



Key Dates Coming Up

Wednesday 16th September - Teacher Meet and Greet

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

Tuesday 22nd to Friday 25th September – PE Café

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

Week beginning Monday 7th September

Language of the Week

	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Cantonese	喂	早晨	午安
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Fpdt3JSx_w

The Makaton Sign of the Week – Welcome

Character Virtue of the Week - Ready



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to what we hope is another wonderfully successful academic year in our school.

It was excellent to see all of the children returning to school with such a great enthusiasm to get 'stuck into' the new school year.

As I walked round the building dropping into classes across Wednesday and Thursday the hubbub of positivity towards learning was tremendous!

Children had settled well into their new year groups.



New Beginnings



In assembly on Wednesday I shared a poem about New Beginnings to the children. This essentially is about building resilience and ploughing through challenging times so that we can enjoy the fruits of our labour.

I challenged the children to all learn more about everything they could and to also focus on one thing they'd like to really improve on with their learning. Please do discuss this with your child(ren) so that you can help them achieve their own personal goal with their learning.

I also took the opportunity to remind and discuss our Raglan Character Virtues with the children. These being KIND READY SAFE RESILIENT CONFIDENT AND INDEPENDENT

The Power of the Pen!

Congratulations to Year 5! Last year in the summer term when they were in Year 4 the year group wrote to King Charles about the importance of his work (and ours as a school) in promoting and protecting the environment - locally, nationally and internationally.

Over the summer the school received a letter from the King's Head of Royal Correspondence praising the children's actions and enthusiasm for their work on this subject. This was a great demonstration of the power of narrative, and the high-quality persuasive letter writing from our current Year 5 children is excellent!

A massive well done, Year 5.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Private and Confidential

3rd August, 2026

To: The Children in Year 4, Wolves Class, Raglan Primary School
c/o Mrs. Duller

The King has asked me to thank you for your thoughtful messages.

It was so kind of you to take the trouble to write to His Majesty with your concerns for the environment. The King, who has been working on projects to protect and restore our natural world for over fifty years, was immensely touched to learn that you too care deeply about this important issue, and was especially heartened by your enthusiasm for tackling deforestation and safeguarding wildlife habitats.

I hope you will be reassured to know that His Majesty continues to encourage us all to think about the things we can do to help sustain and support the planet, and has asked me to pass on his warmest good wishes to everyone at Raglan Primary School.

Yours sincerely,

James Dawson
Head of Royal Correspondence

Times Tables Rock Stars



I would kindly ask all parents in Years 2 - 6 to check that they have access to Times Tables Rock Stars. If you have any problems logging in, can you let your child's class teacher know asap.

I would love to be number 1 across the Local Authority this year! Our Year 4 times tables screening was above Local Authority and National Averages last year; and our best results yet to date! We absolutely would like to try and improve further on this!

Our Year 6 excellent SATS results (especially for Maths) show us categorically that children that know all their times tables securely by the end of Year 4 attain the expected level for maths in Year 6. It is without a doubt that securely knowing your times tables as young as possible ensures children approach maths with confidence and make significant progress.

Can I ask parents of Year 1 children to check they can access Numbots when your class teachers send home your child's login in details. The Numbot platform is an essential part of your child's home learning routine. Your login information should be with you imminently.

READ, READ, READ MORE...!

As we begin the new academic year, I would urge all parents to support your children to READ, READ, READ MORE! Parents lower down the school please, please help your children learn their phonics securely, and support them as much as you can developing early reading skills. The earlier your child can become a fluent reader the greater success they will have with all areas of the curriculum. Reading unlocks the world for children!



Reception Parents Phonics and Early Reading Information Evening: Monday 21st September 6.30pm. This is an essential evening for all parents to attend!

Year 1 Parents / Carers Phonics Information Evening: Thursday 1st October 6.30pm. This is an essential evening for all parents to attend!

And Finally...Please check and diary these dates!

As we head into the new academic year, I would encourage all parents to keep an eye on the dates coming up.

Wednesday 16th September 3.40pm - 4.15pm is Meet and Greet your child's Class Teacher.

Please all diary Parent / Carer Evenings which will be held on: **Tuesday 13th October and Wednesday 14th October.** Parents and Carers will be able to book appointments two weeks before the evenings.

In addition to this please diary the week beginning **Monday 21st September:** This is PE Cafe Week. More information from Mr Boorman to come out in the couple of weeks. Sports Cafe Week culminates in our annual School Cross Country Championships to be held at Whitehall Rec on **Friday 25th September.** The Year 1/2 races will be held in the morning, and the KS2 Races will be in the afternoon. More details to follow closer to the time.

I look forward to working in partnership again with you all to try and make our wonderful school and community even greater!

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

We are looking forward to another year of Eco Council activities – look out for news about our Swap Shop and Litter Picking events coming soon!!!!

News from Friends of Raglan (FOR)

A huge welcome to all our new Raglan families, and a warm welcome back to everyone returning. We hope your first few days have gone smoothly.

About FOR

FOR is a registered charity run entirely by volunteers. Our purpose is to enrich every child's experience at Raglan by funding additional facilities, experiences, and resources that the school budget can't stretch to. We do this by organising fun, community-building events throughout the year.

Our main project delivered during the last academic year was the KS2 playground play equipment in February 2026 — following the KS1 installation in April 2024. These upgrades have already made a huge difference to playtimes, and we couldn't have done it without the support of the school community. You may have spotted work beginning on the next exciting phase: the Quiet Garden. The landscaping team has had quite the challenge with the unexpectedly tough ground, but progress is underway and we can't wait to share this calming new space with the children once complete.

Upcoming Events this half term

Keep an eye out for details on:

- **Pantomime Tickets** *The Churchill Theatre, Bromley – Saturday 12th December, 11am*
A Raglan favourite — perfect for kicking off the festive season.
- **Spooky Disco** *Friday 9th October*
One of the most loved events of the year. Costumes encouraged!

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

AGM – Come Join Us!

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 2nd October, at the school in the morning. New members are always welcome, and we're always looking for volunteers to help at events. Whether you can spare some time volunteering at an event or want to join the committee, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact FOR: for.ptabromley@gmail.com

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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.