



Ryders Green
Primary School
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School Update

THIS MONTH AT RYDERS GREEN

DECCA joined us in school this month and delivered some interesting workshops and assemblies to pupils across the school. The children were able to develop their understanding of lots of topics including medicines, tobacco, vaping and alcohol awareness in a safe and supporting environment. Thank you to DECCA for supporting our safeguarding and health education at Ryders Green.



Drug Education, Counselling and Confidential Advice



We focused on Anti-Bullying Week across school in November. Each class had the opportunity to consider the themes and ideas linked to anti-bullying as part of our curriculum learning. Children (and staff!) also wore 'odd-socks' to school as a mark to show that it is ok to be different and to stand up to bullying and discrimination. Thank you to all who took part.

At the start of the month, our Year 6 School Council members supported with the selling of poppies and other merchandise for the Royal British Legion. As a school we raised £131.48. Thank you to all those who contributed. We held our Remembrance assembly in school and all pupils took part in the two minutes silence, with the Last Post played by our Year 6 Musicians.

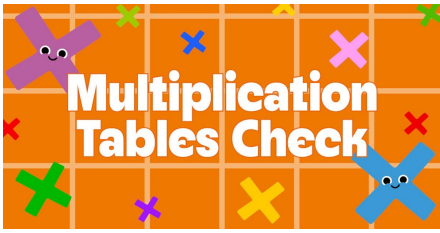


Children in Need saw the school arrive in their pyjamas for Pudsey! School was a hive of activity, with our special Wow assembly for Character Awards, Children's University 'pop-ups' including a 'wheely good challenge' and lots of donations. In total we managed to raise £553.30 which goes towards supporting lots of local charity organisations. Thank you for your support!



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Miss Jordan held a very successful meeting for our Year 4 parents and lots of information was shared about the Multiplication Check that takes place later in the year. We hope you found the session helpful and if you have any questions please speak to a member of the Year 4 team.

Thank you to all of our Year 1 parents who came along to the phonic workshop to learn all about Read, Write Inc. We hope you found out lots of tips on how you can support your child at home and what we are doing in school. If you didn't make it - speak to your child's class teacher to find out what you missed.



Year 6 have been enjoying all of their curriculum lessons so far this year and we held a meeting for parents to find out more about the assessments that take place in Year 6. Lots of key details were shared so if you missed it, please speak to the Year 6 staff and they will be able to update you.

This month we welcomed our new Site Manager into Ryders Green. If you see Mr Curtis around school please say hello! He was very busy within his first few days helping to clear the paths from the snow!



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

Tomorrow we find out if Ryders Green have won the 'School Swimming Award' at the Swim England National Swim Awards. We will let you know how we do!



We have been giving you updates on our School Development Priorities and we just wanted to share with you an update of what has been going on this month.

Focus: Think even more about our jobs in the future and how we can achieve them.

Mrs Baron has been taking part in a very exciting project called 'Start Small; Dream Big'. It is run by the Careers Hub and funded by The Careers & Enterprise Company.

During the term, she has undertaken a number of meetings and training for the project, an action plan has been completed and lots of events planned for 2025!



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.





Winter Wonderland

Wednesday 18th December 2024

Join us on the KS2 Playground from 3.30pm for some festive fun. Visit Santa in his grotto, enjoy a hot chocolate, sing along with the choir and lots of other activities to enjoy! Hope to see you there!



COMING UP AT RGPS

Our Year 6 pupils have started rehearsing for a special Christmas Concert taking place at Shireland CBSO Academy. Following a singing workshop led by a specialist from SIPS Education, the pupils have been learning songs ready to share on the 6th December. We wish them good luck!



**SHIRELAND
CBSO ACADEMY**



Our choir are enjoying lots of rehearsals ready for some big events coming up! In December they will be heading to Goldfield Court to lead a Christmas Carol Concert for residents. January 2025 marks Young Voices at the BP Pulse Arena - a 60 strong choir from Ryders Green will be joining children from across the country in this singing spectacular!



We have some exciting author visits planned for our pupils in Year 4 and Year 2. Our most frequent readers in Year 2 are going to a very special event with Nick Sharratt and Year 4 are going to hear from Professor Black. It will be an amazing opportunity to hear some stories and also find out about the life of an author.



There are lots of music events taking place across school in December with our brass band, ukulele players, violinists and more taking to the stage! Letters will be going home with those involved and we hope that you can join us.

COMING UP AT RGPS

Class	Production	Time
Reception	The Christmas Nativity	10 th Dec – 2pm
Year 1	Shine Star Shine!	18 th Dec – 9.30am
Year 2	Baubles	11 th Dec – 9.30am
Year 3	Gnome Alone	16 th Dec – 2pm
Year 4	The True Meaning of Christmas	16 th Dec – 9.30am
Year 5	Primary School Christmas Musical	18 th Dec – 2pm
Year 6	The Good, the Bad and the Donkey!	19 th Dec – 9.30am

Christmas Productions 2024

A letter has been sent home with pupils giving you the opportunity to get your tickets for the Christmas Productions. Two tickets are available per child. We hope you can join us.



Raffle tickets will be on sale in school and during our Christmas events with some amazing festive hampers to be won! One ticket will cost 25p and five tickets can be purchased for £1!



Christmas Jumper day is back! On Thursday 12th December, children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school. This should be worn instead of their school jumper or cardigan alongside their usual school uniform.

Thursday 19th December is Christmas Party Day. Pupils are invited to come to school in their party clothes (please consider suitable clothing for the weather). All children will be provided party snacks and a drink for the afternoon. School dinners will still need to be booked or a packed lunch provided. There might even be a visit from Santa himself!





**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 February half term):

Monday: Year 3 and Year 4

After School Club UPDATE



There are **NO AFTER-SCHOOL** clubs week commencing 16th December except those ran by SIPS Music (Monday - drumming, Tuesday-recorders/brass band, Wednesday-violin). No other clubs will be running this week in school.

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.

Please can we politely remind you to ensure that your child is only booked on to ONE club. We have lots of instances where children are down to attend two clubs as it means that other pupils miss out on a place for the club that they would like to attend.

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

TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER - RECEPTION STAY AND PLAY

TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER - RECEPTION NATIVITY (2PM)

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER - Y2 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION 9.30AM

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DINNER 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

TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER - Y1 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION 9.30AM

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER - Y5 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION 2PM

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