

13th September 2024

# Rayleigh Primary Newsletter

## Website



Dear Parents,

Another exciting week at RPS and the children are settling in well to the routines. You'll see below our new spotlight section which will feature a different year group's adventures each week.

Next week we are excited to welcome the Scholastic Book Fair; please see updates below for more details. Our brilliant FORPS - Friends of Rayleigh Primary school have their AGM on Monday 16th September and would love to welcome you to their team. Please do come along! More details about what they do can be found on their [FoRPS Facebook Page](#).

Are you on a low income? If you are, please help us to help your children thrive in school. Did you realise that we can claim additional funding for your child on a means tested basis? Please check your eligibility [here](#).

It's a little early to mention... Christmas... but the council is looking for lots of entries for the Christmas card competition this year. Get the glitter out and follow this [link](#) to find out more.

### Spotlight on..... Reception

The Ladybird and Bumblebee children have enjoyed exploring their new classrooms and making new friends.



### Attendance

As you will be aware, the Government has updated their statutory guidance for school attendance. The key changes relate to consistency in issuing fines for unauthorised absences, providing support to engage parents in improving children's attendance and new requirements for schools to share daily attendance data with the Department for Education and the Local Authority. Should you wish to learn more, please see the link below:

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

This week's class winners are:

**1st Place - Ladybirds - 100%**

**2nd Place - Beryl - 99.4%**

**3rd Place - Diamond - 98.9%**

Well done! Keep it up!

### Updates

- The Book Fair will be open in the hall on **Thursday 19th, Friday 20th, Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th**. Please come to the hall via the ramp outside reception after school once you have collected your children. Please note that payment will be cashless via a QR code and payment website.
- Great news! All our internal are being replaced - so you may notice a 'welfare unit' appear on the playground for the work staff - who will be working when the children are off site.
- If you have spare Lego or loom bands, we would love to use it for enrichment activities. Please hand it in via the office. Thank you!
- [Deanes Mental Health Workshop](#)-To register your place, please click [here](#).

### Diary Dates

Upcoming dates:

16.09.24 Enrichment Clubs begin  
FORPS AGM

18.09.24 Year 5&6 table tennis at  
Groewood (Invitation only)

20.09.24 Year 5 Sleepover event

23.09.24 Year 5 Road Safety Session

24.09.24 Year 5 Road Safety Session

02.10.24 Year 5&6 Girls Football at Deanes

03.10.24 Individual pupil photographs

09.10.24 Year 5&6 Boys Football at Deanes

3:30pm - Talk and Share (book look)

16.10.24 Year 3&4 Tag Rugby (RESERVE) at  
Deanes

23.10.24 KS2 Performance Festival at  
Deanes

3:30pm - 6:00pm - Parental Consultations

24.10.24 3:30pm - 6:00pm - Parental  
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25.10.25 Year 5 Viking Day

Please see the [website diary](#) for dates  
beyond this.