



Key Dates Coming Up

- Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th March** – Reading Café
- Wednesday 4th March** – School Photo Day
- Thursday 5th March** – World Book day
- Friday 6th March** – Dolphins Family Assembly
- Friday 13th March** – Raglan's Got Talent
- Friday 20th March** – Easter Disco (FOR Ticketed Event)

Week beginning Monday 2nd March 2026

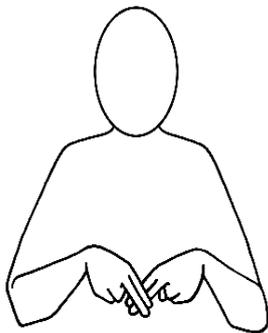
Language of the Week

Welsh St David's Day 1st March	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
	Helo	Bore Da	Prynhawn da

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KqIT-Zk3_ek

The Makaton Sign of the Week – Dad

Character Virtue of the Week - Resilient



2nd March Daddy compressed.mp4



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second part of Spring Term. This is my 28th year living in the UK and it still amazes me how quickly the days start becoming brighter almost immediately over the February Half term. It is one of the inordinate numbers of things that makes the UK a great place to be. Over the half term my wife and I managed a small weekend break down to Whitstable which is an absolute favourite of ours - and only an hour down the road. After a busy Spring 1 half term, some chilling-out time on the coast was very much appreciated. Whitstable is for me the closest thing to being back in Dromana, Victoria, Australia (minus the sand on the beach!) This, and the wide selection of seafood is one of the many reasons I enjoy going there so much. I do hope that you all had a wonderful break and that your children are refreshed and recharged to head into what is a short Spring Term 2.



Ramadan

On Monday in assembly Mr Farmer focused on the holy month of fasting for Muslims; Ramadan. This year Ramadan began on Wednesday 18th February and will continue until Thursday 19th March. Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of Ramadan, is expected to start on Friday 20th March. We have many Muslim families in our school community who will be respecting this holy period and I am wishing them all well throughout this time.

I would also welcome any of our Muslim families to come in and lead whole school assembly about Ramadan and or Eid al Fitr. If you would be happy to share your experiences with the children and staff please do email the office with your expression of interest.



TELL TELL TELL

On Wednesday at whole school assembly I reminded the children of our key mantra for 'anti-bullying' TELL TELL TELL as well as discussed what bullying is - in the real world as well as 'online.'

The message to the children is simple and remains the same. Be brave, use your voice and TELL TELL TELL. I also reiterated to the children that if they have a friend who they are worried about and who may not TELL TELL TELL, then be a trusted friend and go TELL TELL TELL for them.

It is terrific that the children contribute so freely and confidently when I run this assembly - which is each term.



In addition to the antibullying reminders I also reiterated some of our key core values to the children.

Firstly the Raglan Way:

- **Legendary Lining Up**

- **Wonderful Walking**
- **Super Sitting**

I then spoke about our Raglan Character Virtues - which the children were confidently able to tell me:

KIND READY SAFE CONFIDENT RESILIENT INDEPENDENT

During the assembly I also quizzed the children on our Curriculum Drivers - these are the foundations of everything our curriculum is built upon. Again the children from across the year groups were able to communicate the below:

- **Environment** – Making a Difference
- **Community and Diversity** – Belonging
- **Communication** – Find Your Voice
- **Initiative** – Get Up and Do It!

Finally, I discussed the British Values and reiterated how our Character Virtues and Curriculum Drivers link to these. The British Values being:

- **Rule of Law** – Following rules to keep us safe
- **Democracy** – Freedom of choice, opinion and civil liberties (like going to school.)
- **Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs** – respecting that people of a right to believe in what they choose to.
- **Mutual Respect** – Being Kind to All
- **Individual Liberty** – Freedom of Expression

A reminder that School Photos are next week on Wednesday 4th March



Writing Competition 2026! Entries Close Thursday 5th March (World Book Day!)

Please hand these directly to Mr De Freitas or your class teacher!



It's Back, Raglan's Got Talent!

Auditions are being held next week! The RGT Team will be hosting auditions at lunchtimes.

You have to be in it, to win it! Tickets will be on sale soon!



The Raglan Community Shield is only 57 days away!

A promotional poster for 'The Raglan Community Shield 2026'. The background is a stylized stadium with purple and blue lighting. At the top, it says 'MAIN EVENT SPONSOR' with the 'educo recruitment' logo. A 'LIVE' button is in the top right. The title 'THE RAGLAN COMMUNITY SHIELD 2026' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, it features a 'vs' graphic between two logos: a yellow and blue crest with a cross and the year '1789' for 'RAGLAN TEACHERS', and a yellow and blue shield with a soccer ball for 'RAGLAN PARENTS'. A soccer ball is positioned between the two teams. The date 'SATURDAY 25TH APRIL, 2026' is at the bottom, along with the venue 'BROMLEY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, BARNET WOOD RD, BROMLEY BR2 7AA'. At the very bottom, it provides contact information: 'CONTACT RAGLANCOMMUNITYSHIELD1891@OUTLOOK.COM FOR SPONSORSHIP AND MORE INFO'.

Music of the Week

Singing In The Rain - Gene Kelly



- From the 1952 film
- It has rained every day of 2026, creating a record breaking continuous streak.

How does rain make you feel?
Can you think of any other songs about
the weather?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swloMVFALXw&list=RDSwloMVFALXw&start_radio=1

"Oh help! Oh no! It's a Gruffalo!"

This week in The Hive, we have been immersed into the story of the Gruffalo! The children have used their fine motor skills to give the Gruffalo his Purple Prickles all over his back, they enjoyed using tweezers to explore a "Scrambled Snake" sensory activity made from spaghetti, we made 'Owl on Toast' at our Story and Explore session and we searched for the Gruffalo in outdoor learning.



New Communication Boards

We are delighted to share that we have recently installed new Widgit communication boards on each playground to support children with their communication and self-expression.

These boards have only been possible thanks to the generous donations raised through our fundraising events, including the Summer Fair and last year's Neurodiversity Day. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed — your support has made a real and lasting difference.

The boards are already having an amazing impact, helping children to communicate more confidently, express their needs and feelings, and engage more fully in play with their peers.

Thank you for helping us create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all of our children.



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>



And Finally...

As World Book Day approaches I would ask that you all try and ensure that your child reads a book over the half term in preparation for our World Book Day Celebration. Please do refer to Mrs Ingrey's information that has come about how we are celebrating World Book Day this Year.

In addition to reading, I would implore you to have your children keep learning and mastering their times tables as early and as soon as possible. The children in Year 4 have recently had their mock times table test (the real statutory test is in the summer term.) The result of their mock test was very positive and this is because so many of them have mastered their times tables in Year 3, and further strengthened them this year. The earlier your children master their times tables the better. Please access TTS Rockstars as much as you can!

I am not sure how we have managed to arrive at the half term so quickly. Mind-blowing really!

I wish you all a safe, relaxing and happy half term.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 23rd February ready to go for the second part of the Spring Term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr De Freitas

Eco Council Corner

Walking Bus at Raglan

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.



NEWS FROM FOR

KS2 Playground

All the children in Years 3–6 have now had the chance to enjoy the new play equipment in the KS2 playground, which has been positively received and is already enhancing the quality of break-time activity. It's been lovely to see it finally in place.

With this part of the project now complete, we're continuing to focus our fundraising on the next stages of improving the playground. These include creating a quiet garden space, installing new ballgame hoops, and refreshing the playground markings so the children have even more to enjoy.

Please do continue to support our Tesco Stronger Starts boxes and spread the word about our GoFundMe page: Fundraiser by Friends Of Raglan : New Playground Equipment at KS2, Raglan Primary School

Easter Disco Tickets

It's just three weeks until our egg-cellent Easter Disco, and we're already hopping with excitement! All the bunny-brilliant fun will be taking place on Friday 20th March, so mark your calendars before they get scrambled.

As always, KS1 and KS2 will have their own time slots. And this year's Easter Bonnet Competition is set to be an absolute show-stopper for both groups, so please encourage your little chicks to get cracking on their creations. We can't wait to see what egg-straordinary masterpieces they hatch!

Full details are on the attached flyer, and tickets can be purchased at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofraglan/>

Upcoming Events for your diary

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

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



RAGLAN'S
**Easter
Disco!**



Friday 20th March

**Easter Bonnet competition
Special guest & Prizes to win**



**KS1 3:20 - 4:20pm (£6)
KS2 4:45 - 5:45pm (£5)**



KS1 ticket price includes drink and snack
KS2 children should bring max £5 to
spend on snacks, drinks and goodies



Book Here





Information to note:

Online booking will close at midday (12pm) Wednesday 18th March. This is to allow for finalisation of numbers to ensure food, drinks and other activities being provided are catered for, including dietary requirements.

KS1 ticket price includes a snack and drink

KS2 children can bring up to £5 to buy snacks, drinks and treats

Easter Bonnet Competition:

Bring along your homemade Easter hat to wear at the disco and be in the competition for Best Easter Bonnet.

For the KS1 disco:

Reception children should come to school in their disco outfit. Years 1 & 2 should bring their outfits to school and will get changed after school before going to the disco.

Class teachers will dismiss children from the KS1 playground at 4:20pm

For the KS2 disco:

Any child who is usually in afterschool club should bring their outfit in a bag to get changed into. After school staff will take children into the assembly hall for the disco.

Otherwise children should be dropped off in KS1 playground to enter the disco via the link corridor to sign in.

Class teachers will dismiss the children from KS2 playground at 5:45pm

Ear defenders:

There will be a DJ playing music, so please provide ear defenders if your child requires them.

Volunteers:

If you can help with setup (from 2:10pm onwards) during the discos or with clean up, please email For.ptabromley@gmail.com or contact Beanie on 07990534361



FREE FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

... Raglan Robins ... Toddler Group

DESIGNED FOR LITTLE MINDS

09.00-10.00AM

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

26th February 2026
5th | 12th | 19th | 26th March 2026



Scan me



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.