

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, all our classes have been preparing for Christmas and the Winter Fair. Each class has decorated a 'Christmas Hoop' that will be hung (like a mobile) from the ceiling in the main hall to add to the festive feeling around the school....please do take some time to admire them when you're next in there....hopefully at the fair next Friday!!

Reception and Year 1 have been working hard to learn all their lines and lyrics for the Nativity performances that are only just over a week away. Please check that you have the dates for these in your diaries—Monday 8th (1.45pm) and Tuesday 9th (9.45am) December.

The Friends of Ryelands (FOR) Winter Fair is fast approaching and next Friday we are hoping that you will all be out in force to support this event. I have spoken to Santa this week who is flying in for a special visit to the grotto with his chief elf.

The Year 6 children have been out before and after school selling raffle tickets on the concourse by the main entrance—please do try to buy some if you haven't already. FOR are also asking for donations from you for the fair.....this is a great chance to donate some of those items that you have had enough of but may be a real treasure to someone else! 😊

Please look carefully at the requests laid out later in the newsletter.

I hope that you all have a great weekend.

Kate and the Ryelands Team



Poetry Competition

In preparation for our Christmas service at St. Luke's Church on Thursday 18th December, we are running a poetry writing competition.

We have challenged the children to write a poem on the theme of *Winter* or *Christmas*. The winning poems (one from the infants and one from the juniors) will be performed at the Christmas service for everyone to hear. If your child would like to enter, please ensure that their poem is handed to their class teacher by **Friday 5th December** (with the child's name and class clearly marked).

Karina (one of our talented parents who is helping to put together performances for the service), will judge the winners and arrange the performance at the church.





Year 6 Trip to Kew Gardens

On Friday 21st November 2025, we learnt about deforestation, different levels of the rainforest and the plants that contribute towards so much of the food we eat. There was a great workshop, and we had a fascinating look around the Princess of Wales Conservatory.



"I really enjoyed the large glass houses - amazing biomes and workshop." *Head Boy Hugo*

"I liked Kew because we found out about plants and food and how we and locals use them. I also liked the nature, and it was fun to learn about and see so many plants."

Farley Eagle Class



MATHS WORKSHOP

On Thursday this week, Eagle Class did an amazing job of running a maths workshop for parents, carers and some of the pupils from Year 5. They talked to the adults (and pupils) about how we use a range of different maths manipulatives to help us learn about numerals, place value and calculation. They demonstrated how to use tens frames, bead strings, number lines, place value counters and arrow cards. They also demonstrated how to make, draw and use arrays for multiplication and division. They modelled how we learn column addition and subtraction as well as long multiplication and division. Eagle did an amazing job of sharing their learning and explaining how the resources are used. Thank you to the parents and carers who came and thank you Eagle class!!



It's nearly Winter Fair time and we need your help to make the magic happen!



Tombola treasure hunt



Got an unused gift hiding in a drawer?
A fancy bottle of something?
A lovely pampering treat?

If it's new and comes in a bottle or box, our tombola would love it!



The great sweetie jar make-off!



We're also collecting empty jars with lids to turn into our famous sweetie jars.

Kids can go wild decorating them with stickers, ribbons or full-on festive flair!

(Plain jars are also perfect too!)



Please drop all donations to reception by 1st December.



Thank you for sprinkling your magic - we couldn't do it without you!

Christmas Fair - Friday 5th December - We need your help!

We are in need of some extra Tombola prizes for our Christmas fair next week. We are asking for a colour theme donation. And from Reception could we please have Bottle donations.

This can be anything from teddies, soaps, bubble baths, drinks, packaged food and snacks and anything else in your colour theme, new items only please.

Please can we have all Teddy Donations by Wednesday 3rd December 2025

We will be making colourful hampers and fun gifts for our Tombola table.

**Please can all donations be taken to the school office by
Wednesday 3rd December 2025**

**Year 1 - Green Year 2 - Purple, Year 3 - Yellow,
Year 4 - Blue, Year 5 - Red, Year 6 - Orange
Nursery - Pink Reception - Bottles**

Winter Fair Raffle

Amazing Prizes to Be Won!

We have some fantastic raffle prizes donated by our generous local community and businesses this year!

The Mini SLT will be selling raffle tickets before and after school every day.

For parents and carers who can't make drop-off or pick-up, you can purchase tickets online via the link below:

<https://pay.collectiv.com/ryelands-winter-fair-raffle-4432>

Please include your child's name and class in the message section when you purchase online. Tickets will be sent home in book bags.

Ticket Prices

- 20p per ticket
- £1 per strip (5 tickets)

Good luck - and thank you for supporting our school!

Raffle Prizes

3 x Family Game Night & Pizza

Pizza Party for 6 children

1 voucher

2 tickets

2 tickets

2 vouchers

2 tickets

Ludoquist

Mama Dough

Faber Fox

Bockett's Farm

Kispace

Stikins

Flipout

....and more....

Toddlers Together

Our toddler group is still running every week on a Wednesday morning from 9:30-11am.

If you have a little one, we would love you to join us for a chance to meet other parents and for the children to play and explore together.

Please continue to spread the word about this group.....if you would like some flyers to help us advertise, please do come and speak to me on the gate.

Toddlers Together



Every Wednesday

9:30-11:00am

Oasis Academy Ryelands

South Norwood


(Enter via the Sandown Road entrance)




Stars of the Week

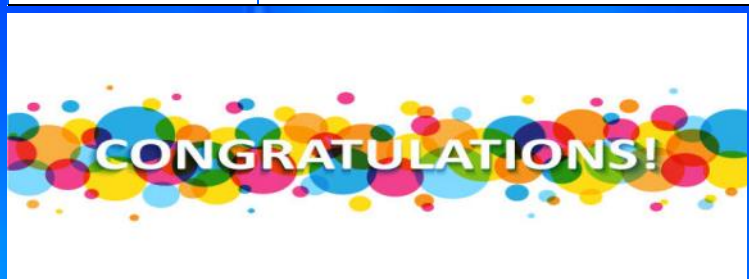
Robin	Alma -Compassionate
Wren	Eloise -Patient
Sparrow	Joni -Hopeful
Starling	Luna -Compassionate
Chaffinch	Mathilde -Compassionate
Goldfinch	Maia -Humble
Kingfisher	Kacharell -Joyful
Woodpecker	Aziah -Self-controlled
Magpie	Dillon -Joyful
Owl	Casey -Hopeful
Heron	Scarlett -Compassionate
Raven	Xavier -Joyful
Eagle	Sofi -Patient
Hawk	Shae-Lynn -Considerate
Pupil Choice	Daphne chose Sylvia for being Considerate Rohan Chose Sachin for being Humble

Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Maths Shed	Class	Child
 1st Place	Magpie	Hannah - Raven
2nd	Raven	Alpha - Magpie
3rd	Heron	Rhya -Heron

Spelling Shed	Class	Child
 1st Place	Magpie	Rassiah - Magpie
2nd	Eagle	Toyosi - Magpie
3rd	Chaffinch	Wilf -Magpie

SUMDOG	Class	Child
 Top Dog	Owl	Michael -Owl
2nd	Sparrow	Anaya - Starling
3rd	Hawk	Muhammad - Starling



Positive Playtime Weekly Winners!!

The winning class will receive a juice and biscuit treat this week:

Winners this Week

Y4 Owl Class



Positive Points

Throughout the week, all of the adults in school (as well as members of our Mini SLT team) look out for children showing positive behaviour. Points can be awarded for good effort, demonstrating the Oasis 9 Habits, helping others.....pretty much anything positive.

Across the Whole School we earned 5461 points.

This week's winning class is **Y6 Eagle Class** with 1944 points.

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

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

Y2 Chaffinch class won the
Attendance Penguin 96.67%



Y3 Kingfisher Class won the
Attendance Cup 99.23%

Attendance Target: 97.0%

Attendance This Week: 93.4%

Attendance This Year: 96.6%

Late Pupils: 18

100% Attendance Wheel

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. This week's winner is:



Robyn in Robin Class

Dates for your Diary 2025

Date	Event
Mon 1st Dec	Y4 Hindu Mandir Trips
Tues 2nd Dec 2025	Flu Vaccines—Reception—Year 6 All Day
Thurs 4th Dec 2025	9am Y3 Woodpecker Class Assembly 1:30pm, Pantomime for Reception, Y1 and Y2 at OA Arena
5th Dec 2025	Friends of Ryeland Christmas Fair- After School
Mon 8th Dec 2025	1:45pm Reception & Y1 Christmas Show
Tues 9th Dec 2025	9:45am, Reception & Y1 Christmas Show
Wed 10th Dec 2025	10:30am Nursery Christmas Concert Y4 London Landmarks Trip
Thursday 11th Dec 2025	Christmas Jumper Day—£1 donation for Save The Children via MCAS 9am Y2 Chaffinch Assembly
Tues 16th Dec	1:30pm Fred the Elf in Nursery
Wed 17th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day 4:45pm Nursery—Stories by Candlelight
Thurs 18th Dec 2025	10am, Christmas Concert at St Luke's Church
Fri 19th Dec 2025	Last Day of Term
Mon 5th Jan 2026	INSET DAY—school closed to pupils
Tues 6th Jan 2026	start of Spring Term—all children return

Friends of Ryelands x Rambling Rose
proudly present our annual

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE



Price list

4ft £35
5ft £40
6ft £45
7ft £60

Free local delivery
or collection from
Rambling Rose
279 South Norwood Hill
SE25 6DP

Rambling Rose will donate 25% back to the school

Simply fill in the order form (sent by email) and
send it to ramblingrose11@outlook.com



Spread some festive cheer and support Ryelands!



St Luke's Christmas Fair

*Fundraising for youth work
in our community*

*Amazing
Raffle Prizes!*

*free rides
noon-2pm!*



Real Donkey!

Over 20 stalls!



*Christmas
Wreath-Making!*

*wreaths
from £10*

*Saturday 29th November
11am - 3pm*

In the Church Hall on Spring Lane, SE25 4SP

Guitar Club
LONDON

GROUP LESSONS

Years 3-6

WEDNESDAYS

3:30-4:30pm

**LEARN TO PLAY
ALL TIME ROCK
AND POP
CLASSICS ON
GUITAR!!**



**Price per term
£100**

**LEARN GUITAR WHILE
HAVING FUN!**



SPRING TERM 2026 DATES:

14/1 - 21/1 - 28/1

4/2 - 11/2 - 25/2

4/3 - 11/3 - 18/3 - 25/3

**GUITARS
AVAILABLE
FOR RENTAL!**

Booking and enquiries

DIEGOFARDEL@GMAIL.COM