Raglan Primary School NEWSLETTER

16th October 2026

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Key Dates Coming Up

Monday 2nd November – Back to School
Monday 9th November – Rockstar Day
Tuesday 10th November – Maths Information Evening
Tuesday 10th – Friday 13th November – Maths Café
Thursday 12th November – FOR Movie Night
Friday 13th November – Panthers Assembly

Hello in Portuguese - Rocket Languages

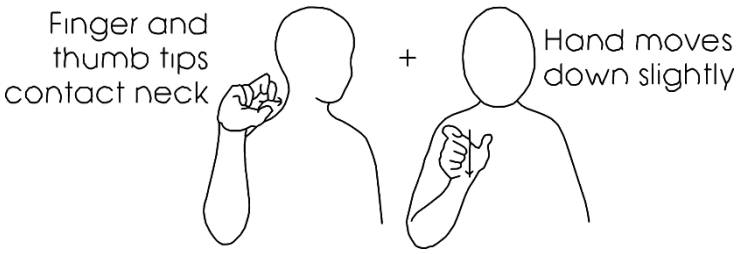
Week beginning Monday 2nd November

Language of the Week

	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Portuguese	Olá/Oi	Bom dia !	Boa tarde!

Hello in Portuguese - Rocket Languages

The Makaton Sign of the Week – Vampire



Character Virtue of the Week - Ready



Autumn 2 PE Days

Year group	Days of the week for PE lessons
Nursery	Friday
Reception	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Monday and Thursday
Year 2	Monday and Tuesday
Year 3	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Thursday and Friday (hockey on Friday)
Sharks/Frogs	Wednesday and Friday
The Hive	Monday and Friday

Safeguarding over half-term.

A reminder to all parents and carers that should you need to contact the school for any family emergency or safeguarding concern please email: safeguardingteam@mslt.raglan.org.uk

The emails are accessed by the school strategic safeguarding team comprising of Mrs Mead, Mr Hunter, Mrs Ingrey, Mrs Collins, Miss Ezinwa, Mr Farmer and I. Parents are reminded that I am the Designated Safeguarding Leader and that Mrs Mead, Mrs Ingrey, Mr Hunter, Mrs Collins, Miss Ezinwa and Mr Farmer are all our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leaders. We will access the safeguarding email inbox over the break to check for any messages.

The First day of Autumn Term 2 is Monday 2nd November: Children are expected in on this day.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for your attendance at Parents Evenings, for your feedback and completing the online surveys. I hope you found the sessions with your child's class teacher useful.

All the children deserve every credit for their outstanding effort and commitment towards their learning this first half term. As always, it is a wonderful experience to complete weekly learning walks and drop-ins to lessons. There has again been a real richness to learning going on in and outside the classroom across the school. The joy of observing the children 'discovering', 'taking on learning challenges,' and achieving is wonderous.

Every time we have external visitors to our school we the children's excellent attitude and behaviour for learning is so positively commented upon. This is a real strength of our school.

Again, it is a real joy to see how quickly (and rapidly) our Reception children have adjusted to their first year in school. All children have made good progress with their learning but also with their social and emotional development.

As you know we absolutely have unrelenting expectations for children to achieve well and make strong academic progress. That said, we also absolutely promote our Raglan Character Virtues: KIND READY SAFE RESILIENT CONFIDENT INDEPENDENT. These virtues are critical for children to develop because they are life-long, and will help the children adjust to every change, challenge and phase of their school life.

I would also like to thank the staff team for another massive, massive effort this half term. The staff are all heroes and a true inspiration to all children. Their commitment to your children is incredible and they continue to go above and beyond to make every child's experience a tremendous.

As always, I am hugely appreciative for the partnership we have with yourselves. Again, thank you for the terrific support you provide the school with. We never take for granted the support you have for the school and staff.

As I have said repeatedly, schools do not function effectively and have a real community spirit unless it embraces the parent / carer body. You are a wonderfully rich source of inspiration for the children. On that note; we have already some very inspired parent-led assemblies this year and we have more coming, I hope. Please do let me know if you would like to lead

assembly and share your story, the challenges you have faced in life and overcome. The children love listening to you and what you have achieved.

An enormous shout-out must go towards our phenomenal FOR. They have again made a great start to the year. The Sensory Garden build has been completed. We await the fencing to go up now so that children can access this truly inspired project. Our SPOOKY Discos were also fantastic experiences for all!

I would finally like to congratulate again all the children for their excellent first half-term. I would especially like to say a mammoth well-done to all the children who received Head Teacher Awards for being 'Excellent Lunchtime Role-Models' and displaying 'Outstanding Attitudes to Learning.' These children will receive the maximum 20 House Points.

Congratulations to Green House

1. Green- 1219
2. Red - 1213
3. Yellow - 1192
4. Blue - 1113

This Half-term's House Points Championship was extremely close!

Green House prevailed and every congratulations
to them. As a result of this, on Friday 6th November, all children in Green House will be able to come to school dressed completely in Green, partially in Green, or wearing school uniform with a Green accessory. They will all have the celebratory additional afternoon breaktime, (also on Friday 6th November. An outstanding effort for Green House!



FOR Christmas Stamp Design Winners

Thank you to all the children who participated in the FOR Design Your Own Christmas Stamp Competition and well done to our winners!



Important Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol News

On Friday 11th December (2pm Start) Key Stage 2 will be performing their annual Carol Concert at St. Augustine's Church Southborough Lane, BR2 8AT.

We will not be holding the KS2 Carol Concert at School.

We are really excited to continue to work in partnership with Reverend Steve and St. Augustines. More details will follow after the Half Term break.

Congratulations to Mrs Stasinopoulos, Miss Lowe and Ms Proctor

A massive congratulations to Mrs Stasinopoulos, Miss Lowe and Ms Proctor who have all had their babies. Mothers and children are all doing well. I am sure you join me in wishing them continued joy with their babies.

Important Safeguarding Information - Mobile Phone Use

Mobile phone use by adults in the school building, (and on the school grounds at drop off and pick), is not permitted. It is a safeguarding expectation for all staff to ask any adult to not use their phone (this includes calls and texting) when accessing, or within the school building and site. If you must take a call and are in the school building, I would kindly ask all adults to not answer the call until they are off the school site. If a member of staff asks you to stop using your phone, I would kindly ask that you do this without question. The staff are only doing as they are expected to. This is a statutory safeguarding expectation.

Inclusion Assembly

Last Friday we had an assembly delivered by Mr Hunter and Miss Dray to introduce our **Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP) Baskets.** These resources are necessary for some, useful for all! The assembly showed pupils the sensory and learning tools available in school to support focus, self-regulation, wellbeing and access to learning. We also discussed ways children can seek support if they are feeling worried or upset, including our Listening Ear, Worry Monsters, and talking to trusted adults. The key message was simple: everyone is different and it's okay to use different tools and strategies to help us succeed. We would like to say a massive thank you to the FOR and Just Williams, who have helped us make this vital resource available to all children in school.





Diwali Celebration

Once again, it was again a privilege to have celebrated Diwali on Monday and have Mr and Mrs Singh lead this for the children in whole school assembly. We have so many families in our school about to begin their Diwali celebrations. Mr and Mrs Singh shared the story of Diwali and what it means to the millions of people that celebrate it across the world. Once again, they held a quiz at the end of assembly and awarded prizes to the children that gave the correct responses. There was much enthusiasm for the competition!

It was a wonderful experience for all. A massive thank you again to Mr and Mrs Singh. We all look forward to Mr and Mrs Singh returning to again celebrate 'Holi' with the school later in the academic year.

On behalf of the school, I am wishing all of families celebrating Diwali the very, very best.



GRADUATES
Schoolwear

Graduates Schoolwear, one of our uniform providers would like us to let you know that their new opening hours for the winter are Monday to Saturday 9.00am- 5.00pm this takes effect from Monday 2nd November

They also now are the sole stockist of our School Ties and Book Bags – these are no longer available from the School Office but these too can be delivered free of charge to school if you place an order with Graduates.

Year 4 Trip to Whitstable

On Thursday 8th October, Year 4 went on a geography field trip to Whitstable. They applied their learning on coastal features and costal defences to identify what could be found in Whitstable. They also had a talk from the local RNLI crew about what they do and how they keep people safe. We would like to say a massive thank you to the parents who volunteered to come, and the children who were all well behaved.






Music of the Week

Wb 12.10.26

The Golden Gospel singer- Freedom

- The theme for BHM 2026 is "Honouring our communities"
- The song is a post civil War, African – American freedom song



How could you celebrate black history month?
Why are songs important when looking at history?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veiJLhXdwn8&list=RDveiJLhXdwn8&start_radio=1

Sensory and Nature Garden: A triumph for the FOR, our Parent/Carer Body and School Community.

A massive thank you to all of the families that came in to school last Saturday to plant a shrub/plant in our FOR sponsored Sensory and Nature Garden. This was an amazing effort and a whole lot of fun!

This project has been the very best examples of the wonderful community spirit and parent partnership we have in our school.





Hayes
Community Foodbank
Charity Number: 1198866

Dear Raglan,

Thank you so much for your harvest gifts. We were stunned and delighted by your generosity. The gifts will all be passed on to help people in our community.



From Hayes Community Foodbank.

And Finally…

Every holiday period provides you with the time to encourage your children to READ, READ and READ more. If you can visit the library please do. These are sanctuaries for reading. Please ensure you visit the book swap shop on the KS1 and KS2 playground for a new book(s) for your child to enjoy reading at home ahead of the holiday period. If your child has not secured their phonics, please work on this at home with them. In addition to this, if your child cannot rapidly recall their times tables then please use this holiday period to work on this. Use the times table section of the website here to help you know what your child should have mastered by the end of this term and school year. The younger your child can learn, master and rapidly recall these the better! It is absolutely vital that Year 4 parents and carers are aware of what their child(ren) can and can't do with their times tables. Your child will complete the times tables national screening after May half term. Please do use the holiday periods to help more with these.
I am wishing you all a safe, restful and enjoyable half term break.

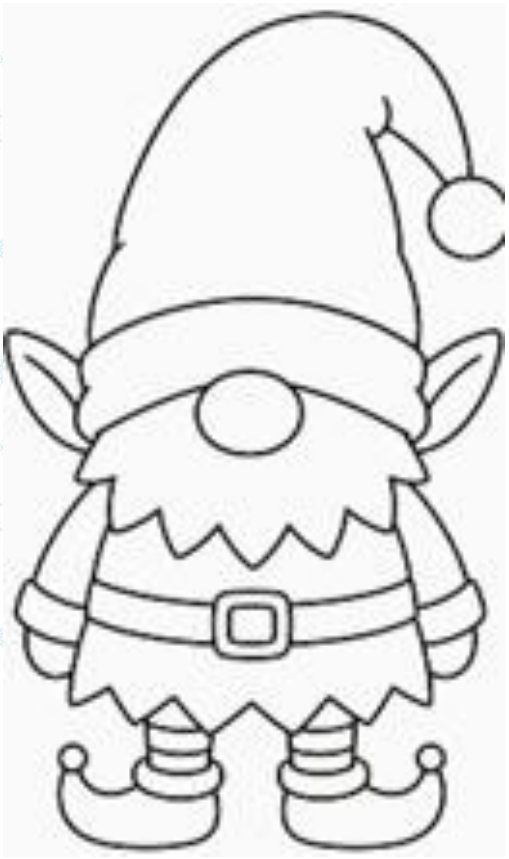
We look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd November.

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas

EA Competition!





We would like to introduce you to Elf & Safety, The Travel Explorer Ambassador **Be Bright Be Seen Autumn Term competition**!

Our Travel Explorer Ambassadors are launching a competition to ask your child to design a bright outfit so the elf can be seen during the dark and gloomy weather.

What should we do next?
We have attached two templates to the Newsletter, one for Key Stage One (KS1) and the other for Key Stage Two (KS2). The KS1 competition asks for a design only and the KS2 competition requires pupils to submit a design along with a short explanation describing their idea and the reasons behind it.

If your child would like to take part please use the templates attached to this week's Newsletter. If you don't have a printer at home your child can pick up a paper copy from the School Office.

Please hand your entries to Mrs Prescott in the School Office no later than **Monday 16th November**

Good Luck!
Mrs Prescott and The Raglan Travel Explorer Ambassadors

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

https://sway.cloud.microsoft/CBPl7iGNuVJvfSko?ref=Link



Eco Council Corner

If you are looking for something fun to do over the holidays why not take advantage of the falling leaves and make some leaf animal pictures?

You will need:

- Fallen autumn leaves
- Seeds
- Card
- Glue

Go on a leaf hunt, keep your eyes peeled for leaves shaped like a hedgehogs's snout, an owl's feather, a squirrel's bushy tail or a fox's face!

Press the leaves between the pages of a heavy book for a few days. This will flatten them out so can they stuck to the card.

Glue the leaves to your card to make a picture of your animal.

Use acorns, conkers or seeds to makes eyes and noses.



THE EARLY YEARS & YEAR 1 AUDIOBOOK LIBRARY





Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

We are delighted to share some exciting news.

Thanks to a donation from Friends of Raglan (our PTA), we have been able to create an **Audiobook Library** for Early Years and Year 1 classes.

This means that our **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Sharks Class** children will now have access to a **wonderful collection of audiobooks** through Yoto Players and Tonieboxes. Reading is a fundamental skills that unlocks the entire curriculum. At Raglan, we are passionate about nurturing a love of reading in every child, wherever, whenever and however they choose to enjoy stories.

Audiobooks provide a fantastic way to inspire a love of reading for pleasure. They enrich children's vocabulary, develop listening and comprehension skills and build confidence, particularly for those children who may be reluctant readers. We are excited that this new resource will further support our youngest learners as they develop their language and early reading skills.

To help our Audiobook Library to grow, we are asking for **your support**. If your family has any **Tonie characters or Yoto cards** that are no longer used or have been outgrown (or if you wish to purchase some for us!), we would be incredibly grateful if you would consider donating them to the School.

Your donations will allow us to create a wide range of stories, songs and educational content.

All donations will be greatly appreciated and will be enjoyed by many children for years to come.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and generosity in helping us create the very best learning experiences for our children 💙💛

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For more information

see Instagram

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Registration Link: www.6occer.com/school holiday-courses



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Need help navigating support through the primary school years? Find information, advice and support.

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Looking for support during the secondary school years? Find information, advice and guidance.

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Thinking about the future? Find information, advice and support for the journey to adulthood.

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Explore different areas of need and find information, tips and support.

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Worried about your child's safety or wellbeing? Find information, advice and guidance.

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Looking for support and guidance as a parent carer? Find information, advice and local services.

Have your say
Want to help shape SEND services? Find out how to share your views and get involved.

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.