

Ryefield Bulletin

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Supporting Children Through Transition – Summer Term 2025

We understand how important it is for children to feel confident and secure as they prepare to move into their new year groups in September. To support this, we have developed a carefully sequenced transition programme throughout the second half of the summer term, designed to reduce anxiety and build familiarity.

Week commencing 9 June: Each class will generate a list of questions about their new year group. These may cover topics like routines, expectations, or the physical environment. Teachers will gather these during class discussions, and keep them ready for the following week.

Week commencing 16 June: Teachers will visit the year group below to answer these pupil-generated questions, helping to provide reassurance in a familiar setting. Staff will also meet as part of our INSET day to share key information and ensure continuity.

Week commencing 23 June: Children will tour their new year group areas, including classrooms, cloakrooms and toilets. Teachers will also share with families which class and teacher their child will have in September.

Tuesday 1 July (Week 4): Our official 'Transition Morning' will take place. Children will spend time in their new classrooms with their new teacher, followed by a whole school playtime using their new playground areas. Pupils will also hear from children currently in the year group they are moving into, as part of a 'pupil voice' activity.

Weeks beginning 7 and 14 July: Additional transition activities will take place where needed, including more visits and teacher interactions. Children with SEND will receive tailored support through ongoing transition sessions and individual planning led by Miss Lansiquot and the Hub team.

We're committed to making transition a positive and supportive experience for every child at Ryefield.



NETBALL SUMMER CAMP

28TH TO 31ST
JULY

10AM-
3PM*



Reception - Year 2*
10-12 noon

£15 per day, £55 all week



Year 3 - Year 9
10-3 pm

£27.50 per day, £100 all week

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Email blazejuniors@outlook.com to book your place

Mixing Reception, Year 1 and Year 5 classes for transition.

As part of our transition planning, we also take great care when forming classes for the new academic year. Each year, we review the makeup of year group cohorts to ensure that classes are balanced in terms of academic ability, social and emotional characteristics, and gender. This is essential to create a fair and positive learning environment for all pupils. We recognise that children thrive when they are in classrooms that support both their learning and wellbeing. To achieve this, we sometimes need to remix classes within the year group. These decisions are not taken lightly. They are made in consultation with current class teachers, senior leaders, and—in the case of SEND pupils—the Inclusion Team, to ensure that every child’s needs are considered.

To support this process, friendship pairs have been taken into consideration, and we will do our very best to ensure that each child has at least one familiar friend with them. We aim to ensure a smooth and successful transition into well-balanced, inclusive and supportive classes where every child can flourish socially and academically.

Class Teachers
2025-2026

Nursery: Miss L’Olive-Stafford

Reception: Mrs McGee & Mr Green

Year 1: Mrs Metcalfe, Mrs Simmons & TBC

Year 2: Miss Casey & Miss Weaver

Year 3: Mrs Thornhill & Mrs Toloue

Year 4: Mrs Joseph & Mrs Karunaratne

Year 5: Mrs Dearing, Mr Murray & Mrs Hayward

Year 6: Miss Stagg & Mr White

Summer Dates

- June
- 11th - 13th June: Y6 Residential
 - 18th June: New Reception Parents’ Meeting
 - 25th June: Class Photo
 - 26th June: SEND Coffee Morning
 - 27th June: School closed (INSET Day)

- JULY
- 1st July: New to Reception transition coffee morning
 - 3rd July: EYFS Sports Day
 - 4th July: KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
 - 8th July: Open classrooms to meet your child’s new teacher
 - 11th July: Reports go out
 - 15 - 16th July: Y6 Show
 - 16th July: Talent Show
 - 18th July: Leavers’ Disco
 - 21st July: Year 6 Funday
 - 22nd July: End of term.

Thank You for Supporting Ryefield – Fundraising
Success!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Friends of Ryefield for organising and running the spectacular Happy Circus event on our school field. It was a joyful occasion filled with laughter, amazement and community spirit. From juggling to incredible acrobatics, the circus brought delight to children and adults alike—and all while raising funds to support enrichment opportunities across the school. Thank you to every family who attended, bought refreshments, or volunteered their time to help. Events like these help make Ryefield the vibrant place it is.

We also want to celebrate the incredible achievement of our School Council, who organised a sponsored sports afternoon that combined athletic challenge with meaningful purpose. With a buzz of excitement and bursts of determination, children from across the school took part in a variety of sponsored events—from a range of activities and events across the playground and field. The energy was infectious, and the result was truly remarkable: together, our pupils raised an astonishing **£1,881!**

This money will go directly towards improving our playground spaces and buying new equipment that every child can enjoy.

A huge thank you to all families and friends who donated so generously—and to the pupils whose effort and enthusiasm made the event such a resounding success.

