# Raglan Primary School NEWSLETTER

6th November 2026

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**Key Dates Coming Up**

**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 Family Assembly**
**Friday 20th November – Elephants Family Assembly**

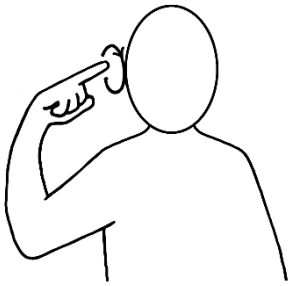
## Week beginning Monday 9th November

### Language of the Week

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**The Makaton Sign of the Week – Noisy**



**Character Virtue of the Week - Safe**




Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break. I appreciate that many of our families were working across the half term break; but I do hope that you were all able to have quality time together.

**Important Christmas Dates**

**Friday 11th December KS2 Christmas Carol Concert at St. Augustine's Church Southborough Ln, Bromley BR2 8AT Arrive for 1.45pm (Concert 2pm - 2.30pm.)**

**Monday 14th December 1.30pm / Tuesday 15th December 9.30am / Wednesday 16th December 9.30am EYFS / KS1 Christmas Production (This will be ticketed and that information is to follow.)**

**Black History Month**

You will know from the previous two newsletters that across October the children have had a range of learning experiences taking inspiration from local, national and international Black people.

In Year 3 children have produced pictures of art that was inspired by the book Sulwe. The art work about celebrates light and dark, night and day and varying skin tones. Year 3 also made medals that were created in science to celebrate the achievements of women in NASA, who helped land Apollo 11 on the moon - many, many years ago. These women helped to pioneer modern space travel and exploration.





A massive well done to year 3 for the work they have done across Black History month.

Year 4 have been studying and learning about Walter Tull. He was born in 1888 and was not only one of the first Black Professional football players but also was the first Black Combat Officer to take charge of men - way back in World War 1. Across the whole year group children produced an array of projects showcasing the achievements and legacy of Walter Tull. The children in Year 4 learnt about his incredible life over half term as part of Black History Month. His story has very close links to the new terms' English theme and whole class reading text, 'Poppy Fields.'




**A huge congratulations to Year 4.**

**Farewells and Welcomes**

It is with sadness that we say farewell to both Mrs Collins and Mrs Carberry this month. Both long-standing members of staff have absolutely epitomised all our school is, and our Raglan Character Virtures daily - and then some! The immensely positive impact of both Mrs Collins and Mrs Carberry on children, families and staff has been seismic for many years. We will miss them both dearly and we wish them all the very best with the next chapters of their lives. It has been a wonderful privilege and honour to work with both Mrs Collins and Mrs Carberry. Mrs Collins last day will be Friday 13th November. Mrs Carberry's is Friday 20th November.

We welcome Mrs Emmett into our school on Tuesday 17th November. Mrs Emmett will be taking over Mrs Collins' Role as our Family Liaison Officer. Mrs Emmett has an enormous experience base in the role, as well as an extensive career working in SEND. I have also had the great fortune of working with Mrs Emmett at my previous school - where she was the Family Liaison Officer there. I am sure you will help to welcome and make Mrs Emmett feel welcome in our school.

**Maths Cafe**

A reminder that on Tuesday 10th November Maths Cafe starts for the week. Parents can access the Cafe via the KS2 Jaffray Road Gate entrance. The gate will be open at 8.30am.



**Maths Information Evening** is on Tuesday 10th November 6.30pm - 7.30pm. It is in the main school hall. Access will be from the KS2 gate on Jaffray Road. Gate opens at 6.20pm.

**TTS Rockstar Day Monday 9th November**

Do not forget that on Monday 9th November children should be encouraged to come to school dressed as a Rockstar to celebrate the annual launch of TTS Rockstars.

We are already profiling as a top 25% school in our local area but we want to be top ranked before the year is out!

Children will be accessing a range of fun maths / times tables activities across the day, and whole school assembly will feature the new wave of Times tables Battles!



**And Finally…**

As winter dawns upon us the light will dim much more quickly. I would ask that you all take extra special care walking to and from school. Please keep vigilant as pedestrians. Although as a school we succeeded in having the 20pmh speed limit in place during drop off and pick times, we still need to be very aware of the vehicles that drive locally around us.

I would ask all parents and carers to email the school the registration number of any vehicle you perceive as driving carelessly and above the speed limit. This way I can follow the appropriate process of reporting them to the relevant authorities.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas

**Music of the Week**

WB 02.11.26

# Firework by Katy Perry



- 5th November is bonfire night

How are you celebrating bonfire night?

How can you stay safe around bonfires and fireworks?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGJuMBdaqIw&list=RDQGJuMBdaqIw&start_radio=1




E-scooters are illegal to use in all public areas in Bromley.

You must be 14 or over to legally ride an EPAC compliant e-bike.

Primary aged children can only ride an e-scooter or e-bike on private land with the landowner's permission.

**For more information visit:**

bromley.gov.uk/e-scooters

Or scan the QR code

Bromley is not part of the Government rental e-scooter trial scheme.

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SAFER ROADS BRIGHTER FUTURES

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

How many of the Cut Your Carbon challenges will you complete this November?




- **Make three plant-based evening meals**. Meat production is responsible for 14% of greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Make any four journey 'active' across the month** – ditch the drive and walk, scoot or cycle.
- **Plan your meals to reduce food waste.** The average person wastes 95kg of food per year!
- **Lower your washing machine temperature to 30 degrees.**
- **Have a device free day.** Electricity makes up 25% of your home's carbon footprint, power down your non-essential devices for the day – rediscover the joy of off-line fun!
- **Turn down the central heating by 1 degree for a week.** Show your love for the planet one cosy jumper at a time!
- **Share carbon cutting advice with friends and family.**
- **Substitute 4 baths for 4 showers.** Keep showers to 4 minutes.
- **Opt for refillable water bottles.**

We will be talking about our Cut Your Carbon Challenge in assembly soon!



# News from Friends of Raglan (FOR)

## XMAS4SCHOOLS

**This is a great way to get cards and presents for friends and family decorated with your child's unique artwork. A reminder that your child's Xmas4Schools artwork must be returned to your class teacher by Monday 9th November. It must be submitted on the pre-printed form that was sent out in book bags before half-term. Have your child create some Christmas-themed art on the sheet with your contact details filled in. There are instructions on the sheet. Once returned you will be contacted by Xmas for Schools to place your order. Items include calendars, Christmas cards, tea towels and more. A portion of the sales from orders is given to FOR.**

## MOVIE NIGHT - THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

**A reminder that our movie night is next Thursday. It'll be held straight after school in each classroom. The movies will be chosen by the teachers from a list covered by our film licence. For tickets and details of pick up times, visit our events site: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofraglan/**

**As part of the licence conditions, admission to the film must be free of charge. However, we are permitted to offer refreshments, which is why the booking system includes two options:**
**Movie Night Attendance Only – Free of charge**
**Movie Night Attendance + Snack Box – Charge applies**

**If you would like your child to enjoy snacks during the movie, please purchase a snack box when booking. Unfortunately, children are unable to bring their own snacks from home. As always, we will cater for allergies and dietary requirements wherever possible. Please note that children booked on an attendance-only ticket will not receive a snack box.**

## CALL FOR CHRISTMAS STALL HOLDERS

**We are now inviting stallholders to join us at our Christmas Fair on Saturday 5th December, 11am–3pm. This is a brilliant opportunity for small businesses, makers, crafters and local entrepreneurs to showcase their products while supporting FOR . If you'd like to book a stall or find out more, please get in touch at FORSTALLS.PTABROMLEY@gmail.com.**

## CHRISTMAS TREES PRE-ORDER SHOP IS OPEN!

**This year we have once again partnered with Good Elf to bring you premium real Nordmann Fir Christmas trees. They are available via pre-order only (https://www.schoolelf.co.uk/raglan), for collection at the Christmas Fair. They are**

priced below the Good Elf headline price, plus for every tree bought, the School will receive a portion of the sale price. Make life easy for yourself - pre-order now and collect from School on 5th December. If you are not able to collect from the Christmas Fair, let us know and we'll work out an alternative arrangement for you.

## PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Remember, if you need to stock up on uniform, we have lots of great quality items at our online pre-loved uniform shop at https://friends-of-raglan.sumupstore.com/. All money goes towards FOR projects, plus it's environmentally friendly so you'll be helping us be an eco-friendly school. When you place your order, include your child's name and class and we'll send it home with them.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Movie Night *12th November (Details to follow)*
- Christmas Fair *Saturday 5th December*

***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/
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# Reducing Parental Conflict
## e-learning for parents and carers

Bromley Parenting Hub.
Building stronger parental relationships

Disagreements between you and the other parent, negatively affecting your child?

AVAILABLE NOW

Do you experience frequent, intense, unresolved conflict with your partner or ex-partner?

Are you arguing, about things like: money, how you parent, or housework?









To learn about how parental conflict impacts children, please scan the QR code below.

WATCH NOW!

The online RPC course is FREE, convenient and includes interactive tools and videos. The course offers information on:

- What is parental conflict and its negative impact on children's outcomes
- How to recognise conflict triggers in everyday life and how to keep arguments healthy
- Overview of the free support and tools available in Bromley

**TO REGISTER PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE**

BOOK NOW

# 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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*of parents say their child loves or enjoys their Rocksteady lessons*
*Insights from 3,737 parents*

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Lisa

**92%**
*of Rocksteady pupils report greater confidence and self-belief*
*Insights from 1,738 children*



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*0330 113 0330*
*(Mon-Weds 8am-8pm, Thurs-Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)*
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# Your starting point for SEND support

Whether you're concerned about your child's development, looking for support at school, exploring local activities, or planning for the future, the Bromley SEND Local Offer can help.

Find information, advice, services and support for children and young people with SEND aged 0–25 and their families.

**Find support. Get informed. Get connected.**

**Stay connected**
Follow us for SEND news, events and updates.

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## Visit us

**Scan to access the Bromley SEND Local Offer**

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BromleySEND.org

# Bromley SEND Local Offer

Special educational needs and disability provision available for years 0-25

Your one-stop guide to information and services for families, children and young people (0-25) with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

## Find support

**Support in the Early Years**
Have questions or concerns about your child's development? Find information, advice and support.

**Support in the Primary School Years**
Need help navigating support through the primary school years? Find information, advice and support.

**Support in the Secondary School Years**
Looking for support during the secondary school years? Find information, advice and guidance.

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

## Get informed

**Understanding your child's needs**
Explore different areas of need and find information, tips and support.

**Health and wellbeing support**
Looking for health or wellbeing support? Find services, advice and guidance for your child.

**Help from social care**
Want to know how social care can help? Find information, advice and support.

**Money and finances**
Looking for financial support? Find information on benefits, funding and family finances.

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## Get Connected

**Things to do Leisure, clubs and activities**
Looking for activities, clubs or events? Find opportunities for children and young people.

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

**Help and support for parent carers**
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.**