



Key Dates Coming Up

Monday 21st September - Reception Parents Phonics and Early Reading Information Evening

Tuesday 22nd September – Year 6 SATS Information Evening

Tuesday 22nd to Friday 25th September – PE Café in the Gym

Thursday 1st October - Year 1 Parents / Carers Phonics Information Evening

Friday 2nd October – Friends of Raglan AGM

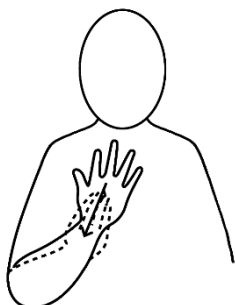
Week beginning Monday 21st September

Language of the Week

Romanian	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
	Salut	Bună dimineața	Bună ziua

[Greetings in Romanian](#) | [Romanian Lesson \(learnro.com\)](#)

The Makaton Sign of the Week – Autumn



Character Virtue of the Week - Resilient



Autumn Term PE Days

<u>Year group</u>	<u>Days of the week for PE lessons</u>
Nursery	Friday
Reception	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Monday and Thursday
Year 2	Monday and Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday and Friday (hockey on Friday 11 th onwards)
Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday and Thursday
Sharks/frogs	Wednesday and Friday
The Hive	Monday and Friday

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I have been dipping into phonics lessons across Reception and KS1. This is the second year we are delivering phonics through the program, 'Unlocking Letters and Sounds (ULS).' We had great success last year in the first year using ULS which meant 81.5% of Year One children passing their Phonics screening. This is above national benchmarks.

The teachers and support staff have ongoing Professional Development Training in phonics delivered by our Phonics Leaders, Mrs Ingrey and Mrs Hardstone. Learning phonics securely means children can become fluent early readers; and then progress to become secure readers for meaning and understanding. I know I reiterate this weekly in our newsletter but becoming a fluent and secure reader means that the whole curriculum is accessible, and your child's life chances for success are enhanced immeasurably.

In addition to that reading is a life-long passion and lots of fun!

I would encourage all parents of **EYFS and Sharks Reception** children to attend the **Phonics and Early Reading session to be held in the Middle Hall next Tuesday 22nd September evening at 6pm.** Access to the hall is via the KS2 Jaffray Road Gates.

I would encourage all parents of **Year 1 children in the mainstream and Sharks** to attend the **Year 1 Phonics Meeting on Thursday 1st October 6.30pm** in the Main Hall. Access to the Hall is via the KS2 Jaffray Road Gates.

Important Information Regarding School Volunteers (Safeguarding)

We are incredibly grateful to all parents and carers that come in to the school to volunteer helping the children and us for a range of learning activities. You are all a real lifeline and particularly the volunteer support for Early Reading in Reception / KS1 / The ARP is critical.

The Keeping Children Safe in Education Guidance for 2026 now requires us to run DBS checks for any adult who is volunteering in school for more than 3 days out of 30.

Mrs Mead will be writing to all parents and carers imminently to begin the process recruiting parents and organising DBS checks for parents and carers who will be in our school volunteering for more than 3 days out of 30.

The cost of the checks will be down to the school.

Year 6 SATS Information Evening

Year 6 SATS Information Evening is Tuesday 22nd September 6.30pm in the Main Hall.

Access Via the KS2 Jaffray Road Gates. **We urge all parents of Year 6 children to attend.**

Travel Explorer Ambassadors

On Wednesday our year 6 TEA's (Travel Explorer Ambassadors) had their induction day along with other schools in the Bromley borough. They learnt about road safety and active travel and planned for our activities at Raglan this year.

They had their badges presented to them by the Mayor of Bromley.

They will be launching a Be Bright, Be Seen competition very soon so watch this space!!



Sports Cafe Week Tuesday 22nd September - Friday 25th September

Next week you will know that Mr Boorman is leading our annual Sport Cafe. The sessions start at 8.30am and will be held inside the Gymnasium. Access to the gym is via the KS2 Jaffray Road Gates.

There is a range of activities to get involved in. We look forward to seeing as many parents, carers and children as possible at all the sessions.

Location Gym

Tuesday: British Team GB and World Para Olympian Taekwondo Bradley Brockies leading the session

Wednesday: Boxing Session

Thursday: Yoga

Friday: Pilates



School Cross Country Championships Friday 25th September at Whitehall Rec.



We urgently need ten more parent volunteers. Please can you email the admin team and let them know if you can help us marshalling the course. Your help is critical in hosting the event.

The Hive and KS1 event will take place in the morning, and the KS2 event will take place in the afternoon.

- **The Hive** – 9:00 walk to the park and run upon arrival
- **Year 1 and Year 2, including Sharks** – 10:50 walk over to the park Year 1 to run first then Year 2 to run after – arrive at reception for 10:40 to be sorted into classes
- **Year 3, Year 4 and Frogs** – 13:20 walk to the park, Frogs and Year 3 to run first then Year 4 to run after – arrive at reception for 13:10
- **Year 5 and 6** – 14:00 walk to the park, Year 5 to run first then Year 6 to run after. – arrive at reception for 13:50

Out of School Achievement

A massive well done to one of our Year 4 children who has worked really hard to pass her Grade 1 ISTD classical ballet exam with Distinction (the highest pass mark). She received her results last Saturday.

This is an excellent achievement and she deserves every credit. The Royal Ballet School awaits!



And Finally...



I do hope that all Year 2 - Year 6 children are accessing their TTS Rockstars accounts and practising their times tables. I would like us to be in the top 5 schools for Bromley for accessing and for the fastest times answering each question. Again, last academic year our Year 4 pupils achieved excellent results in the DFE Times table Check. This is a good guide for us knowing how the children will perform for their Year 6 Maths SATS. The children that achieve 20+/25 for the Year 4 Times table Check all achieve the 'Expected' measure for Year 6 Maths SATS. The earlier your child learns, secures and can rapidly recall their times tables the better they will access maths; and the more confident they will be.

Our Yearly TTS Rockstar Celebration Day is on Monday 9th November (Come dressed as your favourite rockstar!) Maths Cafe begins Tuesday 10th November and runs for the remainder of the week. Our annual Maths Information Evening is on Tuesday 10th November at 6.30pm in the Main Hall. Access is via the Key Stage 2 Jaffray Road Gates.

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas

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

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/CBPI7iGNuVJvfSko?ref=Link>



Eco Council Corner



At Raglan we:

- Reduce - Our waste by using refillable glue sticks and avoid any single use plastics.
- Reuse – By collecting outgrown school uniform for the FOR to sell and by holding our Swap Shop.
- Repair - Our site team are always on hand to fix things we avoid replacing anything if it can be repaired!
- Recycle – We recycle hard and soft plastic as well as cans, food, paper and cardboard

News from Friends of Raglan (FOR)

PANTO – *Sleeping Beauty* at the Churchill Theatre

11am on Saturday 12th December 2026

Tickets for this year's Panto are on sale until Wednesday 23rd September, and we now have fewer than 40 remaining. It's a lovely chance to enjoy the show alongside other families from our school community — the atmosphere is always something special when we're all there together.

Tickets are **£35 each** and can be purchased at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofraglan/>

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

FOR's online pre-loved uniform shop has lots of great quality items. Visit <https://friends-of-raglan.sumupstore.com/> to place your order and pay via card. All money goes towards FOR projects, plus you'll be helping us be an eco-friendly school! When you place your order, include your child's name and class and we will send it home with them.

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

FOR AGM

A reminder that our Annual General Meeting will take place on **Friday 2 October at 9.00am**, immediately after school drop-off, in the school staffroom.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Simply enter through the main entrance on Raglan Road after dropping off your child, sign in at the school office and join us in the staffroom.

You don't need to wait until the AGM to get involved or learn more about us - please feel free to get in touch via email anytime via for.ptabromley@gmail.com .

Upcoming Events this half term

- **Spooky Disco** *Friday 9th October*

Booking information will be sent via school email soon, so please watch your inbox — and this space — for updates.

Contact FOR: for.ptabromley@gmail.com

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HEALTHY FOOD HABITS

FOOD EXPLORER (SEND)

This workshop is run by a certified dietician. Discover simple, engaging ways to eat together that will make mealtimes easier, healthier and more fun. Children participate at their own pace, parents learn how to adjust during this inclusive, sensory - based workshop.



Wednesday 23rd September



9:30am - 11:00am



Biggin Hill Children and Family Centre,
Sunningvale Ave, Biggin Hill, TN16 3TN



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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.