



Ryefield Bulletin

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Educational Visits – Working Together to Make Them Possible

School trips, workshops and visits are an important part of your child's education. They create memories, broaden horizons and allow pupils to apply their learning in new and exciting ways. These opportunities are often the moments that children talk about for years to come.

We are very aware of the financial pressures that many families face, which is why we always aim to give as much notice as possible so payments can be spread over time. We also work hard to keep costs as low as we can without compromising the quality of the experience.

However, like all schools, we are facing increasing financial challenges. Sadly, we are no longer able to cover any shortfall in costs. This means that if enough contributions are not received to meet the full cost of a trip, the visit cannot go ahead.

We do not want any child to miss out, and we share this message now so that everyone understands how important contributions are in ensuring these opportunities can continue. With your support, we can keep offering our pupils the inspiring experiences that enrich their education and bring their learning to life.

Thank you for your continued support.

Congratulations to Mrs Joseph

Mrs Joseph will be going on maternity leave at the end of this half term. She wishes her class, and all the children, a very successful and enjoyable rest of the academic year.

During her absence, Mrs Hope will be covering the class. She is already a well-known member of staff within the school and currently teaches some of the children for literacy, so the pupils will be familiar with her and well supported throughout this period.



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

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

Healthy Gaming Habits at Home

Video games are now part of everyday childhood, just like books or sports. When played well, they can offer creativity, teamwork and even relaxation. The key is guiding children to make good choices, rather than worrying about stopping them.

Talk, Don't Just Time

Start by asking your child why they enjoy their favourite games. Is it the story? Playing with friends? The challenge? This shows you care, and often opens up rich conversations about what matters to them.

Simple Habits That Help

- Play together – even ten minutes shows interest and builds trust.
- Agree boundaries – balance game time with school, sleep and outdoor play.
- Notice feelings – ask how they felt after playing: calm, excited, frustrated?
- Lead by example – show balance with your own devices and downtime.

Recommended Games This Term

- Alba: A Wildlife Adventure – explore an island, photograph animals, and care for the environment.
- Unpacking – a gentle puzzle game sparking chats about moving home and memories.
- LEGO 2K Drive – fast, fun racing with plenty of creativity for families to share.
- AstroBot - Astro Bot is a space adventure where Astro travels 50+ planets, using new powers, exploring diverse environments, and reuniting with 150+ PlayStation heroes.

Final Thought

Healthy gaming is about how we play, not just how long. By keeping conversations open and joining in ourselves, games can become a positive part of family life—something shared, not battled over.

Autumn Term Parental Survey

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We would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our school's survey on personal development, which can be accessed through the link provided. Your views are an important part of shaping how we continue to support children's wider growth beyond the academic curriculum, including their wellbeing, character, and readiness for life beyond primary school. The survey should only take a short time to complete, but the feedback you provide will help us to identify what is working well and where we can do more. Thank you for supporting this important area of school life.

Attendance Prize Winners

Children who win the attendance raffle will have the chance to receive one of several exciting random prizes. These include special treats such as VIP seating at events, non-uniform vouchers, hot chocolate drinks in the autumn term, extra playtime for their class, and much more. The raffle adds an element of fun and surprise to celebrating great attendance, with winners chosen at random to enjoy a variety of rewards that make school life even more enjoyable.

AUTUMN TERM

Winners so far....

George in Faraday: VIP Seating
Krishn in Gandhi - Rocksteady voucher
Carly in Curie - Non-uniform voucher
Jimmy in Pankhurst - Rocksteady voucher
Cameron in Churchill - A homework pass
Andrei in Curie - VIP Lunch
Arjan in Parks - An extra 5 marbles for the class
Kairo in Jade VIP Seating
Raya in Brunel - An extra 5 minutes playtime

By the end of the year, every child has the opportunity to have 39 entries in the draw.

Aim for 100% attendance each week.



School's approach to celebrating attendance

At Ryefield, we know that good attendance and punctuality are key to every child's success. When children are in school, they learn more, build stronger friendships, and develop the skills and confidence they need for the future. That's why we celebrate good and improving attendance each week – from class trophies and marble parties to certificates and special mentions in assembly.

We also recognise that sometimes families face genuine challenges. When this happens, we want to work in partnership with you. Our attendance team, class teachers and pastoral staff are here to listen, problem-solve and support. Whether it's advice on routines, help with barriers to getting to school on time, or linking with wider support services, we believe that solutions can always be found when home and school work together. Attendance is a shared responsibility, and together we can make sure that every Ryefield pupil has the very best chance to shine.

Weekly celebrations

- In our whole-school assemblies, the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 classes with the best attendance receive a trophy and certificate.
- Pupils who achieve 100% attendance for the week are entered into our attendance raffle for the chance to win a prize.

Class rewards

- Each class uses our Marble Jar system – one marble for everyone being in school, and another if the whole class arrives on time.
- Once the jar reaches 30 marbles, the class earns a Marble Party. These parties are special, varied and pupil-led, so the celebrations always feel exciting and fresh.

Certificates and recognition

- Certificates are awarded to children with annual attendance above 95%.
- Pupils who have shown significant improvement in their attendance are also recognised – both in assembly and on our attendance celebration board.
- Families are contacted weekly to celebrate children achieving 100% attendance.

Celebrating improvement

We know that for some pupils, improving attendance is just as big an achievement as maintaining it. That's why we also reward steps forward, with certificates, mentions in the bulletin, and half-termly awards for children who have made a real effort to improve.

Through these celebrations, we want every pupil to feel proud of coming to school every day, and for families to know that their efforts are valued. Attendance is not just about lessons – it's about belonging, friendships, and being part of a thriving school community.



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NEW U10'S AND U12'S MIXED
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