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## Ryefield's Fortnightly Update

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# SATs and Phonics

One of the things that struck me at Ryefield is how engaged the children are in their learning. I have witnessed the children in Year 3 and Year 4 really push themselves to beat their previous GymRun times. Year 2 have a Friday 'Write off' whereby they try compete with adults to produce the best pieces of writing. The whole school has been enthralled by the mystery of the a message from outer space. The children in our school continue to develop a love for books and enjoy the book vending machine and story dispenser.

In the coming weeks Year 5 will have the opportunity to camp out overnight and some of our Year 6 children will be going to a PGL activity centre. When, as adults, we reminisce about our childhood these are the school memories we tap into: the joy, excitement, curiosity and wonder. These are the moments we cherish, yet another significant part of school life is testing and assessment.

Over the next few weeks children across the school participate in a range of assessments: Year 6 have their SATs next week; Year 2 are being tested in Reading and Mathematics; and Year 1 will undergo the phonics check in June. Testing is a part of life, and during the month of May it will have a more prominent part to play in the life of the school, but to quote B. B. King: 'The beautiful thing about learning is that no-one can take it away from you.'

There is no end to our learning - it never stops, but it is important to remember that regardless of the outcome, if you have done your absolute best then you have passed successfully.

**Year 2** have their assessments over a period of weeks and work in small groups to complete a reading paper and a mathematics paper.



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# SATs

**Year 6** will have their end of Key Stage 2 tests administered over the week beginning 13th May. The timetable is as follows:

Monday 13 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 May	English reading
Wednesday 15 May	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 May	Mathematics paper 3

**Breakfast will be provided to all Year 6 children before the tests - so make sure you get here in time for a bacon buttie, sausage sarnie, toast or cereal!**

## 11+ Tuition - for the attention of Y4 and Y5

We are aware that some parents in **Year 4 and Year 5** may be considering entering their child for the 11-plus examination and past experience tells us that there are some skills that a child may find useful to learn.

Current costs for this specialised tuition can be very expensive and we at Ryefield are continuing to offer an additional service in which your child would benefit from teacher input at a fraction of the cost. Contact the Schoffice for more information.

## Read with Ryefield

Don't forget to regularly check the school's [YouTube](#) channel, or Facebook page, for our regular series of bedtime stories. There are three so far:

1. Peter Rabbit
2. The Elves and the Shoemaker
3. The Velveteen Rabbit

Each episode is shared on a Thursday at 19:00 - just in time for bed!

# Ramadan

The holy month of Ramadan has started and we would like to wish you Ramadan Mubarak and best wishes.

We know that you will have thought carefully about whether your child fasts and the school will be respectful of your decision. Obviously at school we would like to make appropriate arrangements for children who are fasting to be supported in their efforts. If you would like to discuss ways in which the school can support you please speak to the class teacher or come to the office. It would be helpful if you could tell us whether your child will be fasting so that we can ensure that proper supervision and support is in place. We understand that this can change from day to day and would ask that you simply keep in touch and let us know when you can.

Once again we wish you well in all your devotions.

## Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

The shop for the year 6 leavers hoodies is now open.

The deadline for orders is **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**. Any orders placed after this date will not be fulfilled.

Children can choose any colour listed on the website and can customise with their name on the back for a small additional cost.

A sample hoody has been left in reception for your child to try for size.

**To order your child's hoody please visit**

<https://www.leavershoodies.com/shop/ryefieldprimaryschool2019>



**College Hoodie**  
£18.99 - adult sizes  
£15.49 - child sizes



**Varsity Hoodie**  
£20.99 - adult sizes  
£17.49 - child sizes



# Dates For Your Diary

<b>Monday 13th May</b>	<b>KS2 SATs start</b> Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 1 & Paper 2
<b>Tuesday 14th May</b>	English Reading
<b>Wednesday 15th May</b>	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)/Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
<b>Thursday 16th May</b>	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)
<b>Thursday 16th May</b>	Amber Class assembly @ 2.45pm
<b>Tuesday 21st May</b>	Curie & Churchill Class Trip to The Battle of Britain Bunker
<b>Wednesday 22nd May</b>	Hawking Class Trip to The Battle of Britain Bunker
<b>Thursday 23rd May</b>	Nursery closed - being used for polling station
<b>Thursday 23rd May</b>	Y3/Y4 Production - PM
<b>Friday 24th May</b>	Y3/Y4 Production - PM
<b>Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half Term</b>	
<b>Thursday 6th June</b>	Y4 Trip to Hampton Court
<b>Tuesday 11th June</b>	Father's Day Shop
<b>Thursday 13th June</b>	Y1 Trip to The Look Out Discovery Centre
<b>Friday 14th June</b>	Sapphire Class assembly @ 2.45pm
<b>Friday 14th June</b>	Y6 to PGL (returning on Monday 17th June)
<b>Wednesday 26th June</b>	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
<b>Thursday 27th June</b>	Y3 Trip to Natural History Museum - Tring
<b>Friday 28th June</b>	Nursery & Reception Sports Day
<b>Friday 28th June</b>	Mandela Class assembly @ 2.45pm
<b>Tuesday 2nd July</b>	Y6 Transition Day - children to visit Secondary Schools
<b>Friday 5th July</b>	<b>INSET Day - Staff Only</b>
<b>Wednesday 10th July</b>	Y5 to Camping (returning on Friday 12th July)
<b>Saturday 13th July</b>	Party in the Playground - 6.00pm - 10.30pm
<b>Friday 19th July</b>	<b>TERM ENDS - KS1 - 1.30pm / KS2 - 1.35pm</b>