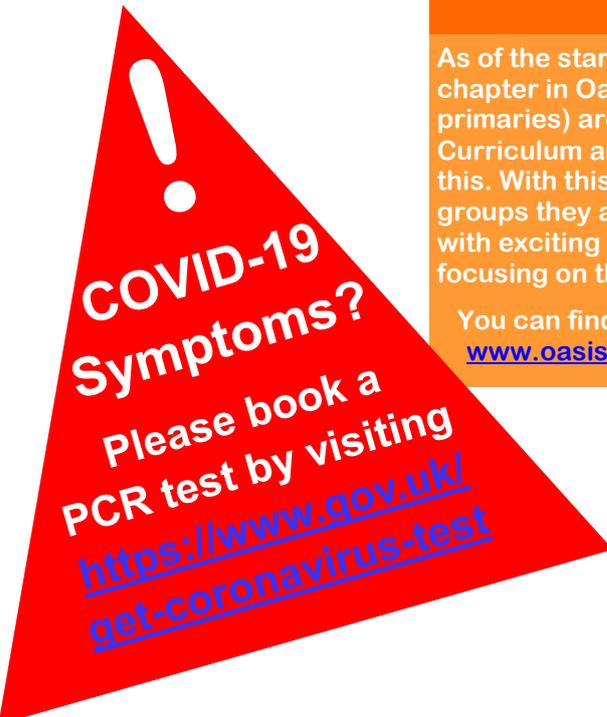


### Curriculum

As of the start of this academic year, we have been part of an exciting new chapter in Oasis Community Learning. We (along with 16 other Oasis primaries) are trialling a whole new approach to teaching the National Curriculum and incorporating the use of interactive learning platforms to do this. With this in mind, some of our topics areas have changed and the year groups they are taught in may have also changed. It's a whole new adventure with exciting new opportunities to access learning in different ways, whilst still focusing on the importance of reading, writing and mathematics.

You can find more information on our website at <https://www.oasisacademyryelands.org/curriculum/the-oasis-curriculum>



COVID-19  
Symptoms?

Please book a  
PCR test by visiting  
[https://www.gov.uk/  
get-coronavirus-test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)

### Change of Details

Change of address, telephone, mobile number, or email? Please inform the school by emailing us at [info@oasisryelands.org](mailto:info@oasisryelands.org) or log on to your MCAS account and update the details directly on there under the Data Collection Form section.

### Student Leadership Opportunities

We feel it is important for our young people to feel empowered and have a say in how they feel aspects of the Academy should be run. Therefore, we offer are a wide range of opportunities for students to take on leadership roles.

#### Academy MPs

Our successful Academy MPs is a well-respected body within the school and consists of 12 pupils between Years 2 and 6. The chosen MPs are selected in a democratic vote to have the role to be the voice of their year group. Relaying pupil voice from their year group to the academy SLT and vice versa. They will be building linking with other Academy MPs in the region and across the Trust to share best practice. Children have been taking part in a democratic vote today and winners will be announced next week.

#### Well Being Champions

These children support the well-being of other pupils through being vigilant of their peers in the classroom and playground. They are approachable and empathetic to others. Chosen children are positive role models. This is currently up and running in the school. The group meets on a weekly basis.

#### Physical Health Champions

These champions support the physical health of other pupils in the academy. They will be ambassadors at playtimes and in the dinner hall. Children will encourage healthy eating and organising playtime and lunchtime activities to encourage physical activity. The group will be liaising with the Academy PE Lead, supporting with organising Sports Day and inter-academy competitions. Children will be able to apply for this role in the next couple of weeks.

#### 9 Habit Champions

These pupils will enact and champion the 9 Habits in all they do within the academy. They encourage and support other pupils to the same. Pupils will meet with the DSL to ensure all pupils feel safe within the academy. Children will be elected for these roles over the coming weeks.

#### Eco Council

The Eco-Council met for the first time this week to begin talking about all the changes we can make to the school to make it a greener place. The children were tasked with carrying out a survey about the different vegetables and flowers they would like to grow in the school allotment, and we started discussing the importance of walking to school and keeping our streets clean and wildlife friendly. Watch this space for more Eco-Council news!

### Mini-SLT

This year we have made changes to our prefects to Mini SLT. The role of Mini SLT is to enact the role of the SLT in the academy. Each member has an area to focus on linked to the LOP and Curriculum Statement of Intent. All Y6 children had the opportunity to apply for these roles. The children with the strongest applications were put forward to an interview panel with Ms Reed, Mrs Shukla and Ms White. The children were asked a range of questions about the school.

The chosen children are:

- Ayub and Asa, who will be working closely with Mrs Francis over the year focusing the curriculum.
- Laila, who will be working closely with Mrs Carew looking at our Early Years Foundation.
- Nickacia, who will be working with Miss Johnston looking at personal development.
- Riley, who will be working closely with Mrs Shukla looking at behaviour and attitudes towards learning.
- Jermaine and Sarai have been elected as our Head Boy and Head Girl and they will be working closely with Mr Lillo and Ms Reed looking at leadership.

The leadership team are looking forward to working closely with these children this year.

We are proud of all the children who applied. Well done!

### Hello Yellow Day

It's almost that time of year again! Hello Yellow day is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of October. We are encouraging all children and staff to wear Yellow on this day and bring a £1 donation which will go to YoungMinds.

YoungMinds provide Children and young people with mental health problems are at the heart of everything they do. a lifeline to thousands of families, advising and supporting them to understand their child's behaviour and secure the right help.



### School Office Hours

A reminder that office hours are 8.00am to 4.00pm. If you need to call outside of these times, then please leave a message and staff will pick this up when they are next in the office.

### Uniform Sale

FOR will be holding another second hand uniform sale on Tuesday 5th October in the infant playground. Please donate any old, unwanted uniform in good condition - we would love some bits in bigger sizes! FOR are hoping to hold these sales once per month.

### Harvest Festival

On Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October, we will be holding our annual Harvest Festival at St Luke's Church. The children will be putting on a show and parents and carers are welcome to attend. We also want to give children a sense of caring for the others through donating Harvest gifts. Children are asked to nominate grandparents or elder people of the community who would like to benefit from a food parcel and also to attend our Harvest Community Tea in school, in the afternoon. A letter will go out soon with more information.



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### Nut and Sesame Seed Free School

Some children and staff at Ryelands have serious, life-threatening allergies to nuts and sesame seeds. PLEASE check your child's packed lunches and snacks for products containing nuts or sesame seeds and help us keep those people safe.



### Staff Car Park

Reminder to parents/carers that you are NOT TO PARK in the staff car park at any time without explicit permission from the academy office – Thank You.

### Jewellery

Please ensure if children are wearing earrings, they should be a small stud and not hooped earrings.

### Dietary Requirements

Our allergy and dietary requirement lists are regularly updated so please advise us immediately of any changes to your child's dietary requirements. Please be aware when bringing any food items in to share at school e.g. for birthday celebrations, that many of the children at Ryelands are unable to eat gelatine for religious reasons.

### Prescribed Medicines

If your child needs to be given any prescribed medicine from your doctor whilst at school, please come to academy office and fill out a parental request form to administer medicine. We cannot administer medicine without this being done. Also please remember to replenish ongoing medicine. **NO INHALERS, CREAMS, GELS OR LIQUID MEDICINE TO BE KEPT IN BOOKBAGS.** Please hand in to the academy office so a form can be filled in and it can be administered during the day. Teachers in school are not able to accept any medication.

### Online Safety

Useful tips for parents: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/>

For information, videos and activities to support your discussions at home, follow Jessie and friends at: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos/>

For children aged 8 and above watch Sam, Ellie and Alfie share tips on keeping safe online:

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/watch/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/watch/)

### Applying for Free School Meals

If your child qualifies for free school meals, it's important that you tell their school – even if they take a packed lunch – as this enables them to claim pupil premium and provide your child with additional support and opportunities. A reminder that the eligibility for free school meals is if parent(s) are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Registering for free school meals, whilst your child is primary school age, could still have significant financial benefits for you, depending on the school you attend. Check your eligibility go to <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>

### Attendance

Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions with registration in the morning at 09:00 and after lunch in the afternoon. Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.

Attendance Target: 98%

Attendance This Week: 96.3%

Attendance This Year: 96.1%

Registers are taken up to 10 minutes after the school gates close at 09:00. It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class.

Pupils Late This Week: 52 pupils

### Seed Gathering Month 23rd Sept - 23rd Oct

Now is a great time to start collecting seeds for next year. It will save you money and is a fun activity to do as a family. Seed Gathering Season is the perfect time for all of us to get outside and make a difference. Trees and hedgerows store carbon, improve our health, reduce pollution and so much more. By gathering seeds (and growing them), you can help make sure that our treescapes continue to thrive in the future.

Seed gathering is a fun, free and easy activity that anyone can get involved in. You don't need to live near woodland, be a tree expert or have any special equipment – just enthusiasm!

Any seeds you collect, need to be dried and placed into a paper bag or envelope, clearly labelled, until you are ready to plant them. Remember to always wear gloves. If you would like more information then follow these links <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=675>

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/seasonal-campaigns/seed-gathering-season/growingtrees-from-seed/>



### Masterclasses for Year 4 and 5

Following the success of Westminster City School's Online Masterclasses, more are being offered to inspire primary school children this October!

Last year, our School offered a number of free online masterclasses for primary school children across London and feedback was overwhelmingly positive. All parents/carers who responded to our survey said they would recommend our masterclasses, and all described our masterclasses as excellent or good.

So, we're offering more masterclasses in October and would love your pupils to take part! Please feel free to use the text below, and the attached poster, in any communications with your parents/carers:

Running on a Saturday, Westminster City School's age-appropriate Zoom masterclasses are free and open to primary school pupils who previously attended masterclasses, plus new attendees, from Years 4, 5 and 6.

- 10am-11am, Saturday 2 October - Spanish masterclass
  - ¡Hola! Join Ms McConville, from our Modern Foreign Languages Department, to learn some useful Spanish phrases.
  - 10am-11am, Saturday 9 October - Science masterclass
  - Mr Link, Head of our Science Department, will get you enjoying some fun online experiments that help boost knowledge of chemistry and physics.
  - 4pm-5pm, Saturday 9 October - Maths masterclass
  - Mr Okyere, from our Maths Department, will be offering a chance to refresh mathematics knowledge and challenge yourself with more advanced maths too.
  - 10am-11am, Saturday 16 October - Spanish masterclass
  - ¡Hola! Join Ms Andrade, Head of our Modern Foreign Languages Department, to learn some useful Spanish phrases.
  - 4pm-5pm, Saturday 16 October - Music masterclass
- Mr Cecile, Head of our Music Department, will work with all participants to produce a full-length song from scratch, using everyone's creative ideas! The final track will be distributed as an audio file to parent/carers via email, so you can take it away and be proud of it.

Book now at: <https://www.wcsch.com/1388/online-masterclasses>

### Wellbeing Tip of the Week

It is lovely to see so many children who are happy and have settled well into school. If your child is ever worried or anxious, please let your child's class teacher know or your Phase Leader.

Phase Leaders

Nursery, Reception & Year 1 – Mrs Carew

Years 2, 3 & 4 – Miss Johnston

Years 5 & 6 – Mrs Francis

I have also seen some parents/carers drawing a heart on their child and their hand. This is called 'Hug a Button.'

Below is how it works

Hug a Button is just the act of drawing a heart on your hand and your child's hand, and telling them that when they are feeling anxious, they can press the heart as a little button. You 'charge' the button on the walk to school by holding hands. It works for many children as a comforting technique when you are separated.



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### Maths Shed

This week's Maths shed class league table:

- 1st place - Raven Class
- 2nd place - Owl Class
- 3rd place - Magpie Class

This week's individual Maths shed league table:

- 1st place - Kayla, Owl
- 2nd place - Dithusha, Raven
- 3rd place - Myles, Owl

### Spelling Shed

This week's spelling shed class league table:

- 1st place - Raven Class (4th in the county!)
- 2nd place - Owl Class
- 3rd place - Hawk Class

This week's individual spelling shed league table:

- 1st place - Thara, Raven
- 2nd place - Arfa, Raven
- 3rd place - Chloe, Woodpecker

### Stars of the Week

We are currently transitioning from ICARE, to the Oasis 9 Habits. This means that children can be nominated for one of the ICARE values, or one of the 9 Habits each week until October half term.

Robin	Elina - Humble
Wren	Viktoria - Joyful
Sparrow	Lois - Humble
Starling	Ibrahima - Compassionate & Considerate
Chaffinch	Hamedul - Humble
Goldfinch	Tiwa - Self-Controlled
Kingfisher	Ryan - Humble
Woodpecker	Vinnie - Hopeful
Magpie	Anabia - Hopeful
Owl	Scarlett - Joyful
Heron	Zara - Considerate
Raven	Aurelio - Joyful
Eagle	Drew - Compassionate
Hawk	Donovan - Hopeful
Pupil Choice	Wolfgang chose Asa - Humble Carol-Ann chose Mia - Hopeful



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### Anna Freud Centre for Children and Families

The Anna Freud organisation has a vision for a world where children and families are supported effectively to build on their strengths and to achieve their goals in life. Their approach puts children and families at the heart of everything they do.

<https://youtu.be/FhXIC7Unays>

We would particularly like to point you to the page on their website 'self-care for parents and carers'.

With the practicalities of day-to-day life, it can be easy to forget to look after your own wellbeing needs, as well as those of your children, which can lead to feelings of stress or being overwhelmed. Factoring in regular time or activities for yourself will hopefully allow you to enjoy the good moments in life more and to find strength during difficult times.

<https://youtu.be/q5viyKoCikl>

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Mon 27th September	Open Day for new Reception parents - 9:30-10:30
Tues 5th October	Second Hand Uniform Sale - Infant Playground
Fri 8th October	Hello Yellow Day - Wear yellow, donate £1
Sat 9th October	Open Day 10:30-11:30 and 12:00-1:00
Tues 12th October	Open Day 9:30-10:30
Thurs 14th October	Parents' Evening - 3:30-8:50pm <b>Please note change of date</b>
Weds 20th October	Open day 09:30-10:30 Harvest Festival practice @ St. Luke's Church (PM)
Thurs 21st October	Harvest Festival @ St. Luke's Church AM Community Tea Last day of term
Fri 22nd October	INSET Day
Mon 25th November - Fri 29th November	Half Term
Mon 1st November	All children return to school



# Toddlers Together

*Wednesday's*

*9.30-11am*

Oasis Academy Ryelands

Oakley Road, South Norwood

(Enter via the Sandown Road entrance)

- Term time only
- Based in the school Dining Hall
  - 0 months- 3 years
- 50p donation per child per session
- £1 donation per adult per session
  - Refreshments available
- Children must be supervised by the adult that brings them
- Wide range of activities to do with your child
- A broad range of toys and resources for your child to explore

**For further details and information contact**

**Miss Clare or Mrs Carew**

Oasis Academy Ryelands,  
Oakley Road

02086564165

[office@oasisryelands.org](mailto:office@oasisryelands.org)



## Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Oasis Academy Ryelands** if they sign up by Tuesday 25th January. Parents should quote OASJ250122 when they book their free session by going to [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try) or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try). Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#).

The nearest classes to Oasis Academy Ryelands are as follows (please click for a map and further details):

**Perform Beckenham (Drama for 4-7s)**  
(2 miles)  
**Saturdays at 9.30am and 11.15am**

Beckenham Methodist Church  
Bromley Road,  
BR3 5JE

**Perform Beckenham (Drama for 4-7s)**  
(2 miles)  
**Tuesdays at 4pm**

Beckenham Methodist Church  
Bromley Road,  
BR3 5JE

**Perform Beckenham (Drama for 7-12s)**  
(2 miles)  
**Saturdays at 2.30pm**

Beckenham Methodist Church  
Bromley Road,  
BR3 5JE

**Perform Beckenham (Drama for 7-12s)**  
(2 miles)  
**Tuesdays at 5.05pm**

Beckenham Methodist Church  
Bromley Road,  
BR3 5JE

**Perform Beckenham (Drama for 4-7s)**  
(2.1 miles)  
**Saturdays at 9.30am and 11.15am**

St George's Church Hall  
Albermarle Road,  
BR3 5HZ

There are others too. Click to find all the nearest [here](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).

