



Raglan Upcoming Dates

Open Mornings for Reception 2024/2025 intake – Wednesday 15th November
Odd Socks Day – Tuesday 14th November
Children in Need Cake Sale and Donations and Leopards Family Assembly (9.15) – Friday 17th November
Golden Eagles Family Assembly – Friday 24th November 9.15am

Language of the Week

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Ukrainian	Pri-veet	Dobroho ranku	Dobryy den
	Привіт	Доброго ранку	Добрий день

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The Makaton Sign of the Week is 'opposite'



Double click on the link below for a video of 'opposite'



13th Nov opposite.MOV

Character Virtue of the Week



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Raglan with the hubbub of learning noise reverberating around the school. It has been a terrific experience to see children grappling with learning whether that be in nursery, EYFS, Sharks and Year 1 where I have seen children continuing to learn their phonics, and in some cases in EYFS already writing a full sentence! I have also seen children in Year 1 forming ever more complex sentences! It has been terrific to see Year 2 approaching their maths with real energy and without fear. Parents, please do set yourselves the goal of having your Year 2 children learn their 3, and 4 times tables by the end of the Christmas holidays. This will be so important as they move through the rest of Year 2.

In Frogs, across Year 3 and Year 4 I have seen have seen children working through more complex number work and also fractions. I have enjoyed setting several Year 4 children more challenging arithmetic questions when they ask me to challenge them. I have challenged these children with finding squares and square roots, as well as cubes and cubed roots. I was also filled with joy walking through Year 5 and Year 6 earlier this week and seeing so many children applying their times tables knowledge to: simplify fractions, convert improper fractions to mixed numbers, add and subtract fractions finding common denominators, and then moving onto multiplying and dividing fractions. All of which require a secure understanding of knowing, remembering and rapidly recalling times tables. It was excellent.



Next week is national anti-bullying week which we will be promoting by wearing odd socks to school on Tuesday 14th November. The Agents for Change leaders will also be leading assembly on this day promoting anti-racism and anti-bullying. The children will also be completing school safety and anti-bullying surveys across the next two weeks. School council will analyse the results and then act with Mrs Collins and the safeguarding leadership team on addressing priority areas. In addition to Odd Socks Day on Tuesday the 14th November, a reminder we are promoting Children in Need on Friday 17th November. School Council will be running a cake sale for this at break time and after school.

Excellent Achievement Out of School

I would like to congratulate one of our Year 2 pupils who competed in the Great British Irish Dancing Championships.

This is a great achievement in a very difficult dance genre. Irish Dancing is physically and technically very demanding; and is a life-long skill. This is a wonderful achievement and well done!



Start of the School Day

Just a reminder that KS1 children should be in their classrooms at 8.50 and KS2 children should be in their classrooms at 8.55 in the mornings ready for the register. Even if the gate is still open in the playground later than that, you are still considered to be late if your child is in the classroom after those times.

Football

On Tuesday, Raglan boys played against Orpington Harris Primary Academy for the second time this season, in the first round of the cup. Although the boys went one behind due to a slight lapse in concentration, they showed resilience and a real togetherness to fight back, ending the game victorious and winning an impressive seven goals to one. Defensively, the boys showed they were willing to get stuck in with firm but fair challenges. Furthermore, their communication throughout the pitch was something even the top teams would be proud of. Attacking wise, the boys took risks and made crucial passes to create a plethora of chances, which various goal scorers finished off in style. The team is going from strength to strength and I know I speak for various staff and parents when I say we are proud of the teamwork and progress they are consistently showing. Thank you to all the parents that helped with transport/came and supported. I appreciate that today's match was almost spoilt from some of the opposing parents, but you, as well as the children, represented Raglan with grace and we can hold our heads high as we prepare for our next fixture against Darrick Wood.

Mr Sykes

DLD Cake Sale (Developmental Language Disorder)

What an amazing success last Friday's DLD Cake sale was. This was a more than fitting end to what was a week-long promotion of DLD in our school and across the country.

The sale raised nearly £247 which will go directly into further resourcing our Speech and Language Provision.

I would like to thank the children involved from Frogs class, as well as those that helped from the mainstream, in selling and facilitating the cake sale. A massive thank you to Mrs Goldie and Ms Gaidjurgyte who are both parents of children in our provision for being the inspiration of the cake sale promotion, and for their unrelenting commitment to help further strengthen our provision setting.

This was a wonderful promotion and celebration of our school, and DLD.



Assembly - It's Not Christmas Coming Early...!



On Monday and Thursday this week we held two covert school assemblies for further rehearsing ahead of a first time musical experience for us as a school next week.

Our BYMT team of Mrs Walker, Mrs Osborn and Mrs Farthers (with excellent support from Mrs Lewis) have been guiding and inspiring the children for some time now in order for the children to have a unique musical experience next week!

There will be more to follow on this...watch this space!

Netball

On Tuesday, Raglan hosted its first netball fixture against the formidable Bishop Challoner School. The team had been preparing since the Summer term of 2023 and had put a lot of time and effort in, having made big improvements to their skills and general gameplay.

We played 3 games, and while we didn't win, overall I am extremely proud of the effort and hard work that the boys and girls from Year 5 and 6 put into this team. Considering we started barely 5 months before and considering the calibre of the opposition, I was very impressed with what they achieved.

Finally, a massive thank you to Mrs O'Brien and Ms Lowe for running and supporting the children through their journey and with the training sessions. We will be sure to put on some more fixtures towards the Summer term in 2024.

Mr Boorman - Year 4 teacher and PE lead



The Big Raglan Walk to School - Tuesday mornings at 8.35am



Join the 'Big Raglan Walk to School'





Every Tuesday
at 8.35am



Support our Eco Council and Junior Travel Ambassadors to promote more environmentally friendly, sustainable and healthy ways to travel to school.

Join the **Big Raglan Walk to School** at any point along the route.

Starting point is here  by the **Cowper Road Whitehall Rec exit at 8.35am**. The route will walk down Walpole Road towards **Chatterton Road post office (at approx 8.40am)**, then along Chatterton Road to cross by the lollipop lady on Southlands Road.

We will reach the **Raglan entrance at Jaffrey Road**  at approx 8.45am.



For those families who live further away from school and need to drive, why not park your car and meet up with the **Big Raglan Walk to School** for the final part of your journey!

Based on feedback from parents and carers we have decided to amend the start time for the Big Raglan Walk to School, making it a little later. The walk will now start at 8.35am from the Cowper Road Whitehall Rec exit, passing the Post Office on Chatterton Road at approximately 8.40am, reaching Raglan at approximately 8.45am. It would be great if as many people as possible are able to time their walk along Chatterton Road to join in with us. Please note that children remain the responsibility of parents and carers during the walk to school. We hope to see you, wrapped up warm, for the Big Raglan Walk to School on Tuesday morning!

Remembrance Celebration

A massive thank you to our Scouts, Beavers and Brownies that came in uniform today as a mark of respect for Remembrance Sunday.

There were a huge amount of children that attended today dressed in their uniforms.



Remembrance Assembly

I would like to thank Miss Reid-Smith for leading our Remembrance Day assembly. As well as sharing with all children the reasons why this event is special and significant to us all; she shared her own family history in terms of her great grandfather and grandfather who served in World War 1 and World War 2 respectively. Miss Reid-Smith discussed how the people that fought in these wars, did so to ensure that we were able to have the freedoms and civil liberties that we enjoy now. The children were incredibly respectful during the 2 minute silence. Across this weekend and especially on Remembrance Sunday, we will be reflecting and remembering those brave people that sacrificed their lives and fought so that we could live in the democracy we do. 'Lest we forget.'



Odd Socks Day Tuesday 14th November

On Tuesday 14th November, as part of the national anti-bullying campaign, we would like children and staff to wear odd socks to school. These can be worn over the top of trousers and leggings if children wish to. Our Agents for Change leaders will be delivering assembly on this day with an anti-racism / anti-bullying theme.

Children in Need Day Friday 17th November

On Friday 17th November our School Council will be holding a cake sale at break time and after school weather permitting in the playground, if not then in the link corridor. We are delighted to be supporting Children in Need - it is such a wonderful national charitable event.

Please bring in donations for the cake sale. Any cakes sent in from home must not contain nuts or not contain nut traces. We will not be able to sell any cakes that contain nuts or nut traces. If you are making cakes at home, please do send these in with a list of ingredients contained.

Family Assembly: Ancient Greece Arrives at Raglan

Parents and Carers of Panthers Class, as well as the staff and children in our school were treated to a terrific performance this morning in family assembly where; the Gods and Goddesses from Ancient Greece arrived in our school.

The Gods and Goddesses then gave the audience a detailed account of life in Ancient Greece. All of the children in Panthers contributed excellently, and have set the bar high for the rest of the classes to follow across the school year. I have been incredibly impressed with all of Year 6 for what has been an outstanding start to their year. They have all taken on board the importance of positive role-modelling to all children in all year groups. I am very proud of them all.

A huge well done to Panthers Class, Mr Sykes and the Year 6 team for a tremendous assembly. Thank you to all parents and carers for coming along to support your children. What a great way to start Friday.



Severe Weather

The ever changing climate is providing us with greater, and more intensive, rainfall more frequently. Can I please encourage parents and carers to pack children an additional pair of socks in your child's school bag when there is a lot of rain predicted or if it is actually tipping down! Please make sure your child(ren) comes to school with a waterproof when it is raining, or if the prediction is for rain.

Data Collection Sheets

If you have not returned your data collection sheets given out at Parents' Evening, please can you return them as soon as possible.

And Finally...

Please do ensure that you are taking a lot of care walking to and from school. The days are growing shorter so I would encourage you to do all you can to keep as safe as possible walking to and from school.

Once again, please do ensure that you are keeping up all your efforts with home learning, reading and learning times tables with your children.

It has been an absolute privilege to be working with your children across the course of this week again.

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas