



# Ryefield Bulletin

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#### **Welcome back to school**

We are delighted to welcome all our families back for a new school year at Ryefield Primary School. We hope you have had a wonderful summer break and are ready for an exciting term ahead filled with learning, growth, and opportunities for every child. One of our key priorities this year is excellent attendance. We know that pupils who attend regularly make the best progress in their learning. Even a few days of absence can make a real difference, especially in the early weeks of term when key routines and learning foundations are established.

Over the coming weeks, we will be closely monitoring attendance to identify any pupils at risk of persistent absenteeism. Early intervention helps us work together with families to ensure every child benefits from the full curriculum and the support they need to succeed.

We are also pleased to welcome Mr Green, Miss Weaver, and Mrs Pandher to the Ryefield team. Each brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, and we are excited for the positive impact they will have on our pupils' learning.

On a celebratory note, we would like to congratulate Mrs Casey, who got married over the summer, and Mr Tucker, who also celebrated his own wedding during the holidays. Following his marriage, Mr Tucker will now be known as Mr Tuckerson, so please look out for this name change on school communications.

Here's to a fantastic start to the school year, filled with high expectations, strong partnerships, and exciting achievements for all.

# WANTED

☀️ Party In The Playground -Behind the Scenes with the PTA ☀️

Did you know your school's Party In The Playground doesn't just magically happen? Behind the scenes, your PTA (a small team of full-time working mums!) are busy planning a day full of fun and fundraising for our children.



This year, we're bringing together:

🎯 5 stalls of great games

🎫 A bumper raffle with amazing prizes

🍹 Drinks & snacks to keep everyone refreshed

🎪 Inflatable fun for all ages

🎁 A tombola stand packed with goodies

But here's the thing - we can't do it alone! To make this the best Party In The Playground yet, we need volunteers to help run stalls, donate raffle prizes, and spread the word. Even an hour of your time makes a huge difference.

Our children love these events, and every penny raised goes straight back into enriching their school experience. So, come join us - whether it's manning a game or volunteering to set up, we need you!

✨ Together, we can make the Party In The Playground unforgettable! ✨

email us your interest at [for@ryefieldprimary.org.uk](mailto:for@ryefieldprimary.org.uk)

## School Priorities for 2025 - 2026

At Ryefield, our priorities this year focus on giving every child the best start and building on the progress made in 2025. We are strengthening reading and writing through Destination Reader and Essential Writing, while daily fluency sessions will secure confidence in maths. Attendance remains a key focus, with families and staff working together to reduce persistent absence.

In the Early Years, we are creating a rich language and play environment to build firm foundations. Alongside this, we continue to celebrate personal development through our Moments of Triumph, clubs, trips, and community projects, ensuring a broad, balanced education.

### Term Dates 2025- 2026 AUTUMN TERM

**Thurs 04/09/2025:** Children return to school

**Mon 27/10/2025 & Fri 31/10:** HALF TERM

**Tues 18/11/2025 & Wed 19/11/:** Parents' Evening

**Thurs 27/11/2025:** SCHOOL CLOSED INSET

**Fri 28/11/2025:** SCHOOL CLOSED INSET

**Thurs 18/12/2025:** END OF TERM

### SPRING TERM

**Wed 07/01/2026:** Children return to school

**Mon 16/02/2026: Fri 20/02/2026:** HALF TERM

**Fri 27/03/2026:** END OF TERM

### SUMMER TERM

**Mon 13/04/2026:** Children return to school

**Mon 04/05/2026:** May Day BANK HOLIDAY

**Mon 25/05/2026 - Fri 29/05:** HALF TERM

**Wed 26/06/2026:** SCHOOL CLOSED INSET

**Wed 22/07/2026:** END OF TERM

### KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

**Fri 12/09:** Drama for all (R, Y1, Y2 & Y3)

**Mon 22/09 -Thurs 25/09:** Bikeability

**Wed 01/10 - Fri 02/10:** Bookfair

**Tues 07/10:** ACS STEAM trip to Thorpe Park (Y6)

**Mon 13/10 - Fri 17/10:** Life Base & Y4 (Gandhi) swimming

**Tues 21/10:** Flu vaccinations

**Wed 22/10:** Individual and sibling photos

**Thurs 23/10:** African drumming workshop (Reception)

**Fri 24/10:** Y3 Stone Age Workshop

**Mon 03/11 - Fri 07/11:** Y4 (Parks) swimming

**Fri 14/11:** Y4 Roman Workshop

**Tues 18/11 & Wed 19/11:** Parents' Evening

**Fri 21/11:** Y6 Ragged Museum

### Staying Safe Online: The 4 Cs of Internet Safety and the Hidden Blind Spots at Home

The online world offers incredible opportunities for learning, creativity, and connection – but it also comes with risks. At school, we teach pupils about the 4 Cs of internet safety: Content, Contact, Conduct, and Commerce. These four areas help children (and parents!) understand where dangers might lurk online.

Here's what each one means:

- Content – What children see online. This could include inappropriate videos, images, or false information.
- Contact – Who children talk to online. Chatrooms, games, and social media can open the door to strangers with bad intentions.
- Conduct – How children behave online. Being kind, respectful, and knowing what to share (and what not to share) is vital.
- Commerce – The money side of the internet. Pop-up ads, in-app purchases, and scams are designed to catch people out – including children.

#### The Blind Spots at Home

Even the most careful parents can have blind spots when it comes to online safety. Here are some common ones to watch out for:

- Smart devices in bedrooms – Phones, tablets, and even gaming consoles often have cameras and messaging apps. Children may use them late at night, away from adult supervision.
- Shared passwords – Many families share devices, but forgetting to log out of accounts can lead to children accessing inappropriate content or being messaged by strangers.
- Hidden chat functions – Popular games and apps often have private chat features that parents don't realise exist.
- Unfiltered Wi-Fi – Home networks without parental controls or content filters leave children vulnerable to inappropriate material.

#### Practical Tips for Parents

- Keep devices in shared family spaces.
- Use parental controls and check privacy settings regularly.
- Talk openly about what children are doing online – make it normal for them to come to you if something worries them.
- Review gaming and app settings together so your child learns how to stay safe, too.

By understanding the 4 Cs and addressing these blind spots, families can make the online world a safer place for children to learn, play, and explore.



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LOCATION

**YEAR 4, 5, 6, 7 BOYS AND GIRLS  
WANTED!! BEGINNERS WELCOME!!**

**10AM SATURDAY DROP IN SESSION  
11AM SATURDAY TEAM SESSION  
NEW U10'S AND U12'S MIXED  
BASKETBALL TEAMS TO COMPETE  
IN THE CBL**

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