

Ryefield Bulletin

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Notifying parents about school closures

As part of our review of our critical incident policies and procedures, we have been looking closely at how we would communicate with families if the school needed to close at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances. This could include severe weather or any situation that makes it unsafe for pupils and staff to be on-site. With colder weather approaching, we would like to share our procedures so that you know what to expect should such a situation arise.

Decision-making: If an incident occurs, we will first decide whether a delayed start, a partial closure, or a full closure is required.

How we will communicate: We will communicate any decisions with families as soon as practically possible. Information will be shared via:

- Class Dojo
- The school website
- A notice on the school gates

We will also explain how further updates will be provided throughout the day.

Possible scenarios

Delayed start to the school day

If the school day needs to start later than usual, we will communicate the revised start time via parent mail, Dojo, our website, and a sign on the school gates. Any changes to drop-off arrangements will also be included. Breakfast club will not run in this instance, and a decision about after-school clubs will be made during the day and shared via Dojo and on the website.

Partial or full closure

If a partial or full closure is necessary:

- Initial arrangements will be shared via Class Dojo, our website, and a notice on the school gates.
- Parents will be advised to check the school website for ongoing updates.
- Further details, including how the school day will run in the event of a partial closure, will be placed on the website.
- If remote learning becomes necessary, information will be provided on how this will be organised via Class Dojo and the website.

AUTUMN TERM VLT AWARDS

Staff member: Mrs Thornhill consistently goes above and beyond to meet the needs of every child in her class. Her dedication, care, and commitment ensure that all pupils feel supported, challenged, and valued. Beyond the classroom, Mrs Thornhill provides outstanding opportunities for all children to participate in sporting activities and events, promoting teamwork, confidence, and a love of physical activity. Her enthusiasm and drive make a real difference to the school community.

Students:

James Beer, for his love of learning and aspiration to improve, sets himself targets for self-improvement. James is an excellent example to the other children in Reception.

Tara Aora, for her desire to learn and improve and for her motivation to do her best in every lesson. Tara is extremely enthusiastic about learning and asks interesting questions. She always has a positive attitude and encourages others to be positive about their learning as well.

Luke Arnold, for inspiring his peers to be creative. Luke demonstrated this by composing and performing an original song, which he then performed to the whole school.

Term Dates 2025- 2026

KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

16th Dec: Y6 @ RHS for A Christmas Carol

17th Dec: Inter-house fencing competition

17th Dec: Christmas lunch (**orders must be placed by 12th December**).

18th Dec: End of term
(**Note that the school finishes early: KS1 at 13:15, KS2 at 13:30, and there is no PM nursery session.**)

On behalf of everyone at Ryefield, we would like to express our thanks to the Friends of Ryefield for organising and running a wonderful Christmas fair. Their fundraising efforts really help to make a difference to the student experience.

We wish all our families a restful and happy Christmas break. Thank you for your continued support this term. We hope the holidays bring time to relax, celebrate together, and recharge. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year, refreshed and ready to learn.

School closure (continued)

Breakfast club will not run in these instances, and a decision about after-school clubs (run by the juniors) will be made during the day and shared via dojo and on the website.

If a pupil who normally walks to school arrives onsite, we will contact parents or carers to explain the situation and arrange for the child to be collected if necessary.

Throughout the day, we will continue to communicate via Class Dojo and the website. The frequency of updates will depend on the nature of the situation. Please be aware that staffing levels may be significantly reduced, so we kindly ask parents and carers to check the website or Class Dojo regularly and follow the instructions provided.

Keeping contact information up to date: We ask all parents and carers to take this opportunity to ensure they are signed up to Class Dojo and that the school has the most up-to-date contact numbers for your family. If your contact details have changed, please contact the office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your continued support

Spring term dates

Monday 5th January: INSET DAY (school closed to students)

Tuesday 6th January: INSET DAY (school closed to students)

Wednesday 7th January: School opens for the spring term

Friday 13th February: School breaks up for half term

Half term: 16th February to the 20th February

Monday 23rd February: School re-opens

Friday 27th March: Spring term ends. Note that the school finishes early: KS1 at 13:15, KS2 at 13:30, and there is no PM nursery session.

Easter holiday: 30th March - 9th April



PERFORMING ARTS

ENROLLING NOW

BACK FROM MONDAY 12TH JANUARY



AT RYEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

ACTING

MONDAYS - BACK 12TH JANUARY - 3:10-4:10 - RECEPTION, YEARS 1 & 2

FRIDAYS - BACK 16TH JANUARY - 3:10-4:10 - YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

STREET DANCE

TUESDAYS - BACK 13TH JANUARY - 3:10-4:10 - YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

WEDNESDAYS - BACK 14TH JANUARY - 3:10-4:10 - RECEPTION, YEARS 1 & 2

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