

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we had two visitors from the OCL Monitoring and Evaluation Team in school on Wednesday and Thursday. They visited all classes across the school to observe the teaching and learning, look at provision and learning environments. They met with both staff and children, asking questions to find out more about the school. They were incredibly impressed with the positive relationships they observed and the clear mutual respect seen between pupils and with staff. One of the visitors who spoke with the children commented on their pride for the school, saying that they were 'impressive ambassadors'. I know that I say it often, but I really am very proud of our children and the school community that we have built here at Ryelands.

Just a reminder that our 'Soft Starts' run from Monday to Thursday every week. The children are invited to come in from 8.40am where there will be wellbeing or learning activities for them to complete. On a Friday, the doors are opened slightly later at 8.50am, due to the staff being in a weekly briefing meeting before this. Please do encourage your children to come in for 8.40am when they can as this offers a very clam start to the day.

I hope that you all have a great weekend.

Kate and the Ryelands Team

Yamaha Baby Grand Piano

I received an email in the week, from a local resident, offering us a Yamaha baby grand piano. Unfortunately, as a school, we do not have a space to be able to offer this a home. I know that we have many keen musicians in our school community and wondered whether there was a family who would like to welcome this piano into their home?

If you would be interested in this, please do contact the office via email with the subject *Baby Grand Piano* and we can put you in contact with the current owner.

We will do this on a first email in as first contact basis.



Stars of the Week

Robin	Roma - Hopeful
Wren	Saoirse - Humble
Sparrow	Jack - Joyful
Starling	Lyla - Humble
Chaffinch	Evan - Joyful
Goldfinch	Tyler - Hopeful
Kingfisher	Beni - Compassionate
Woodpecker	Ariana - Humble
Magpie	Orlan - Humble
Owl	Sophia - Forgiving
Heron	Maya - Compassionate
Raven	Kayden - Humble
Eagle	Miguel G - Hopeful
Hawk	Adam - Self-Controlled
Pupil Choice	Liam Chose Ixac for being forgiving Evie Chose Joni for being Joyful

Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Maths Shed	Class	Child
	Magpie	Hannah - Raven
2nd	Raven	Sierra - Magpie
3rd	Heron	Dylan - Magpie
Spelling Shed	Class	Child
	Magpie	Toyosi - Magpie
2nd	Heron	Shuyan - Heron
3rd	Chaffinch	Sierra - Magpie
SUMDOG	Class	Child
	Magpie	Rassiah - Magpie
2nd	Woodpecker	Alpha - Magpie
3rd	Starling	Max - Woodpecker



Positive Playtime Weekly Winners!!

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

Winners this Week
Y2 Goldfinch 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 6488 points.

This week's winning class is **Y1 Starling Class**
with 1848 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



Y1 - Starling class won the
Attendance Penguin 100%



Y4 Magpie Class won the
Attendance Cup 98.97%

Attendance Target: 97.0%

Attendance This Week: 95.5%

Attendance This Year: 96.1%

Late Pupils: 54

Y1 Starling class will have an 'Own Clothes' day on Monday to celebrate

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:



Nyah in Y4 Owl

Dates for your Diary 2026

Date	Event
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	FOR Valentines Disco 3.30pm-4.30pm Nursery-Year 2 (with parents) 4.30pm-5.50pm Years 3-6
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-6pm Parents' Evening
Thurs 12th March 2026	3:40pm-7pm Parents' Evening
Wed 18th March 2026	CSMA Infant Festival Fairfield Halls 6pm
Fri 20th March 2026	2:45pm Y6 SATS Meeting For Parents
Tues 24th March 2026	9am, SEND Meeting for Parents Speech & Language
Friday 27th March 2026	Easter Bunny in School

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)





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
CreativeHealth@croydon.gov.uk
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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!

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](#)

