Raglan Primary School NEWSLETTER

9th October 2026

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Key Dates Coming Up

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October – Parents' Evenings
Monday 9th November – Rockstar Day
Tuesday 10th November – Maths Information Evening
Tuesday 10th – Friday 13th November – Maths Café
Friday 13th November – Panthers Assembly

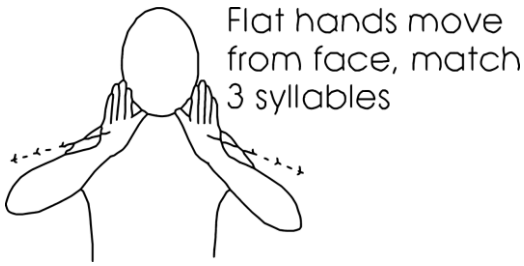
Week beginning Monday 12th October

Language of the Week

	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Hindi	Namaste	Suprabhātam!	śubha dina!

Greetings in Hindi - Rocket Languages

The Makaton Sign of the Week – Wonderful



Character Virtue of the Week - Kind



Dear Parents and Carers,
I would like to draw parents' attention to our **Maths Information Evening which will be held on Tuesday 10th November at 6.30pm** in the main hall.

So that we can have an idea of numbers of parents attending if you are planning on doing so, can you register your attendance by accessing the following link:
Maths Open Evening - Tuesday 10th November at 6.30pm – Fill out form

The theme of the session will be 'Maths Progression from Reception to the end of Year 6.'

It is **extremely important** for parents and carers from **all year groups to attend**, but especially for **Reception and Key Stage 1** parents / carers.

Mr Farmer and I hope to see as many as possible of you attending.

Parents' / Carers' Evenings Reminder

These take place next week Tuesday and Wednesday. You should have made your bookings for your time with your child's class teacher.

Access to the school site is via the KS1 Pedestrian Gate on Jaffray Road only. Access to the building is via the KS1 playground link corridor entrance.

If you have to collect children from After School Club; this can be done internally (you do not need to leave the school site). However, do not enter the main hall. Wait for an After School Club member to find you waiting at the internal front exit doors. They will then attend to you and hand over your child(s).

Cross Country Results

Cross Country results will be announced next Friday at Certificate and House Points Championship Assembly.

Black History Month Abass Dodoo Returns!



On Tuesday and Wednesday this week the children and staff once again had the awesome experience taking part in Ghanaian Drumming workshop; led by the outstandingly inspirational Abass Dodoo. This is now the third year Abass has joined us and immersed the children in his music experience and learning experience.



As well as the children playing the drums; Abass teaches them about the African continent, Ghana and his experiences growing up, getting involved in music, and becoming a musician who travels the world performing.



We are so lucky to have Abass return to us each year.

I would like to thank our FOR who sponsor the two days of musical workshops for the children.

A massive, massive thank you to Abass. We look forward to him returning next year and hearing all about his musical inspirations, travels and experiences.



Across the whole year the children about a whole range of different countries and cultures. Throughout October much of the cultural focus is on Black History and learning about the influence and impact that prominent Black people have made locally, nationally and globally.

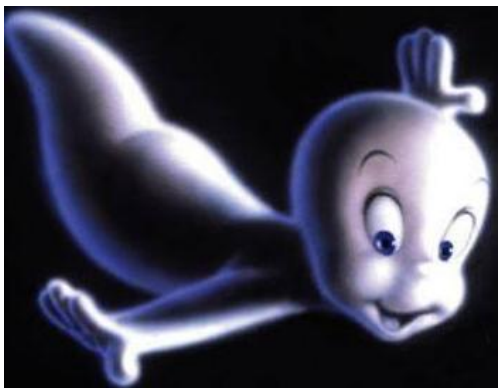
We also look forward to celebrating Divali which I know many of our families will be celebrating.

Parent / Carer Led Assemblies

I am again reaching out to all parents / carers to come and share your life journey with the children. We have had many parents share their challenges, failures and successes with the children and these have been truly inspired. You are all the most tangible inspirations for the children in our school and all of you have a story and life motto to share. We can work assemblies round your work and family schedules but generally whole school assembly is on

Wednesday mornings. If you feel like whole school assembly is a bit overwhelming then please take up the opportunity to get involved with your child(s) class to lead a Personal Development session sharing the challenges, failures and successes you have experienced. If you are interested, please email the office directly for my attention - or find me on the school gates. I am looking to schedule the assemblies for Spring and Summer.

Spooky Disco



A massive thanks to the FOR team for organising the Spooky Disco after school today!

Nursery

The Nursery children have settled well over the last few weeks, it has been great to see them learning the Chipmunk promises as well as the Nursery routine. The children have been introduced to many activities inside the classroom and in the outside areas. They have been developing fine and gross motor skills, building independence, turn taking and sharing as well as making new friends. Well done Chipmunks!






Raglan Boys' Football – ESFA National 7-a-side Tournament

On Thursday, Raglan Boys travelled to St Mary's Primary School to compete in the ESFA National 7-a-side Tournament. The boys were drawn into a challenging group, which included last year's champions and two other very strong teams.

As this was the boys' first outing together this season, with several players representing the school for the first time, I am immensely proud of how they rose to the challenge and approached every game with such enthusiasm and determination.

We finished as runners-up in our group, narrowly missing out on the top spot after failing to convert several promising chances. However, the result only tells part of the story. What impressed me most was the boys' outstanding teamwork, resilience and willingness to listen to

instructions and develop as a team throughout the tournament. Their efforts were rewarded with a fantastic defensive achievement: Raglan were the only team in the tournament not to concede a single goal – something the boys should be incredibly proud of!

The tournament has given me great confidence that we have an exciting season ahead, and I look forward to seeing how the team continues to develop over the coming months.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the parents who helped with transport and provided fantastic support throughout the day. Your continued encouragement and commitment help make these opportunities possible for the boys, and we are extremely grateful for your support.

Mr Sykes

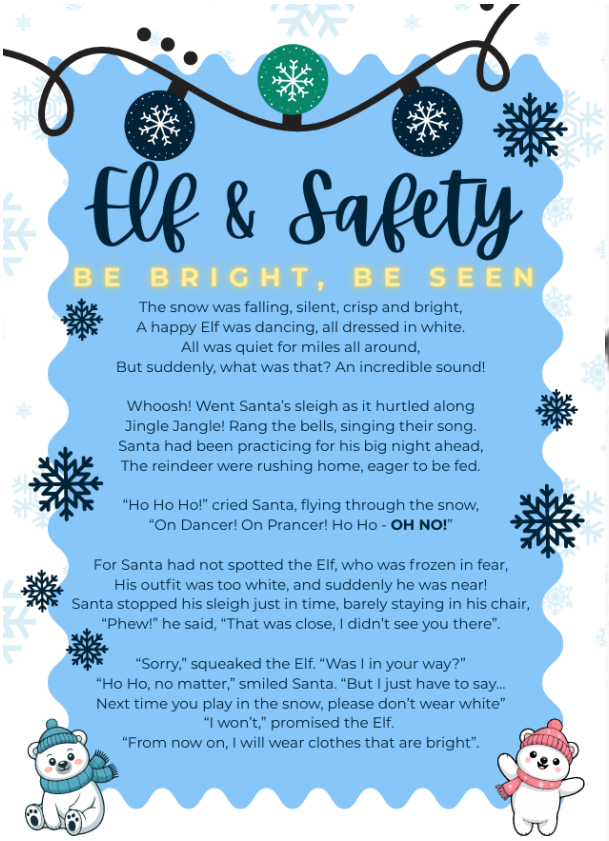
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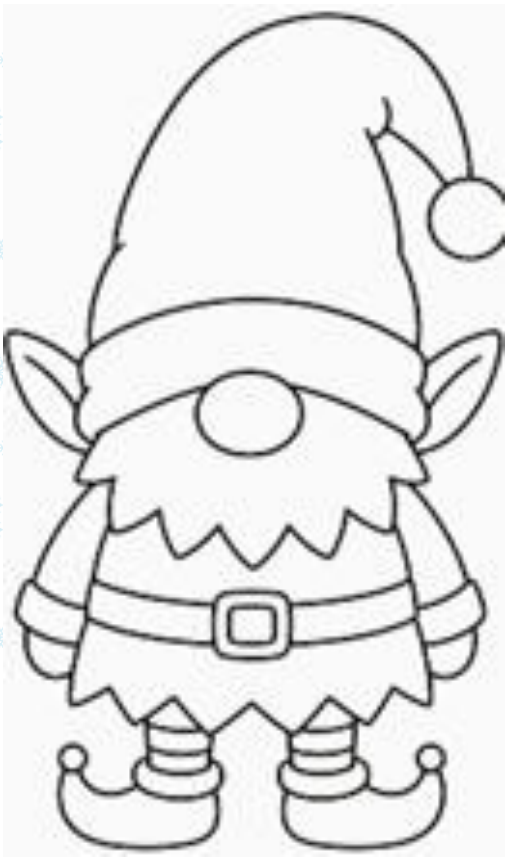
Please do continue to encourage your child to access TTS Rockstars at least 4-5 times per week 20 minutes a day. The earlier children learn, secure and can rapidly recall times tables the better! Their whole maths world will open up and their maths confidence will soar!

In addition to this please do keep reading with your children as much as possible; or encourage them to read as much as possible if they are already fluent readers. Being able to read unlocks the entire curriculum; and improves your child's life chances immeasurably!

READ READ READ MORE!

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

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

We hope our Eco Council members and their families will be able to join for the planting for the new Sensory Garden this **Saturday 10th October 10am - Noon and 1pm - 3pm**



News from Friends of Raglan (FOR)

QUIET GARDEN PLANTING

The quiet garden's hard landscaping is now complete, and it's ready for the next stage. With over 200 plants to go into the space, we're looking for some extra hands to help get everything in the ground. Parents and children are invited (encouraged!) to drop in this **Saturday 10th October**, any time between **10–12pm** and **1–3pm**, to help with the planting. There's no need to stay for the whole session — any time you can spare will make a difference. We are assured that no specialist green fingered skills are required!

🎄 DESIGN OUR CHRISTMAS STAMP! 🎅✨

Calling all budding artists at Raglan Primary School! 🎨

The Friends of Raglan are inviting children across the school to get creative and design their very own Christmas stamp!

Simply use the stamp template provided (you will receive an email containing the template) and create a festive design of your choice. We want to see your imagination, creativity and Christmas spirit shine through! ⭐ 🎄

There will be FOUR winners in total:

🎨 **KS1**

🥇 1st Prize – £10 worth of Raglets

🥈 2nd Prize – £5 worth of Raglets

🎨 **KS2**

🥇 1st Prize – £10 worth of Raglets

🥈 2nd Prize – £5 worth of Raglets

But there's a little surprise… 👀 🎅

The winning designs will be turned into our very own Christmas stamps and used as part of something very special at this year's Christmas Fair. We'll reveal which winning design becomes our First Class and which becomes our Second Class stamp when we announce the winners!

So grab your colouring pencils, crayons or felt tips and get creative! We can't wait to see all of your wonderful Christmas stamp designs. ❤️

🗓️ Competition closes: Friday 16th October

Free to enter

Please return completed designs to your class teacher.

Good luck, everyone! 🎄🎅✨

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Christmas Fair** *Saturday 5th December*

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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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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.