



Raglan Upcoming Dates

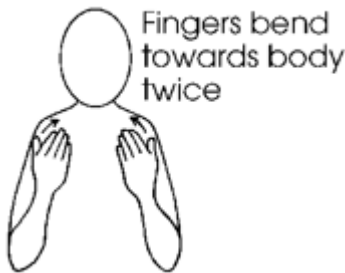
- Thursday 29th August** – First day of term
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Language of the Week

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
French	Bonjour	Bonjour	Bonjour

[Sing Along: French Greetings - KS2 French - BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

The Makaton Sign of the Week



W/B 29th August 'Welcome'



26th Aug
WELCOME.mp4



W/B 2nd September 'Calm'



2nd Sept
CALM.mp4

Character Virtue of the Week



Safeguarding over the summer holidays

A reminder to all parents and carers that should you need to contact the school for any family emergency or safeguarding concern please email: safeguardingteam@raglan.bromley.sch.uk
 The emails are accessed by the school strategic safeguarding team comprising of Mrs Mead, Mr Hunter, Mrs Ingrey, Mrs Collins and I. Parents are reminded that I am the Designated Safeguarding Leader and that Mrs Ingrey, Mr Hunter and Mrs Collins are all our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leaders. We will access the safeguarding email inbox over the break to check for any messages.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would firstly like to thank you **all** for the excellent support you continue to give your children, school, the staff and me as we continue to drive our school forwards and upwards. This year, I believe we have continued to build upon the great successes of last year. We finished last academic year with a very strong Ofsted Inspection, and I believe from that start point the



opportunities we provide for our children, their learning outcomes and the development of them socially and emotionally has strengthened. Your children have flourished across the year and have consistently developed and demonstrated our Raglan Character Virtues: KIND READY SAFE CONFIDENT RESILIENT AND INDEPENDENT.

Year 6 absolutely demonstrated all of our character virtues this week on the annual Isle of Wight Visit. Their behaviour was impeccable. They were the very best of ambassadors for our school. The visit was a massive success and all of the children had a wonderful time. I would like to thank the staff that attended the trip and gave up their family time to facilitate what was a roaring success. Congratulations to the Year 6 children. You were the best of representatives for our school.

Your children are the life and soul of our school. It has been an absolute privilege again to work with your children and be a part of their learning journey. Throughout the year your children have faced an inordinate number of learning challenges that we have set them, and they have responded to these with enthusiasm, vigour and a real sense of ambition to succeed. Even if this means that they have had to try, try and try again to experience the success. I have marvelled at children in Nursery and reception beginning the process of writing through mark making. I have been inspired by Year 1 children learning and mastering their phonics and continuing their reading journeys. It has been fantastic to walk into Year 2, or by them, and hear them joyfully learning and mastering their times tables through contemporary songs – incredible! It has been mesmerising every week visiting our ARPS provision and watching all of the children continue to build their language and learning proficiency. I have been dazzled by the brilliance of art and creativity across Year 3; especially their painting and sketching, and equally impressed by the sporting ability of the whole of Year 4 as a cohort! I can barely wait for Year 4 to be in Year 6 because I believe they will continue to fill the sports trophy cabinet! Year 5 have provided me with an equal number of cherished moments this year but their performances (individual and group) at this year's Strawberry Tea were completely moving! Especially the group Ukulele pieces! At the top of the school, Year 6 have made me the proudest of Head Teachers with the way they have embraced their learning, supported each other, and help me lead our school by being first rate ambassadors. Each and every one of our children deserve every credit for the wonderful year they have had and the massive contributions they have made to our school.

I would like to pay tribute to the staff team for the selfless and tireless efforts they make each and every day for the children. The whole staff team deserve every credit – and then a whole lot more – for having to deliver and implement a robust curriculum, with high expectations and with less resources (including adult support). The whole staff continue to put children first! The level of care, nurture and support they provide your children with is indeed humbling. They advocate for all the children in our school. The staff team make me incredibly proud to lead our school. They are a tremendous group of professionals and the very best of people. I would like to take this opportunity to wish some of our staff farewell and wish them all the very best with their next adventures. I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Ramsdale and Mrs McLaughlin who have served your children and our school community wonderfully for several years. Mrs Ramsdale returns to us in the next school year as a Teaching Assistant in Year 4, and who knows – we may still see Mrs McLaughlin back supporting pupils in one of the year groups. I would also like to thank Mrs Walker (BYMT), our music teacher. Mrs Walker has inspired so many children in our school to embrace and love music and song. I would also like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Lewis who retires this year after many, many years of service to our school and education. Mrs Lewis has had an impact on every part of the school during her service with class learning along with sport, PE and music. She is a lady of many talents. We also say farewell to Ms Brotherton. She has been with our school for several years and is much loved. We wish her all the very best for her future endeavours. Sadly we also say farewell to Mrs Da Souza and Mr Cosgrave. Both will begin new adventures next academic year. I would like to thank them both for their incredible commitment and the impact they have made in our school.

Next year we are welcoming Mrs Lucas to our school community. Mrs Lucas will be teaching Monday to Wednesdays in Dolphins Class. Mrs Lucas worked with me in my previous school starting as an Early Career Teacher. Over the time she spent teaching in our previous school she became an incredibly popular teacher with children, parents and staff – acknowledging the level of care and support she gave all of the children. I do hope that you make her feel welcome. I would also like to welcome back Miss Proctor from her maternity leave. Miss Proctor will be teaching Wednesdays to Fridays with Mrs Ingrey in Penguins. It is great to have you back Miss Proctor.

Our work would not be possible without the support and oversight of our governing body. They have been a driving force within our school – even if you do not see them doing this. Our governors now join our Trust Leaders in our school review days which happen each term. These provide them with the opportunities to see not just policy in action but, the implementation of the curriculum and the way this is delivered by the teachers. Our school governors continue to provide strategic challenge and support for school improvement, health and safety, as well as safeguarding, Pupil Premium and SEND. Our governors are also important advocates for our staff – and provide them with support.

In terms of outcomes for pupils this year, we have continued to build upon our position from last year. We have exceeded national averages across all areas that are subject to statutory national assessments. This includes the outcomes for EYFS, Year 1 Phonics, the Year 4 Times tables Check and the Year 6 SATS. I am very happy with our achievements in all of these areas (the data is published through the DfE in September). The improvement in the Year 4 times table check has been particularly impressive and shows the effort and raised expectations we have for learning and mastering these as young as possible. We know that the mastery and rapid recalling of times tables hugely impacted on the Year 6 mental arithmetic test because of the sheer volume of high scores on it. It is essential that parents continue to support this at home. When your child masters all their times tables please then help them master the divisions of these.

In addition to this, our reading scores for our Year 6 SATs were incredibly strong. This is a great vindication of the way we teach phonics in our school, and deliver whole class reading; and the reading program as a whole. What is clear is that children love to read in our school. Reading is so important as it unlocks the whole curriculum and provides access to it. So please over this summer holiday; have your children also READ, READ and READ more. In addition to this, I do hope that all children complete the summer home learning project – especially as it is environment themed (something we are passionate about in our school). We hope to be able to showcase as much of the holiday home learning as possible for Parents Evening in the Autumn.

I would like to congratulate all of the children who were awarded Head Teacher certificates this half term for:

- Being Excellent Role Models at Lunchtime
- Outstanding Behaviour and Commitment for Learning

The children that were successful this half term will be awarded the maximum 20 house points from me for their tremendous efforts. I am delighted that these half termly awards are so difficult to decide upon. This is because so many children could rightfully earn these. What I would say to those children that were not successful this time is to always maintain your high expectations; and try to find ever higher mountains to climb. We do notice you, recognising your amazing efforts and successes! We are proud of not just those who have received the half termly certificates – but proud of every child.

A massive congratulations to the children that recorded 100% attendance for the academic year. This is a monumental achievement given that this year we have experienced a variety of different illnesses. These children will also be awarded the maximum 20 house points from me in recognition of their outstanding resilience and commitment – getting in each day.

Congratulations to Yellow House (Yousafzai) who are the victorious team this Half Term. They amassed an impressive 1987 house points this half term. This is a terrific effort. On Friday 30th August all children in Yellow (Yousafzai) can attend school dressed completely in yellow, partially in yellow or in school uniform wearing a yellow accessory. They will also receive the additional afternoon break time. A massive well done. The points for the half term are below:



House Points

1. Yellow – 1987
2. Green – 1706
3. Blue – 1596
4. Red - 1547

Key Dates to Remember for Autumn Half Term

Tuesday 3rd September- Isle of Wight Meeting
Friday 6th September – EYFS Coffee Morning
Thursday 19th September – Maths Parents Evening
Friday 20th September – FoR Magic Show
Tuesday 24th September – Y6 SATS Meeting
Tuesday 24th October (to Friday) – PE Café
Thursday 26th October – Harvest Festival
Friday 27th October – Cross Country
Friday 4th October – Dyslexia Awareness Assembly
Friday 11th October – FoR Spooky Disco
15th and 16th October – Parents' Evenings

Message from the Governing Body

It gives me great pleasure to write to you at the end of another busy year at Raglan. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the staff at Raglan, it is their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm that makes our school such a fantastic environment for the pupils to learn and develop. One of the most enjoyable parts of the Governor role is visiting the school to speak to the teachers, observe lessons and most importantly talk to the students of Raglan about their experience of school. I am always amazed how eloquently and confidently the pupils are able to communicate, whether they are talking about the book they are currently reading, the assembly they've just had or who they would speak to if they had any worries. I often ask students what is the best thing about school, and whilst I do hear about playing with friends at break or the afterschool clubs they are enjoying, the overarching theme is how positive they are about the way they learn and the support and help they receive from their teachers. I am always impressed by the atmosphere and environment in the school. There is a real buzz and excitement, coupled with a calm and focused feel in class with students fully engaging with their learning. This is down to the efforts of all the staff and I would like to thank them for this. They do a tremendous job of creating a safe and nurturing school where students can reach their potential.

I would also like to acknowledge the important part that parents play. The partnership between home and school is integral to supporting the students learning, your engagement with the school as a whole does not go unnoticed. The community at our school, which I believe makes Raglan so special, wouldn't be what it is without the support of our parent body.

I hope all staff members, students, parents and guardians are able to enjoy a well-earned, relaxing and safe summer break.

All the best,

James Faiers (Chair of Governors)

Rounders



We had a fantastic time last Friday with Raglan's traditional Year 6 vs staff rounders....a lovely way to end a Friday at school!

The House Captain's Summer Learning Report

Year 3 have had Roman day, where children have enjoyed making their own Roman costumes. Furthermore, in DT they have been crafting structures out of newspaper. In PE, the children have enjoyed their gymnastics lessons. They have been writing information sheets about the escape from Pompeii. Year 3 were fascinated when a visitor brought fossils in for them to see and handle.

Year 4 have been learning about rainforests and their structure and habitat. Additionally, they have used this topic to inspire their art learning. They have been studying the Kapok Tree in English, as well as reading a book called *The Wish Granter*. – which they loved! In French they have been learning about the seasons, and in RE they have learnt more about different faiths.

Frogs class have spent time learning about nature. They have been planting and growing vegetables and watching them grow. In their English learning, they have been enjoying *The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch* and also making his lunch – a pizza or sandwich! In maths, they have been weighing and measuring. They year 5 children have enjoyed the Strawberry Tea, while the year 6 children enjoyed rehearsing and performing in the production.

Sharks have been learning all about humpback whales. In their maths learning they have been looking at position and direction. In science, they have been growing sunflowers and making smoothies. They enjoyed their visit from Green Street Green school.

Year 6 have had a very busy half term with their rehearsals for their production, which was a roaring success. They sadly lost the 'Rounders' match; but it was a closer match than the previous year and they performed admirably. They also had a fantastic time on the Isle of Wight and are more than ready to move on.

Year 5 have been getting creative, making 'daruma dolls' in their art learning. In their English learning, they have been immersed in the Highwayman and also the highway rat! They all enjoyed the strawberry tea and also their trip to Rochester castle. In science, they have been looking in depth at living things and human development.

Year 2 have been immersing themselves in the Snail and the Whale and made their own books. In science, they have been growing plants and flowers and finding out how they grow best. They have enjoyed looking at position and direction and representing data in their maths learning. They also had a visitor, who spoke to them about the pillars of Islam.

Year 1 have been writing diary entries and newspaper articles about the lonely beast and even threw the beast a party! In science they have been investigating the changes in season from spring to summer and studying the United Kingdom in their geography learning. In their maths, they have been learning to tell the time.

Reception have been enjoying getting ready for Year 1. They have been learning all about superheros, inspired from their reading of *Supertato!* Children in Reception have been developing their handwriting in readiness for Year 1.

In Nursery children have continued to learn their phonics and develop their reading. They have been consolidating counting on and back. They have also been getting ready for reception year by learning to organise their learning materials.

Creative Health Club

The Creative Health Club is a new club starting at Raglan in September. Please contact amy.creativehc@gmail.com with any queries or to book a place.



CREATIVE HEALTH CLUB

Thurs: 3.30pm - 4.30pm (KS2 Yr 3 + 4)
Fri: 3.30pm - 4.30pm (KS2 Yr 5 + 6)

A SAFE SPACE TO CREATE & BE YOURSELF

**PROMOTE SENSE OF SELF
CREATIVE EXPRESSION USING DIFFERENT MEDIUMS
MINDFUL USE OF RESOURCES; CARE FOR ENVIRONMENT**

Creative Health Club: caring for the mind and well-being through creativity

I'm a creative mum of one with experience in art direction and studies in primary years and child counselling. I'm very passionate in supporting children through play and arts; promoting child's autonomy, self expression, and communication in order to build their confidence and well being. Creative Health Club will be an inclusive, child-focused safe space; starting and ending sessions with grounding exercises, working with fun themes and facilitating mindful use of resources, such as collaging, 3D art, working with fabrics, to name but a few.

Amy

Queries & to book: amy.creativehc@gmail.com

Costs: £60 per 6 weeks payable when pre-booking (Includes snack and a drink)

Spaces limited: upto 8 children per session.



Raglan Primary School

Free Course ESOL Family Learning Programme

- Improve your English communication skills
- Learn about the Raglan curriculum
- Meet other parents in our school community
- Prepare a project with your child

Following the success of the course in the summer term, we are applying to host the course again in the autumn term. We need enough parents to register their interest in order to secure a tutor from Bromley Adult Education College.

Proposed dates: 7th October - 9th December
Venue: Media Suite - Raglan Primary School

Old and new attendees welcome!

If you would like more information, email Miss Goulds at year1@raglan.bromley.sch.uk

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW! Complete the form by following the link or scanning the QR code

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Raglan Gold School Games Mark



We are delighted to announce that Raglan Primary have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Due to the fact we have had a large number of pupils competing in a variety of sports at local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:

Mr De Freitas for his continued support with sports in our school

Mr Sykes for his dedication to the boys football programme

The Lovegrove academy for training the hockey players

Miss Donnelly, Mr Olarewaju and Coach Alghali for their dedication to the girls football

The tennis team for their work in school with their players

The dance and gymnastics squad leaders

All members of the Raglan Staff for their commitment and application of the PE programme

We look forward to applying once again in 2025 and aiming for the third gold in a row!

Mr Boorman

Year 4 teacher and PE lead





Litter Picking

Thank you to everyone who helped the Eco-Council with litter picking on Saturday morning. The surrounding streets are a lot cleaner after your help!

Puffins and the Euros



Congratulations to Puffins who used the Euros to help to learn about different countries. They have produced some fantastic posters. Miss Nelson, Mrs Fenner and Mr O are really proud of their enthusiasm and excitement and that all the children showed sportsmanship during the Euros.

Breakfast Club and Safari Club

Please ensure that you log on to Arbor to make your Breakfast Club and Safari Club bookings for next year. The system will be available to you from 19th August. Please ensure that you have registered your son/daughter for Breakfast and Safari Club.

Nursery



Nursery have had a very busy few weeks as we had towards the end of summer term. The children leaving Nursery have enjoyed visiting our Reception classes and meeting the current Reception children and teachers to aid transition after the holidays.

EYFS had a visit from Bromley Fire Station where the children spoke to the firefighters, sat in the fire engine, looked at the equipment and were told about the importance of their jobs and how they help us. On Friday we said goodbye to our leavers. The children and parent helpers walked to Whitehall Rec for a picnic. The children enjoyed exploring all the equipment and of course the yummy treats. We will miss our children leaving but know they are ready for their next step into Reception after the holidays.

Frogs and Sharks Family Assembly

On Wednesday 17th July, we were treated to the last family assembly of the year by the children in Frogs and Sharks.

It was all about 'help'. How people help us, how we help others, how we help ourselves in the classroom and how we help the world.

Sharks demonstrated how they use Cued Articulation to supporting their learning and Frogs gave some strategies of what they can do to help themselves when they are in the different Zones of Regulation. They finished off with a wonderful rendition of 'HELP!' by the Beatles, complete with Makaton signs. A huge well done to Frogs and Sharks for teaching us all the importance of help.





And finally...

No school can thrive without a strong parent partnership. I will be the first to put up my hand if we get it wrong; and always try to listen when parents and carers express concern or provide considered / constructive feedback. We won't always get it all right all of the time. What we will do is to continue to be approachable, reflective, and considered so that we can continue to build upon the strong, mutually respectful partnership we have with you. I don't ever take your support for granted and it is something that I am committed to further trying to enhance and strengthen as we move forwards. It has been again this year a wonderful privilege to work with you all, and your incredible children. I could not be happier being a part of a tremendous school community.

Once again I would like to congratulate all of the children on being the most amazing young people to work with. They inspire us all on a daily basis with their enthusiasm for learning and our school. Your children make us proud every day. They make me the proudest of Head Teachers!

I wish you all the happiest, most relaxing and safest of summer holiday periods. We look forward to seeing you and your children again on Thursday 29th August. Thank you for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas