

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, after school, we have had the Friends of Ryelands Winter Fair. Our team of volunteers have worked really hard in preparation for this event.....collecting donations, organising games and stalls as well as contacting Santa and the elves to make a special visit to the school. It was great to see so many people enjoying themselves at the fair and seeing the Christmas sparkle spread throughout our school community. A really big thank you to everyone who helped out at the event and to everyone who supported by attending. Hopefully I'll be able to let you know the total raised next week.



At the start of next week, we have the Reception and Year 1 Nativity performances....make sure you have the dates in your diaries: Monday 8th (1.45pm) and Tuesday 9th (9.45am) December. Then on Wednesday, our youngest children in Nursery will be putting on their Christmas Concert at 10:30.



On Thursday next week, we are inviting everyone to wear their Christmas jumpers to school to support the charity Save the Children. Please do pay a £1 donation via MCAS to support this charity's important work. If you have any spare/unwanted Christmas jumpers that you

would like to donate, please do bring them to the office so that we can share them with children who may not have one this year.

Have a great weekend!

Kate and the Ryelands Team



I liked learning about the souls and Krishna when we were at the Mandir. My favourite part was when she sung the song at the end.—Pharoah



Year 4 Explores the Local Hindu Mandir

This week our Year 4 students had the enriching experience of visiting our local Hindu Mandir. The trip offered a fascinating and educational insight into the world's oldest religion. We were welcomed warmly and spent the morning learning about the origins of Hinduism and its fundamental beliefs. The children were introduced to several of the many Hindu deities, including Brahma (the Creator), Vishnu (the Preserver), and Shiva (the Destroyer), as well as the beloved deity Krishna. A key part of the visit was understanding Hindu practices. We learned about how Hindus worship (puja) and the concepts of karma (action and consequence) and the belief that the soul is eternal (samsara). The children were wonderfully engaged throughout the visit, asking thoughtful questions that impressed our hosts. The day concluded on a high note with an interactive session where everyone joined in a traditional song and dance!

I liked the trip to the Mandir because when we were there, we learnt new things about Hinduism and the Gods from Hinduism—Piotr

When we went to the Madir, we learnt a lot about Hinduism, we learnt that there are 330 million gods (one god in 330 million parts). It was a very exciting trip.—Ellen



We sang Hare Krishna, Hare Rama by making the beat with our hands and feet.

- Brielle



Stars of the Week

Robin	Maeve - Patient
Wren	Melany - Humble
Sparrow	Fergus - Joyful
Starling	Frank - Joyful
Chaffinch	Ibrahim - Hopeful
Goldfinch	Ryan - Humble
Kingfisher	Layla - Hopeful
Woodpecker	Aymira - Joyful
Magpie	Ellen - Humble
Owl	Leandra - Hopeful
Heron	Ixac - Humble
Raven	Sumayah - Honest
Eagle	Sylvia - Honest
Hawk	Rimel - Humble
Pupil Choice	Etta Chose Shae-Lynn for being Patient Hugo Chose Miguel C for being Joyful

Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Maths Shed	Class	Child
	Raven	Hannah - Raven
2nd	Magpie	Alpha - Magpie
3rd	Heron	Sierra - Magpie

Spelling Shed	Class	Child
	Magpie	Rassiah - Magpie
2nd	Chaffinch	Toyosi - Magpie
3rd	Owl	Wilf - Magpie

SUMDOG	Class	Child
	Starling	Alyan - Starling
2nd	Raven	Eva - Kingfisher
3rd	Kingfisher	Michael - Owl



Positive Playtime Weekly Winners!!

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

Winners this Week
Year 6 Eagle 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 7157 points.

This week's winning class is **Year 6 Eagle** 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 97.78%



Y5 Raven Class won the
Attendance Cup 98.67%

Attendance Target: 97.0%

Attendance This Week: 95.2%

Attendance This Year: 96.6%

Late Pupils: 16

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:



Mathilde -Year 2 Chaffinch

Dates for your Diary 2025

Date	Event
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	Carol Concert Rehearsal at St. Luke's Church 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
Wed 14th Jan 2026	9am Community Coffee Morning 6pm SRE Meeting for Parents

Spring Term After School Enrichment Clubs

Please see list of clubs below, available to book via MCAS from 7pm on Monday 8th December 2025 until 3pm on Friday 2nd January 2026.

Limited spaces are available so please try to book early to avoid disappointment. Clubs will start week beginning 12th January 2026 and will end week beginning 9th March 2026.

<i>Day</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Spaces</i>
<i>Monday</i>	Y1 & Y2	3.30	4.30	Y1&Y2 multi-sports Club	£18	20 spaces
	Y3 to Y6	3:30	4:30	KS2 Movie Club	£18	30 spaces
	Y1 to Y3	3.30	4.30	Y1 to Y3 Basketball Club	£18	20 spaces
<i>Tuesday</i>	Y4 & Y6	3:30	4:30	Y4 to Y6 Football Club	£18	20 spaces
	Y3 to Y6	3.30	4.30	KS2 Chess Club	£18	20 spaces
	Y5 & Y6	3.30	4.30	Y5&Y6 Board Games and Creative Crafts Club	£18	15 spaces
	Y3 to Y6	3.30	4.30	KS2 Singing Project (5 weeks)	£10	20 spaces
	KS1	3.30	4.30	Y1 Art Project (5 weeks)	£10	15 spaces
	KS2	3.30	4.30	KS2 Creative Writing Project (5 weeks)	£10	20 spaces
	Y4 & Y6	3.30	4.30	Y4 to Y6 Netball Club	£18	20 spaces
<i>Wednesday</i>	Y4 to Y6	3.30	4.30	Y4 to Y6 multi-sports Club	£18	20 spaces
	Y3 to Y6	3.30	4.30	KS2 Community Music Club	£0	20 spaces
	Y3 to Y6	3.30	4.30	KS2 Guitar Club (10 lessons)	£100	10 spaces
<i>Thursday</i>	Y3 to Y6	3.30	4.30	KS2 Girls' Football Club	£18	20 spaces
	Y1 to Y3	3.30	4.30	Y1 to Y3 Dance Club	£18	20 spaces
	Y5 to Y6	3.30	4.30	Y5&Y6 Sewing Club	£18	12 spaces
	Y2 to Y4	3.30	4.30	Y2 to Y4 Sewing Club	£18	12 spaces
	KS1	3.30	4.30	KS1 Mindful Colouring Club	£18	15 spaces

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

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Does This Sound Like You?



I find it hard managing my emotions

I want a space to focus on me

I take my anger out on others

I want to have more positive experiences

I want to change my behaviour

I want to feel happier

I want to have more confidence

I have difficult relationships

What is Bambu?

Bambu is a confidential support service that you can access if you have been affected by abuse in your home. Domestic abuse (sometimes called domestic violence) may include conflict, threats, or violence, and might display as one of the adults in the family hurting another adult in the family. If this is happening in your home, it can be very confusing and difficult to make sense of. It is difficult to consider how it is affecting other areas of your life too. Even if it happened a long time ago, witnessing domestic abuse can affect how we think, feel and behave in the here and now. It can also impact our relationships with others. If there is domestic abuse in your home or if this has happened in the past, you can come and talk to us at the Bambu project.

If you would like to call for a chat and find out more, please call/text on **07784496750** or email bambu@risemutual.org



What Can We Offer?

- ▶ We offer sessions with an understanding practitioner who is there to listen.
- ▶ We can support you and help you work towards your goals.
- ▶ We can help you find your direction or make sense of what is happening – our support is flexible and can be offered over a short period or across a few months.
- ▶ You can check out what it's like, meet with a Bambu staff member and then decide how we can best support you. This is YOUR space.



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developing resilience in young people

Waythrough

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