



Rugby Free

Primary School



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VE80

We have had a fantastic day commemorating VE80 at RFPs. With homemade decorations, picnic lunches and plenty of activities, we have all come away with lots of new learning and experiencing different ways to learn about the war and how it ended. Everyone looked brilliant in their red, white and blue and made a great effort to help us to celebrate this.



Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes

Loki & Olivia

Zebras

Arlo & Julia P

Year One

Hedgehogs

Sebi

Rabbits:

Lalana

Year Two

Penguins

Theo

Seals

Emily-Rose

Year Three

Crocodiles

Charlie

Turtles

Oliver I

Year Four

Bears

Lucas

Eagles

Penny

Year Five

Pandas

Leo

Tigers

Jacob

Year Six

Sloths

Lalita

Toucans

Francesca &

Teddy

Head

Teacher

Awards

Isaac L - Y6 -

Endeavour

Poppy - Y6 -

Resilience &

Endeavour

Jason - Y6 -

Endeavour

Isaac M - Y5 -

Resilience

Hallie - Y1 -

Endeavour

Year 1 Ryton Pools Visit



On Tuesday, Y1 went on a school trip to 'Ryton Pools' as part of our Geography 'Fieldwork' topic. We went pond dipping and minibeast hunting. We found so many living things including a hoverfly, fish, a freshwater snail, tadpoles and many more. We had a wonderful time and impressed all of the adults with our behaviour which helped us to stay safe. We were so proud of you, Year 1! We even had a fun treat and visited the park too. What a wonderful day!



Adult behaviour when driving and parking

We have been getting several reports of inappropriate behaviour and language from parents/carers either on Central Park Drive or on the Coton Park estate when parking and bringing children to school. This is either towards other parents or residents. Adults are role models to all children, and we expect adults to behave appropriately. We do not expect to hear about adults swearing and using foul language for our pupils to overhear. We are a community and should be supporting each other. Thank you.



Special Lunch Menu

On the 15th May we have a special lunch menu, the theme is endangered species.

Orders can be placed via School Grid.



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Number day

A huge thank you again to all who were able to donate during number day. We have received a thanks and certificate from NSPCC.

RFPS raised **£218.86!**



My Child At School – MCAS

Please could we ask all parents and carers to log into their MCAS account and check that all the information we hold for parents, carers and children are up to date. Please ensure that if you change your contact number, move home or there are any other circumstances which may impact your child, that the school is notified as a priority. Thank you.



Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)

FAMILY BINGO - NEXT Friday - 16th May, 5:30pm - Booking available NOW



FRIDAY 16TH MAY
5:30PM - VIA HALL ENTRANCE

£5 per family (max of 8)
4 number games & 1 picture game
Bring your own picnic tea - NO NUTS
Hot & cold drinks available for purchase (cash/card)

See your newsletters for the payment link

Due to limited space, tickets will be first come first served.

Join us for an evening of family fun, following last year's success we are again doing our family bingo night. Tickets are **£5 per family** (up to 8 people) and you can bring your own picnic tea (NO NUTS). You are welcome to bring high chairs if necessary too. Hot and cold drinks will be available to purchase on the night (cash/card). There will be 4 rounds and a picture round with prizes up for grabs. As always, all money raised will go towards our fundraising efforts for enriching our children's learning. Please follow this link to book your tickets NOW - tickets are limited due to space.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofrugbyfreeprimaryschool/1686169>

Upcoming events-

Coffee morning for new starters but everyone welcome - 23rd May

Quiz night - June 13th, chippy tea (adult only)

Playground sales - 4th/11th July uniform and ice lollies, weather dependent



13TH JUNE 2025 - 6:30PM

Join us with family, friends or neighbours

Tickets £10 per person

(entry and chippy tea, vegan and gluten free light bite options)

Teams of up to 6, multiple rounds. Raffle on the night. Please see your newsletters for ticket information and placing food orders.

Enter at the school hall. Eyes down 7pm. You can bring your own bottle, ADULTS ONLY.

Raffle, hot drinks, squash and some light refreshments will be available for a small fee. (cash or card)

Break the rules day - 14th July

Have a wonderful weekend. As always keep up to date with our upcoming events by following us on Facebook or Instagram [friendsrfps](#)

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

w/c 12th May – Y6 SATS week

16th May – FRFPS Family Bingo (see above)

26th May – 30th May – Half term

2nd Jun – 13th Jun – Y4 Multiplication tables check week

w/c 9th Jun – Y1 Phonics screening week

12th Jun – KS2 Sports Day at the Diamond Jubilee athletics track – parents welcome in the afternoon (more details to follow)

13th Jun – Friends of RFPS Quiz night (see above)

19th Jun – Y4 Hunstanton trip

23rd Jun – Y3 Bosworth trip

26th Jun – Y5 Brandon Marsh trip

4th Jul – Rec Transport Museum trip

Game On Holiday Camp

Game On are operating a Holiday Camp over May half term at RFPS. The dates are: Tuesday 27th May to Friday 30th May. To book your dates, please liaise with Mr Sheehan directly - his contact details are on the booking form which was sent out with the newsletter email on 02/05/2025.



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RFPS Family & Children Support Worker

How can a Family Support Worker help me?

- Early Support.
- Sign posting to parent workshops and courses
- Sign posting and completing referrals for other services and organisations such as, Family Information Service, RISE, Young Carers, CASS, Connect For Health, Change Makers, Guys Gift.
- Financial or housing difficulties
- Managing difficult behaviours and promoting positive behaviours
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Support
- Special Educational Needs support
- Family Relationships Support
- Food Bank Vouchers/ benefit entitlements.

DROP-IN SESSIONS

in the Family Room, opposite main reception

Monday 8.30-9.30am

Tuesday 2:30-3:30pm

Pop in for a cuppa and a chat, looking forward to seeing you.



What is Early Support?

Early Support, previously known as Early Help uses a multi-agency approach to implement support strategies for your family at the right time. All children, young people and families in Warwickshire are entitled to receive Early Support. This means offering information, advice, guidance, and support to families as soon as a concern emerges or seems likely to emerge.

If you would like more information or want to arrange a meeting please attend a drop-in session, call or email.

I look forward to meeting you and being able to provide support for you and your family.

Kelly Pollitt - Kelly.pollitt@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk - 01788 222088

Monday — Friday 8:30am — 3:30pm — Term Time Only



Safeguarding

If you are concerned that a child appears unhappy or is being abused act now using the contact numbers provided below or alternatively come in to school and ask to speak to a DSL. 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 Finch Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs Pollitt Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
 Mrs Colledge Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs Screen Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
 Miss Butters Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Miss Calcutt Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

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.

Inclusion Team

The Inclusion Team

 Miss Finch Inclusion Lead	 Miss Calcutt SENCo
 Miss Lydiatt Assistant SENCo	 Mrs Pollitt Children and Family Support Worker

The inclusion team work across the school to support all of our children and families with a variety of things.

If you need any support from school, or want to know more about what we do, please just send an email FAO our inclusion team and we will reach out to contact you.

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Empathy

Empathy means *feeling with* someone, not just *feeling sorry* for them. It is one of the best ways to be a kind friend and a good person. Empathy is not just noticing that someone is happy, sad, or hurt—you're trying to understand their feelings **from their point of view** and responding with kindness.

Examples of when you could be empathetic:

A friend is nervous before a test.

You might say: *"I get nervous too. We've got this!"*

Someone is sitting alone at lunch.

You might think: *"I would feel sad if I were alone."*

So, you could invite them to sit with you.

Our tips for empathy:

1. **Pay attention** to how people look and sound. Are they happy, sad, or upset? Look for clues in their body language to find out how they might be feeling.
2. Read a book or watch a TV show. Pick a character in the book or show and imagine how that character might feel. Do you think all the characters feel the same? **Put yourself in their shoes!**
3. **Empathy drawing** – if you like to get creative, you could try drawing a picture of how someone else might feel in a certain situation (e.g., "a child who has lost their favourite toy", "a child who is starting a new school").
4. **Be kind with actions** - even little things help - like sharing, listening, or giving a hug.
5. **Include everyone** - invite others to play, join in, or sit with you. Notice if someone is standing alone, sitting on a bench, or watching others play.
6. **Kindness cards** – consider making cards or notes for family, friends or classmates who might need a boost!

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.

Clifton Tennis Club Junior tennis coaching

MONDAY 26th - FRIDAY 30th May 2025

run by an LTA qualified coach

learn lots of new tennis skills and have fun

4-7 year olds 10-11 am

8-11 year olds 11am -12noon

reserve your child a
place TODAY
cost £25

sueerobinson@yahoo.co.uk



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