

 So December is here and Christmas really is on its way. The sounds of children singing Christmas songs can be heard throughout the school and although it is cold, the sun is shining. It is good to see many children coming in with hats and scarves; they are certainly needed in this cold weather. 



### Year 2 Outdoor Learning

Yesterday Year 2 went to the Country Park for their outdoor learning. They had a request from Captain Longbeard to find a suitable place for him to bury his treasure! So dressed as pirates, they went on their mission in groups around the park. All children found somewhere that they thought Longbeard could use to bury his treasure. They worked in groups to create maps using the environment around them and gave directions about how to find the treasure. All children enjoyed their first year 2 outdoor learning experience!



### Butterfly Trip To The Country Park

On Monday, our Butterflies went to the Country Park to collect sticks, grass, twigs and leaves to make Bug homes. We had received a letter from Bertie Beetle whose house had blown away in the wind and knew we had to help! We had great fun searching the frosty ground for everything we needed to make a cosy home. We have now made our bug homes and they are hanging in a cosy corner in the Reception playground. We are looking forward to seeing if any bugs make their homes in them.



### Dragonfly Trip To Horniman Museum

On Monday, Dragonfly children ventured out to the Horniman Museum, where they had the opportunity to discover many different animals. They enjoyed seeing both living creatures and extinct stuffed animals too - from alpacas to a dodo! The children loved discovering animal bones and replicas of some animals that have been dead for hundreds of years. Another great learning opportunity, which was enjoyed by all.



### London Chess Classic Tournament

Children from Years 4, 5 & 6 were specially selected to take part in the London Chess Classic Tournament against children from lots of other schools. The competition was fierce, but our children were brilliant competitors and made us very proud. It was a fantastic day and we all really enjoyed it. Thank you to all of the adults who came to support us.



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Ahmed - Magpie  
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### Athletics News

"On Wednesday, twelve lucky Year 6 athletes went to compete with seven other schools at Archbishop Lanfranc Academy. There were field events such as Speed Bounce and Standing Triple Jump. For each field event, two boys and two girls competed. There were the track events which were the relays and we are proud to say that our boys and girls came first! Our school did really well, especially for the track events. Our total score was 250 points and we came second out of the seven schools. Even though we didn't come first, we were only 16 points behind them. We are also proud to say that on 9<sup>th</sup> January, we will be competing in Royal Russel against other schools. Wish us luck!" – Maisey and Ketayah, Hawk Class



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### Mental Health And Well-Being Workshop

It was nice to see parents attend the Mental Health and Well-Being Workshop on Tuesday. We spoke about the importance of getting enough sleep, a healthy diet and exercise. We also spoke about the importance of communicating with your children. The next session will be on Keeping Children Safe Online on Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 2.30pm.



### Polling Station

Nursery will be closed for children on Thursday 12th December, as the premises will be used as a Polling Station, for the General Election.



### Santa's Grotto

Santa's Grotto is now full, I hope everybody who wanted to see the big man managed to get booked in! If you did book your child's slot, please bring your payment of £3 per child to the office.



### Christmas Events

**Reception and Year 1 Christmas Production:**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10am

### Nursery Christmas Concert:

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 11am for AM children and 12.30 for PM children

### Carol concert at St Luke's Church:

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to assist with walking the children to the church on the day or for the practise on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.



**Maths and Spelling Champions**

Each Friday during celebration assembly, prizes are awarded to the top classes and individuals on Spelling and

Maths shed from Years 2-6. Please make sure your children are logging on and completing their assignments and playing as many games as possible to practise their spelling and maths.

This week the winners are...

**Top spelling class: Hawk Class**  
**Top speller: Elizabeth in Heron Class**

**Top maths class: Raven class**  
**Top mathematician: Rodrigo in Raven class**

Well done and keep it up!



**Friends of Ryelands**

**VOLUNTEERS:**

We need helpers on **Sunday from 1pm - 5pm** to help set up the fair. Children are

welcome to come and help too!

We also need helpers on the day from 1pm and at the fair itself.

**GRAND RAFFLE:**

Thank you to those who have already purchased **RAFFLE TICKETS** we have an amazing list of prizes! Please see at the end of the newsletter. TICKETS will be for sale before school on Monday and at the fair.

**DONATIONS:**

Thank you very much to everyone who donated as part of the mufti day! There is still time to donate fancy dress costumes, Christmas jumpers, second hand uniform, wrapping paper and Christmas decorations.

**CAKE SALE:**

Please bring a donation of cakes and biscuits to the fair on Monday!

**GROTTO:**

All grotto spaces have been filled. If you have made a booking for the grotto please make sure you take your £3 per child to the office.



**Punctuality**

Please remember that the children can be on our playground at 8.40am and our school bell rings a few minutes before our official start time of 8.50am to get the children ready for their learning.

This week's punctuality for each class:

Robin – 0.9%	Wren – 0.3%
Sparrow – 0.7%	Starling – 0%
Chaffinch – 0%	Goldfinch – 0.7%
Kingfisher – 0.3%	Woodpecker – 0.3%
Magpie – 1.7%	Owl – 1%
Heron – 0.3%	Raven – 0.6%
Eagle – 0.4%	Hawk – 0.4%



**Makaton words of the week**

**To give and To receive.**

All the children are enjoying learning the new Makaton signs and joining in with the signing of our songs in Sing & Sign assembly. Please encourage your children to show you the signs they are learning, they are doing so well!



**Upcoming Class Assembly Dates**

Please note class assemblies are on Thursdays and start at 9.05am. We welcome all parents / carers and family members that would like to come.

16 <sup>th</sup> January	Starling
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Robin
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Eagle
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Heron



**Stars of The Week**

At Oasis Academy Ryelands we are driven by a powerful ethos that CAREs. It aspires to treat everyone inclusively and recognises the importance of a holistic approach to education.

We have been giving out our celebration certificates in line with our school values. The children's and staff certificates have been awarded for demonstrating our values, as seen below:

**Values**

**C - Community.** We care for our community and help others whenever we can.

**A - Aspiration.** When you work hard and believe you can do anything you then have options.

**R - Resilience.** We never stop trying even when it gets tough.

**E - Enjoyment.** Developing a love of lifelong learning in our community.

**The Circle of Inclusion. (which surrounds the word CARE)**

- We believe we are one family: we play together and learn together and no one is left out.

Our stars of the week this week were:

	<b>Community</b>	Greta - Magpie	Wolfgang - Owl	<b>Mrs Cheeseman</b>	<b>Miss Johnston</b>			
	<b>Aspiration</b>	Farley - Robin	Fabianna - Sparrow	Nylah - Chaffinch	Georgia - Goldfinch	Nelly - Woodpecker	Liam - Heron	Marlo - Raven
	<b>Resilience</b>	Mareeqah - Eagle	Marco - Wren	Saro - Hawk	Judah - Starling	Lucas - Robin	Sofia - Kingfisher	
	<b>Enjoyment</b>	<b>Inclusion</b>	<b>Children's Choice</b>	Khalif chose Mrs Shukla for Resilience	Kyrelle chose Summer for Inclusion			

<b>WINNER</b>	
<b>Golden Ticket Winners</b>	
Our Golden Ticket Winners this week:	
Saro – Hawk	Leo – Magpie
Asa – Owl	Piotr – Raven
Dario – Heron	Angela – Kingfisher
Shay – Woodpecker	Micah – Chaffinch
Keelan – Goldfinch	Mannie – Eagle
Tanish – Starling	Sofia – Sparrow



**Would You Like Your Child to Start Reception at Ryelands in 2020?**

Come and have a tour of the school to find out more. Book via the office or on 0208

656 4165.

Tours last approximately 45 minutes, and all your questions will be answered.

**Wednesday 8th January - 10am**

**Have You Started Your Christmas Shopping Yet?**

**Do you shop on AMAZON?**

**smile.amazon.co.uk** You can now support Friends Of Ryelands every time you shop on Amazon. Simply use the web address below and choose Friends Of Ryelands School as your chosen charity. (When shopping you need to shop through [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) rather than directly on the standard Amazon site.)

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**STIKINS®** **Stikins**  
Are your child's uniform and belongings labelled? Our lost property box is overflowing with lost items. Items which are named will find their way back to their owner. Stikins are a fantastic stick on product for labelling school uniform with no ironing and no sewing required. Not only that, but if you buy them, you will also help raise funds for our school at the same time, at no extra cost or effort!



**Books for Schools**

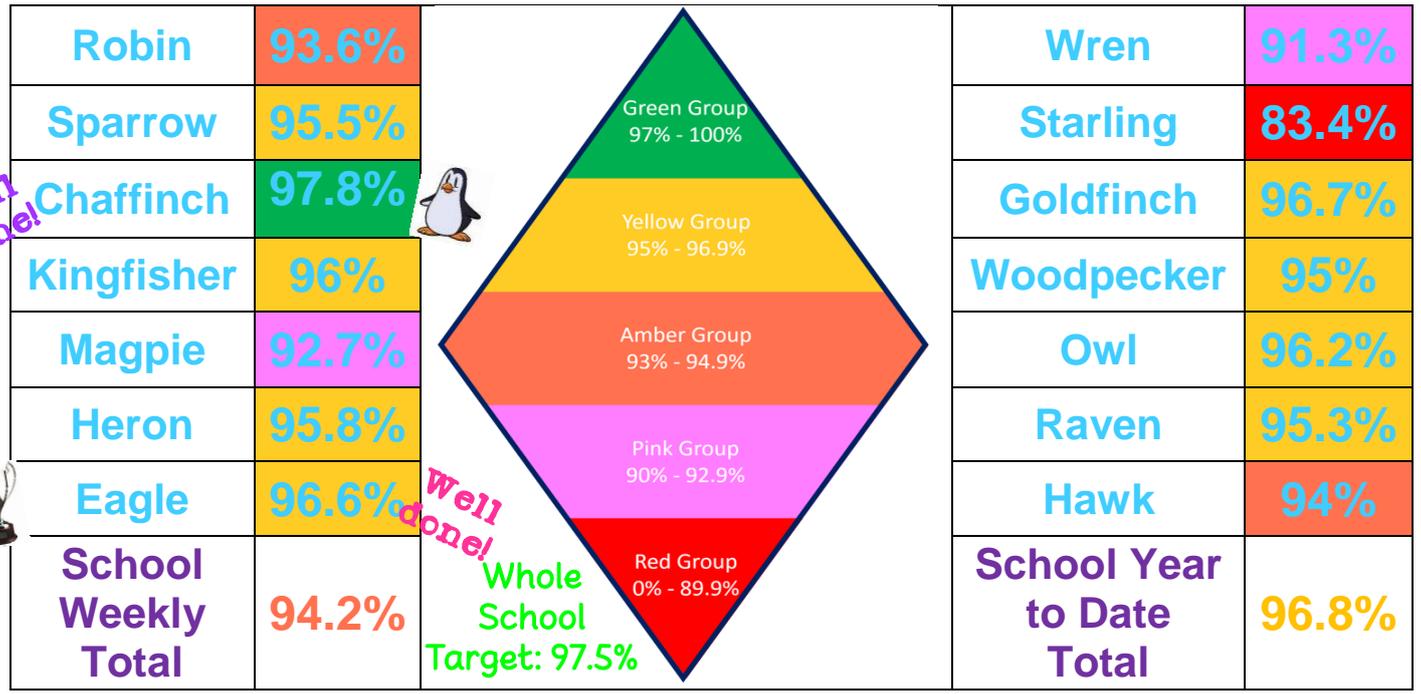
The Sun have teamed up with Collins Big Cat to offer schools a free pack of books worth more than £600. We need to collect 3500 tokens to qualify for this offer. Tokens will be printed daily in The Sun newspaper. Please help us by collecting these tokens and returning them to the Main Office. Thank you.



**You Can Earn Rewards For Our School: Join 'The Big Book Boost'**

The Book People have launched a new fundraising scheme called the Big Book Boost to help schools earn free books for their classrooms. Every time you place an order over £10 online with The Book People, they will donate £1 to our school to spend on books. Please visit [www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost](http://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost) to explore the books on offer, select our school at the checkout and help to support the school and your own children's reading – thank you!

**Class Attendance Figures for this week**



**Autumn Term 1  
Key Dates**

Date	Activity
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair (after school)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Community singing at Emmanuel Church Year 5 Tudor Dress Up Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Dragonfly and Year 4 Trip to Sea Life London
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery closed – Polling Station Carol Concert Y2 to Y6 – St Luke’s rehearsal – 10am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert Y2 to Y6 – St Luke’s – 2pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & Y1 Christmas production – 2pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & Y1 Christmas production – 10am Community singing at Portland Medical Centre and Ashburton Hall
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol singing in the Whitgift Centre – 10-11am Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Concert – AM children: 11am PM children: 12.30pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Last Day of Term – 1.30pm finish for children</b> <b>All children to be collected by an adult</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	All children return to school



**Christmas Kids' Camp  
With Santa & His Reindeer**  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Quote 'Oasis Academy' when you register to get 10% off!

... Or, if you don't have time for all that, just come to visit Santa and his reindeer

Venue: Pinewood Scout Centre, CRO 5AJ  
Time: 9am-3pm  
Age: 3-11  
Price: £20

Activities include:  
Crafts, games & sports...  
and meeting Santa and his reindeer!

**TotStars**

Times slots:  
1-5pm  
Price: £10  
Make reindeer food, hot chocolate cones and much more

All children will be able to feed the reindeer and receive a gift from Father Christmas

To book go to [totstars.class4kids.co.uk/info/78](http://totstars.class4kids.co.uk/info/78), call 020 8684 6682 or email [train-a-child@totstarsuk.com](mailto:train-a-child@totstarsuk.com)

# OASIS ACADEMY RYELANDS

@St Lukes church

Oasis academy Ryelands presents...  
A Production made by kids from 2-6!



## AT ST. LUKES CHURCH

Date: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: 2pm



come and  
see our  
production!



OASIS ACADEMY RYELANDS

# Christmas Fair

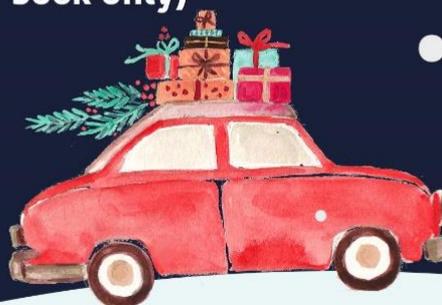
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**FREE  
ENTRY**

**MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
FROM: 3.30 - 5.30PM  
OAKLEY ROAD, SOUTH NORWOOD

**COME AND ENJOY:**

**HOMEMADE CRAFTS  
GAMES  
FOOD & DRINK  
GRAND RAFFLE  
MEET SANTA IN HIS GROTTTO**  
(pre-book only)





<p>EVERYMAN</p>	<p>4 x tickets for Everyman Cinema Crystal Palace</p>
	<p>1 x hair cut at Barber Jack and Son</p>
	<p>1 x adult and 1 x child pass for Hobbledown Adventure Park, Farm and Zoo</p>
	<p>Hot drink and cupcake for one at Walnuts and Honey</p>
	<p>4 tickets for Dragon Quest Mini Golf</p>
	<p>£25 gift voucher to spend at The Portland Arms</p>
	<p>1 x Family Day Pass (2adults and 2 children) for Gambado Beckenham</p>

	<p>1 x Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 children) To Screen 25 South Norwood's local independent cinema</p>
	<p>Smiggle Lil Scents Mega Stationery Box</p>
	<p>BoomTrix Showdown marble track toy</p>
	<p>3 months Kung Fu School membership Plus free Kung Fu suit</p>
	<p>2 x adult and 2 x children tickets to Godstone Farm</p>
	<p>2 x adults and 2 x children tickets for Kidspace Croydon soft play</p>
	<p>3 x family portrait gift experience vouchers worth £150 each <a href="http://www.photobyazeem.co.uk/">http://www.photobyazeem.co.uk/</a></p>



"This was a brilliant programme, which I attended to get advise, support and reassurance I was doing the best for my children. I can't believe how relaxed and informative the session were. I met other parents there and we were able to talk about common worries and different ways of coping.

The telephone one to one sessions were the icing on the cake. I would highly recommend every parent do this course."

*Feedback from a parent who recently attended the Triple P Programme.*

**Come and speak to Chanika at the Christmas fair on 9th December for further information and to secure your place on the course.**

Tuesdays

- 14<sup>th</sup> January – meet and greet (9.30am – 11.30pm)
- 21<sup>st</sup> January – group session 1 (9.30am – 11.30am)
- 28<sup>th</sup> January – group session 2 (9.30am – 11.30am)
- 4<sup>th</sup> February – group session 3 (9.30am – 11.30am)
- 11<sup>th</sup> February – group session 4 (9.30am – 11.30am)

Telephone sessions after this until

10/3/19 - last group session (9.30am – 11.30am)