




Ryders Green
Primary School
Newsletter
October 2024


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HOME LEARNING
- Reading books
- Spellings
- TTRS
- Projects
- Century Tech (KS2)
See school website
for further
information.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
Please ensure that your
child is only booked on to 1
club per night.
If unable to attend, then
please cancel their place to
make it available for
someone else.
Thank you.

PARKING
When dropping off/collecting
children from school, can we
please be mindful of where we
are parking and how long for.
Please ensure that no drives or
pavements are blocked. Also, we
would request that wherever
possible you walk to school as
this reduces the number of cars
parked but also it is highly
beneficial to the environment.
Thank you for your support with
this.


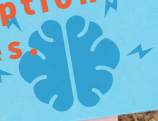


DECCA
Drug Education, Counselling and Confidential Advice

DECCA will be coming into
school across November to
lead assemblies and
workshops with the pupils
in school. Find more
information later in the
newsletter!



Leave of Absence Requests
Please note that a leave of
absence request should be
submitted in **ADVANCE**.
Each request is dealt with
on a case by case basis
and will only be
authorised in exceptional
circumstances.



SAFEGUARDING
Our school safeguarding team
is:
Miss Alden
Ms Edmondson
Miss Kaur
If you have any queries or
concerns please ask at the
school office and someone will
be able to help.

School Update

THIS MONTH AT RYDERS GREEN



thinktank
Birmingham science museum

Year 3 had an incredible visit to the Think Tank in Birmingham this month. The visit allowed them to develop their knowledge and understanding linked to their learning in Science all around friction. The pupils represented the school so well across the day and we have loved hearing about all they have learnt. 'I was able to do a real investigation!' remarked one pupil.

During this term, Year 6 have been learning all about World War II. The pupils visited the Royal Air Force Museum at Cosford this month where they were able to learn all about the vital role air defence played during WW2. The information they gained will be vital in supporting their exploration of the topic in school.



**BLACK COUNTRY
LIVING
MUSEUM**

Our Year 1 pupils stepped back in time and immersed themselves in some local history this week. The pupils visited the Black Country Living Museum where they were able to look at how people in our area used to live and think about how it is different to how we live today. We look forward to seeing their assembly later this term.

We welcomed a visitor into school this month to lead our Anglo Saxon workshop with Year 5. In support of their history curriculum, children were able to learn all about the Anglo Saxons, consider what their daily life would be like and look at things they used to keep themselves safe from attack.



BIM2024

DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

We have been exploring the theme of 'Reclaiming Narratives' as part of our work around Black History Month. Children have had the opportunity to share stories and ideas linked to the theme and understand why the month is important.

We held our first parents coffee morning of the school year this month. Thank you for those who joined us and please keep a look out for details of upcoming events next half term.



School Update

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Year 4 were joined by West Midlands Fire Service this month to take part in their 'SPARKS' workshop.

It gave pupils the opportunity to explore ways they can keep themselves safe around fire, water and roads. 'I will think about this at the firework display,' remarked one Year 4 pupil. We enjoyed welcoming the firefighters from the local station into school, thank you for your time.

We are very lucky to have West Bromwich Central Library walking distance from our school and this week Year 5 had a very special visit there! On Monday, they all met a real author - Steve Cole. The children had a chance to learn about what it is like to be a published author and the process that is followed to write a book.



On Thursday 10th October, we reflected on World Mental Health Day in school in collaboration with Young Minds. Pupils and staff were invited to wear something yellow such as a hair band, pin badge or socks to mark the occasion. Pupils were given time to explore their thoughts around mental health and consider ways that they can get help if they think they might need it, such as talking to one of the adults in school. If you feel you would like to find out more or need some support please visit

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/> or <https://www.itv.com/britaingettalking/> for more information.



At this time of year, we always celebrate the Harvest Festival. This autumn, Year 5 led our Harvest Assembly and we were able to collect donations for Black Country Foodbank. Thank you to all our families for their incredible donations to support this local service.

**BLACK COUNTRY
FOODBANK**
LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST



School Update

THIS MONTH AT RYDERS GREEN



Our Reception children had a swashbuckling time as they enjoyed 'Pirate Day' in school. To celebrate their pirate topic in school the children had a day to reflect on all of their learning this half term.



Our pupils in Year 3 and 5 have had a fantastic opportunity this half term to take part in weekly cricket coaching lessons with Warwickshire County Cricket Club. The pupils have enhanced their skills and it has been incredible to see their understanding of bowling and batting skills improve. Thank you to WCCC for the inspiring lessons. Perhaps we have a future cricket star here at Ryders Green!



Warwickshire
County Cricket Club



Our Nursery children have enjoyed a theme day this week and had some spooky fun all around Hallowe'en. The children were able to explore lots of special activities and learn lots of new words linked to the day.

Last month we shared our school priorities with you so we just wanted to update you on some of the progress we have made this month.

Focus: Thinking of new ways to teach writing using 'The Write Stuff' approach.

Five teachers have attended an external training course led by Jane Considine to find out even more about the approach.

Lots of new resources have been purchased by school to support with the learning in classrooms.

All staff completed a full whole-school training day on 'The Write Stuff' and thought about ways that they can use the strategies in their classrooms.



All school staff completed Year 2 of the project Embedding Formative Assessment. An external mentor visit celebrated the success of the project and the impact upon teaching in school.

attendance matters

AT RGPS

DID YOU KNOW - just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who regularly attended school.

When you register your child at school, you have a legal duty to ensure your child attends that school regularly.

This means that your child must attend every day that the school is open, unless:

- **Your child is too ill to attend that day.**
- **You have asked in advance and been given permission by the school for your child to be absent on that day due to exceptional circumstances.**
- **Your child cannot attend school on that day because it is a day you are taking part in religious observance**
- **Your local authority is responsible for arranging your child's transport to school and it is not available on that day or has not been provided yet; or**
- **You are a gypsy/traveller family with no fixed abode, and you are required to travel for work that day meaning your child cannot attend their usual school. In most circumstances, however, your child is required to attend another school temporarily during such absences.**

These are the only circumstances where schools can permit your child to be absent.

Please remember to contact school if your child is unwell and you are unsure if they are able to attend. In line with NHS guidance, they can still attend school if they have a cough, runny nose or a sore throat.

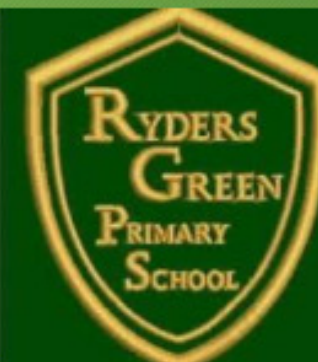
If you would like some advice, please call
0121 553 0658 and someone will be able to assist you.





Open evening for Reception intake September 2025

- Wednesday the 6th of November 2024 at 4:00pm
- Come along to the school office at 4:00 for a presentation on what we can offer followed by a tour and a chance to ask any questions
- Ryders Green Primary School, Claypit Lane, West Bromwich, B70 9UJ
0121 553 0658



COMING UP AT RGPS

Ryders Green Primary School have been announced as Finalists in the Swim England National Awards 2024.

We are attending the Awards Ceremony at the University of Birmingham at the end of November so we will let you know how we do!



UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM



Monday 11th November is the start of Anti-Bullying Week in school. Children will be exploring lots of themes and ideas linked to anti-bullying as part of our curriculum learning. We are also inviting pupils to wear odd socks to school as a mark to show that it is ok to be different and to stand up to bullying and discrimination.

In school, we will be marking Remembrance Day with an assembly led by our Year 6 pupils. All children will have the opportunity to take part in our Remembrance home learning projects that will be used as part of our commemorations.



On Friday 15th November, we will be marking Children in Need in school. More information will follow but as part of the day, pupils are invited to wear their pjs to school!

Next half term there will be lots of opportunities to come into school with music concerts, stay and plays and assemblies. Please see the 'diary dates' page with more information about Christmas Productions. Dates for class events are also on the 'Curriculum Overview' that you have received for next half term.

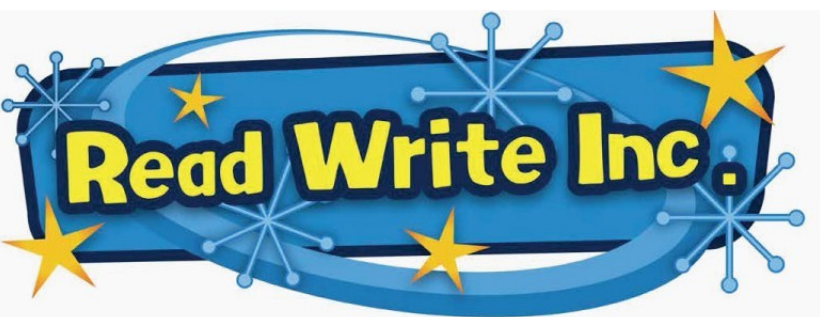


COMING UP AT RGPS

Each year we work closely with DECCA and during November they are coming into school. As part of their work, DECCA provide support around drug education to schools and they will be working with Years 1-6 in assemblies and workshops. We look forward to welcoming them to Ryders Green.



Drug Education, Counselling and Confidential Advice



Next month we will be holding a Phonics Workshop for our parents in Year 1. It is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about phonics and how it is taught in school. The workshop will also give you some top tips on how you can help support phonics at home. Look out for more information after half term!

As our pupils in Year 4 will have found out, times tables is hot on the agenda! For all of our families in Year 4 there will be a meeting for you to come along to so you can find out more about the Multiplication Tables Check. Details will be sent home with pupils shortly.



PC Adam Lane will be joining us from West Midlands Police next month. He is going to speak to the children about how they can keep themselves safe, especially with the dark nights during autumn and winter.

In May 2025, our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs assessments. The papers will include Reading, SPAG and Maths. In November, we will be holding a meeting so you can find out about the work being completing in school and ways you can support at home.





**PE AT
RYDERS GREEN**



All pupils take part in weekly PE sessions in school. In order to maximise the lesson time for PE, children are invited to come into school in their PE kit on the day when their PE lesson is taking place.

School PE kit consists of plain black shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms that should have no logos or additional detail and a plain white t-shirt. Pupils can also wear trainers on their PE days. Pupils should then wear their school jumper with their PE kit. Please see the pictures above as examples of kit.

PE Days:

Monday: Year 1

Tuesday: Year 3

Wednesday: Reception and Year 2

Thursday: Year 6

Friday : Year 5 and Year 4

Swimming (until end of autumn term):

Monday: Year 2 and Year 5

After School Club UPDATE



All of our after-school clubs are booked via SchoolComms with clubs available from Reception-Year 6 on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Bookings will open w/c 4th November for next half term.

Next half term, clubs will be running on w/c 11th, 18th, 25th November and 2nd and 9th December. SIPS Music Clubs (Monday - drumming, Tuesday-recorders/brass band, Wednesday-violin) will be running every week during the half term.

By attending after school clubs pupils are able to gain hours towards Children's University. The hours are combined week on week to build towards very special graduation ceremonies. At the end of the school year, those pupils with enough hours will even get the chance to graduate at the University of Wolverhampton.

We are very lucky to be able to offer so many after school clubs to our pupils - all provided **free of charge!** This is a very special offer unique to the pupils here at Ryders Green Primary School.

After-School Club Timetable 2024/2025 – Autumn 2

	Club	Year Group	Time	Location	Additional Information
Monday	African Drumming	Y4	3:15-4:15	KS2 Hall	SIPS
Tuesday	Recorders	Year 2	3:15pm - 4:15pm	2D	SIPS
	Brass Band	By Invite Only	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Stem Room	SIPS
	Taskmaster	Years 1, 2 and 3	3:15pm - 4:15pm	1M	Miss Mursell
	Zumba	Years 1 and 2	3:15pm - 4:15pm	KS2 Hall	Mrs Grewal
	Outdoor Learning/STEM	Reception and Year 1	3:15pm - 4:15pm	RD	Miss Richards
	Reading	Years 1 and 2	3:15pm - 4:15pm	2E	Miss Edmondson
	Sewing	Years 3 and 4	3:15pm - 4:15pm	3B	Mrs Baron
	Times Tables	Years 3 and 4	3:15pm - 4:15pm	4C	Mr Chahal
	Ukelele	Years 4,5 and 6	3:15pm - 4:15pm	5C	SIPS
	Board Games	Years 5 and 6	3:15pm - 4:15pm	6A	Miss Adams
Wednesday	Computing	Years 5 and 6	3:15pm - 4:15pm	5C	Mr Cope
	Learning through play	Reception and Year 1	3:15pm - 4:15pm	RP	Miss Phillips
	Violin	Years 3 and 4	3:15pm - 4:15pm	KS1 Hall	SIPS
	Art	Years 3 and 4	3:15pm - 4:15pm	4J	Miss Jordan
Thursday	Board Games	Years 2 and 3	3:15pm - 4:15pm	3J	Miss Johnson
	Maths	Years 2 and 3	3:15pm - 4:15pm	2D	Miss Devlin
	Music	Reception and Year 1	3:15pm - 4:15pm	RD	Mr Dearn
	Football	Years 5 and 6	3:15pm - 4:15pm	KS2 Hall	Miss Sunner
	Art	Years 5 and 6	3:15pm - 4:15pm	5P	Mr Parnell
	Young Voices Choir	Years 4,5 and 6	3:15pm - 4:15pm	6R	Mrs Riat

Join us for breakfast club at Ryders Green Primary School

Children can join us each day to enjoy breakfast from a variety of Toast, Toast and Jam, Cereal, Fruit and a drink

Drop off is from 7.30am at the main entrance however, there are limited places available at a cost of £2.50 per day.

Please book through Schoolcomms to secure your place

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to speak to the class teacher or school office

Lots of fun activities happen in breakfast club with a calm, cheerful atmosphere.

Monday—Games and Reading.

Tuesday—Yoga

Wednesday—Guitars

Thursday—Art

Friday— Online learning



Diary DATES

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER - SCHOOL CLOSED (TRAINING DAY)

28TH OCT - 1ST NOV - SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM

MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER - SCHOOL OPENS

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER - REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY (Y6)

TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER - ODD SOCKS DAY (ANTI-BULLYING WEEK)

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER - CHILDREN IN NEED

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER - YEAR 1 CLASS ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER - RECEPTION NATIVITY (2PM)

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER - Y2 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION 9.30AM

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER - Y4 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION 9.30AM

MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER - Y3 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION 2PM

TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER - WOW OF THE TERM

TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER - NURSERY CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER - Y1 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION 9.30AM

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER - Y5 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION 2PM

Diary DATES

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER - WINTER WONDERLAND 3.30PM

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER - Y6 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION 9.30AM

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTIES (PM)

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER - LAST DAY OF TERM

23RD DEC-3RD JAN - SCHOOL CLOSED

MONDAY 6TH JAN - SCHOOL OPENS