



Key Dates Coming Up

Friday 6th February – Family Bingo Night (ticketed event – FOR)

Saturday 7th February – ECO Council Swap Shop – More details to follow!

Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th February – Parent Evening

Week beginning Monday 26th January 2026

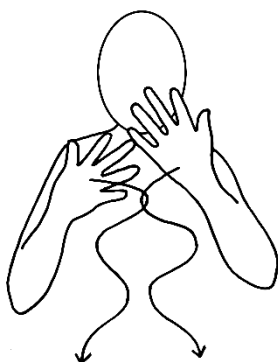
Language of the Week

German	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
	Hallo	Guten Morgen	Guten Tag

<https://www.thegermanproject.com/german-lessons/greetings-and-essentials>

The Makaton Sign of the Week – Snow

Character Virtue of the Week - Independent



26th Jan snow compressed.mp4

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels like we are receiving a year's worth of rain in the last couple of weeks! Can I please ask that you all remember to send your children with raincoats (named) and also a spare of socks when it is really heavy. I do like to send the children out if the rain is very light - so that they get to run around in the fresh air. This is good for them in terms of coming in to focus on learning throughout the day.

It has been a busy week of learning in school. Down in our Nursery and Reception classes I have seen some excellent independent learning through the continuous provision. Children independently writing and forming sentences as well as using the construction area to make 3D shapes. The children in reception have also been learning about traditional tales.

Year 1 children arrived in class recently to find that they had had a visitor! The 'Naughty Bus' had run rampant and caused mayhem! The children collected evidence of this and they wrote some wonderful pieces about what the 'Naughty Bus' had done. They have been developing their basic sentence structure to do this. I have been very happy with the Year 2 emphasis on times tables since returning from Christmas. I would urge all parents, but especially Year 2 parents to please practise at home daily so that your children can master and secure at least 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s and 11s before the end of this year. Mastering these will make a monumental difference to accessing maths in Year 3, (in two terms time!) They are definitely worthy of consideration!

Frogs and Sharks have been developing teamwork in PE. As well as developing their physical skills they have been working and communicating with each other to make teams function well. In addition to this they have been partaking in their individual learning with our Speech and Language therapists on site. The school continues to learn Makaton signs weekly in whole school assembly.

Year 3 have been busy focusing on their handwriting, sentence structure and editing in writing. Hopefully as the year moves forward the children will continue to strengthen this. Their creativity is wonderful. I do enjoy discussing their creative writing ideas. In terms of creativity, Year 4 have completed some incredible African Art pieces using shading and sketching this week. Year 5 have been studying space for science and they have been looking at the planets. The children have also been writing fact files on planets. The children are reading Cosmic in Whole Class reading which has been really useful. Year 6 have immersed themselves in their study of the book Goodnight Mr Tom. This relates to the wider World War Two topic. In English they have been writing balanced arguments about whether Operation Pied Piper was a good idea, or not! They have been learning about writing in the formal time, using appropriate language for this.

"Shoot for the Moon. Even if You Miss, You'll Land Among the Stars!"

On Wednesday the children experienced a truly inspirational assembly presented by one of our parents Dr Syreeta Daw. Syreeta shared her life journey discussing her family history and the huge challenges that they and she has overcome.

The children listened intently to as Syreeta shared her ambition and journey in becoming a doctor, from her humble beginnings in state school to gaining a place at Guys, Kings and St. Thomas School of Medicine. Syreeta was frank with the children and told them that she was encouraged to 'not aim' high when she was in school - and settle for something else. She explained to the children that they should always aim high, work hard, get up when you fall down, and persevere. The children marvelled at Syreeta's achievements in not only becoming a doctor, but also working harder, studying to become a dermatologist.

Syreeta explained how important resilience was to her success and that the children should never give up when they fail. It was a truly amazing and inspirational presentation. A massive, massive thanks to Syreeta for sharing her life story with us. I hope that the children do as you inspired them to do at the end of the assembly and. **"Shoot for the Moon. Even if You Miss, You'll Land Among the Stars!"**



Wolves Family - The Anglo Saxons are Coming!

Earlier today Wolves hosted their family assembly. They presented a wide range of their learning including their topic around Anglo-Saxons, DT making Anglo Saxon cookies, and the science work they have completed looking at the structure and mechanics of the ear. The science was particularly impressive and what the children have remembered about the structure and mechanics of this was excellent. Equally impressive was the learning around the Anglo-Saxons.

What was even more impressive was the way in which Wolves presented all of their learning across the different subjects using The Beatles classic - Yellow Submarine.

A massive well done to Wolves Class. A huge thank you to Mrs Duller and Miss Vane for their help putting this together.

Congratulations Wolves



On Tuesday, Raglan attended the annual Bromley hockey championships at Langley Park Boys School. We took the largest cohort of children for a number of years from across year 5 and 6, with 19 students making up our 2 teams. The children performed admirably, picking up a couple of victories and draws, ultimately ending up facing each other in one of their matches. However, it was not to be our year this year; there was certainly some challenging, high level opposition. However, that should not take away from the effort, respect and gameplay shown by both teams across all their matches. I am extremely proud of each and every one of the students who attended; they did Raglan proud.

My thanks go to Mr Farmer for assisting me at the event and to the organisers for another excellent event.

We look forward to going next year!

Mr Boorman

Year 5 teacher and PE lead



Young Voices 2026

Our Raglan Melodies Choir took part in Young Voices at the O2 on Thursday 22nd January with nearly nine thousand other children.

We were incredibly proud of our children who not only sang their hearts out but were fantastic ambassadors for the school.

It was a very special night, as not only were Young Voices celebrating their 30th Anniversary but the choir also took part in the Wicked Worldwide Singalong with special guest star Emma Kingston, who currently plays Elphaba in the West End production of Wicked.

You can watch it on YouTube [Young Voices Wicked Worldwide Singalong](#)

The concert was also filmed by BBC and featured on the news on Thursday evening.

The visit was a big hit with the children and we hope to be able to visit Young Voices again next year.



And Finally...

With half of the half term to go, I would implore parents to continue to make a concerted effort to ensure that your child, at the very least, knows and can rapidly recall all of the times tables they should know up to and including their current year group. Please access TTS Rockstars regularly. I know I mention this every newsletter but it is critical for your child's maths success. They will simply not reach their maths potential without mastering their time stables. You need to support and encourage the mastery of times tables at home until your child can rapidly recall these. TTS Rockstars will do this for you! Please check our website for which times tables your child should know by this stage.

In addition to this please do READ, READ and READ more and more with your children at every possible chance. Reading unlocks all learning and provides access to the whole curriculum.

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas

NEWS FROM FOR

Family Bingo Night – Friday 6th February

Don't miss our popular annual family Bingo Night which will be held in the evening. Tickets are now on sale at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendssofraglan/>

We are trying to sort out offering pizzas for pre-order but will confirm separately if we are able to do that.

Support our Blue Token Tesco Stronger Starts Fundraiser

We have stronger starts boxes in the Tesco stores in Holmesdale Road, Orpington and Elmers End. Don't forget to drop some blue tokens into our box when you shop at any of these stores. If we win, we will receive a grant of up to £1,500 towards the new KS2 play equipment.

Pre-loved uniform

Remember, if you need to stock up on uniform, we have lots of great quality items at our online pre-loved uniform shop at <https://friends-of-raglan.sumupstore.com/>. All money goes towards FOR projects, plus it's environmentally friendly so you'll be helping us be an eco-friendly school. When you place your order, include your child's name and class and we'll send it home with them.

Uniform donations may be placed in the yellow wheelie bin located in the KS2 entrance area. Please only donate clothes that are in a good condition. We are not able to sell soiled or damaged items.

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 (ticketed event)

Easter Disco: Friday 20th March 2026 (ticketed event)

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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.