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Dear Parents and Carers,

After a very surreal week last week, it's been really great to have all the children back in school. As ever, when it gets towards the end of term, people start saying to me 'Are you starting to wind down for the summer now?'.....my answer is always the same, 'No..... if anything we're just getting busier and busier!!'. This week was no exception.

On Monday, Year 4 went to Crystal Palace Park for a Cricket Festival where they enjoyed playing against other local schools. Sadly, they didn't get through to the finals but they had a lot of fun. On Tuesday we were treated to a Rocksteady music assembly where our band members rocked the stage, performing songs by a range of artists including *Queen* and *Imagine Dragons*. Parents looked on proudly as the children who attend Rocksteady played keyboards, guitars, drums and sang impressing us all with their talents and confidence.

Wednesday saw our annual Dance Festival on the MUGA. This is a truly joyful occasion and it was great to see so many of our school community come out to watch. The children (and teachers) delighted us all with their impressive dance routines and everyone joined in with a whole community dance to YMCA at the end. A huge thank you to everyone who came to support us....we're already looking forward to next year.

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 6 organised and ran an Enterprise Fair to help raise more funds for the prom and resources. This was a real success, helping to teach the children about advertising, buying, selling and profits. Thank you to everyone who supported this event too.

The next 2 weeks continue to be busy with lots of events that we would love for you to attend .....please do look at the diary dates to ensure that you don't miss anything.
The temperatures look set to rise again next week and we will be doing all we can to ensure that we can remain as cool and calm as we can in school. Due to the high temperatures forecast, the children can wear their PE kits to school for the entirety of next week—plain white t-shirts and shorts. If your child feels cooler in their school uniform t-shirt and shorts/summer dress, they can of course wear those on non-PE days.
You can help us by ensuring that your child has a water bottle that they can refill throughout the day to help keep them hydrated.
Have a great weekend—Kate and the Ryelands Team

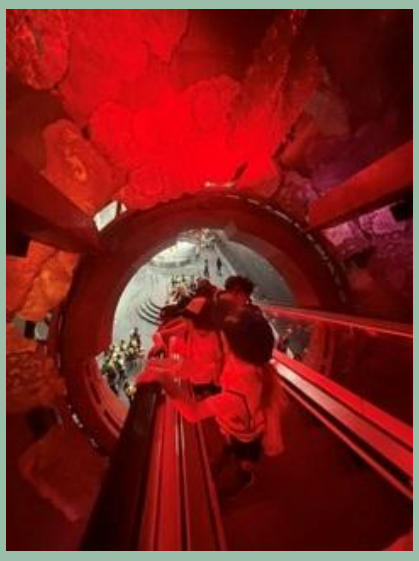
I had a great day, it was very hot. I thought that the earthquake simulator was going to be much more intense than it was! - Jeremy

Year 4 Explores the Natural History Museum.

This week our Year 4 students had the enriching experience of visiting the Natural History Museum. The trip offered a fascinating and educational insight into lots of different subjects that have linked to our learning, such as Earthquakes and Volcanoes and Living Things and Their Habitats. We started our day making our Journey to Norwood Junction, where we headed to Central London on the train taking the Jubilee and Circle and District line to our destination. The children where blown away at the stature of the museum and different statues dotted around the gardens. We headed in to see all the various animals including the ginormous blue whale that hangs in the air. The children where fascinated by the variation of animals, comparing extinct animals to ones we still see today!

We then ventured up to see the Earthquakes and Volcanoes part of the museum where we got to experience first hand, what it would be during an Earthquake.

The trip was incredibly warm but the children coped so fantastically and kept their spirits high!



I liked seeing the children smiling and having fun. *Shade in Eagle*

People really like the basketball and hook a duck- *Theo in Eagle*

We enjoyed helping people shoot goals and earning money! *Yusaf & Marco in Hawk*

I enjoyed looking around the fair and showing my science experiments to pupils. - *Amelia in Hawk*

I enjoyed playing basketball and getting wet and making people happy - *Emanuel in Hawk*

Skylar and Tilly enjoyed working on our stalls; we got loads of customers and everyone loved Batouly's chocolate chip cookies - they ran out quickly! -*Shae in Hawk*

Farley in Eagle - I worked with Eloise and we did a second-hand stall. I found it fun because we were able to give our lovely old things a new home!

The Year 6 Enterprise Fair took place on Wednesday 1st July 2006 and raised an impressive £902!!! A HUGE thank you to everyone who purchased a homemade item, had fun completing the outdoor challenges and enjoyed the sweeties, delicious cookies and sorbet plus home-made lemonade!

All money raised will go towards Year 6 Prom and Y6 resources!

Stars of the Week

Robin	Nia -Humble
Wren	Avery -Considerate
Sparrow	Harley -Humble
Starling	Seren -Compassionate
Chaffinch	Ibrahim -Self-Controlled
Goldfinch	Marcos -Patient
Kingfisher	Isabella -Compassionate
Woodpecker	Mariana -Humble
Magpie	Jeremy -Considerate
Owl	Samuel -Joyful
Heron	Lia -Self-Controlled
Raven	Lois -Compassionate
Eagle	Reese -Hopeful
Hawk	Batouly -Forgiving
Pupil Choice	Polly Chose Theo for being Hopeful Calder Chose Louie for being Considerate Miss Sarah chose Ted for being Hopeful at Breakfast Club

Maths Shed	Class	Child
1ST PLACE	Y4 Magpie	Alpha -Magpie
2nd	Y5 Heron	Rassiah - Magpie
3rd	Y3 Kingfisher	Jude -Heron

Spelling Shed	Class	Child
1ST PLACE	Y4 Magpie	David - Magpie
2nd	Y5 Heron	Rassiah - Magpie
3rd	Y5 Raven	Jude -Heron

SUMDOG	Class	Child
Top Dog	Y2 Chaffinch	Ayyan -Owl
2nd	Y4 Owl	Xara - Chaffinch
3rd	Y1 Starling	Anaya - Starling

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Positive Playtime Weekly Winners!!

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

Winners this Week

Y4 Owl & Y4 Magpie

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 4960 points.

This week's winning class is **Y1 Starling Class** with 1363 points.

Our winning class will be rewarded with an extra play session.

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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

Reception -Robin class won the Attendance Penguin 100%

Y3 Woodpecker Class won the Attendance Cup 99.46%

Attendance Target: 97.0%

Attendance This Week: 96.9%

Attendance This Year: 96.4%

Late Pupils: 50

Robin Class in Reception will have a Teacher Reward 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:

Robin in Y1 Starling

Dates for your Diary 2026

Date	Event
Mon 6th July 2026	9am Rocksteady Music Assembly Class Swap Morning 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 10:50am Nursery Pirate Assembly 11:30am-12:30pm Nursery Parent Picnic 6pm Y6 Production (Y6 children to return at 5:30pm for a 6pm start)
Fri 10th July	Whole School Tudor Day—workshops (please pay £3 via MCAS)
Mon 13th & Tues 14th July 2026	Year 6 First Aid Course
Wed 15th July 2026	9:15am Reception Graduation 1:45pm Ryelands' Got Talent
Thurs 16th July 2026	9:05am Thank you Assembly for invited guests Nursery Beach/Fun Day 5pm-6:30pm Year 6 Prom
Fri 17th July 2026	Last day of academic year 1:15pm Y6 Picnic 2:15pm Y6 Leavers' 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**

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

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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A fun introduction to dance for pupils in years 1 and 2 with a RAD trained dance teacher!

- Lots of dance styles covered
- A relaxed performance opportunity every term!
- **£10 a session**