

NEWSLETTER

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Key Dates Coming Up

Thursday 27th November – Raglan Robins Toddler Group **Elfridges Donations** – Monday 24th-Friday 27th November

Friday 28th November – Own Clothes Day for Donations to Christmas Fair

14th November 2025

Saturday 29th November – Christmas Fair

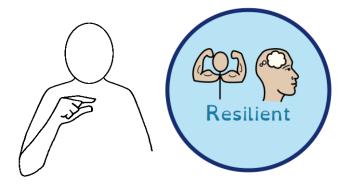
Thursday 15th January – Deadline for Reception Year Places in Bromley for September 2026

Week beginning Monday 17th November 2025

Language of the Week

	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Greek	Yassou	Kalimera	Kalispera

The Makaton Sign of the Week - Little Character Virtue of the Week - Resilience





Dear Parents and Carers,

Health and Safety Reminder: Walking to and from school during the winter period.

The mornings and evenings are now that much darker now. This means that we must take extra care walking to and from school. I would urge you all to mind how you go accessing and exiting the school site and walking round our local area. Please do report any illegal parking and speeding vehicles to me so that I can refer these to the authorities.

A reminder to all families that have children in Year 6 walking to and from school on their own. Especially at this time of year when it is darker later in the morning and earlier in the evening, please have your children religiously contact you as soon as they arrive at school to let you know they are safe.



Also have them religiously contact you to let you know they have left school and are on the way home. If you are not in when they arrive home; please remind them to contact you immediately they are indoors. Please ensure you have formed and discussed a safety plan with your child if they walk to and from school on their own. They absolutely must know what to do and where to go if they feel unsafe at any point. Building independence ahead of going to secondary school is important; but part of this is ensuring children know how to stay safe with it.

What a week at Raglan!

What a week! In addition to the curriculum learning that has been going on across the school, we have had an inordinate number of events happening that have really showcased out school as the wonderful culturally rich and close-knit community we are.

We have really celebrated maths this week in our school with Times Tables Rock Star Day on Monday, The Maths Cafe running Tuesday - Friday, as well as Maths Information Evening for Parents on Tuesday. All the while maths across the school has been going on as per usual. Maths is an area of the curriculum that we really emphasize because this is where so many jobs of the future lay - especially in the digital and electronic world. Our children progress from learning to count objects in Nursery to solving complex algebra problems in Year 6. Our children simply have to be secondary school ready across all areas when leaving us but especially in Maths.

Maths Cafe

Firstly, I wish to thank Mr Farmer for organising the Maths Cafe this week. All of our Subject Breakfast Cafes take a lot of time and effort to set-up and host. These are unique to our school; and another demonstration of the commitment the staff team have to working in partnership with yourselves. We absolutely value the partnership we have wit you all, and a huge thanks for the support you have shown for Maths Cafe this week.



TTSR Rock Stars Day

On Monday the school relaunched Times Tables Rock Stars again for this year. It is now a year since we first introduced TTS Rock Stars and the impact has been enormous. The children that access TTSR Rock Stars at least four times per week (for 20 minutes a session) are making accelerated progress with their maths - it is that simple and clear to see!

It was a really fun day, and I am hoping that all children will access the new competitions that are now active. The competitions are between classes in year groups, as well as establishing out Top 20 fastest children, and celebrating our most improved children!

I would urge you all to ensure your children learn, master and be able to rapidly recall all their timetables (and the divisions of these) as young as possible. Please click on the link below so that you are aware of the progression your children should be making with timetables in our school.

Times-Tables-Progression.pdf

A massive thank you to Miss Nelson and Mr Farmer for organising the competitions and TTS Rock Star Day! Rock on with TTS Rock Stars!





Maths Information Evening

Thank you to Mr Farmer for leading another maths information evening for parents. This is the fourth evening he has shared with parents and carers over the last three years and these have proven to be very worthwhile in terms of helping children at home secure maths. On Tuesday night Mr Farmer focused on mathematical reasoning. He showed the link between why learning number, number facts and times tables are so important in order to be able to calculate the answers from mathematical word and reasoning problems. The parents and cares that attended could see how complex the maths reasoning is at the year 6 level, but also how important it is to build year upon year of maths knowledge so that Year 6 is accessible.

Curriculum information evenings are so important and the more knowledge you have the easier it will be to facilitate home learning.

I would urge you all to read our maths calculation policy as this will further help you with home learning.

We will host another maths evening later in the academic year. I hope that the parents in attendance will spread the word how beneficial this was, and despite having to answer some of the Year 6 Reasoning SATS Paper it was not intimidating but very insightful.



Year 5 and 6 Crystal Palace Cross Country

On Saturday 8th November the school was excellently represented at Crystal Palace at the Year 5 and 6 Bromley Cross Country Championships. It was another massively successful day for our school. Our Year 5 and Year 6 girls performed exceptionally well finishing high up the table for the team event. The boys teams also equipped themselves very admirably. A huge congratulations to one of our Year 6 girls who finished second to earn herself a medal. Her run to the finish line was truly inspired! I would like to thank Mr Boorman for organising the team, Miss Donnelly for helping out managing the team on the day. It is a very early start for us as one of the organising schools - the three of us are up there at 6.30am helping set up! A massive thank you to all the parents for supporting your children and our school on the day. We now look forward to the Year 3 and 4 Cross Country Event at Crystal Palace in March.



Remembrance Day

On Tuesday Revd Steve and Ms Reid Smith led whole school assembly for Remembrance Day which included a 2 minute silence accompanied by The Last Post, so that we could all pay our respects to all of those brave men and women that gave their lives so that we can enjoy the freedoms and civil liberties we do today. This year we also paid special homage to all of the past pupils of our school who lost their lives during World War 1. In total 128 of our ex-pupils lost their lives defending our country, its democracy, its freedoms and civil liberties. Each name was read by a child as a mark of respect; and then they stood to represent them. This was incredibly moving. We always love having Revd Steve in our school across the year. Again, his assembly was inspired, humble and really poignant. The children were captivated and reflected on the messages of bravery, kindness, empathy and peace that Revd Steve shared.

A huge thank you to Ms Reid Smith for organising the day and assembly; and to Revd Steve for leading this very special and significant assembly.

Once again this year our six School House Captains have been selling Remembrance Day merchandise. The money raised will go directly to the Poppy Appeal. I would like to say an enormous thank you to the huge support the school community has shown with the appeal.



Panthers Assembly

Ancient Greece arrived in our school main hall earlier this morning! There was a range of Ancient Greek Gods, philosophers and mathematicians who shared their enormous wealth of knowledge. The children of Panthers class performed with confidence and showed us that the end of year Year 6 production could reach new levels! I was really impressed with the range of learning shared with families and children. A tremendous effort. A massive congratulations

to Mr Sykes, Mrs Turner and the children of Panthers.



Outstanding Tennis Achievement

We have many gifted sports people in our school that have achieved excellently recently. In addition to the year 6 that finished second at Crystal Palace on Saturday, one of our Year 4 girls won the Dukes Meadows Championship Under 9s division. The field consisted of highly ranked players and that made the victory an even greater achievement. A Wimbledon Champion from Raglan is not too far away I believe! A massive well done!



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Please visit https://join.easyfundraisng.org.uk/foraglan/ to sign up.

Christmas Fair Flyer: The Christmas Fair on Saturday 29th is only 2 weeks away. To find out all you need to know, please see our Christmas Fair flyer which was sent out via email from the school last Friday.

We are in need of volunteers to help out on the day. Please email FOR if you can spare an hour or so.

Christmas Fair Santa's Grotto

Bookings are open for our Santa's Grotto at the Fair. Tickets are £6 per child and include a small gift. Book now to secure your preferred timeslot. We also need volunteers to help run this event. Buy tickets and sign up to help out here: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofraglan/

Christmas Fair Raffle Tickets

Paper raffle tickets will be sent home via book bags. Please return these to the school by Thursday 27 November. Remember to fill in the contact details on all tickets being purchased and only return the left-hand stub together with the correct monies. Tickets can also be purchased online using the link below and will be converted into paper tickets for the draw. Tickets will also be available on the day for anyone who wants a few more chances to win! The prize list so far is attached. Thanks to all the parents who donated or sourced these.

Please contact FOR or the school if you would like to donate a raffle prize.

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Christmas Fair Class Stalls

This year we're inviting each class group to organise one game or activity at the Fair. It should be a "pocket money" style game priced at 50p per go or 3 for £1, such as those you've seen at previous fairs. For example: Snowman Snap, Hoopla, Snowball Toss, Envelope Tree. FOR will award a prize to the organisers of the most popular game. There's still time to organise a class stall. Let us know your idea or choose one of the suggested games in the Christmas Flyer. Could organisers please let us know by Friday 21 November if your class will be organising a game.

Elfridges

Elfridges is our secret gift shop at the Christmas Fair for children to buy Christmas gifts for their family and friends – NO PARENTS ALLOWED!

We need your donations of small new items to make it a success. Any unopened gifts from last Christmas or birthdays etc. that you know you'll never use would be perfect! Donations welcome starting Monday 24th November through to Friday 28 November.

Tombola Donations & Own Clothes Day – Friday 28th November

On Friday 28th November children can wear own clothes to school in return for donations towards the Tombola stalls for the fair.

Upcoming Events for your diary

Please look out for emails from the school for details of events and how to purchase tickets

Tombola Donations and Own Clothes Day: Friday 28th November

Elfridges Donations: Monday 24th November through to Friday 28 November

Christmas Fair: Saturday 29th November

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Attendance and Punctuality Information

As you know we expect your children to be in school every day and arrive on time. Being in school every day and on time means that children will be accessing the full curriculum; and in the routine from the beginning of the school day. We appreciate and understand that children will be off school when they are ill. To be clear, if a child vomits, has diarrhoea, or both they should be away from school for 48 hours after the last episode. If a child is running a temperature they should also be kept off because this is often the infectious time for colds, flus and infections. We expect parents and carers to inform the school immediately and by 9am if your child is off ill. You should call in or email the admin team.

We also appreciate and understand that on occasion traffic can cause lateness. That said, we do expect children to be in school on time, daily.

If a child's attendance is 90% or below we have a legal obligation and government statutory expectation to act on this. The government refer to attendance at or below 90% as 'Persistence Absence.'

The following is the process that we will be undertaking when your child's attendance is at 90% or below:

- **Step 1** general letter as a reminder that your attendance is below the expected 90%.
- **Step 2** if it stays this way for the next half term, we will invite you for a meeting with Mrs Collins and Mrs Powell.
- **Step 3** for sustained persistent absence over another half term, you will be required to meet with Mrs Collins and I.
- **Step 4** if persistent absence continues for a further half term, we are required to make a referral to the Education Welfare Service, who will then contact you and the school, to establish next steps. This may be a formal action plan constructed by the Education Welfare Service. This may include an 'Early Help' referral with the Local Authority.
- **Step 5** should persistent absence continue after this; the school is legally required to make a social care referral.

For children that have chronic and ongoing medical needs, we will clearly be taking this into consideration. Parents and carers must provide the medical professional documentation supporting the medical ailment so that we can inform Education Welfare that this is the reason for the absence(s). We are not permitted to accept parental diagnosis or medical justification for absence.

Leave from School Requests

I will not be authorising the maximum number of 5 days for any exceptional circumstances for a leave of absence, unless attendance is consistently above 97%. Even then this is not automatically granted, and I always look at every individual case on its own merit. As you know, I do appreciate many of you have family abroad, cultural and faith celebrations, as well as specific family circumstances. If parents request or take children out for leave during term time and are below 90% attendance (which is persistent absence), I will consider applying the penalty fine.

Penalty notices

Under section 444 of the Education Act 1996, it outlines the legal responsibilities on parents to ensure their children attend school on a regular basis. Failure to do so is a legal offence and either a penalty notice may be issued or prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Parents/carers may be issued with a penalty notice in relation to their child's unauthorised absence at school. It is the decision of the schools as to whether absences are authorised, though they are expected to follow Department for Education (DfE) guidance. Fines are issued per parent, per child. Each fine is £80 if paid within the first 21 days, with a further 7 days to pay the fine at £120. Failing to pay the penalty notice may result in the matter being taken to the Magistrates Court for the original offence of failing to secure your child's regular attendance at school. Parents/carers should be aware there is **no right of appeal** for a penalty notice that has been issued. If you believe the fine was issued in error, please contact the school to discuss your concern regarding the authorisation of the absence.

Parents and Carers need to be aware that if your child is absence from school for ten or more days in a row (without explanation) they are legally considered 'missing in education.' This will result in the school making a social care referral and contacting the appropriate agencies.