

Ryefield Bulletin

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End of Year Assessments: What You Need to Know and How to Support Your Child

As we approach the final term of the school year, children across the school will be taking part in important end-of-year assessments. These national assessments help teachers and school leaders understand how well children are progressing and where further support may be needed. Here's a brief overview of what's coming up and how you can help at home.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

This check takes place during the week beginning Monday 9th June. It is a short, one-to-one assessment where children are asked to read a series of real and 'nonsense' words aloud. It helps us see how well children are learning to decode using phonics – a vital skill for early reading.

How you can help:

- Read regularly with your child and encourage them to sound out unfamiliar words.
- Play phonics games such as "What's the alien word?" using simple made-up words.
- Focus on building confidence – this is a low-pressure activity for the child and is completed in a supportive, familiar environment.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Children in Year 4 will complete the Multiplication Tables Check in June. This is an online test of 25 questions, with just 6 seconds to answer each one. The aim is to ensure children have quick recall of all times tables up to 12 x 12.

How you can help:

- Practise times tables regularly in short, fun bursts (e.g. during car journeys or while getting ready in the morning).
- Use free online tools like Hit the Button or Times Tables Rock Stars.
- Keep it positive – a few minutes a day can make a big difference.

Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 SATs

SATs week for Year 6 pupils begins on Monday 12th May. Children will sit tests in grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS), reading, and maths. These tests assess what pupils have learnt during Key Stage 2 and are used to inform secondary schools of your child's academic level.

How you can help:

- Ensure your child gets plenty of sleep and eats a healthy breakfast during SATs week.
- Encourage them to talk about any worries they may have – reassure them that all we ask is for them to try their best.
- Continue reading with them and discussing texts to build their comprehension skills.
- Help them stay calm with lots of encouragement and praise.

While these assessments are important, they are just one part of the picture. At Ryefield Primary, we value the whole child – their effort, their attitude, their creativity and kindness. These qualities matter just as much as test scores.

VLT COOKERY COMPETITION



Six schools took part in the VLT Cooking Competition, which focused on creating healthy, nutritious meals. Ryefield was proud to enter three delicious dishes, all prepared from scratch by talented pupils. Liana Abedinzadeh impressed with her flavoursome chicken and rice dish, Radha Gohil wowed with her beautifully spiced shakshouka, and Sama Al-Tamimi created a warming lentil soup. The school was delighted with the expertise, creativity and skill shown by all three pupils. A special congratulations goes to Sama, who was awarded second place for her tasty, well-balanced soup. Well done to all involved – a fantastic achievement for Ryefield!

Key Dates

- **Half Term:** 26th May - 30th May
- **Year 5's Residential Trip** (Gordon Brown Centre):
- **Happy's Circus:** Thursday 5th June
- **Year 6's Residential Trip** (Bushcraft):
- **INSET DAY** - school closed: Friday 27th June
- **End of Term:** Tuesday 22nd July. NOTE EARLY FINISH TIMES. KS1 = 13:15, and KS2 = 13:30

End of Year reports

Teachers are busy writing end-of-year reports, which provide an overview of your child’s progress, achievements and next steps.

These reports will be shared with you in July and are a valuable way to celebrate successes and reflect on the year’s learning journey. Alongside receiving your child’s report, you will also have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher. This is a great chance to ask questions, share information and help ensure a smooth transition into the new school year.

We look forward to working with you to support your child’s continued learning and development at Ryefield.

Recent School Highlights



Year 6 pupils took part in Junior Citizenship Day at Brunel University, where they learned important life skills through a series of interactive workshops. Led by local services including the police, fire brigade and transport officers, the sessions helped children understand how to stay safe, make good choices and become responsible citizens.



Year 3 enjoyed an exciting and immersive Ancient Greek workshop as part of their history learning. The day brought the topic to life through a range of engaging, hands-on activities. Pupils explored fascinating aspects of daily life in Ancient Greece, from food and clothing to democracy and architecture. They listened to captivating myths and legends, handled replica artefacts, and even dressed up as gods, goddesses and warriors. The workshop sparked curiosity and encouraged deeper thinking about how people lived in the past. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and educational experience that helped pupils build a richer understanding of this ancient civilisation.



Ryefield was proud to host the SHSSN sports event for Year 2 and Year 4 pupils, welcoming schools from across the borough. The event featured a range of fun, active challenges that encouraged teamwork, fitness and sportsmanship. It was a fantastic day of friendly competition and energetic participation.



To mark VE Day, children across the school took time to reflect on the end of the Second World War in Europe. Staff shared powerful, personal stories about their grandparents’ experiences, particularly life under Nazi occupation in the Channel Islands. Pupils were fascinated to learn about the hardships faced and the resilience shown by families during that time. The discussions also highlighted that for many, the war did not truly end on VE Day, as service continued until VJ Day in August. It was a meaningful and thought-provoking opportunity for children to connect with history through real-life stories and experiences.

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