



Key Dates Coming Up

Thursday 27th November – Raglan Robins Toddler Group

Monday 24th-Friday 27th November - Elfridges Donations

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

Saturday 29th November – Christmas Fair

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

Week beginning Monday 24th November 2025

Language of the Week

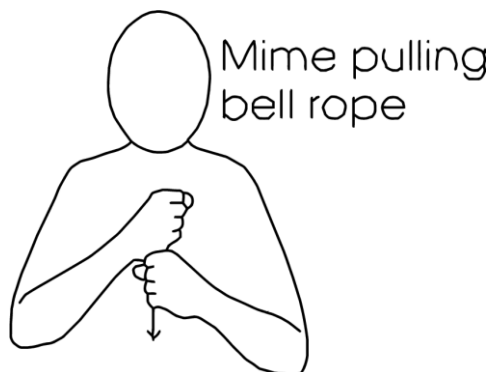
Scottish Gaelic	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
	Halò	Madainn mhath	Feasgar math

<https://learngaelic.scot/dictionary/index.jsp?abairt=hello&slang=both&wholeword=>

The Makaton Sign of the Week – Church Character Virtue of the Week - Confident



24th Nov church.MOV



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well. The weather has turned very quickly! Please do ensure your child comes to school with at least a coat. They will be made to wear their coat at break and lunchtime. If they can wear a warm hat and gloves this would be a bonus. Please ensure that all coats, gloves and hats are clearly named.

National Anti-Bullying Week

This week is national anti-bullying week. On Wednesday I led assembly and revisited our TELL TELL TELL Mantra. It is easy to for messages and information around bullying and anti-bullying to become confusing. I try to send the same message over and over; and keep it simple.

The key messages are:

- We TELL TELL TELL
- When is a joke not a joke? When someone is upset by the joke.
- Bullying is when unkindness of any sort happens more than once.

I reminded the children that we all have to work together (children, staff and parents) to ensure that we can eradicate any form of unkindness and act swiftly if a single act of unkindness towards anyone is repeated.

I reiterated to the children that adults around the school must take any form of unkindness and bullying seriously, and report this to the appropriate school leader or teacher so this can be resolved.

In addition to the information and reminders about anti-bullying, I revisited our Raglan Curriculum Drivers, our Ragan Way, our Raglan Character Virtues and British Values to show how all of these work together in our school to help eradicate any form of bullying.

It was excellent to see how many children could see how all of the above values work towards promoting kindness and can prevent bullying.

Please do look at the attached assembly slides for further information – especially to remind yourselves of our Curriculum Drivers, the Raglan Way, our Character Virtues and the British Values.

Elephants Family Assembly

A massive [congratulations](#) to Elephants Class for their family assembly. This was a DT inspired performance which was completely unique! In many respects this so Elephants for all the very best reasons! It was a joy to watch and the breadth and richness was clear to see. Well do to all of the children. A huge thanks to Mr Boorman and the Year 5 adult team. Thank you parents, grandparents and carers for attending and supporting your children.



NSPCC Workshops

On Tuesday 2nd December many of the year groups will partake in NSPCC workshops. We have the NSPCC in every two years which is why not all year groups partake in the workshops every year. This is how the NSPCC run them. That said all pupils on Monday will watch a short film about the NSPCC. There is a short film for KS1 and a separate one for KS2. This is an important part of the children's learning and development; and it helps keep them safe. If you have any questions please do ask Mrs Collins on the school gate Wednesday - Friday.

FOR Christmas Competition

At the end of assembly I promoted our FOR Christmas Competition for Children. You may well have had your children speak to you about this. If this is the case please make sure you read the FOR Merry Christmas attachment for the information. You must send your child's entry directly to the FOR via their website page and contact.

This is a terrific idea and one that will hopefully showcase the enterprising nature of our children; as well as contribute to FOR Fundraising at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 29th December.

I do hope that we see as many of you as possible supporting out FOR Fundraising.

Design Technology Year 6 Food Critics of the Future!

Last Friday afternoon in Year 6 I was able to facilitate the DT lesson which was focused around food tasting; looking at contrasting flavours and the language to explain these. This of course had to be done by tasting several different food items with very different tastes. The children used language such as sweet, umami, balanced, contrast, sour, bitter, complement, and balanced to discuss how individual flavours and then blended flavours tasted.

It was a lot of fun; especially seeing the variety of 'pulled' faces when tasting very bitter or sour food items! Indeed the explanations were worthy of the best of food critics! When combining a pickled onion with cheese one child exclaimed, "Cheese and onion crisps! Excellent! The flavours definitely complement each other! Can I have another go at tasting them!"



Wickham Common advance to next round of the Cup

Wickham Common and Raglan played out an entertaining encounter in the early rounds of The Cup at Petts Wood on Thursday 7th November. Wickham Common had the lion share of possession and created several chances, but Raglan girls stood firm and resolute in defence, being a goal threat on the counter attack. Our goalkeeper was in fine form, producing several top-class saves.

Just before the stroke of half time, Wickham Common scored from a corner, with the ball taking a cruel deflection that landed in the six yard area, slotting home for a 1-0 lead to the visitors.

The girls rallied back and fought hard to force an equaliser, creating a couple of potential openings. Three minutes before the end of the match, Wickham Common scored a spectacular goal; a long range effort that found the back of the net.

Congratulations to Wickham Common who boasted a great team and three fantastic technical players. Well done to our girls for putting up a great battle.



Boy's Inter-squad Friendly

On Thursday, 28 boys from across Years 5 and 6 took part in the first ever inter-squad friendly fixture, which took place at our new home ground, Petts Wood FC. Despite the freezing temperatures, supportive parents kindly helped with transport and came along to cheer on the boys — something I am truly grateful for, as these matches would not be possible without your help.

The game itself was tightly contested and finished 1–0 thanks to a fantastic long-range, left-footed strike. The boys once again played with passion and represented the school with pride and respect. A huge thank you also goes to Mr Boorman, who generously gave up his time to help and referee the fixture.

I look forward to arranging more of these fixtures when the weather improves!

Thanks again for your continued support.

Mr Sykes

Hockey in Our School

As you know we are very committed to promoting sport in our school and giving access to a wide range of PE / Sport experiences. We do run a very successful and well-attended after-school hockey club on Fridays for KS2. This is run by Lovegrove Hockey Academy. In addition to this Coach Dan of Lovegrove Hockey Academy leads curriculum Hockey Lessons across KS2 on a Friday after lunch – on rotation. Year 2 have a block of this in late summer to prepare them for Year 3.

Hockey is a life-long sport. It is very popular around Bromley and all the secondary schools we feed into teach this. This is one of the reasons I wanted to sustain the Lovegrove Academy here at Raglan when I arrived because I had them at my previous school for a number of years.

With the Lovegrove Academy expertise our school has had great success at the Bromley Primary School Hockey Championships over the last three years: winning it once and finishing runner's up twice.

I do hope that parents will continue to send their children to After-School Hockey Club because this absolutely helps to prepare them for secondary transition but, it is a life-long sport and great fun.

I would like to thank Lovegrove Hockey Academy for their support of the school, and a Big shout out for Coach Dan who does a brilliant job coaching, teaching and mentoring our children.



That's what friends are for - Dionne Warwick



- Anti- bullying week

What does bullying mean?
What can you do if you are being bullied?
What can you do to support your friends?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HyTpu6BmE88&list=RDHyTpu6BmE88&start_radio=1

And Finally...

I will be announcing the new Top 20 with the fastest average times for TTS Rockstars next week in assembly so please ensure your children are accessing TTS Rockstars daily for 20 minutes. The sooner and younger your children master their times tables the better they will perform in maths lessons.

In addition to this, please ensure you are supporting your younger children acquiring all their phonics knowledge so they can become secure and fluent readers quickly. Reading unlocks the whole curriculum. READ, READ and READ more!

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas

NEWS FROM FOR

Just over a week until the Christmas Fair on Saturday 29th November. It will be a day full of family fun – all whilst raising funds for the School. You can look forward to festive games, Santa's Grotto, Christmas crafts, market stalls, tombola, Elfridges, bouncy castle, food and drink and our Christmas raffle prize draw.

Pre-Order your Christmas Tree Now!

Christmas Trees are available to pre-order until 7pm **this Sunday 23rd November**. These premium Nordmann Fir Trees are available in four sizes:

4FT Tree - £35

5FT Tree - £45

6FT Tree - £55

7FT Tree - £70

Order at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofraglan/>

The trees will be available to collect at the Christmas Fair.

Proceeds will go towards the KS2 playground upgrade.

Christmas Fair Donations Next Week

Donations of small new items for Elfridges can be brought to the school from next Monday 24th November through to Friday 28th November. These can be left in the link corridor. (Elfridges is our secret gift shop at the Christmas Fair for children to buy Christmas gifts for their family and friends.)

Friday 28th November will be an **own clothes day** in return for donations towards the Tombola stalls for the fair.

Children in KS1 should bring chocolates or festive treats - NO NUTS please!

Children in KS2 should bring bottles (alcoholic or soft)

Christmas Fair Volunteers

We are still in need of volunteers to help out at the fair on Saturday 29th November between 11am and 3pm. Please email FOR if you can spare an hour or so. for.ptabromley@gmail.com

Christmas Fair Santa's Grotto

Bookings are open for our Santa's Grotto at the Fair. 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 were placed in the children's school bags earlier this week. Please return these to the school as soon as possible but no later than Thursday 27th November. 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 at the Christmas Fair. Please contact FOR or the school if you would like to donate a raffle prize. The draw will take place at the Christmas Fair at 2.30pm.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofraglan/>

Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising allows you to help raise funds for the school whilst shopping online at zero cost to you.

Please visit <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/foraglan/> to sign up.

Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands and retailers who will donate part of what you spend to FOR. Even better – if you download and sign up to Easyfundraising via their app (from your app store) FOR will earn a bonus £2 per download.

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 28th November

Christmas Fair: Saturday 29th November

Contact FOR: for.ptabromley@gmail.com

FOR Events Ticket Sales: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofraglan/>

Pre-loved Uniform Sales: <https://friends-of-raglan.sumupstore.com/>

Follow us on Instagram: @friendsofraglan

Follow us on Facebook: Raglan Primary School Friends of Raglan



DO YOU BUY BOOKS?

🎄 Give the Gift of Reading This Christmas! 🎄
Support Raglan Every Time You Buy a Book

💙 How It Works 💙

- 🛒 Shop online at [LoveReading4Kids](https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk)
- 📖 Choose Raglan Primary School as your nominated school
- 💰 25% of every book's cover price goes to Raglan to spend on new books!

📖 What do you need to do? 📖

- 🔗 Visit www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk
- 📝 Sign up (it's free!)
- 📖 Select Raglan Primary School as your supported school
- 🛒 Shop, gift, or donate — and make every book count!
- 🗣️ Tell friends & family - books are the perfect Christmas gifts!

Every purchase helps fill our classrooms and library with amazing new stories! Thank you for supporting your children and helping to inspire a love of reading.

🇬🇧 Happy Reading & Merry Christmas from everyone at Raglan! 🎅

www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk

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.