



Key Dates Coming Up

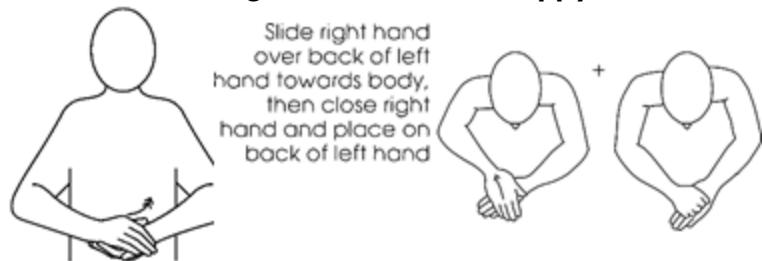
Monday 15th December – EYFS, Nursery and KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30am
Tuesday 16th December - EYFS, Nursery and KS1 Christmas Performance 1.45pm
Wednesday 17th December - EYFS, Nursery and KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30am
Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Party Afternoon (Christmas Jumpers)
Friday 19th December – Christmas Lunch (School finishes at normal time)
Thursday 15th January – Deadline for Reception Year Places 2026 in Bromley
Tuesday 6th January – Back to School

Week beginning Monday 15th December 2025

Language of the Week

Merry Christmas to all!	
8th December 	Mon: French Joyeux Noël Portuguese Feliz Natal

The Makaton Sign of the Week – Happy Christmas



Character Virtue of the Week - Ready



Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is rattling on at a pace to the end and there is still the Reception and KS1 Christmas Production, Christmas Parties, Staff Panto and Christmas Lunch to come. In amongst this the children will still be learning and accessing the curriculum. It is important to try and keep good structure through until the end of the term. This helps with behavior and behavior for learning.

I would ask you all to again make yourselves familiar with the dates and times of the Christmas events next week. I would like to remind you all that Christmas Jumper Day is Wednesday 17th December – the day of the Christmas Parties.

Unlocking Letters and Sounds

As you know this year we introduced our new phonics scheme ‘Unlocking Letters and Sounds (ULC.)’ We were perfectly happy with our Raglan Scheme (which has been historically very successful) but the government requires all schools to have a government approved scheme. Mrs Ingrey and Mrs Hardstone spent two years looking at a variety of approved schemes for phonics before settling on ULS. The scheme is the one that is the closest to what we have been implementing in the past and our staff have embedded it quickly. Last week we conducted a Trust Learning Walk which focused on the implementation of the scheme and this was very well received by our Executive Trust Team. I would encourage all parents – especially those with children in Reception and KS1 to look on our website and use the resources to help your child further strengthen their phonics. Phonics is the foundations for early reading and being able to read fluently. The earlier your child secures their phonics the better.

In addition to ULS Key Stage 2 have implemented ‘Magic Spell.’ This is a spelling scheme that comes from the writers of ULS. This has been equally effective we believe in improving the spelling for KS2 children that have found spelling challenging.

The ‘I Can Do It’ Award

On Wednesday Miss Jacobs relaunched our Trust ‘I Can Do It’ Award. This is a primary version – and our Trust take on – the Duke of Ed Award that many of our ex-pupils undertake at their secondary schools. Miss Jacobs also spoke to the children about how completing the activities that lead to gaining the award help develop our mindfulness and further strengthen our Raglan Character Virtues: Kind Ready Safe Confident Independent Resilient.

Miss Jacobs discussed with the children how taking on new challenges helps build brain power because it is essentially new learning. She talked about how trying and failing builds resilience; which helps us succeed!



You can find the information about the Award on our website. Please access this through the following link
[I Can Do it Award – Raglan Primary School](https://www.raglanprimaryschool.co.uk/parent-and-grandparent-volunteers-needed)

The children will earn badges and certificates for the completion of each stage of the award. Every child that completes their years' worth of activities and submits their evidence book will also earn an extended afternoon break in the Summer term (supervised by me.)

We do hope that as many children from across the school participate in the Award.

Reception Reading Volunteers Needed

We are looking for **parent and grandparent volunteers** to support reading and phonics activities in our Reception classes. If you can spare a little time each week, we would love for you to join us in school to read with children and help them practise simple phonics games.

No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm, patience and a love of reading! All resources and guidance will be provided and sessions can be arranged to suit your availability.

If you're interested in helping, please fill in your details by following this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=62njOkV97EGsqhZbPKhNR4Oh4lkruc1DpAgCw9k8u sIUNUJIOVNKN1g4TkVKTUk5ME0yQ0xHRU0yWC4u>

One of the EYFS Team will be in contact with you to arrange a suitable time and give you the necessary volunteer forms which will need to be completed.

Thank you for your support in giving our youngest learners the best start in their reading journey! 🎉

Year 4

This term, Year 4 have been busy designing and creating their own biscuits and packaging. This week, the children baked their final biscuit designs and decorated them with icing and sprinkles. They had a wonderful time, and their finished treats look truly delicious!

We would also like to say a big thank you to the parents who were able to support us this week—your help was greatly appreciated.



Christmas Tree Donation

Thank you to Chatterton Village Christmas Trees for their generous donation of a Christmas tree to brighten up our foyer. Our tree looks fabulous and the children love it.
Trees are being sold on the corner of Addison Road every day, get yours and support our local businesses.



Music of the Week

Get Up, Stand Up - Bob Marley



10th December is Human Rights day
Written by Bob Marley

What are "Human Rights"?
Has everyone always had the same Human Rights?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2W3aG8uizA>

Mosaic Schools Learning Trust

We are pleased to share the link to the MSLT Trust Blog Page. Please visit the below link for more information.

<https://www.mosaicschoolslearningtrust.org/blog/?pid=0&nid=1>

Frog Class – Christmas Art Day Highlights

Frog Class celebrated their much-loved annual Christmas Art Day, a festive tradition filled with creativity and excitement. The children made traditional baubles, Christmas cards, party hats, and decorations, and also prepared the handmade candles that will be sold after Friday's Carol Concert.

With Christmas classics playing in the background, the day was full of sparkle and festive cheer. A big thank you to the adults who gave their own time to create the fantastic resources that made the day so special.



Raglan Robins

Please see flyer for dates for next term, all are welcome. Please see photos below of our last session which took place on Thursday.

A special thanks to Mrs Kingman who has volunteered her time to support run the session.

FREE FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

... Raglan Robins ... Toddler Group

DESIGNED FOR LITTLE MINDS

09.10-10.10AM

Raglan Primary School
via Jaffary Road Entrance
(buzzer for studio)

Every Thursday

MEET OTHER PARENTS & CARERS...

JOIN OUR TODDLER GROUP!

At Raglan Primary School, Raglan Robins is a warm, welcoming space where little ones can, explore, play, and grow, while parents and carers enjoy a cuppa and connect. Sessions run in the studio for one hour in a safe, inclusive, and fun environment.

Upcoming Dates

15th | 22nd | 29th January 2026
5th & 12th February 2026



Ages 0-3 1hr of fun! Explore & Play



And Finally...

I have spoken to many children who have told me that they have put a book on their Christmas List to Santa. This is sensational news to my ears! I do hope that I will be receiving several book reviews the first week back after Christmas. As you know for every written book review that comes in after a holiday – I award 20 Head Teacher House Points.

As you know securing phonics, developing early reading and, mastering reading comprehension skills opens up the whole curriculum. So please encourage your children to READ READ and READ more.

In addition to this ensure your children are accessing Numbots and Timestables Rockstars. Mastering and being able to rapidly recall times tables unlocks all of the maths curriculum.

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas

NEWS FROM FOR

Pre-loved uniform

Get your orders in by Friday 12th December - to receive them before the end of term break. If you need to stock up on uniform, please visit our online pre-loved uniform shop at <https://friends-of-raglan.sumupstore.com/>. At the moment, we are doing a special buy-one-get-one-free offer on boys' grey trousers and girls' navy skirts. Orders received after 12th December will be sent out in the week beginning 12th January 2026.

Raise money for FOR whilst doing your online shopping with Easyfundraising

A reminder that you can raise money for FOR whilst shopping online for Christmas gifts or ordering your weekly groceries. 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.

Upcoming Events for your diary

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

Family Bingo Night: Friday 6th February 2026 (ticked event)

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

Winter Holiday Fun

Bromley's Holiday Activities and Food programme

Bromley is running a holiday club programme for eligible children and young people.



To find out more and to book
Scan the QR code or go to the Bromley website



www.bromley.gov.uk/HolidayActivitiesandFoodProgramme

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RAW TENNIS WINTER CAMP

**22-24 DEC
09:00-13:30**

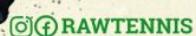
A fun-packed 3-day camp experience!
Tennis • Team challenges • Multi-sports
For children 4½–15, grouped by age & ability
Enjoy a themed lunch
Daily surprise entertainment

HOT lunch Included
Members £32.50 / Non £36

**CRIMBO LIMBO
29+30 DEC
09:00-13:30**

Packed lunch required
Members £22.50 / Non £25

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ENQUIRIES 07563 603822
BOOK www.rawtennis.co.uk



CREATIVE HEALTH CLUB

CRAFT - CREATE - CONNECT
NURTURING THE MIND AND WELL-BEING THROUGH CREATIVITY



**THURSDAYS
3:30 - 4.30 PM
(YEARS 3 & 4)**

**FRIDAYS
3:30 - 4.30 PM
(YEARS 5 & 6)**

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- HANDS ON CRAFTS; PROMOTING SELF EXPRESSION
- ACCESS TO A RANGE OF CREATIVE RESOURCES
- GROUNDING EXERCISES
- SMALL GROUP SIZES
- SNACK & DRINK PROVIDED

Tasters welcome - please get in touch
for details

Amy has up to date DBS, paediatric first aid,
Makaton (L3), child counselling (Place2Be
certs), using arts therapeutically and art
direction experience.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL AMY.CREATIVEHC@GMAIL.COM

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.