

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week. Here at school we have been busy as ever, working hard and learning new things. Yesterday, Mr Browne (our Regional Director) came to visit Ryelands and was very impressed with the children's attitude to learning. He also commented on the children's writing, noting that they were showing really good stamina and using impressive language to convey their ideas.

I have a request regarding the children's clothing and other items (water bottles, lunch boxes etc.) - please, please ensure that all items are clearly named. Every day, we find items around the school that cannot be returned as they are not named. The unnamed clothing items found most regularly are PE jumpers/hoodies—please ensure that PE kits are also named so they can be returned if lost/left behind!

Next week, we have 2 people from the OCL Monitoring and Evaluation Team visiting us on Wednesday and Thursday. They will be keen to see the children's learning and what goes on here at Ryelands. They may also pop out on the gate at the start or end of day to be able to speak to you as parents too. I'm sure that you will make them feel welcome if you do see them. Thank you all for your continued support.

Have a great weekend –Kate and the Ryelands Team

On Tuesday evening, nearly 70 of your Year 5 & 6 pupils performed at the O2 Arena in London as part of the Young Voices concert. The children had a fantastic time singing at this event and we hope that many more children will get to have this experience in future.

Young Voices is an amazing experience everyone deserves to enjoy and be a part of. It's a passionate time to express your love for music and creativity. The dancers (Urban Striders) were incredible, talented, and inspirational. One day I wish to be up on that stage with them. It was the best event of my entire life and I really hope everyone gets the chance to be a part of it. – Daphne

I enjoyed young voices so much! My favourite part was Disco Fever or Hip Hop Don't Stop. I am a bit sad that it is over, but it was a once-in-a-million life experience - I am so glad that I went. – Hugo

I enjoyed going to Young Voices because I got to be with my friends, and I liked singing all the different songs. I loved Move to the Light and Disco Fever - it made me so happy, and I had so much fun. I loved watching the Urban Striders dance to the music. Our seats were high, but when the music started, there was nothing to be scared of. The music made me want to dance. – Nevaeh

Young Voices was really fun because they had a live band and singers too! I also really liked it because there were colourful lights shining on the choir, and the parents joined in with the Mexican wave. – Sylvia

It was colourful; it was bright; and it was joyful! Our parents got to see us sing, and we had the best time of our lives. –Shamar



Stars of the Week

Robin	Orla - Joyful
Wren	Zuri - Compassionate
Sparrow	Stella - Hopeful
Starling	Tiana - Hopeful
Chaffinch	Iona - Self-Controlled
Goldfinch	Lara - Patient
Kingfisher	Kieran - Humble
Woodpecker	Ruben - Patient
Magpie	Roux - Self-Controlled
Owl	Barney - Self-Controlled
Heron	Gloria - Joyful
Raven	Kayden - Patient
Eagle	Miguel C - Hopeful
Hawk	Yusef - Compassionate
Pupil Choice	Ruby Chose Miss Sales for Being Joyful
	Fergus Chose Otis for Being Hopeful
	Farley chose the 8 staff members who accompanied Y5 & Y6 to the O2 for being Patient

Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Maths Shed	Class	Child
	Raven	Hannah - Raven
2nd	Magpie	Amariah - Raven
3rd	Heron	Sierra - Magpie
Spelling Shed	Class	Child
	Magpie	Sierra - Magpie
2nd	Chaffinch	Toyosi - Magpie
3rd	Owl	Pharaoh - Owl
SUMDOG	Class	Child
	Magpie	Rassiah - Magpie
2nd	Woodpecker	Alpha - Magpie
3rd	Starling	Wilf - Magpie



Positive Playtime Weekly Winners!!

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

Winners this Week
Y1 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 8724 points.

This week's winning class is **Y1 Starling Class**
with 1904 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

Weekly Attendance Award



Reception - Wren class won the
Attendance Penguin 99.31%



Y4 Magpie Class won the
Attendance Cup 99.31%

Attendance Target: 97.0%

Attendance This Week: 95.3%

Attendance This Year: 96.2%

Late Pupils: 38

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:



Marco - Y1 Starling

Dates for your Diary 2026

Date	Event
Tues 27th Jan 2026	Y6 Trip to London Docklands Museum **8:30am - 3:45pm**
Thurs 29th Jan 2026	9am Y5 Raven Class Assembly
Wed 4th Feb 2026	Y2 Chaffinch class Trip to The Monument
Thurs 5th Feb 2026	Y2 Goldfinch Class Trip to The Monument 9am Y4 Owl Class Assembly
Tues 10th Feb 2026	Safer Internet Day 9am E-Safety Meeting for Parents
Wed 11th Feb 2026	Y6 World War 2 Workshop
Thurs 12th Feb 2026	E-Safety Assembly FOR Valentines Disco—after school
Fri 13th Feb 2026	INSET Day
Mon 16th—Fri 20th Feb 2026	Half Term
Wed 25th Feb 2026	9am GLD meeting for Reception Parents
Thurs 26th Feb 2026	9am Y3 Kingfisher Assembly
Wed 4th March 2026	9am Wellbeing Coffee Morning
Wed 11th March 2026	3:40pm Parents' Evening
Thurs 12th March 2026	3:40pm Parents' Evening

friends of ryelands fundraising

VALENTINES DISCO

Thursday 12th February | Suggested Donation £1

Cash & Card
Accepted

Hot dogs, drinks, crisps and sweets on sale
Please enter by the MUGA

3.30-4.30

Nursery - Year 2
(With parents)

4.30-5.30

Year 3 - Year 6
(students can be unaccompanied)





FREE

AFRICAN DJEMBE DRUM CIRCLE TASTER SESSION

**11:15AM–12:15PM
SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2026**

**OASIS ACADEMY SHIRLEY PARK
CR9 7AL**

Find out about the rhythms of
West Africa with our Senegalese
master drummer!



**SIGNUPS CLOSE
FEB 4TH**



SCAN TO SIGN UP!

**For children and young people
in school Years 3–9**





You Are Not Alone Drop-in

Every 1st Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers

The **You Are Not Alone** community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply listen and learn from other people's conversations.



In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings (meltdowns etc)
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



Here's what parents have said:

"My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned so much more about autism and PDA than he has over the past year" - Jo (parent)

"Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back" - Louise (parent)

The You Are Not Alone drop-in is a service delivered by www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

If you would like to join the **next drop-in**, please send an email to team@youarenotalone.community and we will send you the **Zoom** link.



CREATIVE WELLBEING PROGRAMME 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

Connect with other parents and carers



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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FATHER INCLUSIVE TRAINING - TO BETTER SUPPORT DADS AND MALE CARERS

Many dads say they feel overlooked in services. This one-day training shows you why including fathers matters and gives you practical steps you can use straight away. You'll explore real examples, try simple tools, and audit how well your service currently reaches dads. A short online follow up session provides tailored feedback.

You'll cover

- Why involving dads improves whole family outcomes
- How to engage young, minoritised, and additional needs dads
- Common barriers and how to remove them
- Missed touchpoints and better support pathways
- How to audit your service and strengthen your offer

Delivered by Professor Anna Tarrant, University of Lincoln.

2026 dates

Face-to-face training (10:00 to 15:30) at Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Family Hub, 194 Selhurst Road, South Norwood
20 Jan • 4 Feb • 10 Mar • 25 Mar

Online audit feedback (09:30 to 11:30)
23 Mar • 7 Apr



CLICK HERE OR FOLLOW THE QR CODE TO REGISTER - [ALL CROYDON FAMILY HUBS](#)

Family Hub 'Lunch & Learn'

Family Hubs run a Lunch and Learn sessions every six weeks. These are relaxed get togethers where guest speakers drop in to talk about what they do and how their services can support families.



They're a great chance to meet people, swap ideas, and find out what's happening across the borough. Professionals tell us they're really useful and they've become popular events in our partnership calendar.

Lunch & Learn events coming up

- **Thursday 15 January 2026** (12.30 - 14.00) at Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Family Hub, 194 Selhurst Road, South Norwood
- **Thursday 26 February 2026** (12.30 - 14.00) at Woodlands Family Hub, Farnborough Avenue, Selsdon (Quest Primary School Site)
- **Thursday 9 April 2026** (12.30 - 14.30) at Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Family Hub, 194 Selhurst Road, South Norwood

To book a place [click here](#) or follow the QR code - let us know if you can't make it and we will offer your place to someone else.



If you want to speak at a session, get in touch: familyhubs@croydon.gov.uk

A light lunch is provided. Tell us of any allergies or dietary requirements when booking. We look forward to seeing you!

