



Key Dates Coming Up

Friday 27th March – Last Day of Spring Term

Monday 13th April – First Day of Summer Term

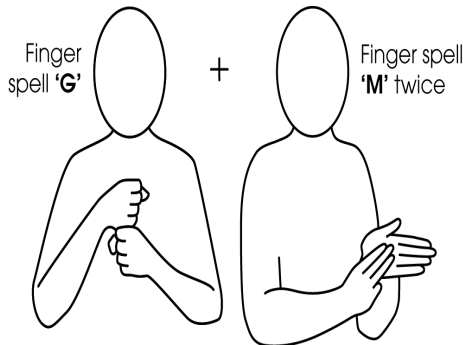
Week beginning Monday 23rd March 2026

Language of the Week

Urdu	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
	Salam سلام	Subah bakhair بخير صباح	Shaam bakhair بخير شام

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The Makaton Sign of the Week – Grandma



23rd March Grandma compressed.mp4

Character Virtue of the Week - Kind



Dear Parents and Carers,

Securing Stronger Foundations in the First Few Years of Schooling

In October 2024 the government and Department of Education (DFE) released their research on how schools delivered and embedded the basic building-blocks of learning in EYFS and KS, so that children entered KS2 not falling behind; and had what they needed to thrive in this phase.

As a result of that schools should:

- make sure that the curriculum clearly identifies the foundational knowledge and skills, as outlined in the EYFS and national curriculum, that children will need for later learning



- give children sufficient high-quality opportunities to practise using foundational knowledge and skills so that they become fluent – “Practice makes permanent.”
- choose teaching methods that are suited to what is being taught and what children already know
- make sure that assessment picks up children’s misunderstandings quickly and gives teachers early opportunities to help children who need extra teaching and practice
- not overload the curriculum with activities so that children can focus on building fluency in foundational knowledge

As a school we have been reviewing our practice, refining it and delivering learning that ensures that we are fulfilling the expectations as set out by the DFE. It makes good sense to us to ensure that we focus on the 'basic building-blocks' and embed these into children's long-term memory.

Last Friday we had a visit from our Trust Executive team, school governors and colleagues from other Trust Schools which focused on our understanding, delivery and impact of this. We were delighted with the outcome of the Trust Review which felt that we are doing a very good job at securing the stronger foundations in the first few years of schooling. The reviews we have each term form an integral part of not just the accountability process, but to quality assure the learning offer provided to the children. With regards to the 'securing stronger foundations' this is something we have been working on for quite some time; so we are happy the good work was recognised.

I would like to say a massive well done and thank you to the whole staff team in Nursery, Reception, The Hive and KS1.

If you wish to know any more about the Research undertaken by the DFE which helps to shape the learning for the children here in EYFS and KS1 please access through the following link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strong-foundations-in-the-first-years-of-school/strong-foundations-in-the-first-years-of-school>

You can find more information specifically about the stronger foundations specifically relating to writing in our school please click the below link.

<https://raglanprimary.school/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Strong-Foundations-for-Newsletter.pptx>

We would like to wish our Muslim families Eid Mubarak!

As the festival of Eid ul-Fitr is celebrated across the world in 2026, people are exchanging warm wishes and messages to spread joy and strengthen bonds. Marking the end of Ramadan, the occasion is a time of gratitude, generosity, and togetherness. We wish our Muslim families a joyful and blessed Eid.



Congratulations!

I would like to announce the wonderful news that Mrs Stasinopoulos and her husband are expecting their first child. I know you will join me in congratulating them both. Mrs Stasinopoulos is likely to be staying with us until the end of the summer term.

Congratulations Mrs Stasinopoulos!

Raglan's Got Talent (RGT) 2026

This year's RGT event lived up to the billing and more! It was a wonderful evening and the children sang, danced, played musical instruments, dazzled us with magic, made us laugh with stand-up comedy and we even had a contortion act!

Our staff judging team had the most difficult of tasks trying to decide who the winners were!

I would like to thank Mrs Schaper, Mrs Collins, Mrs Prescott, and Mr Boorman for being the driving forces behind the event as well as all the staff that pitched in before and during the event compiling music and serving refreshments.

Thank you to many, many parents and family members who came along to cheer on and support all of the children!

The countdown is now on for RGT 2027! You have to be in it to win it!

Our Reception and Key Stage 1 Contestants



Our Key Stage 2 Contestants



Thank you Coach Mark: Celebrating Being Neuro-diverse!

Today Mark Phillips returned to us to lead assembly and discussed with the children what it is like for him being neuro-diverse. As you know Mark had a really successful professional football career - especially with Millwall. I have known Mark for many years and he has always been an inspirational for the children that he has worked with. We are delighted to still host his 6Soccer Holiday Provision here.

Mark shared with the children his journey in being assessed and diagnosed with ADHD and Autism. Mark celebrated what he considers his superpowers (his ADHD and Autism) with the children and explained that these are not barriers to life at all - and that you can still succeed and do all that you wish to.

Mark has started his own foundation and charity for young people that are neuro-diverse also - which has seen him appear on Sky Sports and speaking on the radio.

It was inspirational listening to him again, and I am sure his story resonated with all of the children and staff that were in assembly today.

A massive thank you to Mark for sharing your neuro-diverse journey with us all.



Saint Patrick's Day Tuesday 17th March



I do hope that all of our families, and families with Irish connections had a happy Saint Patrick's Day on Tuesday. In our household we celebrate the day each year because my wife is Irish and so we ensure that we enjoy 'the craic.' To our Irish Families **Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh.**

Our music of the week:

The Rocky Road To Dublin - The King of Connaught



St. Patrick's Day, held annually on March 17, is a global celebration of Irish culture, history, and the patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick.

Originally a religious feast day commemorating his death, it has evolved into a vibrant, secular festival featuring parades, wearing green, Irish dancing, traditional food like corned beef, and festive gatherings.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNHafuFbxLc&list=RDTNHafuFbxLc&start_radio=1

Karate News

I would like to share some great news from Bromley & South East London JKA Karate Club about some of our Raglan Children.

The club took part in the JKA London & South East Regional Championships on Sunday 15th March 2026. 350 competitors took part. It was a tough competition but their members were well prepared.

JKA club won 51 medals in total and kept its place at the top of the leader board, this included three pupils from Raglan Primary School!

Raglan pupils won two silver medals and one pupil reached the semi final.

They were all amazing! Great performance and fantastic achievement!



TTS Rockstars

A reminder to all parents and carers that I am hoping that you all really encourage your children to access TTS Rockstars this next week in the lead up to Easter Holidays. The earlier your children learn, master and can rapidly recall times tables the more confident they will engage with maths as they move up the school!

A special reminder to all Year 4 children to get on TTS Rockstars at least 5 times per week for 20 minutes a session as your Multiplication Check is not far away!



And Finally...

I would ask you all to continue to support your children with their phonics and reading. For those of you that have very fluent readers, challenge them by using the questioning below so you can support developing their reading skills:

- What has happened so far in the story?
- Who are the main characters? Is there anything special about them? Do they have special or super power? What is their personality like?
- What do you think will happen next in the story? Why do you think this?
- How do you think the story will end and why?
- If you were the author, how would you have ended the story and why?
- Find me a word that you have never seen before or do not know the meaning and let's try to figure out what it is and means.

If you use these questions as a base, those of you who have fluent readers can extend their reading for understanding. Even if you have beginner readers or children that are not so fluent; you can adapt the above to help develop their reading for understanding.

Remember to always READ, READ and READ as much as you can with your children.

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas

NEWS FROM FOR

Mural in the KS2 Playground

With the new play equipment now in place, we're turning our attention to brightening up the KS2 playground. We're planning a vibrant new mural along the boundary wall, created in the same style as the KS1 artwork and painted by the same artist.

KS2 pupils will have the chance to vote for their favourite design, and the plan is for the winning image to be completed over the Easter holidays

Summer Fair Plusrooms campaign

We're teaming up with Plusrooms again for another round of advertising boards in the run-up to this year's Summer Fair. To unlock the full £1,500 donation towards our ongoing KS2 playground upgrades, we need at least 50 host properties. The boards will be up for six weeks, from 11th May to 20th June.

If your home has a fence or somewhere suitable to secure a post, you're eligible. And the best part? Host households don't need to do a thing. Plusrooms handle the installation and removal, and no one needs to be home when they do it.

Properties anywhere within the M25 can take part, so feel free to rope in helpful friends or family too. Keep an eye out for an email from the school with the sign-up link. Every board really does make a difference.

Summer Fair Class Games

Speaking of the Summer Fair – it's only three months to go until Saturday 20th June. After the success of the class games at the Christmas Fair, we're absolutely bringing them back for summer. So, parents and carers, get your thinking caps on for fun, sunshine-friendly game ideas that your class can run with

Tesco Stronger Starts

There are just 11 days left in the Tesco Stronger Starts collection. You'll find the token boxes in the Homesdale Road, Orpington, Elmers End and Bromley High Street stores, and the winner will be based on the total tokens collected across all four.

It would be great to have one final push to gather as many tokens as we can before it ends on 31st March.

Upcoming Events for your diary

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

Summer Fair: Saturday 20th June 2026

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

Eco Council Corner

Walking Bus at Raglan – still looking for volunteers!

We would love to re-introduce our **walking Bus** at Raglan and we need your help! We tried it last year from a meeting point on Chatterton Road but we would like to have more than one **walking bus** coming from different directions.

As yet we have not had any volunteers come forward for this – if you think you could help please get in touch!

Walking buses are great for promoting exercise, reducing traffic congestion and pollution around schools and teaches road safety. If you would like to get involved please email eprescott@raglan.sch.uk.



Welcome to the Trust Equality, Diversity & Inclusion “EDI” Newsletter.

Please use the link below to access the Mosaic Schools Learning Trust Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Newsletter

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/GMyz7GmihT4xb1ee?ref=email>





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SOCIAL COMMUNICATION NEEDS (INC. AUTISM) SERVICE

MARCH 2026

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

On Monday 2nd March 2026, the Social Communication Needs (inc. Autism) service held a One Stop Coffee Shop event at Community Vision Children and Family Centre.

It was a fantastic morning filled with a wide range of services, and we were delighted to provide support to many families.

Meanwhile, children enjoyed a specially extended Learn and Play session, with access to both indoor and outdoor spaces—making the most of the beautifully sunny weather.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the services that attended, shared information, and offered valuable resources to families. Feedback from families echoed their appreciation and stands as a wonderful reminder of the many amazing services available in Bromley.

A special thanks also goes to the Early Intervention Family Support (EIFS) Team, whose support helped us put together such a successful event.

Plans are already being discussed for future sessions—so watch this space!



UPCOMING EVENTS

APR

23

Social Communication Needs coffee morning at Biggin Hill CFC 10-11.30am

JUNE

11

Social Communication Needs coffee morning at Burnt Ash CFC 9.30-11am

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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.