanstalk at Towngate theatre! Coaches will leave very soon after registration on Monday for this, so please ensure your children are in school promptly. We can't wait to see Connie in action! EYFS are looking forward to having a nice quiet school in which to do some crafting!

Finally, please do visit our tree at ['Tree Fest'](#), held at Holy Trinity Church, Rayleigh. It is named 'Sweet Treats'. A big thank you to FoRPS for funding the tree and materials for decorations and Mrs Ballieul for coordinating this!

Have a lovely weekend!



### Communication

Please see the following poster with ['top tips'](#) for communications with us.

### Attendance

As you will be aware, the Government has updated their statutory guidance for school attendance. [Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

It's a close call this week but the class winners are:

- 1st Place - Amethyst - 98.8%**
- 2nd Place - Emerald - 98.7%**
- 3rd Place - Moonstone - 98.6%**

Well done! Keep it up!

### Updates

- [Here](#) is a guide to Snapchat for parents, carers and educators.
- Please see the following [update](#) from Essex Police about e-scooters.
- Christmas dinners are on Thursday 12th (EYFS.KS1) and Friday 13th (KS2). Here is the [menu!](#)
- Here is a [reminder](#) of the school uniform policy; we have noticed some children wearing other items, so do check carefully.
- Helen Rollason Cancer Charity is collecting Christmas trees to recycle - there is a poster that children can colour in [here](#).
- RWC Music offer private guitar lessons at RPS. More details [here](#).

### Diary Dates

Upcoming dates:

2.12.24 - Pantomime at Towngate Theatre (Y1 - Y6), Christmas Crafts for EYFS.

WB 2.12.24 - Last week of swimming lessons this term. (Y5 contacted by Dojo)

3.12.24 - KS2 Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church

9.12.24 - 6.1.24 - No swimming lessons - festive pause!

10.12.24 and 11.12.24 - Nursery/Reception/KS1 Christmas Performances), Elfridges FoRPS Christmas Shopping event

12.12.24 - Christmas lunch EYFS/KS1

13.12.24 - Christmas lunch KS2.

18. 12. 24 - Christmas Jumper Day.

20.12.24 - Last day of term

23.12.24 - 3.1.25 - Christmas Break

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Be Altruistic,  
Be Ethical**

