

# Ryefield Bulletin

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### Our wonderful Year 6 students

Year 6 have been fantastic ambassadors for the school in recent weeks. Not only have they approached the SATs period with maturity, resilience and a really positive attitude, but they continue to set an excellent example through the way they conduct themselves around the school each day.

This was particularly evident during the recent Long Lane Sports Festival. As schools began arriving on site, our Year 6 pupils spontaneously formed a guard of honour, cheering and clapping each team as they entered. This was completely unprompted by staff and spoke volumes about the kindness, encouragement and sense of community they show towards others.

Moments like this reflect the values we want children to leave primary school with, and we are incredibly proud of the example Year 6 continues to set for the rest of the school.

### Walk to School Week

Next week, we will be taking part in Walk to School Week, a national initiative that encourages children and families to think about the benefits of active travel.

Throughout the week, children will be encouraged to walk, scoot, cycle or 'Park and Stride' to school wherever possible. The week is designed to help children understand how active travel can support both physical and mental wellbeing, while also helping the environment and reducing traffic around the school site. Themes across the week include road safety, sustainability, physical health, wellbeing and community.

As well as being healthier, walking to school can be a great opportunity for children to spend time with family and friends, get fresh air and start the day positively. Children taking part will receive stickers throughout the week, with additional rewards at the end of the challenge.

We are also looking forward to "Happy Shoesday" on Tuesday, where children are invited to wear their favourite shoes to celebrate Walk to School Week – whether they are bright, sporty, sparkly or wonderfully unusual!

We look forward to seeing as many children as possible taking part and helping our community take a few more steps towards healthier and more sustainable journeys to school.

## Cooking competition reminder (Years 5 and 6 only)

Just a reminder that the preliminary round of the Year 5 and Year 6 VLT Cooking Competition will take place in school on Monday 18th May. Children taking part should bring their completed dish into school on the day for judging.

Please ensure that:

- all dishes are clearly labelled with ingredients and allergens
- dishes are completely nut free
- containers and plates are named where possible

The judging panel will select the top entries to go forward to represent the school in the final round of the competition.

We are looking forward to seeing the children's creativity and effort – and hopefully tasting some fantastic dishes too!

### Dates for the summer term

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Walk to School Week

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> May: Happy Shoesday &  
Judo taster for Y1, 2 and 5.

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> May: Y5 PACCAR residential meeting  
(15:15 - 16:15)

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May: VLT Cooking competition

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May: Y1 Trip to Look Out Centre

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May: No Screens Day

### Week of 25<sup>th</sup> May: HALF TERM

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June: Y5 Residential

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June: Viking Workshop

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June: Y6 Residential

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June: VLT Table Tennis Comp

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June: Rounders Tournament

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> June: EYFS Sports Day (TBC)

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June: Class Photo Day

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June: KS1 & KS2 Sports Day (TBC)

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> July: Whole School Transition Day

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July: Last day of term

### Summer holiday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Sept: FoR Party in the Playground

### School trip contributions

School trips play an important part in children's learning and wider experiences at school. We work hard to keep trips affordable for families and try to balance a mixture of free local visits alongside larger paid trips throughout the year. Wherever possible, we make use of local parks, libraries, places of worship and community facilities so that children can still benefit from experiences outside the classroom without every trip carrying a high cost. Some visits, however, do involve unavoidable expenses such as coach travel, entry fees or workshops led by external providers. Unfortunately, school budgets are not able to cover these costs in full, particularly with rising transport prices and increasing costs for educational venues.

For this reason, trips can usually only go ahead where enough parental contributions are received to make them financially viable. Although contributions are voluntary, if insufficient payments are received overall, the school may have no option but to cancel the visit for the whole class or year group. We understand that families are facing financial pressures and we always try to keep costs as low as possible while still providing worthwhile experiences for the children. We are very grateful for the support parents continue to give in helping these opportunities go ahead.

### Behaviour and conduct: school trips

School trips are an important part of school life, and we want all children to have the opportunity to take part. However, trips rely on pupils following school expectations so that visits remain safe and enjoyable for everyone. Where a child's behaviour or conduct in school raises significant concerns around safety, supervision or following adult instructions, the school may need to consider whether participation in a particular trip is appropriate. Any decision would be considered carefully, taking into account the nature of the visit and the support available.

Where possible, concerns would be discussed with parents in advance and children would be given opportunities to improve before decisions are made. Our aim is always to support pupils while ensuring trips remain safe and positive experiences for all involved.  
on educational visits.