



## A Message From Miss Reed

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've finally made it to the end of the Autumn term.....which, in all honesty, feels like it's been about 3 years long!!

We have had a fantastic week at school, with a whole host of festive activities to celebrate the end of term. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas carol concert at St. Luke's on Tuesday - the church was fully packed, with standing room only at the back! To say I am incredibly proud of our children is an understatement. The courage and talent displayed on Tuesday was truly impressive - to stand up and perform in front of all those people is quite something.....many people were moved to tears by the children's singing. I told the children today in assembly, when we were recognising our performers with the 'Humble' habit badge, that the sign of a good show is often when people cry at the end of it - Tuesday was no exception! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank **Aoife, Karina, Roland and Rich**, our group of talented parents, who gave up much of their own free time to come and rehearse with the children and help put the concert together - we are very grateful for both your time and your talent that you have shared. If there are any more of you out there who are interested in getting involved next year, please do come and speak to me.

On Wednesday, the staff donned their Santa hats and aprons for the school Christmas dinner complete with Brussels sprouts, paper crowns and crackers. The children had a great time in the hall - listening to Christmas songs, eating their lunch and pulling their crackers. Thank you to everyone for pulling together to make this busy lunchtime such a success.

As we reach the end of term, can I thank you all for your continued support. I believe our school community is a very special one and, like I said in the church, while it's often me who gets thanked and praised for what we have created, really it's all of you, our children and our staff who make Ryelands what it is.

I hope that you all have a wonderful festive period, and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.....how did we get to 2025 already??!!

Kate and the Ryelands Team



### Friends of Ryelands: The Christmas Fundraising.....so far

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our events and initiatives over the Autumn term. The estimates for the fundraising currently stand at: £1600 raised at the Christmas fair and at least £260 for the Christmas trees and wreaths. We don't yet have a total from the cards and mugs but this will help to add to a total that we think will be in the region of £2,500.

Thank you so much to the Friends of Ryelands team who work tirelessly to make these events a success. To the outgoing FOR team - it has been a pleasure to work with you over the last few years. And to the new FOR team - I look forward to planning events with you as this year progresses.

# Clubs go "LIVE" Tonight on MCAS at 7PM

Spaces are limited so please make sure you book early to avoid any disappointment!

Day	Year	Start	End	Type	Cost	Spaces	Location	Staff
Monday	Y3 to Y6	3:30	4:30	Movie Club KS2	£20	25 spaces	Hawk class	Mrs Lula
	Y5 & Y6	3:30	4:30	Boys Football Team Y5 & Y6	£20	22 spaces	MUGA	Coach Tia
	Y2 to Y4	3:30	4:30	Multi-sports Y2, Y3 & Y4 Club	£20	20 spaces	Main hall	Coach TA Tia
Tuesday	Y5 & Y6	3:30	4:30	Multi-sports Y5 & Y6 Club	£20	20 spaces	MUGA	Coach Tia
	Y1 to Y3	3:30	4:30	Mindful Breathing and Colouring Club KS1	£20	20 spaces	Starling	Mrs Kalaydzhieva
	Y1 & Y2	3:30	4:30	Movie Club KS1	£20	20 spaces	Magpie class	Ms Sweeney
	Y3 & Y4	3:30	4:30	Basketball Club Y3 & Y4	£20	20 spaces	Main Hall	Coach TA Tia
Wednesday	Y1 & Y2	3:30	4:30	Multi-sports Y1 & Y2 Club	£20	20 spaces	Main Hall	Coach Tia
	Y4 to Y6	3:30	4:30	Netball Club (boys and girls welcome) Y4, Y5 & Y6	£20	20 spaces	MUGA	Coach TA Tia
Thursday	Y3 to Y6	3:30	4:30	Girls Football Team	£20	20 spaces	MUGA	Coach Tia
	Y1 to Y2	3:30	4:30	Art attack Club Y1 & Y2	£20	20 spaces	Kingfisher	Mrs Begum
	Y3 to Y6	3:30	4:30	Y4 to Y6 Sewing Club	£20	10 spaces	Hawk Class	Brenda Cheesman & Mrs Lula

Clubs will start the week beginning  
**Monday 20th January**  
**2025**

and will run for 8 weeks



# Year 6 Country Park

On Friday, Year 6 visited the South Norwood Country Park to complete their science topic on living things. The brief was to observe living things in our local environment. This included looking for plants and animals. We were lucky with the weather as the rain held off and it wasn't too muddy despite the weather during the week (certainly not as muddy as when we went in Year 5).



I really enjoyed collecting leaves off the ground from the different trees we identified. We saw oak, alder, sycamore and silver birch. Some of the trees still had leaves but most of them didn't. We identified silver birch by the colour of the bark.

Kyla

We didn't see many animals as it is the wrong season. However, we did see quite a few birds - we saw robins, magpies, crows and pigeons. We did see others but they were too far away to identify.

Yaro and Huzaifah

I really enjoyed using the iPad to take photos of the different plants. I liked the thistle plant and zooming in to take close up pictures of the different leaves and bark to help us identify the plants when we got back to school.

Faith



We liked trying to identify the tree from its bark - we had a chart to help us. We could get very close to some of the trees which made it easier to identify them.

Karen



We enjoyed jumping in the puddles and the mud as we walked back across the park. It was great fun.

Amari and Josiah



# Attendance

Over a school year, we are open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions. This includes Soft Starts from 8.40am, registration in the morning and again after lunch in the afternoon. Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.



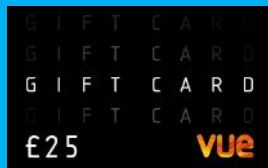
## Weekly Attendance Award

Year 2 Goldfinch Attendance Penguin 95%

Year 5 Raven Class Attendance Cup 95.67%



Vue Cinema Tickets awarded for 100% Attendance for the Half Term  
Olatoni in Year 2 Chaffinch Class / Josiah in Year 4 Magpie Class



Pupils Late This Week:

23 pupils

Attendance Target: 97.0%

Attendance This Week: 91.8%

Attendance This Year: 95.6%



This initiative is part of our Friday Celebration Assembly. Every child who has had 100% attendance for the previous 5 days (Fri-Thurs) has their name entered into a prize draw. We spin the wheel (a child is chosen to do so) and whoever the wheel lands on, **wins a £5 National Book Token Voucher.**

This is NOT cumulative so every week children have a fresh chance at having their names added to the draw.

**Alarna in Year 4 Magpie Class**





## Positive Playtime Weekly Winners!!

The class winning a new foam ball this week is:

**Year 3 Kingfisher and  
Year 3 Woodpecker**



## OAR—Craze of the Week! Spring Term Week 1

MUGA		Junior playground		Infant playground	
'Craze'	Date	'Craze'	Date	'Craze'	Date
Footballs, bouncy hoppers, tennis	WB 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Table tennis, basketballs, tennis and hula hoops.	WB 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Hula Hooping, skipping, ball games &	WB 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024



### Positive Points

**WHOLE SCHOOL 4467 points**

**WINNING CLASS Year 4 Owl Class with 974 points**

*Our winning class will be rewarded with an extra play session.*



# Stars of the Week

Each week, a child in each class is chosen for portraying one of the Oasis 9 Habits.



Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Robin	Bernadette - Considerate
Wren	Akua - Considerate
Sparrow	Martha - Joyful
Starling	Conrad - Forgiving
Chaffinch	Kieran - Hopeful
Goldfinch	Khaliyah - Considerate
Kingfisher	Aoibhin—Considerate
Woodpecker	Giovanni - Hopeful
Magpie	Hazel - Swirly Badge
Owl	Nyah - Compassionate
Heron	Zion - Joyful
Raven	Rafael F.R - Patience
Eagle	Sofia Loren - Forgiving and Swirly Badge
Hawk	Kaylah F.C - Honest

PUPIL CHOICE	All the children who sung and read at church - Humble
	Albi chose Ms Kalaydzhieva for being Hopeful Zedekiah chose Shakeim for being Forgiving

Maths Shed	Class	Child
	Owl	Gloria (Owl)
2nd	Kingfisher	Rassiah
3rd	Raven	Maya (Owl)

Spelling Shed	Class	Child
	Kingfisher	Alpha (Kingfisher)
2nd	Owl	Rassiah
3rd	Magpie	Gloria (Owl)

SUMDOG	Class	Child
	Starling	Miguel C (Heron)
2nd	Magpie	Giselle (Starling)
3rd	Heron	Jack



# Dates for your Diary 2024

Date	Event
Mon 23rd Dec - Friday 3rd Jan 2025	Christmas Holiday
Mon 6th Jan 2025	Inset Day
Tues 7th Jan 2025	Children return to school
Wed 15th Jan	9.00am Wellbeing Coffee Morning 6.00pm SRE Parents' Meeting
Wed 22th Jan	9.00am Year 6 WW2 Workshop
Mon 3rd Feb	Year 6 Hands On Heritage Workshop
Tues 11th Feb	9.00am E-Safety: Keeping Safe Online Parent Workshop
Fri 14th Feb	9.00am KS1 Science Dome Workshop
Wed 26th Feb	9.00am (GLD) Good Level Of Development Meeting for
Thurs 27th Feb	15.30 Year 4 Frylands Residential Information Meeting
Wed 5th March	9.00am Wellbeing Coffee Morning
Tues 21st March	9.00am Year 6 SATS Meeting

As many of you know, Mrs Shukla has been off on maternity leave since the spring term. She won't be returning to Ryelands as she has a new job elsewhere - we wish her good luck in her new endeavours.





THE  
KIOSK



# Christmas Disco

THE KIOSK



Friday, 20 December 2024  
Starting at 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM



South Norwood Country Park

JOIN US FOR A **FESTIVE**  
**FUN-FILLED EVENING OF:**



DJ tunes

Crazy dance moves

Awesome games

Yummy Pizza and Hot Dogs

Warm drinks to keep you cosy







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You're Invited to our regional

# Festive Bake Off!

Be in with a chance to win 2 special prizes  
**The Private Members Suite at the O2 Arena**

Take a picture of yourself with your festive cupcake or cookie and tell us what makes it special!  
**Hand in to your kitchen team by Tuesday 17th**

Produced by Feld Entertainment

Disney  
**ON ICE**

**DISCOVER  
THE MAGIC**

10:30am, Sunday 29th December  
at The O2 Arena (Doors open at 9:30am)

\*Please ensure you and at least one adult are available to attend





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