

A Message From Miss Reed

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen the end of Ramadan with the Muslim Festival of Eid-ul-Fitr. We have many children who have been fasting for the period of Ramadan and I continue to be in awe of their strength and devotion to their beliefs.

To all of our families celebrating Eid, we hope that you have a wonderful time celebrating with your loved ones. Eid Mubarak to you all!

To help celebrate Eid at school, we will be holding our second annual Eid Celebration Event next Friday on the MUGA after school. Everyone is welcome and we hope that lots of you come to join us in celebrating—there will be stalls with henna, sweet treats, books and more. Please try to come with some money to spend on the stalls run by members of our school community.

Next week, we also have our Easter Assembly at St. Luke's on Thursday morning with the much anticipated, and hotly contested, Easter hat/bonnet parade. Please do try to join us for the service that starts at 10am.

I hope that you all have a great weekend - Kate and the Ryelands Team



Please do complete the Family Survey if you haven't already done so—we do really value your feedback!!



Parents & Carers...

Have Your Say

Complete our FAMILY SURVEY

<https://questions.tep.uk/oa-ryelands>





On Wednesday evening, our Infant Choir took part in the Croydon Schools Music Association Annual Festival. This year's musical theme was 'Animals on the ark'. The children sang a selection of wonderful, themed songs, taking us through a story featuring the rain and some very lively animals. The children were outstanding representatives for our school, showing fantastic commitment and musical talent during all of our lunch time rehearsals and most importantly on the night!

The festival was led by Croydon Schools Music Association's, Alma Burcombe, who conducted the children along with a wonderful live band. A very big thank you goes to our very own *Musical Bumps* Clare, who led our choir rehearsals and supported us in learning the songs. The festival included performances from the Croydon Music & Arts Junior Strings and Croydon Music & Arts Percussion Stars, which included Shuyan in Year 4 and Josiah in Year 5. It was wonderful to hear such talented young musicians.

A huge well done to all the children that took part, we are incredibly proud of you and hope the memory of performing on the stage at Fairfield Halls will last with you a lifetime.

Mrs Carew



Speech, Language and Communication Parent Workshop

Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 9:00AM

You are invited to come and find out about Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN), what SLCN encompasses and strategies that can be put in place to help to support your child as well as useful websites.

Miss Champion and Mrs Brooks will be holding the meeting.

Please come and join us—we look forward to seeing you.



Easter Bonnet/Hat Competition

Thursday , 26th March
at St Luke's Church



Design and create an Easter bonnet/hat.

Wear your Easter hat to school to take part in the Easter Bonnet Parade at St Luke's Church, on Thursday 26th March, for a chance to win a prize.

Join us for our Easter Assembly at the Church!

This special event will take place on

Thursday 26th March, at 10am,

and promises to be a delightful celebration of Easter's message of hope and renewal.

As part of the celebrations, there will be singing, story acting and an Easter Hat Competition.


Encourage your children to get creative and make their own, unique Easter hats!


Stars of the Week

Robin	Ralph - Joyful
Wren	Mateo - Considerate
Sparrow	Kali - Patient
Starling	Alexandra - Hopeful
Chaffinch	River - Joyful
Goldfinch	Shiloh - Forgiving
Kingfisher	Mykaiah - Self-Controlled
Woodpecker	Rai'a - Forgiving
Magpie	Rassiah - Honest
Owl	Skylah - Hopeful
Heron	Shuyan - Considerate
Raven	Jaden - Patient
Eagle	Shamar - Considerate
Hawk	Tiwa - Self-Controlled
Pupil Choice	Emanuel chose Medina for being Considerate Skylar Chose Kwaku for being Joyful

Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Maths Shed	Class	Child
	Raven	Alpha - Magpie
2nd	Magpie	Hannah - Raven
3rd	Kingfisher	Jovina - Kingfisher

Spelling Shed	Class	Child
	Magpie	Sierra - Magpie
2nd	Heron	Shuyan - Heron
3rd	Chaffinch	Lia - Heron

SUMDOG	Class	Child
	Hawk	Max - Woodpecker
2nd	Woodpecker	Hamza - Starling
3rd	Starling	Logan - Kingfisher



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 8206 points.

This week's winning class is **Y6 Eagle Class** with 2013 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

Y1-Sparrow class won the
Attendance Penguin 100%

Y5 Heron Class won the
Attendance Cup 98.39%

Attendance Target: 97.0%

Attendance This Week: 96.4%

Attendance This Year: 96.3%

Late Pupils: 36

Year 1 Sparrow 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:

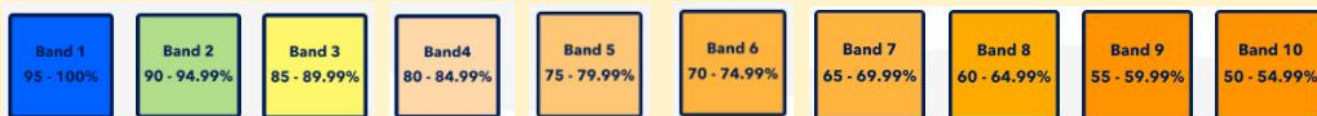
Nikola-Year 4-Magpie class



Attendance

We wanted to let you know that the Department for Education (DfE) is updating the way schools monitor and report pupil attendance. Instead of looking only at overall percentages, the DfE is now using **attendance bandings** to give a clearer picture of each child's attendance and to help schools offer support at an earlier stage. These bands show whether a child's attendance is where it should be, or whether it is starting to raise concern. Below is an explanation of each band and what it means for your child.

DfE Attendance Bands Explained



Band 1: 95% – 100% (Excellent Attendance)

Our goal for your child is for them to be attending school regularly and is on track to achieve their best. Thank you for your support in striving for strong attendance.

Band 2: 90% – 94.9% (Needs Improvement)

Your child's attendance is below the expected level. Even small amounts of missed learning can add up. We will continue to monitor this carefully and may be in touch if attendance does not improve.

Band 3: 85-90% (Cause for Concern / Persistently Absent)

If a child is in Band 3, they have missed a significant amount of school. This level of absence can have a major impact on learning and wellbeing. The school will contact parents/carers to discuss any difficulties, offer support, and work together on an improvement plan. In some cases, we may need to involve the Local Authority, as required.

Band 4: 80-84.99% (High - Persistent Absence)

When a child's attendance drops to 85%, they miss around 6 weeks of learning across the school year. At 80% attendance, this increases to almost 8 weeks and is the equivalent to missing 1 school day per week. Missing this much learning has a significant impact on a child's progress, particularly in key subjects like reading, writing and maths, where skills build up day by day.

Can we help you?

Please contact the attendance team if any barriers arise—transport, health, anxiety, caring responsibilities, or other factors. We can help with practical solutions.

Punctuality

We know how much difference a calm and positive start to the morning can make for our pupils. From 8:40am, classrooms are open for a soft start, giving children a lovely opportunity to chat with friends, connect with their teacher, and complete their zones of regulation activity and a little extra learning to help them feel settled and ready for the day.

To support good routines and ensure every child gets the best start possible, we use the following attendance codes:

- Arrivals after 9:00am are given a late mark.
- Arrivals after 9:30am are recorded as an unauthorised absence code, as this is after the register has closed.

Arriving on time each day really helps children feel confident, organised, and ready to learn—and we truly appreciate your support in helping them build these positive habits. Thank you for working with us to make every school day a great one for your child.

Dates for your Diary 2026

Date	Event
Mon 23rd March 2026	9am Year 6 Hawk Class Assembly Year 2 Mary Seacole Workshop 1:45pm Year 6 Trip to SNCP
Mon 23rd March -Friday 27th March 2026	Y4 Swimming both classes
Tues 24th March 2026	9am Parent Workshop: Speech & Language
Wed 25th March 2026	9am Year 5 Heron Class Assembly 1:30pm Year 6 RNLI Visit
Thurs 26th March 2026	10am Easter Service at St. Luke's Church
Fri 27th March	Easter Bunny in School 3:30pm Eid Celebration Event on the MUGA
Mon 30th March -Fri 10th April 2026	Easter Break
Mon 13th April 2026	School Open for Students
Wed 15th April 2026	Year 5 Horniman Museum Trip
Thurs 16th April 2026	9am Year 3 Woodpecker Class Assembly
Friday 17th April 2026	Wear Red or Sporty for British Heart Foundation
Mon 20th April 2026	9am Reception Vision Screening day Dance Festival Rehearsals—all to wear PE Kit
Tues 21st April 2026	9am Reception Vision Screening day
Wednesday 22nd April 2026	9am Community Coffee Morning
Thurs 23rd April 2026	9am Year 2 Chaffinch Class Assembly
Fri 24th April 2026	9am Year 1 Hearing Screening day

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Your voice matters: You could win £100 by telling us about your morning school run

Oasis Academy Ryelands has a unique opportunity to help design how free breakfast clubs will look for families across the country.

We need your help. Ipsos researchers want to hear from our parents to understand what the morning school run looks like for you.

Designed by parents, for parents. We've worked closely with parents to make sure this survey asks the right questions and doesn't take up too much of your time.

The ask: Complete a 10-minute survey [Click Here](#) .*

- **The thank you:** A chance to win a £100 voucher.

Who: Everyone! We want to hear from you whether you currently use the breakfast club or not.

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* If completing the survey online does not work for you, please email UK-PA-BreakfastClubsResearch@ipsos.com

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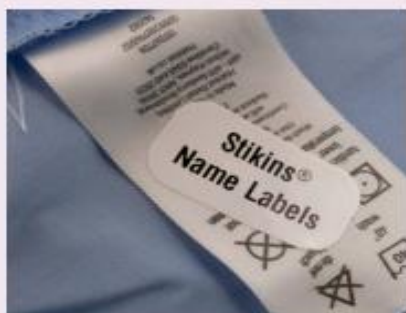
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