

A Message From Miss Reed

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New School Year to you all! I hope that you had a good summer break and were able to enjoy time with friends and family. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families and children to our community here at Ryelands. It has been really encouraging to see out youngest arrivals in Nursery and Reception settling so well and enjoying their time in school. I am still in the process of learning all the new names but I'm nearly there....give me another week and I think I'll have them all! As well as new children, we have a number of new staff at Ryelands. I am sure that you, like your children, will help to make them feel very welcome.



We started this school year positively with the children coming into school with big smiles on their faces ready to share what they have been doing with their friends and teachers. In assembly on Wednesday, I spoke to the children about what I had been doing over the summer holidays.....walking in Wales, paddleboarding on lakes and rivers and thinking about my hopes and wishes for this school year. Ultimately, my wish is always the same - for the children to feel safe and happy in school. Of course we want them to do well but, to me, it's far more important that they are happy and find joy in coming to school. We want to teach them many things, most importantly to be a good person who embodies the 9 habits and is kind to others. We spoke about how we can help each other, show kindness and create joy and happiness in our classrooms and around the school.....I have challenged them all to try to make me smile my biggest every day!

Our Toddler Group will be starting up again this Wednesday morning from 9:30-11:00. If you have little ones who are pre-school age, please do bring them along to join in to meet others and play together. We also have our first Coffee Morning on Wednesday 10th September at 9am in the school library. This is an opportunity to meet and talk to other parents and carers.....Miss Wallace would love for you to join her for a cuppa and a biscuit.

As ever, I am hopeful that this will continue to be a positive school year for us all. I'm (almost) always available on the gate if you have anything that you want to ask about—please do come and talk to me.

Have a great weekend - Kate and the Ryelands Team

School Uniform

It has been great to see the children returning to school this week looking so smart in their school uniforms.

We know that uniform can be expensive, but there are only a small number of items that we ask to be 'Oasis Academy Ryelands' branded—jumpers/cardigans, ties (from Year 3 up) and blazers (in Years 5 and 6). The style of jumpers does change as the children move up the school into the juniors, and I do appreciate this could cause additional cost to you as parents and carers. Please do not feel the need to purchase the new style if your child has not yet outgrown the old one. We just ask that when they do need a new one, you buy the new 'junior' style.

As you know, we held a 'previously enjoyed' uniform sale on the Tuesday before the children returned. We do always have items available for purchase, please just speak to me or a member of the office staff if you need anything and we can try to help you.

If you have old uniform that is no longer needed that you would like to donate to the school, please do bring it in and drop it at the office. We are aiming to hold a used uniform sale at least once a month.

Toddlers Together

Our 'Toddlers Together' group is starting again this Wednesday (10th September).

If you, or anyone you know, has a little one aged 0 months to 3 years, please come and join us from 9:30 in the Dining Hall.

This is an opportunity to meet other parents and for the children to play together, exploring a range of toys and activities.

**Toddlers
Together**



Every Wednesday
9:30-11:00am
Oasis Academy Ryelands
South Norwood
(Enter via the Sandown Road entrance)

European Day of Languages!



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On 26 September, our school will proudly celebrate the European Day of Languages, a special occasion that highlights not only the richness of languages but also the values of integrity and diversity in our community.

To honour this day, we will create a Pebble Garden that represents the many cultures and backgrounds that make our school unique. Each child is invited to design the flag of their nationality on a pebble using water-proof dyes and bring it to school.

Together, these colourful stones will form a lasting symbol of unity, respect, and diversity, reminding us that every language and culture has a place in our shared garden. Let's celebrate our voices, our differences, and our connections!

Calling All Language Champions!

Does your child speak another language with confidence?
We'd love to hear from you!

Oasis Academy Ryelands is looking for *Language Champions*—children who can share their language skills and cultural knowledge. Whether it's helping with projects, supporting classroom activities, or celebrating the diversity of our community, their voice and experience can make a real difference. Every language matters—whether it's spoken at home, learned in school, or part of your family's heritage.


If your child can contribute, please let us know which language(s) they speak confidently. Together, we can create exciting opportunities to learn from each other and celebrate the many languages that enrich our school community.


To get involved, contact Mrs Kalaydzhieva in Starling Class or the School Office.


Stars of the Week

Robin	Next Week
Wren	Next Week
Sparrow	Bryan - Hopeful
Starling	Atlas - Self Controlled
Chaffinch	Evie - Patient
Goldfinch	Marcos - Self Controlled
Kingfisher	Flora - Humble
Woodpecker	Xinyan - Joyful
Magpie	Brielle - Hopeful
Owl	Safiya - Hopeful
Heron	Ava - Honest
Raven	Rosie - Compassionate
Eagle	Seven - Hopeful
Hawk	Jake - Considerate
Pupil Choice	Albi chose Leo for being Humble Miabelle chose Miss Sales for being self-controlled

Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Maths Shed	Class	Child
	Magpie	Alpha (Magpie)
2nd	Heron	Eesa (Magpie)
3rd	Goldfinch	Manuela (Heron)

Spelling Shed	Class	Child
	Heron	Gloria (Heron)
2nd	Magpie	Alpha (Magpie)
3rd	Goldfinch	Caoimhe (Heron)

SUMDOG	Class	Child
	Magpie	Victoria



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 1 Starling Class won the Attendance Penguin 96.67%



Year 5 Heron Class Won the Attendance Cup 98.33%

Attendance Target: 97.0%

Attendance This Week: 93.9%

Attendance This Year: 93.9%

Late Pupils: 4



Positive Behaviour Points

Whole School - 2473

Winning Class - Raven with 450 Points

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

**FOR ALL RECEPTION TO YEAR
6 CHILDREN**

FROM 08:20 EVERY SCHOOL DAY

**BOOK YOUR CHILD'S SPACE
VIA MCAS NOW!**





Wellbeing Coffee Morning.

How are You doing?

Pop by for a Tea/Coffee and a chat.

Meet other parents, see friendly faces, mindfulness advice, wellbeing support.

Let us know how we can support you.

Wednesday 10th September 2025



9am-10am in our Library

With Miss Wallace



UK EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

The government is testing the Emergency Alerts System on
Sunday 7 September at 3pm

The system is used to warn if there's a danger to life nearby, including extreme weather. Regular testing ensures the system is functioning correctly, should it need to be used in a life-threatening emergency. Compatible mobile phones and tablets will receive an alert, make a loud siren-like sound and vibrate. You will not need to take any action.

Some people affected by domestic abuse (or other abuse), may have a mobile phone (possibly a work phone) concealed from their abuser, which could be revealed by the alert. If you need to, you can opt out of receiving the alert.

Here is a video showing how to switch alerts off:

[Managing Emergency Alerts on your phone to stay safe if you're experiencing domestic abuse - YouTube](#)

Dates for your Diary 2025

Date	Event
Wed 10th Sept	9.00 am Wellbeing Coffee Morning
Mon 15th Sept	9.00am Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
Frid 19th Sept	Jeans for Genes Day £1 Donation on MCAS
Thurs 25th Sept–2nd Oct	Travelling Books Book Fair
Wed 8th Oct	Year 6 Trip to British Museum
Fri 10th Oct	Wear Yellow for #HelloYellow Day - £1 Donation on MCAS (Young Minds Charity)
Mon 13th Oct	9.00am Phonics Meeting for EYFS and KS1
Tues 14th Oct	9.00am Year 1 Sparrow Trip to Pizza Express
Wed 15th Oct	Wear Red for Show Racism the Red Card—£1 Donation on MCAS
Thurs 16th Oct	9.00am Year 6 Croydon Fire Station Trip 9.00am Year 1 Starling Trip to Pizza Express
Fri 17th Oct	Inset Day
Tues 21st Oct	Afternoon Tea for Grandparents
Thurs 23rd Oct	Morning - Harvest Festival 3.30pm Year 4 MTC and Frylands Meeting
Tues 4th Nov	Year 6 Heart Dissection Workshop
Wed 5th Nov	15.40pm Parents' Evening
Thurs 6th Nov	15.40pm Parents' Evening

Simply



Kids

Holiday Club

8.00am till 6.00pm



After School Clubs

6.00pm finish


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Ages 4 to 12 years

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