

# Ryefield Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We want to ensure that every child at our school receives the support they are entitled to, but time is running out! If you think your child may be eligible for means-tested Free School Meals (FSM), **it is essential that you apply before 25th March 2025.**

**Why is this so important?**

From 25th March, changes in funding rules mean that children who become eligible for FSM after this date may not receive the same level of funding protection if their family’s financial situation changes in the future. This could lead to:

- ◆ Reduced financial support for your child if your circumstances change.
- ◆ Less funding for our school, impacting resources and support for all pupils.

Even if your child already receives Universal Infant Free School Meals (available to all primary school children in London), they still need to be registered for means-tested FSM to access additional funding and benefits.

**Who is eligible?**

Your child may qualify for FSM if you receive one of the following:

- ✓ Income Support
- ✓ Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- ✓ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ✓ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ✓ The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- ✓ Child Tax Credit (if your household income is £16,190 or less and you’re not entitled to Working Tax Credit)
- ✓ Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after stopping Working Tax Credit)
- ✓ Universal Credit (if your household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax, excluding benefits)

**How to apply CLICK HERE**

You must apply directly to the school, providing the following details:

- ◆ Your National Insurance number or NASS number
- ◆ Your date of birth
- ◆ Your surname
- ◆ Your full address
- ◆ Your child’s details

 **Don’t wait—apply before 25th March to ensure your child and our school get the funding they deserve!** 

Thank you for your support in securing the best opportunities for all our pupils.

# Parents’ Evening Dates

## Spring Parents’ Evening

We are pleased to announce our Spring Parents’ Evening, an essential opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and ensure they make the most of every learning opportunity at school.

These meetings provide a valuable chance to review where your child is in their learning journey, celebrate their achievements, and identify any areas requiring additional support.

Parents’ Evening will take place on:

**Tuesday 11th March 2025 (short session): 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm (last appointment at 4:50 pm)**

**Wednesday 12th March 2025 (long session): 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm (last appointment at 6:50 pm)**

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend. Working together ensures that we can maximise your child’s potential and provide tailored support to help them thrive.

Appointment bookings links have already been sent out to parents. We look forward to meeting with you and supporting your child’s continued success.

# Additional Dates

**11/02/25**  
Safer Internet Day  
Road Safety Theatre Workshop (Y5 and Y6)

**12/02/25**  
  
Reception and Y6 height and weight checks

**14/02/25**  
  
Non-uniform day: Wear red  
Friends of Ryefield Disco

**27/02/25**  
SEND Coffee Morning in The Hub

**06/03/25**  
World Book Day  
Darwin Library trip

**07/03/25**  
Brunel Library visit

# Spring term dates

Half term: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2025

End of term: Friday 4th April 2025

## 🌐 Safer Internet Day – Helping Children Stay Safe Online

On Tuesday, 11th February 2025, we will be marking Safer Internet Day, an important opportunity to focus on keeping children safe and happy online. This year’s theme is:  
**“Too Good to Be True? Protecting Yourself and Others from Scams Online”**

With children spending more time online, whether for learning, gaming, or socialising, it’s important for parents to help them recognise and avoid scams, phishing, and online fraud. Scammers are becoming increasingly sophisticated, often targeting young people through fake competitions, misleading adverts, or messages pretending to be from trusted sources.

### How Can You Help Your Child Stay Safe?

- ◆ Talk About Online Scams – Discuss with your child how to spot misleading messages, too-good-to-be-true offers, and fake websites. Encourage them to check with you before clicking on unknown links.
- ◆ Encourage Critical Thinking – If something seems too good to be true, it probably is! Remind children never to share personal information, passwords, or payment details online.
- ◆ Watch Together – The BBC has created two excellent child-friendly videos explaining online scams and phishing. These are great conversation starters and can be watched here:  
👉 [BBC Online Safety Videos](#)
- ◆ Use Parental Controls – Make sure that safety settings are in place on your child’s devices and that they know to speak to you if something doesn’t feel right.

### Online Safety – A Shared Responsibility

Online safety is something we all need to work on together – at school and at home. By talking regularly with your child about their digital life, you can help them develop the skills to stay safe, think critically, and make smart choices online.

For more information and resources, visit [Safer Internet Day](#).

Let’s work together to make the internet a safer, more positive place for all children! 💙🌐

## 🎉 Friendship Disco – Friday, 14th February 2025 🎉

Get ready for an evening of fun, dancing, and friendship! The Friends of Ryefield invite all children to the Friendship Disco taking place in the KS2 Hall on Friday, 14th February 2025.

### Event Details:

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

🕒 4:15 PM – 5:15 PM

🎁 A snack bag is included with the ticket price.

Year 3 – Year 6

🕒 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

🌭 Hotdogs and other snacks will be available for purchase.

### Tickets:

💎 £5 per child – Tickets must be purchased in advance via the QR code or the website:

👉 [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofryefield](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofryefield)

### 🚫 Important Information:

Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis, and sales close on Monday, 10th February 2025. **All children must be collected by an adult after the disco.**

Don’t miss out on this exciting event – a perfect way to celebrate friendships and have fun!

