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Remembrance day

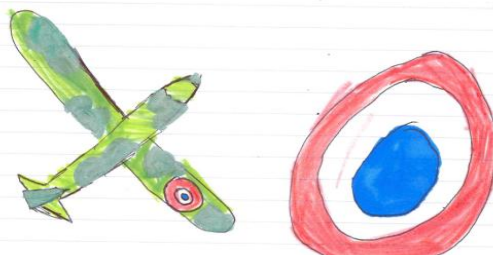
On the 11th November at 11.00am, every pupil and staff members joined together on the playground to have a 2 minute silence to remember all of the people that died, were injured or suffered in wars. We talked about how

lucky we were to live in a free and peaceful country. The children were so respectful and stood

there silently. We were incredibly proud of them all. This followed on from a Remembrance assembly which Mrs Colledge led, on Monday this week. The Year 6s have also been selling poppies at breaktimes on behalf of the Royal British Legion, raising money for war veterans. Well done everyone!

This is a poem which Penny E in year 5 wrote in her own time. We thought this was absolutely fabulous and we were all in awe of her talent and thoughtfulness!

Royal Air Force poem
Once there was wonder in the air,
but in that plane, what's in there?
A Pilot! A Pilot, in his controls,
As the plane in the sky, does it rolls
up, up and away!
The Pilot would say
Through the clouds on its way
But what's that on its wing
A symbol that means everything!
It was red, white and blue
Colours that everybody knew.
Oh RAF symbol, we are so proud of you
Through the wars, through the skies,
You wow everybody's eyes.
So thank you for over 100 years of service.
If I was a pilot, I'd be quite nervous.
To all the people who flew up there
When no-one else would dare
We really owe you a huge thank you
For showing all our school values.



Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes

Theo &
Mishka
Zebras
Adam &
Jessica K

Year One

Hedgehogs

Rowan
Rabbits
Kaiser

Year Two

Penguins

Sylvie-Bo
Seals
Aria

Year Three

Crocodiles

Ferenc
Turtles
Scarlett

Year Four

Bears

Chizaram
Eagles
Shaan &
Oliver

Year Five

All of Year 5
for fabulous
behaviour in
London!

Year Six

Sloths

Erin
Toucans
Skylar

Head Teacher Award

Y5 - Penny E -
Curiosity and
Endeavour



House Group morning

On Wednesday morning, pupils from Reception to Year 6 came together for a special House event to mark Anti-Bullying Week and World Kindness Day. It was the first time that Reception had been with their House Group and they loved it because they got to sit with their Year 6 Reading buddy!

The children learned about what bullying is, what to do if it happens, and how we can support others. They showed wonderful creativity and kindness in their activities, from making colourful collages to creating House anti-bullying contracts. These will be displayed around the school as a reminder of our promise to look out for one another.

It was a positive and thoughtful morning, celebrating teamwork and the importance of keeping our school a safe, friendly place for everyone.

Festive Inspire workshop – Friday 12th December 9.00am – 10.30am

This is a chance for parents/carers to come in to school and take part in some fun festive crafts with your child (one adult per child please).

Only children who have an adult attending the workshop will stay in the classroom. Children whose adult is unable to attend will take part in the activities with a school adult in the Hall. This is because some children become upset if they do not have an adult in attendance. **Please let us know if you will be attending by completing the short form via the link:**

[Festive Inspire workshop - Friday 12th December - 9am-10.30am – Fill in form](#)



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Year 1 - Autumn Walk

This week, as part of our Science learning about the different seasons and how our environment changes, Year 1 went on a local 'Autumn Walk'. We used our checklists to help us spot all the different signs of Autumn. We spotted different colour and sizes of leaves, mushrooms, berries and pine cones. Everyone was really respectful and sensible which meant we had a wonderful walk! Thank you so much to the adults who volunteered their time to come with us. We hope to take some of the learning from this into the classroom. Unfortunately, we didn't see any rabbits or hedgehogs! Well done, Year 1!

Year 1 & 3

Year 1 and year 3 are in need of cardboard items such as tissue boxes, egg boxes, toilet roll cardboard for their DT project



Donations of teddies please!

Please can we ask if you have any donations of clean teddies/soft toys for our Christmas Fayre 'Find a Friend' stall? It is one of the children's favourites and it always raises lots of money! Thank you in advance!



Game On Holiday Camp

Game On is operating a Holiday Camp over the Summer holidays at RFPS. The dates are:



Monday 22nd December – Tuesday 23rd December

The booking form will come out next Friday!

Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)

CHRISTMAS FAYRE GAME TOKENS - AVAILABLE TO PRE-ORDER NOW!!!

This year all school and Friends of RFPS stalls will again be tokens only to save on using cash floats. Each token will be worth 50p and will be sold in £5 bags. You are invited to buy them in advance of the fayre and they will be available on the day too. Please note to please also bring cash & card payments as external stall holders will not take the tokens, also our raffle will be cash only. Tokens will be NON-TRANSFERABLE to another event so please ensure you use them to avoid losing them. To purchase your tokens in advance. You are welcome to purchase more than one bag of tokens should you wish please pay £5/£10 accordingly. As reference please use your child's name with a number for their year, eg - Daphne Quill 3 Payable to - Friends of Rugby Free Primary School. Lloyds - acc 40818363. s/c 309950. **Tokens purchased in advance will be handed out at school on Thursday 20th before the fayre. Any purchased on or after that day will need to be collected at the pre-paid area of the token booth on the day of the fayre.**

Christmas Fayre & Grotto - Saturday 22nd November 11-2pm - please enter via the hall entrance.

We look forward to seeing you with family, friends and neighbours for some festive fun. There will be stalls to start your Christmas shopping, many games and food plus you'll have an opportunity to visit Santa too! We have On the Deck Pizzeria, The Awesome coffee company, Aventurine & beyond & many more joining us. **Santa's Grotto** - Tickets for our grotto will need to be pre-booked and first come first served booked in time slots. Tickets are £5, you will have time with Santa and are welcome to take a family picture, you will then be able to collect your gift from Santa's Elves. **Please follow this link to book your slot. BuyticketsRFPSsantagrotto**

Wreath Making Workshop, Tuesday 25th November

Come along to our sell out wreath making evening. We will be joined again by the wonderful Jane from Perrensfeld Farm who will be leading the workshop, everything you need will be provided, just bring gloves if you may react to foliage. We invite you to come along for a wonderful evening of festive fun. Snacks and warm drinks will be provided. Limited tickets are available and need to be pre-booked. **Tickets are £30 per person.** Please follow the link to book yours now. You are welcome to bring your own alcohol, though please be mindful that the clippers provided will be incredibly sharp! **BuyticketsRFPSwreathmakingworkshop** Very few tickets remaining. We hope you have a wonderful weekend.



With Jane from Perrensfeld Farm
Everything you need is provided
25th November - 7pm
£30 per person

Book online following the link on your newsletters

Enter via the hall entrance

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

14th Nov – Staff training day (school closed to pupils)

21st Nov – Children in Need - Non-uniform/wear yellow (more information to follow)

22nd Nov – Friends of RFPS Christmas Fayre (see above) – 11am – 2pm

25th Nov – Friends of RFPS Wreath Making workshop – 7pm (see above). Parents only.

28th Nov – Flu Vaccinations (consent email will be sent from NHS England on 07/11/2025)

9th Dec – Y1 Christmas play performance for parents – 9.15am

10th Dec – Y1 Christmas play performance for parents – 9.15am

12th Dec – Festive Inspire workshop – 9am-10.30am - parents/carers join us for some Christmas crafting (one adult per child please – see above)

12th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

12th Dec – Christmas lunch (please order via Grow)

16th Dec – Reception Christmas play performance for parents – 9.15am

17th Dec – Reception Christmas play performance for parents – 9.15am

18th Dec – Rec & Y1 Theatre trip

18th Dec – Y2-Y6 Cinema trip

22nd Dec-2nd Jan 2026 – Christmas holiday

5th Jan 2026 – Staff training day (school closed to pupils)

13th Jan – Young Voices

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 Finch or, in her absence, one of her safeguarding team.

Miss Finch
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Colledge
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Pollitt
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Butters
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Screen
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 Family Connect on 01926 414144 or out of hours on 01926 886922.

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 Family Connect** 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**.

All Sorts Magazine

Here is the link to the Sept/Nov digital edition of Allsorts magazine

https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_SEPTNOV

- you can tap straight to advertisers' websites too when viewing the mag on your phone (please mention allsorts). There are lots of attraction to visit, services and articles to help your family. You can view this issue at www.allsortsmag.com too or on the allsorts Facebook page. Take care - Michelle Love (Editor).



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Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness



**1st Overslade Guides
& Rangers**
Invite you to join us for

Tea & Cake with Santa

SATURDAY | 20 | DECEMBER

Tea, Cake and a gift from Santa

1:30pm - 4:30pm

**Cawston Community Hall
Scholars Drive, Rugby
CV22 7GU**

Raffle

Tickets:

Child - £10 | Adult £7.50

**To book your place, email
katherine.h@neock.org**



Motivation

Motivation is what helps you start and keep going with your goals, this may be linked to school, hobbies or life stuff. It is the 'why' behind what you are doing. Motivation can help you to finish a task or practise a new skill, it can make learning and playing more fun and help you to feel proud when you have done something great.

Sometimes it can be difficult to find motivation to begin an activity. To help with this, think about what is your 'why'. Ask yourself what goal matters to you and connect with what excites or inspires you.

Our Top Tips For Motivation:

- 1. Set small and clear goals:** Break big tasks into bite-sized steps. Ensure you celebrate each smaller win along the way.
- 2. Create a routine that works for you:** Having a plan for your day can help to keep you on track and reduce potential stress.
- 3. Remain positive:** If you are finding an activity difficult, remember to be kind to yourself. If something is hard, say, 'I am learning' instead of 'I can't do it'.
- 4. Ask for help:** It is ok to ask family, friends or teachers for some help when you get stuck.
- 5. Motivational matching activity:** Write some goals down on individual pieces of paper e.g., 'to finish my homework' and some motivational reasons down on another piece of paper e.g., 'to help me learn new things'. Spread the paper around upside down. Take turns flipping them over to match a goal with a motivational reason. When a pair is found, have a conversation about why that motivation may help to achieve the goal. Consider any barriers to achieving the goal and plan how you could overcome them.

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.

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