

Ryefield Bulletin

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Wishing Our Community a Joyful Diwali

As the Festival of Lights is celebrated around the world, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to all members of our school community who are marking Diwali this week.

Diwali, celebrated by millions, symbolises the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. Homes are decorated with glowing lamps called diyas, colourful rangoli patterns, and strings of lights to welcome happiness and prosperity. Families come together to share delicious food, exchange gifts and enjoy fireworks that brighten the night sky.

The messages at the heart of Diwali—hope, kindness, generosity and unity—are values that we share across our school community. It reminds us all of the importance of bringing light to others through our words and actions, and of celebrating the many cultures and traditions that make our school such a rich and vibrant place to learn and grow.

To everyone celebrating, we wish you and your families a very happy, peaceful and prosperous Diwali. May your homes and hearts be filled with warmth, laughter and light.



Become a school governor

CLICK HERE 


We are inviting parents to consider becoming a Parent Governor at our school. This role offers the opportunity to support and promote the school, contribute to decision-making, and help shape the educational experience for all pupils. Governors work as part of a team to provide strategic oversight, support the headteacher, and ensure the school remains safe, inclusive, and high-performing. If you are committed to making a positive impact in our school community and would like to learn more, please click on the link above to learn more on how to apply.


Join Our Lunchtime Team! 🍴

We're looking for enthusiastic and caring School Meals Supervisory Assistants (SMSAs) to join our friendly team at Ryefield Primary School.

Our SMSAs play an important role in making lunchtimes safe, happy and enjoyable for our children – whether that's helping in the dining hall, encouraging good manners, supporting play outside, or being a friendly face for pupils during their break.


If you're reliable, enjoy working with children, and can spare a couple of hours in the middle of the day, we'd love to hear from you.

 Hours: Monday to Friday, 11:30am – 1:30pm (10 hours per week, term time only)

 Salary: NJC Scale 2, Point 3–4 (£4,968–£5,039 pro rata)

 Start date: As soon as possible

As part of the Vanguard Learning Trust, you'll also benefit from being part of a supportive, collaborative network of schools that value their staff and invest in professional development.

 To find out more or apply, please visit: www.ryefieldprimary.org.uk/key-information/vacancies

Closing date: Friday 31st October 2025 (10am)

Interviews: Thursday 6th November 2025

Early applications are encouraged – interviews may be offered before the closing date.

School Council Success

We are incredibly proud of our Ryefield School Council, which has raised nearly £2,000 through a series of school-wide sponsored sports challenges to help fund exciting new play equipment for our students. The event, chosen and organised by the school, brought everyone together in a fantastic display of teamwork, perseverance and school spirit.

Last year's School Council had the pleasure of unpacking all the new equipment once it arrived, and their smiles said it all! The new resources have already transformed playtimes, giving students fresh opportunities for fun, fitness and friendship. A huge thank you to Clare Hayward, SENCo, and Danielle Perry, Attendance Officer, for their continued dedication to supporting the School Council. Their hard work and enthusiasm ensured that this project was a real success.

'This was a record-breaking achievement and we cannot wait to see what this year's fundraising efforts bring.'

Danielle Perry, Attendance Officer

'I never believed we would raise so much money, and I feel happy when I see everyone playing with the equipment at breaktimes.'

Shaun, Year 6



Year 6 Have a Thrilling Day at Thorpe Park!

Our Year 6 pupils recently enjoyed an unforgettable day at Thorpe Park, filled with excitement, teamwork and plenty of laughter! The trip formed part of our ongoing STEAM partnership with ACS Hillingdon, giving pupils the chance not only to have fun but also to see science, technology and engineering in action all around them. From the moment the coaches arrived, there was a real buzz of anticipation. Pupils challenged themselves on some of the park's famous rides, cheered each other on, and showed fantastic courage and resilience—whether conquering the twists of roller coasters, defying gravity on Swarm, or bashing Mr Tuckerson on the dodgems! Beyond the thrills, the day also reflected the spirit of friendship and curiosity that sits at the heart of our school. Staff were incredibly proud of how the children supported one another, demonstrated our school values, and represented the school so beautifully to the public.

A huge thank you to all the staff who helped organise and supervise the trip, and to Thorpe Park for continuing to inspire our pupils through its STEAM education programme. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of primary school and create memories that will last a lifetime.



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

Harvest Festival – Sharing What We Have

As autumn arrives and we take time to appreciate the food we enjoy each day, our school is preparing to celebrate Harvest Festival. This special occasion reminds us to be thankful for what we have and to think about how we can help others in our community who may be facing difficult times.

This year, we are inviting families to donate tinned and dried goods such as soups, beans, pasta, rice, tea, coffee and long-life milk. All donations will be collected in school and shared with the Hillingdon Food Bank, which supports local families in need.

Across the Vanguard Learning Trust, all our primary schools will be taking part and coordinating their deliveries together as a collective act of kindness and community spirit.

Harvest is a wonderful opportunity for our children to reflect on gratitude, generosity and compassion. Every item donated, no matter how small, helps to make a real difference.

If you are able to contribute, please send in your donations from the week beginning the 20th October.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Together, we can help bring a little light and comfort to those who need it most.





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**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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