



Key Dates Coming Up

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

Saturday 7th February – **ECO Council Swap Shop** – Please bring in your donations

Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th February – Parent Evenings

Week beginning Monday 2nd February 2026

Language of the Week

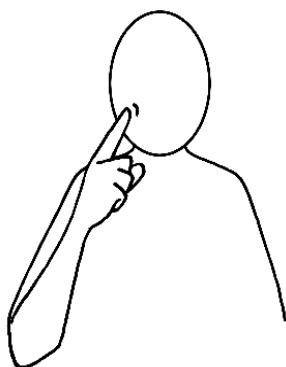
Punjabi	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
	Sat sri akal	Sat sri akal	Sat sri akal
	ਸਤਿ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ	ਸਤਿ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ	ਸਤਿ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ

[Introduction to Punjabi | Useful and Common Phrases - YouTube](#)

The first minute and 16 seconds go over the pronunciation

The Makaton Sign of the Week – Soft

Character Virtue of the Week - Kind



2nd Feb Soft compressed.mp4



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to remind parents that your next Parent Evening Dates are **Wednesday 25th February (3.40pm - 7pm)** and **Thursday 26th February (3.40pm - 6.30pm)**.

The online booking system will open at **09.00 on Monday 2nd February** and closes at **12.00 on Thursday 12th February**.

We look forward to seeing you over these two evenings.



Young Voices 2026

A massive, massive **congratulations** to the Raglan Melodies as they participated and performed at the O2 last Thursday as part of the mass choir Young Voices Experience. This was a tremendous event and the children will long remember the experience. Our Melodies had been practising for weeks and weeks leading up to the event. I have had many of the Melodies approach me already about supporting them and entering them into the next Young Voices event. Our children were the very best of Raglan School Ambassadors. I am so proud of them all. A massive thank you to Miss Lowe and Mrs Lucas for leading the Melodies. A huge thank you to Mrs Schaper for the big chunk of work behind the scenes with the organisation also. Thank you to Mrs O'Brien, Miss Nelson and Mrs Mead for going along to support the event.



KS2 Assembly Evonne Goolagong (The Impossible Dream.)

On Monday millions of Australians celebrated our national day. The day is historic, but also quite contentious. This is because it not only marks the landing of British Explorers to our great southern land, but also what we now know was a very traumatic and horrific time for our First Nation people (which has continues right up to this very day). Our First Nation people provide an incredible richness of culture to our country, and indeed it was a great shame that as a child moving through primary school and secondary school that it was not until my final year in Year 12 (1989) that we studied our First Nation Culture.

One of the most incredible stories and achievements form our First Nation community is what is referred to as, 'The Impossible Dream.' This is the story of tennis great, Evonne Goolagong Cawley. I shared with the children her story and journey from finding an old tennis ball under her father's car, to over-coming prejudice and being able to train and play at her local tennis club, to moving to Sydney and becoming an elite player, and then going on to win Wimbledon in 1971 (for the first time.) A young First Nation child watching white Australian children playing tennis through the tennis club fence. Evonne won seven Tennis Grand Slams winning the Australian and French Open crowns as well as Wimbledon. She was a finalist at four US Opens, but lost. Had she won she would have joined only a select few that have won career Grand Slams (wining all four.)

Her story is proof that impossible dreams can happen if you work hard, are determined to break down barriers and be resilient!



Year 6 Bike-Ability

Over the last two weeks several Year 6 children have undertaken their Cycling Proficiency Training 'Bike-Ability.' This is a terrific course and helps children become safe cyclists and 'road-ready' on their bikes. We look forward every year to the instructors coming in and preparing our Year 6 cycling enthusiasts.

This was a terrific success for all, and despite some of the weather all of the children that participated had a great time.



Music of the Week

Scottish Folk Robert Burns songs



Burns Night is an annual Scottish celebration held on or around January 25th to commemorate the life, works, and legacy of national poet Robert Burns, born on this day in 1759. It features a traditional supper with haggis, neeps (turnips), tatties (potatoes), and whisky, often including poetry recitations, bagpipes, and toasting

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4fDFwzVFeo&list=RD-4fDFwzVFeo&start_radio=1

Writing Competition Spring 2026

The Countdown is on....25 Days to go!

ANOTHER PLACE ANOTHER TIME

Writing Competition: Spring 2026

A reminder that Mr Holland will be leading Whole School Assembly on Tuesday 10th February and unveiling the competition and the stimulus for this. I have the great pleasure of revealing some 'snip-its' of information to get your imaginations buzzing!

This year again Mr Holland has secured the sponsorship and support of his workplace 'Harper Collins' Publishing. We are delighted to continue this wonderful partnership. Last year there were a huge number of children that submitted entries and were awarded prizes from Harper Collins. I hope this year we have even more children entering. The competition is open to all children.

The competition window opens from Tuesday 10th February when we will send home the writing stimulus PowerPoint and post this on our website. The children must submit their entries on World Book Day on Thursday 5th March to their class teacher.

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Writing Competition: Spring 2026

The Raglan Community Shield is Back! 87 Days to go!

It is with great excitement that I let you all know that the second Raglan School Community Shield will be on Saturday 25th April 2026.

Please see below for more information about this incredible event!

We hope to see you all there for what promises to be an epic match!

The staff team aim to make it two wins on the trot!

The poster is set against a background of a football stadium at night with purple laser lights crisscrossing the scene. At the top center is a logo of a stylized figure with arms raised, holding a soccer ball. Below it, the text 'MAIN EVENT SPONSOR' is written in white, followed by the 'educorecruitment' logo. In the top right corner, a 'LIVE' button with a play icon is visible. The main title 'THE RAGLAN COMMUNITY SHIELD 2026' is prominently displayed in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline. Below the title, the Raglan School crest (a shield with a cross and the date 1891) is on the left, and a yellow and blue soccer ball is on the right. A large 'VS' is placed between them. Below the crests, two white banners with blue borders read 'RAGLAN TEACHERS' and 'RAGLAN PARENTS'. A soccer ball sits on the pitch between the banners. At the bottom, the date 'SATURDAY 25TH APRIL, 2026' is written in large white letters. Below that, the venue 'BROMLEY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, BARNET WOOD RD, BROMLEY BR2 7AA' is listed. At the very bottom, the contact information 'CONTACT RAGLANCOMMUNITYSHIELD1891@OUTLOOK.COM FOR SPONSORSHIP AND MORE INFO' is provided.

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Golden Eagles Family Assembly

A massive [congratulations](#) to Golden Eagles for their brilliant family assembly. To the back drop of the 'Dam Busters' theme they presented an array of learning about their World War 2 topic, and then incredibly wove in to this their science learning about light - and how the concepts were used during the blitz. This was tremendous. We now really look forward to the year 6 production which I think promises to be even better than last year. A huge well done to all children. An enormous [congratulations](#) and thanks goes to Mr Farmer, Mrs Turner and Mrs Carberry for organising and supporting the children.



FREE CHARLTON ATHLETIC SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP MEMBERSHIP FOR RAGLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

As a Charlton fan, I am delighted to bring you good news! **RAGLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL** have signed up to Charlton Athletic Football Club Schools Partnership Scheme. This means we have unlocked a FREE membership for all the children at **RAGLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL** bringing you access to exciting benefits including ticket discounts, family events, and much more.

Please complete the link below and Charlton Athletic will be in touch with your **FREE membership pack** in FEBRUARY 2026.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GL8NZZ3>

We are also sending out membership sign up leaflets in batches of 30 to your school for you to distribute to all pupils so the parents can read through all the details for the membership before signing up.

Do also see the attached information and QR Code to access.

Wanted! Reception Reading Volunteers

We would really appreciate any adults who are willing to offer their time to support the children read in reception. The adults do not have to be parents of reception children to help support the children. You can sign up using the QR code below.



And Finally...READ, READ and READ MORE and get on TTS Rockstars!

With the writing competition approaching, a reminder that the more children are reading the greater the expansion of their language. As I keep saying, reading fluently as young as possible opens up the entire curriculum and improves your child's life opportunities. **READ, READ and READ** more wherever and whenever you can with your children.

I know that many, many children are utilizing TT Rock Stars and the impact has been huge! If you are not having your child access TTRS please do. Being able to rapidly recall your times tables means your child access the maths curriculum confidently. We know unequivocally that children who master their times tables before entering Year 3, but especially before entering Year 4 reach the expected level in maths (and beyond) in Year 6. When your child masters their times tables their maths confidence soars!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas

Eco Council Corner

- **Water**

Save water, save energy, save money! Click on the link for information on how you can save water at home <https://watersworthsaving.org.uk/energy>

- **Biodiversity**

When it comes to our gardens, we want to attract as much wildlife as possible. A healthy garden should buzz with life, from beneficial pollinators in bumble bees to bugs, spiders, woodlice, frogs and even hedgehogs. The best way to attract all of these is to create a DIY bug hotel. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/helping-nature/what-you-can-do/activities/build-a-bug-hotel>



Please don't forget to bring in your donations for Eco Council Swap Shop and come and join us for the Swap Shop event on Saturday 7th February 11am-1pm

NEWS FROM FOR

Family Bingo Night – Friday 6th February

Tickets are now on sale for the Bingo night at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofraglan/> which will run from 6:45pm until 9pm.

Adults - £6; Children - £3; Family tickets for 2 adults and 2 children - £16.

There will be drinks and snacks for sale.

Support our Blue Token Tesco Stronger Starts Fundraiser

We have stronger starts boxes in the Tesco stores in Holmesdale Road, Orpington, Elmers End and The Tesco Express in Bromley High Street. Please 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.

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)

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

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.