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**Ryefield Primary
School**

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DebateMate Urban League: Round 2

Ryefield Primary’s debating team is going from strength to strength, having delivered a stellar performance in the second round of the DebateMate Urban League. The team travelled to a primary school in North London, where they competed against schools from across the capital. Despite facing some tough opponents and challenging motions, our young debaters rose to the occasion with confidence, clarity and quick thinking.

Over the course of the day, the team participated in six intense debates and emerged victorious in five of them. Their impressive results reflect not only their natural talent but also the hours of preparation and practice they’ve put in after school each week. Judges praised the Ryefield pupils for their teamwork, strong arguments, and powerful rebuttals. Their efforts have certainly paid off: Ryefield is currently ranked fourth in London, and fifth in the country, a remarkable achievement. This national recognition is a testament to the team’s dedication and the support they’ve received from staff and coaches.

As the team looks ahead to the final round, we’ll be cheering them on every step of the way.

Well done, Ryefield Debaters! **London**



Position	School Name
1	Phoenix Federation
2	Ravenor Primary School
3	Redriff Primary
4	Ryefield Primary School
5	Elmhurst
6	Galleywall
7	William Tyndale
8	Ashmount Primary School
8	Central Park
10	Stroud Green



Friends of Ryefield are proud to present



HAPPY'S CIRCUS

Thursday 5th June 2025 | 4-8PM
Ryefield Primary School



Food & Stalls- 4pm-5.30pm

Circus Starts

6pm prompt - 8pm finish

30min interval at 6:45pm

Early Bird Tickets £11.50 each

or

Family Ticket £40

(2 adults, 2 children - discount applied in basket)

2yrs & under (must be on lap, ticket not needed)

Seating is on a first come, first served basis



Tickets Sales on link below or Scan QR Code:
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofryefield/>

PLEASE NOTE

Early bird tickets are first available exclusively to Ryefield Primary

Tickets will later open to the general public

Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance

No ticket sales or refunds will be available on the event day

Flower Festival

Year 3 and Year 4 Prepare for the Flower Festival!

Year 3 and Year 4 are hard at work rehearsing for this year’s Flower Festival, and we can already tell it’s going to be a beautiful celebration of creativity, colour, and community!

The performance will take place this coming Wednesday, and we’re really looking forward to sharing it with you.

As part of the event, we’ll be decorating the school with fresh flowers and handmade displays. If you’re able to donate any flowers or bouquets, we’d be very grateful. Donations can be brought to the school from Monday.

Thank you for your support—we can’t wait to see you there

Friends of Ryefield

Thank You, Friends of Ryefield – and Roll Up for the Circus!

A huge thank you to the Friends of Ryefield for all their hard work in organising this year’s Mother’s Day Shop. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to choose a special gift for someone they love, and it brought lots of smiles (and some very thoughtful choices!).

We’re also excited to share details of their next amazing event—a circus is coming to Ryefield! Yes, you read that right! The big top will be going up on the school field soon, and it promises to be a fantastic experience for families, filled with fun, laughter, and lots of wow moments.

Page 2 of this bulletin has additional ticket information grab your Early Bird ticket prices now, as you won’t want to miss it!



Additional Dates

End of term: Friday 4th April 2025

☀ Every Day Counts – Let’s Keep Attendance Strong! ☀

As we move towards the final term of the school year, we want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support in helping your children arrive at school ready to learn each day. Good attendance is one of the most important factors in giving children the best chance to succeed—both academically and socially.

We know this spring term has been a challenging one for many families, with outbreaks of chickenpox and a persistent cold and cough virus affecting pupils across several year groups, particularly in the early years. We completely understand that illnesses like these can’t be avoided, and we appreciate your care and communication during those times.

Despite these challenges, our latest attendance data shows that overall attendance at Ryefield remains in the low-to-mid 90% range across most year groups, with **Year 6 leading the way at 94.7%**. However, **we are still seeing higher levels of persistent absenteeism in Reception (33.8%) and Nursery (32.6%)**, and across Years 1 to 3 where rates range between 15% and 19%. While some of this is due to illness, we know that strong daily attendance makes a big difference to your child’s confidence, learning progress and friendships.

- ✦ Did you know?
- Missing just one day every two weeks adds up to nearly four weeks of lost learning over a school year.
 - Children who miss a lot of school often find it harder to settle back in socially and emotionally.

At Ryefield, we are working hard to reduce persistent absence and support families wherever we can. **If you're finding it difficult to get your child into school for any reason—big or small—please reach out. Our pastoral team is here to help.**

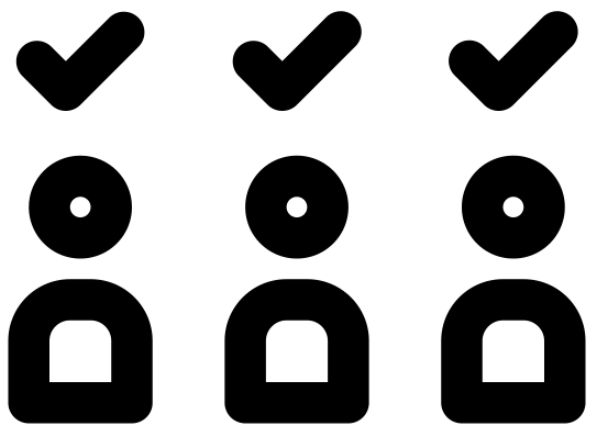
Let’s work together to make every school day count. A settled, healthy, and happy end to the school year starts with strong attendance—and we’re here to support you every step of the way.

Thank you for being part of the Ryefield community. We couldn’t do it without you.

Attendance Statistics

02 Sep 2024 - 26 Mar 2025

Year Group	Present R/C: Marks (%)	Late R/C: Marks (%)	Persistent Absentees
GEMS Nursery	92.6%	2%	32.6%
Year 1	93.3%	1.9%	15.9%
Year 2	94%	1.6%	16.7%
Year 3	93.8%	2%	19.3%
Year 4	93.6%	2.4%	9.6%
Year 5	93.5%	2.7%	15.7%
Year 6	94.7%	1%	19.7%
Year R	91.3%	2.6%	33.8%



Wishing a Happy Ramadan

To all our families observing this special time, we’d like to wish you a happy and peaceful Ramadan.

We hope it is a time filled with reflection, kindness, and togetherness.

Ramadan Mubarak!



Oak Farm Library

Spring 2025 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Eid Celebration

Celebrate Eid Al-Fitr with us at Oak Farm Library where we will share stories and make a craft to take home with you.

Tuesday 8th April
2.00pm to 3.00pm
For Ages 4 to 11

Lego Spike Workshop

Learn to build a car using the Lego Spike kits and program it to move using Scratch 3 in this special Lego building and coding workshop.

Wednesday 16th April
3.30pm to 4.30pm
For Ages 7-11

Dr. Bike-Look after your ride!

Get a free basic bike repair with one of our Dr Bike sessions. We will check your bike, give you advice, make minor adjustments and fit some basic replacement parts if we have them. Please only bring along a bicycle that is ridden regularly.

Tuesday 8th April
11.00am to 3.30pm
Drop-in session

Booking essential to book visit
www.discover.hillingdon.gov.uk

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Easter Stories and Craft

We will be welcoming Easter with tales of bouncing bunnies, cheeky chicks, Easter egg hunts and chocolate treats! Followed by a fun Easter themed baby chick wings and bunny ear craft activity.

Thursday 17th April
3.00pm to 4.00pm
For Ages 4-7

Easter Egg Treasure Hunt

Go on an Easter Egg treasure hunt in Oak Farm Library! Pop in during the Easter holidays to discover all of the hidden Easter Eggs and Easter animal characters. Find them all to win a small prize!

Available during opening hours
Drop-in activity
For Ages 4-11



Book Bunch

Join for us for weekly reading adventures at Book Bunch, our read out loud children's book group for children aged 8-11 years. A new book is featured & read every 6 weeks, followed by a fun creative activity. Come along and bring your imagination, plus its totally FREE! Every Monday 4.00pm to 4.45pm. (term time only)

**READING
SPARKS**

Simple science at home

Reading Sparks collaborates with libraries to combine STEM themes with creative arts & reading. We have an exciting variety of Reading Sparks activity bags that focus on different themes such as space, machines, nature, and animals. Why not pop into the library and borrow a bag to try out a few experiments at home? After completing an experiment, return the bag with completed evaluations to receive a CREST Award.

Easter holiday fun for families!

Do you want to be a dog's best friend?

Join us for a free, fun family workshop to learn all about staying safe around dogs and keeping our four-pawed friends happy and healthy!

This workshop is for children aged 7-11 with an accompanying adult



**Oak Farm Library, Sutton Court Road,
Uxbridge, UB10 9HP**

Friday 11th April, 11:00-12:00

The workshop includes dog themed activities, games and role play.

INFO HOW TO BOOK: email Karen.Hutt@dogstrust.org.uk or book a free space by searching the title of the event on the [Discover Hillingdon website](https://www.discoverhillingdon.org.uk).

Booking is essential.

learnwithdogstrust.org.uk

*Please note the session does include a plush dog, but no real dogs will attend this event.

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