



Ryders Green  
Primary School  
Newsletter  
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# Are you thinking of taking your child on holiday?

All **holidays** in term time (now called leave of absence in exceptional circumstances or LOA) **must be agreed** by the head teacher before the absence is taken.

Parents/carers **do not have a right** to take their children out of school during term time and may be fined if they do so without the school's authorisation.

Penalty notices, when issued, informs the parents/carers to pay a fine of £80 (if paid within 21 days) or £160 if paid within 28 days (from September 2024).

Penalty Notices are issued separately to **EACH** individual parent/carer of each individually named child. (i.e. one Penalty Notice per parent per child.

In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second find for the same child within a three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of **£160**.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines in a three year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a **parenting order or prosecution** will be considered.

If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to **£2,500**.

# School Update

THIS MONTH AT RYDERS GREEN

At the start of January, our choir from Year 4,5 and 6 went to the BP Pulse Arena in Birmingham to take part in the musical spectacular - Young Voices 2025. Joining together with schools from across the country they made a choir of over 5,000 children! A full rehearsal followed by the concert made for a very late night but all of the children (and staff) made very special memories! What an incredible experience. We cannot wait to go again next year!



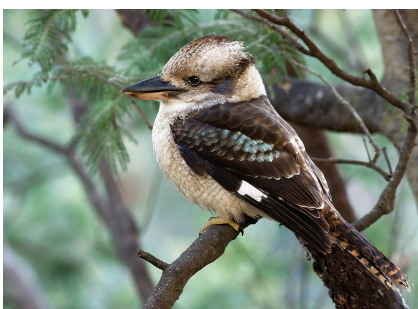
Year 6 were joined by the British Army in school this month to take part in some very special workshops. Using their communication, logic and problem solving skills they had to work together as a team to solve some tricky problems. The Army Staff commented on the incredible behaviour, understanding and perseverance that the pupils displayed - well done!



Our pupils and teachers were put to the test when the Animal Man came to visit this month!

He came into school with so many wonderful animals for us all to meet, including a snake, cockroach and a kookaburra!

Make sure you speak to our Year 1 children to find out what animals they saw.





# School Update

THIS MONTH AT RYDERS GREEN

**CBSO**

**City of Birmingham  
Symphony Orchestra**



We welcomed the CBSO into school this week to share their musical talents with our pupils. A string quartet entertained us with two special assemblies for all the pupils in school. Following on from this, Year 5 have started a music and art themed project lead by specialists in the curriculum areas. Artist Benny Semp has delivered a very special watercolour workshop to the pupils in Year 5.

We love to bring our curriculum to life and this certainly happened for our Year 3 pupils this month.

We welcomed into school our Stone Age Visitor and he transported us back in time by almost a million years! Pupils were able to learn about how people lived and hunted during the period. They even had a go at shooting some arrows!



## Stone Age Day



At Ryders Green, we have so many talented children and it has been wonderful to celebrate their achievements in school this month. We kick-started with our swimming awards assembly, where pupils received their 25m swimming badges! In addition to our weekly WOW assembly, we have also been able to see children awarded for their hard work in other curriculum areas, such as RSHE, French and English. Well done to all our pupils who have something to celebrate this month.



# COMING UP AT RGPS

**Bikeability**  
Cycling Proficiency for the 21st century



The start of February will see Bikeability happening in school for Years 5 and 6. It is an opportunity to develop safe cycling skills.

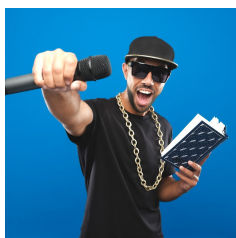


**GEORGE  
SALTER  
ACADEMY**

We also invite Hoo Zoo into school this month to lead a fossil workshop with our Year 3 children as part of their topic this term.

Year 2 also have an exciting visit to the Mandir to look forward to as part of their RE curriculum. Year 4 will be heading to West Bromwich Central Library to enjoy an interactive session with MC Grammar who we saw at Young Voices.

Our Year 6 pupils have also been invited to watch the dress rehearsal of 'School of Rock' at George Salter Academy.

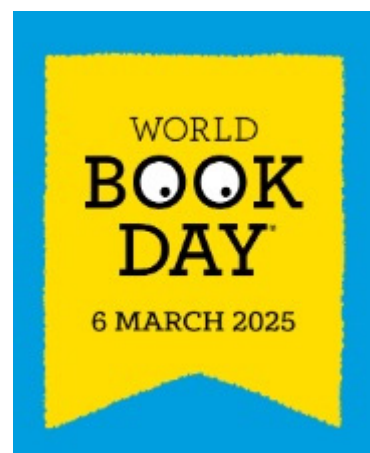


## WORLD BOOK DAY - 6th March 2025

We are inviting all of our children to take part in the celebration by coming to school dressed as their favourite book character.

## RED NOSE DAY - 21st March 2025

Children will be able to take part in this nationwide event by wearing something red to school - for example a red t-shirt, red socks, a red hair band, a red belt or even a red nose!



**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 in January.**

**Focus: To continue to improve the writing that we do in our school.**

**This month, we were very excited to work with some schools in our local area and share tips on ideas of how we all teach writing. Mrs Baron visited another school where she got to look at the writing lessons in Year 1 - Year 6. She will share what she saw with all the teachers and we will see if there are some ideas we can use at our school too!**





**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 4**

**Thursday: NAM and Year 6**

**Friday : Year 2 and Year 5**

**Swimming (until February half term): Monday Year 3 and 4**

**Swimming (after half term): Monday Year 2 and Year 5**



# residential

## 2025



**INGESTRE HALL**

Are you going to be in Year 5 or 6 next year?

Join us for an action packed week – 22nd September until 26th September 2025!

Activities include music, dance, drama, film, animation and photography! £260 per child.

More information available at the school office.

**EDGMOND HALL**

Are you going to be in Year 3 or 4 next year?

We have two very special nights planned at Edgmond Hall, including fun activities and even a night walk.

£125 per child.

More information available at the school office.



**Why go on a residential?**

A tailor-made experience for the pupils at Ryders Green! The whole time they are on residential they will be able to experience the opportunities that they might not get in any other setting!

Create memories that will last forever.

Any questions please speak to the teachers in school.



# Diary DATES

W/C 3RD FEB - BIKEABILITY (YR5/6)

TUESDAY 4TH FEB - MANDIR VISIT (YEAR 2)

TUESDAY 4TH FEB - YEAR 6 TO GEORGE SALTER

TUESDAY 11TH FEB - MANDIR VISIT (YEAR 2)

WEDNESDAY 12TH FEB - FOSSILS WORKSHOP (YEAR 3)

THURSDAY 13TH FEB - PHONICS WORKSHOPS (YEAR 1)

FRIDAY 14TH FEB - YEAR 4 LIBRARY VISIT - MC GRAMMAR

FRIDAY 14TH FEB - BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

MONDAY 24TH FEB - BACK TO SCHOOL

THURSDAY 6TH MARCH - WORLD BOOK DAY

MONDAY 17TH MARCH - PARENTS EVENING

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH - RED NOSE DAY

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH - MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY (RECEPTION)

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL - EASTER BONNET PARADES

WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL - WOW OF THE TERM

WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL - VIB

THURSDAY 10TH APRIL - EASTER ASSEMBLY (YEAR 2)

FRIDAY 11TH APRIL - BREAK UP FOR END OF TERM