

Ryefield Bulletin

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Help Us Choose the Ryefield Anthem!

At Ryefield, we're proud of the values that guide our school community—kindness, honesty, respect, and a determination to always do our best. These principles are at the heart of our school creed and everything we do. Now, we want to bring those words to life in a new and exciting way—through music!


We're in the process of creating a Ryefield School Song—an anthem that every pupil, staff member and parent can sing with pride. This song will be used in assemblies, performances, and key moments in school life to remind us of who we are and what we stand for.

To make sure the anthem reflects our whole community, we'd love to hear from you. We've written and recorded several versions, each capturing the spirit of Ryefield in a different musical style

 Listen to the song options and share your views by clicking the links below and completing our short survey.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and parents to help shape a lasting piece of Ryefield's identity. Whether you prefer a ballad, a rock anthem, or something upbeat and modern, your opinion counts.

Please complete the survey by Friday, 11th July, so we can announce the winning version before the end of term!

 Click [here](#) to access the survey

 [I'm Gonna Be](#)

 [Better Side of Me](#)

 [Our Creed](#)

Thank you for being part of this creative journey—we can't wait to sing it loud and proud together!



NETBALL SUMMER CAMP

28TH TO 31ST
JULY

10AM-
3PM*



Reception - Year 2*
10-12 noon

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We are pleased to invite you to our Open Classroom event on Monday 8th July, which will give you and your child the opportunity to meet their new class teacher and explore their new classroom ahead of the new academic year. Unlike the 1:1 face-to-face meetings we have held in previous years, this is intended to be a more informal drop-in session, allowing children to take the lead in showing you around their new learning environment. It’s a chance for your child to introduce you to their teacher, share how they’re feeling about the year ahead, and begin building a positive connection before the summer holidays.

The Open Classroom is designed to support a smooth and confident transition for your child. Feeling familiar with the classroom layout, knowing where to hang their coat, and having a friendly face to greet them in September can make a real difference to how they settle in after the break. We hope this relaxed approach also gives parents a useful opportunity to put a face to the name, ask any initial questions, and gain a sense of what next year will bring. Children will already have spent time during the day with their new teacher as part of our transition arrangements. This follow-up visit offers families a shared experience of the new setting. We look forward to seeing you on the 8th July and welcoming you into your child’s next chapter at Ryefield.

Thank you, Friends of Ryefield

A huge thank you to Friends of Ryefield for generously supplying fans to help keep our classrooms cool during the recent hot weather. Your support made a real difference to the comfort and well-being of both children and staff—we’re incredibly grateful for your continued kindness and commitment.

Summer Dates

- 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.

Avoiding the Summer Slump – Keeping Skills Ticking Over

The long summer break is a well-earned rest for children, giving them time to relax, recharge, and enjoy a change of pace. However, research shows that many pupils experience a dip in their learning –commonly known as the ‘summer slump’—when key skills in reading, writing, and maths begin to fade due to lack of regular practice.

At Ryefield, we’re keen to help children keep their minds active during the holidays without taking away the fun of summer. A little and often approach can make a big difference, helping pupils return in September feeling confident and ready to learn.

- Here are some easy and enjoyable ways to keep learning ticking over:
- Reading: Encourage your child to read something every day—this could be a book, comic, magazine or even recipes or signs when you’re out and about. Visiting the local library or joining the Summer Reading Challenge is a great way to keep them engaged.
 - Writing: Keeping a holiday journal, writing postcards, or even making shopping lists are all valuable ways to practise writing in real-life contexts.
 - Maths in daily life: Involve your child in measuring ingredients for cooking, working out journey times, or handling money while shopping. Games like cards, dominoes and board games also reinforce key maths skills.
 - Creative and active learning: Drawing, building, gardening, and outdoor play all help develop important motor skills, problem-solving and resilience.

Above all, keep it light and positive. The goal is not to recreate school at home, but to keep curiosity alive and confidence growing. These simple activities can help your child start the new academic year with a strong foundation—and still enjoy every moment of their summer.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

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