



### Key Dates Coming Up

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Rhinos Class Assembly
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Eco Council Litter Picking Event
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Sports Day
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fair
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery Sports Day

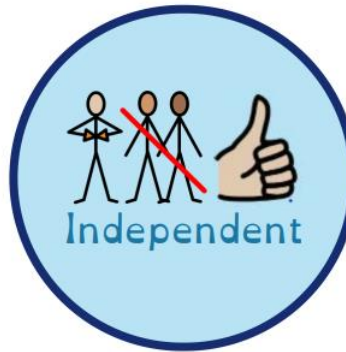
### Week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

#### Language of the Week

Sinhala	<b>Hello</b> කොහොමද Ayubovan	<b>Good Morning</b> සුභ උදාවනවා Subha udaēsanak	<b>Good Afternoon</b> සුභ සන්ධ්‍යාවක් Subha sandhyāvak
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[Learn the 30 most important words in Sinhala! \(17-minute-world-languages.com\)](http://17-minute-world-languages.com)

The Makaton Sign of the Week – always Character Virtue of the Week - Independent



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now heading towards the last couple of weeks of the half term.

It is difficult to comprehend how fast the school year moves. Each year I begin speaking with the new Year 6 cohort and discuss the year ahead. I speak with them at the beginning of each term also, and celebrate the successes as well as discuss what lies ahead learning and experience wise.

Next week Year 6 take their SATs. They have all worked incredibly hard over the course of this year, as well as the previous years that I have known them. I would like to wish them all the very best for next week, and if there is any justice in the world; they deserve to all do exceptionally well for all of the commitment to their learning they have shown. School, (and Year 6) is not all about the children sitting their statutory tests. It is far, far more. School is preparation for each phase of their education, but also for life! The statutory tests are part of this preparation for the next phase of their school journey in secondary education; and beyond.

I wish them all the very best for next week. They have made us very proud this year.



**PGL: What a huge success! They ran, they climbed, they paddled, they had a blast...and they were exhausted!**

Over the bank holiday weekend, the children from Year 4 visited Marchant's Hill PGL activity centre for a weekend of team building, activities and personal challenges. Some of the many activities on offer for the children included zipline, giant paddle boarding, archery and eco explorer, along with a variety of evening entertainment such as a campfire and balloon splash!

The children were absolutely fantastic; so many of the adults commented on how wonderful it was to see them push and challenge themselves out of their comfort zone. For me personally, it is wonderful to see these ambassadors for our school show such courage and determination. Over the course of the weekend, they were fantastic representatives of our school in all facets. I think the parents would be truly astonished at how tidy some of their bedrooms were!

My personal thanks must go to all the adults who gave up their bank holiday weekend to make this trip possible for the children:

- Mrs Mead
- Mrs Prescott
- Mrs Duller
- Mrs Powell
- Miss Dray
- Miss Donnelly
- Miss Vane

I look forward to hosting the invitation evening for the year 3 children about next year's trip next term.

Mr Boorman  
Year 5 teacher and PE lead





### Music of the Week

## VE Day celebrations



VE day is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) is celebrated on May 8, 1945, marking the official end of World War II in Europe following Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender. It signifies the end of nearly six years of conflict

**How do you think people felt? How could we celebrate today?**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2a7\\_yCxMgZc&list=RD2a7\\_yCxMgZc&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2a7_yCxMgZc&list=RD2a7_yCxMgZc&start_radio=1)

## Neurodiversity Competition Winners

Following on from last week's massively successful Neurodiversity Week the following children below were our 'mask' competition winners.

A massive [congratulations](#) to all of the children who took part, and a huge well done to our winners!



## Healthy Eating In School

This week in whole school assembly, Miss Donnelly (our Healthy Schools Award Lead and Healthy Eating Champion) highlighted the importance of a healthy and balanced diet.

Miss Donnelly spoke to all of the children about the nutrients contained in fresh and unprocessed foods, and why these are so important for us. In addition to this Miss Donnelly spoke to the children about the life-long benefits for 'Healthy Eating.'

Next academic year we have a surprise visitor coming into school who will help us with our continued drive for 'Healthy Eating.'

We are determined to ensure that children try a variety of healthy foods with their school dinners. The vast majority of our children eat very well, but we'd like all children to have healthy, balanced lunches.



### **Outstanding Community Achievement**

Last Friday after school two of our Year 6 children held a Bake Sale for their scout troop.

Thanks to everyone's generosity the bake sale raised an amazing £121 for the 5th Bromley Scouts.

Thank you to the school and everyone for their support.

A massive well done to our two Year 6 scouts.



### **Out of School Special Achievements**

Last weekend one of pupils continued to set the gymnastics world alight with a terrific place at the London Youth Gymnastics Event; finishing 6th overall out of a field of 29 of London's top gymnasts for her age. An incredible effort! We are on track for the Olympics 2036! Huge [congratulations](#).



Following a successful PGL trip another of our girls competed in their latest tennis tournament. This one was held at Croydon High School and she achieved runner up in the 10U (10 years and under) Grade 5. The tournament is part of the Kent circuit and the road to Wimbledon continues onwards and upwards! Massive [congratulations](#).



### [Congratulations](#) Bromley FC



A massive [congratulations](#) to Bromley FC for winning the League 2 title on Saturday. We also were well represented by one of our Year 1 pupils (pictured to the right) who was a team mascot on the day. What a day to be a mascot! Fantastic!

Although you all know I am a Charlton Athletic fan, I do enjoy watching Bromley play and was lucky enough to have a ticket for the match on Saturday. It was great to be able to watch a bit of sporting history unfold and see Bromley lift the trophy!

## Speed Guns

On Tuesday last week our JTA's and Year 5 went out and about in our local community with speed guns. We collected a lot of data over the day and recorded 6 vehicles exceeding the speed limit. We will report this information to our Local Authority.



## Penguins Family Assembly: The Victoria Era Returns to Raglan

What a delight it was this morning to be in the hall and transported back to the Victorian Era with Penguins' Family Assembly. The children's costumes were tremendous! They presented their audience with a real richness and depth of their learning about the Victorian Era.

The families, staff and children watching were particularly impressed with art-work presented, as well as the huge number of facts and learning the children shared about school life in the Victorian Era.

A massive well done to the Penguins children and the staff team that helped them put together a truly inspired Family Assembly.



## And Finally...

In the lead up to the approaching May Half Term holiday period, I do hope that children will be planning on reading a new book. We only have three weeks to go (yes I know – where did that time go!) So, please over these last three weeks encourage your children to READ, READ and READ more. Securing phonics and becoming a fluent reader means your child will access the whole curriculum and have significantly improved their chances of a prosperous life.

In addition to this please ensure your child accesses TTS Rockstars at east 4-5 times a week for 20 minutes a session. The younger your children can master and rapidly recall their times tables the more successful they will access the maths curriculum. Times tables are the building blocks for all maths.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas

## NEWS FROM FOR

### Summer Fair – Class Games

Following the success of the class games at the Christmas Fair last year, we're inviting each class to run a **"pocket-money" style game** at this year's Summer Fair. Games should be **simple, fun and easy to run**, with a cost of 50p per go or 3 turns for £1. Examples include things like a coconut shy and hoopla but homemade ideas are very welcome (and encouraged!) too. As an added incentive, **additional break time** and **house points** will once again be up for grabs.

Important Information:

- **FoR will cover reasonable costs** for materials and small prizes.
- To avoid duplicate ideas and to ensure health and safety checks, each class must confirm their chosen game using the linked spreadsheet.
- FoR has equipment available to borrow (hoopla, coconut-shy-style stands, splat-the-rat).
- Each class is responsible for creating and running their game, including arranging volunteers.
- **No cash will be handled at stalls.** All games will be paid for using Raglan Raglets, sold centrally at the Fair.
- Please confirm whether your class will be running a game **by Friday 29 May**. Sign up [here](#).

Any questions - please get in touch via email or via your Class WhatsApp Group Rep.

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### Summer Fair – Volunteers

***As always, we need enough volunteers to help us offer as many activities and stalls as possible and to keep everything running smoothly on the day. The sooner we know how many people are able to support us, the better we can plan, so please do get in touch by email if you're able to help.***

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### Additional Summer Fair Opportunities

Please contact us if you:

- **Are interested in sponsorship opportunities**
- **Would like to have a stall at the fair**
- **Have a raffle prize to donate or would like to sponsor a raffle prize**

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Contact FOR:** [for.ptabromley@gmail.com](mailto: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

Eco Council will be holding their annual litter pick event on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 10am – everyone is welcome.

If you would like to take part please could you complete the online form so we can organise plenty of litter pickers for the event!

[Raglan Primary School Community Litter Pick on Saturday 16th May 2026 - 10.00am to 11.00am – Fill in form](#)



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

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



## **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.**