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Primary School



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**Friday 6th June
2025**

Staffing News

Next year, we have a few changes in our staffing.

We say goodbye and a huge thank you to Miss Calcutt, Miss Lydiatt and Miss Rea who have been incredible teachers over the past few years and are moving on to exciting adventures in and out of education. We wish them the very best of luck and are so grateful for everything they have done for RFPs. They have been amazing members of staff.

We will be welcoming to our school Miss Oxborough and Miss Turner who both come from local schools and are excited to be starting with us. They come highly recommended and we think they will be assets to our school.

We are also very happy to announce that Mrs Swain will be taking on the role as SENDCo in September. We think she will be amazing in this role and carry on the wonderful work of Miss Calcutt.

We say 'goodbye for now' to Mrs Allen who will be going on maternity leave and wish her the very best of luck and are very pleased to be welcoming back Mrs Morgan, who will be returning from maternity leave.

Pupils will be having their transition morning on 2nd July when they will meet their new teacher, in their new classroom.

Caterpillars in Reception



The children in Giraffes and Zebras had a delivery of caterpillars before half term. They have carefully observed and patiently waited as the tiny caterpillars grew into large spiky ones, and then made their chrysalis and hung upside down, wriggling. We came back after half term to find them all still in their chrysalis, and then one by one they have emerged this week.



We finally were able to release them on Friday afternoon, dodging the showers and looking out for predatory birds. They all successfully fluttered away! Afterwards, we were able to look closely at the empty chrysalis shells to complete our learning on lifecycles.



Year 5- Meeting the superstars online workshop (STEM)



This week year 5 had their second workshop linked to "Road to Riat" in partnership with the RAF. We were lucky enough to hear from Mike and Mariya about their work and were inspired to hear that Mariya works alongside others in developing drones to support with delivering medical supplies and even developing an air taxi! We were super impressed with all of year 5's engagement and listening and were the

lucky winners in the quiz. We can't wait to receive our goody bags in the post!



Mike is an aviation expert making sure planes fly safely and airports run smoothly, while helping young people find their own path in the skies. *and much more!*



Mariya is a space and flight expert who helps build electric planes, teaches kids about flying, and leads a team making the future of aviation clean and exciting!

Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes

Austin & Arsal

Zebras

Ola &
Aaradhya

Year One

Hedgehogs

Alicija

Rabbits:

Hugo

Year Two

Penguins

Saiyan

Seals

Octavia

Year Three

Crocodiles

Alexander

Turtles

Eshaal

Year Four

Bears

Oscar

Eagles

Coen

Year Five

Pandas

Romillie

Tigers

Miah-Bella &

Amber

Year Six

Sloths

Zoe

Toucans

Evie & Indira

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Little Princess Trust Donation

Leia has very kindly donated 10 inches of her hair to the 'Little Princess Trust' this weekend to support the charity with making wigs for children who have lost their hair. Leia was very excited to donate her hair and we think this showcases our school value of kindness amazingly! Well done Leia!



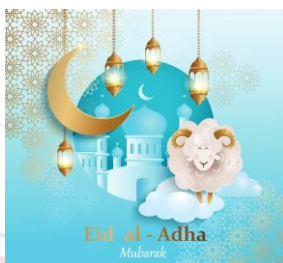
Y6 Fundraising Fete

Year 6's Fundraising Fete is on Friday 27th June and is fun for the whole school! If you can, please send your child in with up to £5 to spend on the stalls. We really appreciate your support!



Eid al-Adha

We would like to send our warmest wishes to our families celebrating Eid al-Adha in the coming days. We wish you a blessed and joyful celebration!



KS2 Sports Enrichment Day



On Thursday, KS2 went to the Diamond Jubilee Sports Centre to complete some of their athletics PE lessons and also practice for sports day. The weather was rather soggy in the morning but the



children and staff all kept smiles on their faces! Luckily the weather brightened up in the afternoon and they were able to enjoy their sports day practice. We felt very lucky to have an extra day using such professional facilities. Huge thank you to Miss Tyler for organising and all of the staff and children for their resilience and collaboration!



Parking

We have been advised by the businesses on Pelham rd (rd next to school) that they will very shortly be issuing fines to people who park on their premises. They are really struggling with parents using their private car park to park for the school run and have enlisted enforcement officers to begin fining or clamping on their behalf. We would strongly advise you not to park in any business's car parks.



Connect for Health: Health and Wellbeing Newsletter



Connect for Health
Your school nursing service

https://compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/C4H-Parent-and-Schools-Newsletter.-May-2025_compressed.pdf

Nut free at RFPS

This is a polite reminder that RFPS is a 'nut free' school. We have pupils and staff who have severe nut allergies. Please can you ensure that your child does not bring any snacks or lunchboxes containing nuts into school. Thank you for your cooperation.



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.

my child at school.com

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.



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Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)

Quiz night 13th July - CANCELLED - Unfortunately due to lack of take up this event has been cancelled and we will look at another time to do it. Thank you to our volunteers for giving their time to plan it.

Playground sales - 4th/11th July

We will be selling ice lollies (50p) and pre-loved uniform on the main playground at the end of the school day on Friday 4th July - if the weather is poor on this day we will aim to do this on the 11th instead. If your child attends an after school club and would like to buy an ice lolly please ensure that they bring 50p and they will get the opportunity to choose.

Pre-loved uniform - non logo items 50p, logo items £1, blazers £5, bags £2.

Break the Rules Day - 14th July

Back by popular demand a wonderful fun day which we know all children enjoy where they are allowed to choose from a list of rules to break for a fine. More information including the rules that can be broken will be sent out nearer the time. Please remind your children that other rules not listed still apply during the day.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend. As always keep up to date with our upcoming events, which fundraise for our wonderful school by following us on Facebook or Instagram by searching friendsrfps

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

w/c 9th Jun – Y1 Phonics screening week

9th Jun – FoRFPS 7:30 at Brewers Fayre

12th Jun – KS2 Sports Day at the Diamond Jubilee athletics track – parents welcome in the afternoon 1.00pm – 2.30pm

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

17th Jun – KS1 Sports day 9am – 10:30am at RFPS – parents welcome

19th Jun – Y4 Hunstanton trip

23rd Jun – Reception Sports day 9am -10:00am at RFPS – Parents welcome

23rd Jun – Y3 Bosworth trip

23rd Jun – Y1 Football Festival

24th Jun – Y2 Football Festival

25th Jun – Y6 Drayton Manor

26th Jun – Y5 Brandon Marsh trip

27th Jun – Y6 Fete Day (children only)

4th Jul – Rec Transport Museum trip

11th Jul – Y6 Movie night (more details to follow)

15th Jul – Y6 Play performance for parents – 9.15am

16th Jul – Y6 Play performance & graduation – 6pm

Sports days at RFPS

This year, KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) are having their normal Sports Day at the Diamond Jubilee Athletics track on Thursday 12th June. Parents and other family members are very welcome to attend for the afternoon. In addition to this, because we have no field at RFPS, we are hiring the track for an additional day so that all KS2 pupils have their athletics PE entitlement in a suitable space. School is funding this as is part of our curriculum.

EYFS and KS1 pupils will have their Sports Days on the school playground and we would love to see as many parents/family members attend to support their children as possible!

Parent Questionnaire

A couple of weeks ago, we sent out a parent survey about RFPS. We have only had 50 responses and so would be really grateful if you could spare 2 minutes to fill it in. We do read every response and we genuinely want to know your opinion about the school, what we are doing well and how we could improve.

This is the link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=X0G003gWP0yvV_6KyYxZ7r7L3ZJrTCZFmGa-8omBe0VUNEQ2VEdHVUVHU05RODdVQjFTUk9VMUFVQS4u





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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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Warwickshire Family
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Support

Keeping Your Child in Mind Programme

4 Week **FREE** Programme for parents/carers at:
**Lillington Children and Family Centre,
Leamington Spa CV32 7QE**

Date: 11th June 2025 – 2th July 2025

Day: Wednesday's 12:30 – 14:45

This programme focuses on relationships within the family and the influence of parental relationships on children, including when there might be conflict and tension **What is covered:** Positive relationships within families, styles of parenting and promoting positive approaches to reduce parental conflict. There will be opportunity for parents to share their experiences with others.

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THE CENTRE FOR
EMOTIONAL
HEALTH

For any enquires please contact

ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk



Warwickshire Family
and Relationship
Support



2-hour **FREE** workshops for parents/carers at:
**Overslade Community centre, Buchanan Road,
Rugby, CV22 6AZ**

17th June - [Understanding Children's Behaviour](#)

24th June - [Boundaries and Rules](#)

30th June - [Sleep and Routines](#)

8th July - [Understanding Your Teenager](#)

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can sometimes be stressful and challenging.

These Workshops will enable parents to meet other parents, to share own experiences in a safe space and to find out about the topics covered. You will also learn about the Parenting offer in Warwickshire County Council and other support that is available to families.

Any questions email: parenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk



Scan to book your place:

There has been lots of new dates added for virtual workshops over the Summer holidays. Here is the link: [Warwickshire Family and Relationship Support Events | Eventbrite](#)

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Friendship

Friendships are so important for our mental health, as they help to build our self-esteem, give us a sense of belonging and give us opportunities to share fun and happy experiences with others. We can also speak to our friends for support, or they can help to distract us through tougher times. Connecting with others is one of the NHS **5 ways to wellbeing**; the 5 types of activities we need to be doing to promote our wellbeing!

Our tips for friendship:

- **Listen and pay attention** – this makes others feel valued and heard.
- **Celebrate their wins** – be happy for your friend when they succeed and celebrate with them, this makes them feel loved.
- **Support them** – this may be by just listening to them or helping them to find solutions to their problems.
- **Have fun together!** – making memories together makes friendships stronger, maybe try out a new hobby together!



Scan QR code
to find out more
about
connecting with
others

This week is also '**Loneliness Awareness Week**'. Use this week to connect with others and make new friendships. You can do this by:

- Saying 'Hello' to a new person in the playground.
- Letting a new person join in with your game.
- Sharing something about yourself to start a conversation.
- Offering to help someone with something.

Loneliness
Awareness
week 9th-15th
June

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.