



# Rugby Free

## Primary School

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### Sbooktakular!

On Monday at RFPS, we celebrated 'Sbooktakular!' Children (and staff) looked awesome in their costumes. Each year group read a spooky story and carried out fun activities throughout the day based on these. Reception children read 'Room on the Broom'. Year 1 read 'Funny Bones'. Year 2 read 'The Monster Museum'. Year 3 read parts of 'The Worst Witch'. Year 4 read parts of 'Back on Weird Street'. Year 5 read parts of 'Macbeth'. Year 6 read parts of 'The Highwayman'. We really enjoyed reading these stories! What a ghoulishly great day it was!



### Rainbow Donations non-uniform day

On Friday we held a Rainbow Donations non-uniform day. Each Year Group dressed in a different colour, and also brought in donations for the Christmas Fayre in the colour of their Year Group. We were impressed with the variety of colours that the children wore, we are also very grateful for all of the donations received. Thank you so much for all of these! We look forward to seeing the hampers which are being put together for the Christmas Fayre by the Friends of RFPS.



### Stars of the Week

#### Reception

##### Giraffes:

Ruby & Phoebe

##### Zebras:

Kaisen & Dhrey

#### Year One

##### Hedgehogs

Octavia

##### Rabbits:

Mahaan

#### Year Two

##### Orcas:

Bella

##### Penguins:

Max

##### Seals:

Leo

#### Year Three

##### Crocodiles:

Arianna

##### Kangaroos:

Lucas

##### Turtles:

Alexander

#### Year Four

##### Bears:

Aurelia

##### Eagles:

Sophia

##### Raccoons:

Ellie

#### Year Five

All of Year 5 for  
their incredible  
behaviour in  
London

#### Year Six

##### Jaguars:

Imogen

##### Panthers:

Cameron



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### Water Safety Week

This week during swimming, Year 6 learned about ways to keep yourself safe when you are around water outdoors and what to do in an emergency. They learnt how to float in order to conserve energy and to tread water to keep warm. We practised what to do if you fall into water unexpectedly and how to call/wave for help. We were so impressed with their understanding of what to do and how seriously they received these lifesaving messages. Well done Year 6.

### Staffing

We are thrilled to inform you that Caroline Colledge (our current acting Deputy Head) has been successful at interview and is now our permanent Deputy Headteacher. Caroline was shortlisted from 12 candidates who applied for the position and was then against three candidates at interview stage. Well done Mrs Colledge, we think you are going to be a fabulous Deputy head for our school, now and in the future and we are very lucky to have you.

We have two new Higher Level Teaching Assistants joining our school over the next few weeks. Mrs Spiers (who is already a Teaching Assistant at RFPS) has gained the promotion to HLTA at RFPS and Mrs Stuart is moving from a local school to be a HLTA with us. We are sure that both will be amazing at supporting our pupils. Welcome to the team!

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs White (HLTA) who has been on Maternity Leave as she has decided to not return to RFPS as she'd like to spend more time at home with her son. Thank you every everything that you have done!

Today, we have said goodbye (for a short amount of time) to Mrs Swain as she is leaving to have her baby! We hope you have a wonderful and safe time, enjoying your new little one, when they arrive!

### What is an Inspire Workshop?

An Inspire workshop is a chance for Parents/carers/grandparents to come in to school and learn with their child.

Usually this is done in the hall, one year group at a time, focusing on in class learning e.g. English, Maths, Science etc. We haven't had any of these yet this year but will be starting them in the Spring term.

However, at Christmas time, we like to run a Christmas Inspire workshop where everyone gets very creative, christmassy and messy! There will be lots of Christmas arts and crafts for you and your child to complete together. This is at the same time for all classes and is based in their classrooms.

This is happening on 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00 – 10.30am. If you have more than one child in the school, you may want to split your time between them or bring an adult per child. Please can we make sure we have no more than one adult per child, due to space. Be prepared to get glittery!

### The Inclusion Framework for Schools project

We are excited to announce that our school is participating in a project which aims to develop our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision through developing peer to peer support with other local schools.

This initiative, called the Inclusion Framework for Schools project, has been successfully trialled in the Rugby area and is now being rolled out to two other areas of Warwickshire with support from the Educational Psychology Service.

This project will involve working together with other schools to evaluate existing SEND provision, identify and address training needs and to support one another to develop our practice and provision.

As part of this project, we would like to collect the views of parents and carers whose children have, or may have, Special Educational Needs or Disabilities on the support available in our school. If you are willing to anonymously share your views, please follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/HK1YXLb8ER> or scan the QR code with your phone (flyer attached). If you would prefer a paper copy of the survey, please request this from the school office. This can then be placed in an envelope and returned to school addressed to the Inclusion Framework Project Team. All responses are being collated by the Inclusion Framework Project team so will be anonymous for the school.

Watch this space for updates around the project – the work we are doing, and how we are learning and shaping our practice to improve outcomes for our children.

We look forward to sharing exciting and important updates with you in the coming months.





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### Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)

#### Rainbow gift donation - Non-Uniform day - Friday 10th November

Thank you so much to everyone that dressed up and donated items for our Rainbow Day! We are very grateful for every donation big or small. ALL DONATIONS WILL BE PLACED INTO HAMPERS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE.

#### Diary Dates

#### Christmas Fayre - SATURDAY 25th November - 11-2pm - Save the date!

We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends at our Christmas Fayre for festive fun and shopping. We are being joined by Purple Fox Alchemy, On The Deck Pizza, Awesome Coffee, The Coco Hub, Usborne Books, Avon, Honeybee Floral and more.

#### Santa's Grotto- Book your tickets now! 25th November 11-2pm

Santa can't wait to meet your little ones in his magical grotto at the Christmas Fayre! Tickets are now available to book online - please follow this link to reserve them! Or scan the QR code... <https://buytickets.at/friendsofrugbyfreeprimaryschool>

Tickets are limited and are available on a first come first served basis. You will visit Santa in a small group, have a chance for a chat and a festive photo before collecting your special age-appropriate gift!

#### Christmas Wreath Making Workshop.

We cannot wait for Perransfield Farm to come and get us in the Christmassy mood with a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop on the 27th November at 7pm. Tickets are available now for only £25 from the school main office.

Hot Drinks are included in your ticket, but please feel free to bring your own drinks 🍷🍹🍸🍹🍹

Please remember to keep up to date with all our news and events. You can follow us on our NEW Facebook page and now Instagram too, search - friendsrfps



**Diary Dates** (please check these every week as they are subject to change!)

**16th & 17th Nov** – Reception local area walk

**17th Nov** – Children in Need – The Great Spooktakular – children can wear bright or spotty clothes

**23rd Nov** – Nasal Flu vaccinations

**24th Nov** – Y3 Compton Verney Trip

**25th Nov** – Friends of RFPS Christmas Fayre 11am-2pm

**5th Dec** – Y1 Play - Performance to parents 9.30am

**6th Dec** – Y1 Play - Performance to parents 2.00pm

**6th Dec** – RFSS Digital Detox workshop with Y6 – 1.30pm

**7th Dec** – Y2 Rugby Art Gallery & Museum trip

**8th Dec** – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch

**11th Dec** – Rec Dress Rehearsal 9.30am

**12th Dec** – Rec Play 9.30am

**13th Dec** – Rec Play 2.00pm

**15th Dec** – Christmas Art Inspire workshop 9am-10.30am

**18th Dec** – Reception visit from Rev Pete - The Christmas story

**19th Dec** – Reception & Y1 trip to The Gruffalo at Warwick Arts

**21st Dec** – End of Autumn Term

**22nd December** – Teacher Training day

**25th December – 5th January** – Christmas holiday

**8th January 2024** – Teacher Training day

**9th January 2024** – Children return to school - Spring Term begins

### Christmas Lunch

We are having our Christmas Lunch at school on Friday 8th December. Orders can be placed via school grid up until Friday 1st December. Please see the menu below.



### Children in Need

Next Friday (17/11/23) the children will be celebrating Children in Need. The theme this year is 'The great Spotacular' so the children are encouraged to wear spotty clothes if they have them or any bright colours. We hope it will be a really fun day for the children and we will raise some money for a super charity. We are very conscious that there have been lots of charity days at school recently, so please be aware, that any donation to Children in Need is completely voluntary.





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Warwickshire  
Safeguarding

## Safeguarding

If you are concerned that a child appears unhappy or is being abused act now using the contact numbers provided below. Contact the **Warwickshire's Children and Families Front Door** on **01926 414144**. Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8am-5.30pm, Friday 8.30am- 5.00pm.

If you need to get in touch out of usual office hours, please contact the Emergency Duty Team immediately on **01926 886922**.

If you think that a child is at immediate risk, contact the police immediately by dialling **999**.

## SAFEGUARDING

**Safeguarding our children is everyone's responsibility**

If worried about any child being a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty whilst at RFPS, you must tell Miss Butters or, in her absence, one of her safeguarding team.



Miss Butters  
Designated Senior Lead



Mrs Colledge  
Designated Senior Leader



Miss Finch  
Designated Senior Leader



Mrs Vural  
Designated Senior Leader

Jennifer Beattie

Trustee for Child Protection & Safeguarding

If you consider a child is in immediate danger phone the Police on 999 or phone children's services on 01926 414144 or out of hours on 01926 886922.

## What will happen if I report child abuse?

Childcare agencies believe that children are best cared for by their parents. Children are rarely removed from their parents and most families are given help and support. Social Workers can only remove children from home with a court order and only after they have demonstrated that the child is at serious risk.

If you would like to speak to someone in school about your concerns the above members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads and will be happy to listen to your concerns and take the appropriate steps to safeguard a child.



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## The Inclusion Framework for Schools team invites parents and carers to Complete this survey about your child's schools SEND provision

Parental confidence in SEND provision  
Rugby (November 2023)



Warwickshire County Council is running this questionnaire for parents/carers of children/young people who have, or may have, Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) and whose school is participating in the Inclusion Framework for Schools trial in the Rugby Area.

Please complete the following questions by entering the relevant information or the appropriate answer. Please complete this once for each child you have at the school who has or may have SEND.

This survey is anonymous and we will not ask for any personal information. There are some equalities monitoring questions, and it would be helpful if you could complete these to aid our understanding of the diversity of service provision, however there is a 'prefer not to say' option if you would rather not provide this.

We will publish the results of the survey which may include comments left as part of survey responses, please do not provide any identifiable information in any comments you leave. For further information on how Warwickshire County Council collects, stores and handles personal information please see the SEND and Inclusion Services and Change Programme Privacy Notice (<https://bit.ly/SICPprivacy>) and WCC's Customer Privacy Notice (<https://bit.ly/WCCcustomer>).

If you would prefer a paper copy of this survey please ask your school to supply you with one. This survey can be made available in other languages, please ask your school to request this if required. If you have any further queries please contact [sendchange@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:sendchange@warwickshire.gov.uk)

<https://forms.office.com/e/HK1YXlb8ER>

Survey open until 8th December 2023





Monday  
27th November  
2023  
@ 7pm

**Christmas Wreath  
Making Workshop**

£25 per person (Cash ONLY)  
First come, first serve.

To Pay for tickets, please go to the Main  
Reception desk At RFPS before the 13th  
November.



**Santa's  
GROTTO**

Come and meet Santa at the ForFPS  
Christmas Fayre!  
£3.50 a child  
Book online and pay on the day  
See post for booking link and details!



Friends of Rugby Free Primary School

**Christmas Fayre**  
11-2  
SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

Games - Shopping - Food - Grotto

**THIS WAY**



**CELEBRATE THE FESTIVE SEASON  
IN RUGBY TOWN CENTRE**

**RUGBY TOWN CENTRE  
LANTERN PROCESSION**

**SATURDAY 9TH  
DECEMBER**

★ LANTERN PROCESSION ★ LANTERN MAKING ★  
★ CAROLS ★ REFRESHMENTS ★ MUSIC ★

If you or a group are interested in making lanterns or being part of the procession  
please email [emma@uctd.co.uk](mailto:emma@uctd.co.uk)

[rugbyfirst.org](http://rugbyfirst.org)



**CELEBRATE THE FESTIVE SEASON  
IN RUGBY TOWN CENTRE**

**RUGBY TOWN CENTRE  
CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON**

**SUNDAY 19TH  
NOVEMBER**

**EAST 17**

★ MUSIC ★ FUNFAIR ★ FIREWORKS ★ STALLS ★  
★ FOOD ★ FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT ★

For further information on the Christmas Light Switch On  
and other Christmas events please visit the website.

[rugbyfirst.org](http://rugbyfirst.org)