



Key Dates Coming Up

Friday 12th December – KS2 Christmas Carol Concert and Stalls 2.30pm
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
Friday 19th December – Christmas Lunch (School finishes at normal time)
Thursday 15th January – Deadline for Reception Year Places 2026 in Bromley

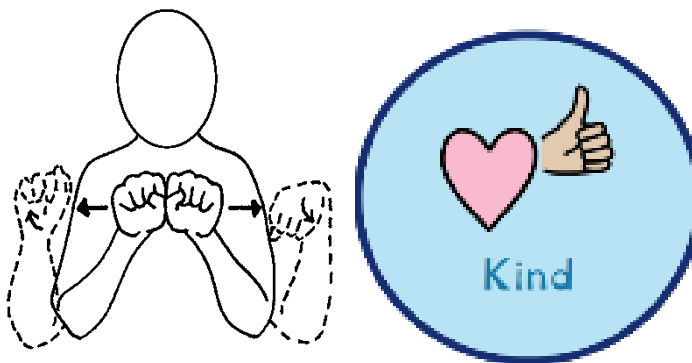
Week beginning Monday 8th December 2025

Language of the Week

8 th December	Merry Christmas to all!				
	Mon: <i>French</i> Joyeux Noël <i>Portuguese</i> Feliz Natal	Tues: <i>German</i> Frohe Weinachten	Wed: <i>Spanish</i> Feliz Navidad	Thurs: <i>Italian</i> Buon Natale	Fri: <i>Polish</i> Wesołych Świąt

The Makaton Sign of the Week – Cracker

Character Virtue of the Week - Kindness



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you all well.

The FOR Christmas Fair 2025!

What a triumph for the FOR and our School Community the Christmas Fair was last Saturday. The effort, months of planning, and execution on the day from the FOR Team was truly outstanding.

I was thinking across the day how best to capture the right sentiment to best describe the Fair and I kept coming back to what I say often to people that ask me what it means to be at Raglan: **'Children and Community.'**

I arrived home after the Fair really inspired and humbled; having Mrs D ask me "how was it?" I replied with total sincerity, "That was the absolute best community day I have ever experienced in my nearly 20 years of being a Head Teacher. It was simply that wonderful!"

I would like to send the most enormous thank you to the whole FOR Team, the parent volunteers that helped on the day on all the stalls, our local business that ran their own stalls, and the children helpers who were on another level again! I would also like to thank all parents and carers who came along and supported the day. The volume of families attending was terrific and this despite the poor weather. There was no dampening on the day at all from the rain! A huge shout-out for the BBQ Dads, FOR Team, parent / staff and children helpers who were working outside in the inclement weather. You are all truly immense!

I often say that every day at Raglan is a great day, and some are even better than that! Well, Saturday's FOR Christmas Fair was one of those even 'greater days.'

I'm very happy to announce the winner of the class game with the highest number of Raglets collected (208) – is Wolves!

As a result they will receive their extra break time, day and time to be confirmed with Mrs Duller.

There will be an additional report from our FOR about the Fair arriving to you independently of this newsletter.



Update on FOR Sponsored KS2 Playground Upgrade

You will know that we have had a delay to the building of the KS2 Climbing frame and Climbing Wall. This is because upon removing the astro-turf the contractors discovered four man-holes that we had no idea existed.

As a result of this we have had to go back and have a re-think on design that ensures we can negotiate the man-holes, and not lose the essence of the design we wanted.

The scheduled works are now set for the week of the 5th January 2026. The works should take about two weeks.

The Christmas Story

On Wednesday we welcomed back Reverend Steve who led whole school assembly and shared the Christmas Story with the children. Once again Reverend Steve enthralled the children with another take on one of the most famous and special events of all time.

It was a real pleasure to again have Reverend Steve back in our school spreading Christmas joy and wonder.



Our OAP Christmas Party

A huge well done to Year 6 who hosted our annual OAP Christmas Party for the senior citizens in our local community. This is a very special event and the children in Year 6 again showed why they are the very best of ambassadors for our school.

The quality of performance was again incredible and I do look forward already to the Year 6 Production - not that I am willing the year away!

An enormous well done to the Year 6 Adult Team and the children.

We would like to send a special shout out to all Grandparents who might like to attend the Year 5 Strawberry Tea on Tuesday 23rd June 2026 at 1.30pm. Please put this event in your diary!

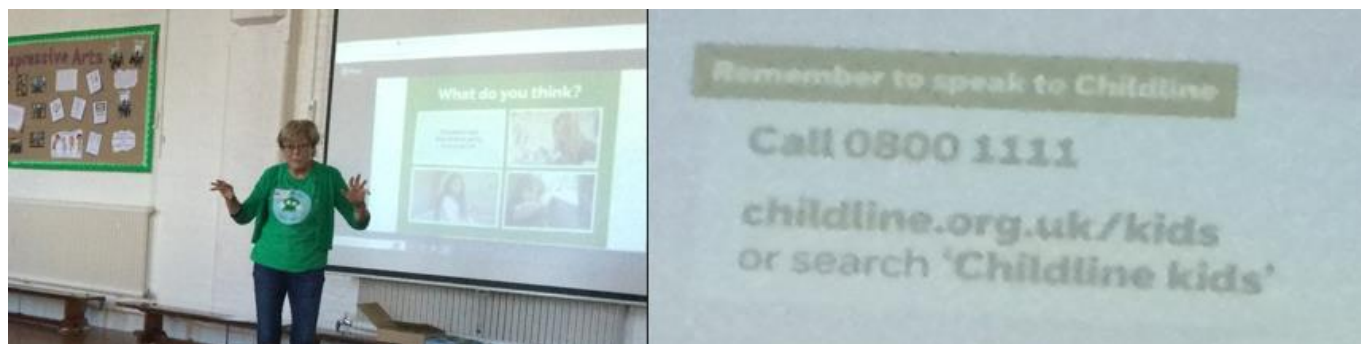


NSPCC Day

On Tuesday this week we hosted the NSPCC Team into our school. The children in specific years undertook a series of workshops that promotes their safety. This program happens every two years in our school (and most) and is an important part of the Safeguarding and Personal Development Curriculum.

A massive well done to the children for the mature and sensible way they took part in the workshops.

A huge thank you to Mrs Collins for arranging the day.



Athletics Event

On Tuesday, Raglan attended the annual Indoor athletics event held at Langley Park Boys School. The children took part in a number of events including sprints, relay races and the standing long jump. Whilst it wasn't to be in terms of placing for us this time, the children showed great spirit and support for each other throughout the event. My thanks go to the organisers of the event and to Mrs Ismet for assisting in getting us to the event. We look forward to more sporting events in the new year, including the Bromley hockey championships and the summer athletics season.

Mr Boorman
Year 5 teacher and PE lead



SEND Matters Newsletter December 2025

We are pleased to share with you The SEND Matters Newsletter for December 2025.
Please click on the link below to access this:

<https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/V7LZQjOhDkH4c>

This termly newsletter aims to provide parents, carers, young people (aged from birth to 25 years of age), and professionals, with information and updates of the latest news, developments and services for those who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in the London Borough of Bromley.

Music of the Week

Creator of the Stars and Night - Sarah Kroger



December 1st marks the start of advent for Christians.

**Have you started to celebrate advent?
Why is the song called creator of the stars
and night?**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=El_yOHgjqtE&list=RDEl_yOHgjqtE&start_radio=1

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.



And Finally...

Please ensure that you are checking on the dates coming up over the next few weeks. We have a lot of Christmas related events so please make sure you know the times and dates for these. Ensure you have tickets for the events you need tickets for - such as the KS1 Christmas Production. No tickets are needed for the KS2 Christmas Carol Service.

Please ensure you are keeping up with your TTS Rockstars program at home and always have your children READ, READ and READ more.

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas

NEWS FROM FOR

The Christmas Fair on Saturday was a great success and a really enjoyable day.

We would like to thank everyone who attended and supported this event. Special thanks to those who volunteered to help run our stalls and to those classes who organised class games. Feedback so far is that the class games were a hugely popular part of the day, and we intend to carry this forward to future summer and Christmas fairs.

We are always looking to make these events better, so if there was anything about the Christmas Fair that you feel either didn't quite work or did work very well, or if you have any suggestions to enhance the next Christmas Fair, please do get in touch and give us your feedback at for.ptabromley@gmail.com.

Xmas for Schools Orders

Thanks to everyone who placed orders with Xmas for schools. Your items ordered will be sent home with your children over the next few days.

Stock up on Pre-loved uniform before the end of term

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. Get your orders in by Friday 12th December to receive them before the end of term break. Orders received after that 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.

Contact FOR: for.ptabromley@gmail.com

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Winter Holiday Fun

Bromley's Holiday
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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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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

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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.