

Dear Parents and Carers,

We finished last week with a very busy Winter Fair which raised almost £1400! A huge thank you to the Friends of Ryelands crew, our staff and the stall holders for making this event such a big success. Special thanks goes to Santa for flying in for a special visit—he made many children, and adults, really smile with his magical sparkle in the grotto. Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported this event.

This week, our youngest children at Ryelands impressed us all with their singing, acting and musical performances. At the beginning of the week, the children in Reception and Year 1 put on a fantastic nativity complete with baby Jesus (when we remembered to bring him on stage!!). Each audience was thrilled to see the children dressed in their costumes, proudly saying their lines and singing the songs.

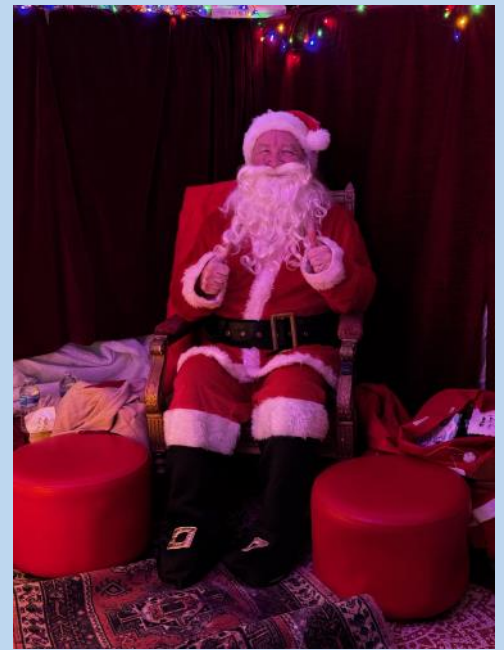
On Wednesday, our nursery children put on a magnificent Christmas Concert. Not only did they learn and sing a whole range of different songs, they also played their own musical accompaniment with claves, bells and shakers—well done Little Ducklings!!

On Thursday, our school community showed support for the charity 'Save the Children' by coming to school wearing their Christmas jumpers. The hall looked very colourful in assembly and the event raised much needed money for the charity—thank you to everyone who has made a donation via MCAS already.....if you haven't yet done this, please do log in to donate.

Next week is the last week of the Autumn term (finally!!) and will no doubt culminate in an explosion of glitter that we will find on our faces for weeks to come! On Wednesday morning, our Toddler Group is holding a Christmas celebration session at 9:30.....if you have a little one, please do try to come and join us. Thursday morning will bring the big event of the last week—our Christmas Carol Concert at St. Luke's Church. The orchestra and choir have been practising for weeks now and are looking forward to leading the concert which will be interspersed with songs from different year groups, solo performances and musical accompaniment. We really hope that you will be able to come with us to the church on Thursday morning.....the magic begins at 10am.

Finally, a little advance notice of St. Luke's Community Carol concert that is taking place on Sunday 21st December at 4pm. It would be lovely to see our Ryelands families at this event too, as a way of supporting Father Sam who does so much for us as a school. I will be there, doing a reading, and it would be great to see you too if you can make it.....a nice way to start the holidays.

Have a great weekend—Kate and the Ryelands Team



# Toddler Group Christmas Celebration

Join Miss Beason and our toddler group friends for a special Christmas event! Come dressed in something festive and enjoy some Christmas games and activities.  
£1 adult / £50p child

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
9.30 - 10.30 am  
Oasis Academy Ryelands (Sandown Road entrance.)

## Toddlers Together

Our toddler group runs 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.

Next week, we have a special Christmas Celebration session running from 9:30-10:30 (a slightly shorter time than usual due to school Christmas Dinner!!). We would love to see lots of you there with your little ones to join



## Community Carolling with Portland Medical Centre

Every year, PMC invite the elderly from our community to Woodside Baptist Church Hall for a cup of tea and slice of cake. It's a fantastic opportunity for people to mingle, feel a little less isolated at Christmas time and for the children to interact with older members of our community.

Last Tuesday, obviously dazzled and hugely impressed by previous year's fantastic singers, we were invited back to entertain and spread a little Christmas cheer. The children not only performed brilliantly but spent time chatting and interacting with the older members of our community. Met with cheers and applause, we left knowing that we had spread the true message of community and kindness at Christmas time.

A big thank you to the grown ups who walked down with us, without you, we cannot do these fantastic events that bring so much happiness to others.


*Mrs Read*



# Stars of the Week

Robin	Ailbhe-Compassionate
Wren	Seren -Joyful
Sparrow	Blake - Joyful
Starling	Amalia -Compassionate
Chaffinch	Giselle -Honest
Goldfinch	Daniel -Compassionate
Kingfisher	Seelay -Humble
Woodpecker	Khaliyah -Joyful
Magpie	David -Forgiving
Owl	Viktoria -Joyful
Heron	Mayson -Patient
Raven	Romero -Patient
Eagle	Shade -Forgiving
Hawk	Batouly - Self-controlled
Pupil Choice	Safira Chose Ava for being Considerate Teddy Chose Benny for being Humble

Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Maths Shed	Class	Child
	Raven	Hannah - Raven
2nd	Kingfisher	Layla - Kingfisher
3rd	Magpie	Sierra - Magpie

Spelling Shed	Class	Child
	Eagle	Jeremy - Magpie
2nd	Magpie	Wilf -Magpie
3rd	Owl	Toyosi - Magpie

SUMDOG	Class	Child
	Raven	Leo -Magpie
2nd	Starling	Eva - Kingfisher
3rd	Magpie	Aylan- Starling



## Positive Playtime Weekly Winners!!

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

Winners this Week  
Year 1 Starling 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 5643 points.

This week's winning class is **Year 1 Starling** with 1820 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 98.15%



Y3 Woodpecker Class won the  
Attendance Cup 100%

Attendance Target: 97.0%

Attendance This Week: 96.3%

Attendance This Year: 96.6%

Late Pupils: 25

Y3 Woodpecker Class will have a 'wear your own clothes' day on Monday 15th December to celebrate achieving 100% attendance

## 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:



Lenny -Year 5 Heron class

# Dates for your Diary 2025/2026

Date	Event
Tues 16th Dec	Carol Concert Rehearsal for Years 2-6 1:30pm Fred the Elf in Nursery
Wed 17th Dec	9:30-10:30am Toddler Group Christmas Celebration 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
Sunday 21st Dec 2025	4pm Community Carol Concert at St. Luke's Church
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
Tues 20th Jan 2026	Young Voices Concert at O2



We have been donated some tickets for 'Disney on Ice' at the O2 for the beginning of January. We have decided to use these in a prize draw where you could be a winner! Every child who comes into school every day of the last week of term will be entered into the draw to win tickets.....we have 18 to give away and the draw will be completed next Friday.

**Make sure you're in school to be in with a chance to win!!**

# Community Carols



4pm Sunday 21st December  
at St Luke, Woodside

**SOUTH  
NORWOOD  
COMMUNITY  
KITCHEN**



# **HELP SOUTH NORWOOD COMMUNITY KITCHEN GET GIFTS TO OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS THIS CHRISTMAS!**

**WE'RE A COMMUNITY KITCHEN  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 5 DAYS  
A WEEK, SERVING UP  
DELICIOUS FREE FOOD AND  
WARM WELCOMES TO  
HUNDREDS OF LOCAL  
PEOPLE.**



**EVERY XMAS SEASON, SNCK  
MAKES SURE THAT EVERY  
SINGLE GUEST THAT VISITS US  
(OF ANY AGE!) GETS TO OPEN A  
GIFT- SOMETHING SPECIAL,  
JUST FOR THEM.**

**THIS YEAR WE'RE FUNDRAISING SO WE CAN BUY GIFTS FROM  
LOCAL, INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES, KEEPING YOUR MONEY MOVING  
IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY WHILST HELPING NEIGHBOURS YOUNG  
AND OLD FEEL LOVED THIS XMAS.**

**PLEASE DONATE TO  
OUR XMAS GIFT APPEAL  
VIA THE QR CODE!  
GIFTS RANGE FROM £7-  
£10 PER ADULT OR  
CHILD\***



\*WE ARE FUNDRAISING £750 FOR THE  
CHRISTMAS PRESENT FUND. ANY  
ADDITIONAL FUNDING RAISED WILL GO  
TOWARDS OUR EMERGENCY HARDSHIP  
GRANT PROGRAMME. ANY QUESTIONS, GET  
IN TOUCH!

**A MEGA THANK-YOU FOR  
SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY YEAR  
IN YEAR OUT, AND ALSO TO ALL THE  
LOCAL BIZ HELPING US GET THIS  
APPEAL OUT!**

GET IN TOUCH AT [HELLO@SOUTHNORWOODCOMMUNITYKITCHEN.ORG](mailto:HELLO@SOUTHNORWOODCOMMUNITYKITCHEN.ORG) OR CHECK OUT OUR INSTA  
[@SOUTHNORWOODKITCHEN](https://www.instagram.com/SOUTHNORWOODKITCHEN)



**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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## FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-10 WITH EXPERIENCE OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

A 10-week after-school programme supporting children to improve wellbeing, emotional literacy and understanding of healthy relationships through fun, group-based, creative activities.

Every Tuesday during term time in South Norwood

13 January- 24 March 2026

4-5:15 pm for 5-7 year olds

5:30-6:45 pm for 8-10 year olds



Travel support and food provided

This programme is for families that have been free from abuse for at least 1 month.



Scan the QR code or get in touch for more information

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# Winter

## KIDS CLUB EXTRAVAGANZA BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

29th/30th/31st December (9.00am- 3.00pm)

HAF spaces -

via your Holiday Activities voucher

Paid spaces - [www.bookwhen.com/globefitkidsclubs](http://www.bookwhen.com/globefitkidsclubs)

[www.globefit.co.uk](http://www.globefit.co.uk) E: [info@globefit.co.uk](mailto:info@globefit.co.uk)

- Free HAF places via Holiday Activities
- Lunch and snacks Included
- Childcare vouchers accepted
- Tax-Free Childcare Payments accepted
- Discounts for siblings and block bookings

Suitable for  
ages 5-11

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# THIS CHRISTMAS YOU ARE NOT ALONE



SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH

## If you are in Crisis

Samaritans – 116 123

• Shout (texting service) – 85258

• Papyrus (suicide helpline)- 0800 068 4141

• CAMHS Response Line - 0800 953 9599

• Stay Alive (phone app)

• NHS 111 and select the mental health option.

• If you are at immediate risk, you can call 999 or present to A&E- please do not do this unless you have exhausted all other options, have seriously injured yourself or have taken an overdose



## Websites

•Mind: <https://www.mind.org.uk>

•The Mix: <https://www.themix.org.uk>

•Young Minds: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk>

•Brook: <https://www.brook.org.uk>

•Anna Freud: <https://www.annafreud.org>

•Kooth: <https://www.kooth.com>

## Self help APPS

• Headspace

• Calm Harm

• Emoodji

• CBT Thought Diary

• Mindshift

• Stop, Breathe, Think

## Specialist Services

• Childline: 08001111

• Brook: 01179290090

• Mind: 03001233393

• Child Bereavement UK: 08000288840

• Winstons Wish: 08088 020 021

