# Newsletter 36
# 26th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very strange week for Ryelands, and the rest of the country, as the heatwave swept in and settled. Firstly, I'd like to start by apologising for the delayed communications about the school closure this week. The decision to close was one made by the OCL Trust and communication from them was late to come through; I can only apologise on behalf of the trust for this. I have shared both mine and parents concerns with the Regional Director regarding this.

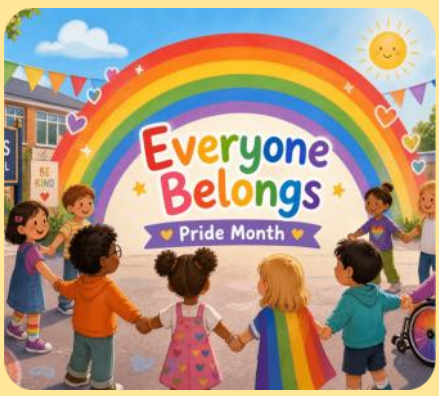
Thank you all for changing your plans and making arrangements to be able to have your children at home.....I know that there will have been lots of phone calls and messaging to make sure that all the children had somewhere to go—thank you so much for pulling together and helping each other out.

Staff organised and set the children learning tasks to complete on Seesaw and Showbie, trying to ensure that the children stayed on track with the curriculum while also leaving time for those lucky enough to have them to splash around in their paddling pools. Thank you for supporting your children in engaging with this learning. Reception in particular looked like they had a great time on Superhero day, dressing up, climbing like Spiderman and even flying like Superman!!

As I have limited news from this week due to the closure, I thought I'd tell you about the joy that our Ryelands Carnival brought last Friday. Throughout June, we have been working on the 'Rainbow of Respect' and focusing on the theme 'Everyone Belongs'. The children created artwork.....posters, shields, flags etc..... in their year group's colour and we all created a huge rainbow flag of respect on the MUGA before parading and dancing round in a carnival procession. It was fantastic to see the pure joy and jubilation on the children's faces as our school community celebrated together.

I hope that you all have a great weekend and I am really looking forward to seeing you on Monday.....I don't like school without the children in it!!

Kate and the Ryelands Team



# Dates for your Diary 2026

| Date | Event |
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| Wed 1st July 2026 | 9am Dance Festival on the MUGA<br>Parents invited to watch!! |
| 2nd & 3rd July 2026 | Y4 Residential Trip to Frylands |
| Thurs 2nd July 2026 | 9am Robin Class Assembly |
| Fri 3rd July 2026 | Nursery Parent Picnic<br>Nursery Pirate Dress Up and Assembly |
| Mon 6th July 2026 | Class Swap Morning<br>12:00 Reception Teddy Bears' Picnic |
| Wed 8th July 2026 | 9:30am -12:30pm Y2 Trip to Kelsey Park |
| Thurs 9th July 2026 | 9am Wren Class Assembly<br>1:30pm Captain Cutlass in Nursery<br>Y6 Production (evening) |
| Fri 10th July | Whole School Tudor Day—workshops<br>(please pay £3 via MCAS) |
| Mon 13th & Tues 14th July 2026 | Year 6 First Aid Course |
| Wed 15th July 2026 | 9:15am Reception Graduation<br>1:45pm Ryelands' Got Talent |
| Thurs 16th July 2026 | Year 6 Prom (evening) |
| Fri 17th July 2026 | Last day of academic year<br>Y6 Picnic and Assembly |

# Let's Sing 2026

## A FUN, JAM-PACKED WEEK OF MUSIC IN SE25 THIS SUMMER!

- No experience needed
- For school years 3-6
- With local professional musicians
- Fun, friendly and supportive environment

Learn how to read music and work with others to harness the power of singing!

**Pre-registration only**
**Email for details:** music@stlukeswoodside.org.uk

ALL STAFF RECRUITED ACCORDING TO CHURCH OF ENGLAND SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES

St. Luke's WOODSIDE
150 YEARS ◆ 1872 - 2022

At St Luke's Woodside we believe singing is for everybody. We believe that singing can have a transformative effect on people's lives and the best way to support that is to provide support from an early age.

Between Monday 24th and Friday 28th August, working with local professional musicians, we will be providing a FREE singing summer school (strictly by application only) for young people aged between 7 and 11. We will learn not only about how to sing and how to get the best out of your voice, but also how to read music, and how to listen each other to really harness the power of group singing.

**Absolutely no experience necessary,** this will be in a fun, friendly and supportive environment learning both through singing and through play. We will learn about different types of singing and musical styles as well as learning about church choirs, and the different music that's sung in church.

You don't need to be from a religious family to take part in this course. We welcome any children who'd like to sing, and are eager to learn, and experience something new at St Luke's.

There will be the opportunity to celebrate what has been learnt on Friday afternoon, and as part of our Sunday morning church service on 30th August.

**- 10am-3pm Monday 24th to Friday 28th August**
**- FREE, with lunch included**
**- Celebrate everything that has been learnt through the course at a performance at St Luke's**
**- Learn from local professional musicians**

At St Luke's we take safeguarding seriously. All our volunteers for the week have been recruited under 'safer recruitment', and have done the relevant safeguarding training.

For an application form for this free course, please email Christopher Braime, Director of Music at St Luke's on: **music@stlukeswoodside.org.uk**

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*This course costs £150 per child for St Luke's to run. We want to ensure that all children who want to are able to participate. Please make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the week, so we can continue running them into the future.*

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# Clubs and events to explore!!