



# Rugby Free

Primary School

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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
2026

## Year 6



Year 6 had a fantastic day at Beaumanor Hall, where they stepped back into the world of World War II. Dressed as evacuees, the children fully embraced the experience and showed great enthusiasm throughout the day.

They took part in a range of immersive activities, including decoding secret messages, shopping with wartime rations and creating their own identity cards. One of the highlights was visiting the air raid shelter, where pupils listened to a real recording, helping them to understand what life was like during this time. The children's behaviour was excellent, and their engagement and curiosity made the day both enjoyable and educational. We are very proud of how they

represented the school!



## Stars of the Week

### Reception

**Giraffes**  
Puran & Imani  
**Zebras**  
David & Lily

### Year One

**Hedgehogs**  
Dhruvan  
**Rabbits**  
Theo

### Year Two

**Penguins**  
Thierry  
**Seals**  
Franek

### Year Three

**Crocodiles**  
Mahaan  
**Turtles**  
Jayden

### Year Four

**Bears**  
All Children  
**Eagles**  
All Children

### Year Five

**Pandas**  
Imogen  
**Tigers**  
Olivia

### Year Six

**Sloths**  
All Children  
**Toucans**  
All Children

## Reception



Last Friday, Giraffes and Zebras went to West Lodge Farm Park to observe farm animals and their young and learn about what the animals need to live. They found out that animals like sheep and cows have live young but that hens and ducks hatch from eggs. They also learned about how pigs roll in mud to protect their skin from the sun! Everyone also had a go at bottle feeding the lambs, some of which had only been born the day before. Despite the foggy start, it turned out to be a beautiful spring day, and the children especially enjoyed the bumpy tractor ride

around the farm where they got to spot highland cows and learn about the crops which are grown on there too. A huge thank you to Miss Williams in the office and our Parent helpers who came on the trip with us, and a big well done to the children who showcased our school values on their first ever full day trip.



## Year 1 Making Bread

Year 1's D&T bread-making project has been such a fun adventure! We started by tasting different types of bread to see what we liked best. Then, we practised our mixing and kneading skills, so we'd be ready to make our own. We learned the recipe and all the steps involved, and this week we finally got to make our bread! We mixed all the ingredients, kneaded the dough, let it rise, and popped it in the oven. When it was ready, we got to taste and evaluate it—everyone had a blast! It's been a yummy and hands-on project that we've all loved.



## Earth Day

On **Wednesday 22nd April**, we are celebrating Earth Day. On this day, children can **come to school wearing blue or green** to represent the colours of the earth.





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Year 4 wowed audiences this week with their production of Peter Pan! All children were absolutely fab whatever their role and made the Year 4 team (and their families) incredibly proud. Well done Year 4!!!



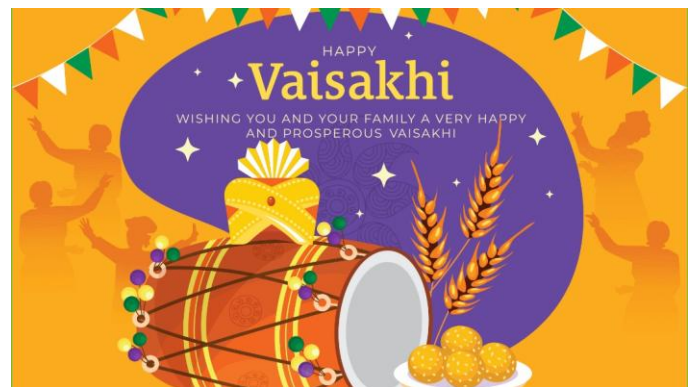
## Easter

Wishing all of our families that are celebrating Easter over the two week break a very happy Easter. A huge well done to all the children who made an Easter egg. The designs were truly amazing, and the children should all be so proud of themselves!



## Vaisakhi

Wishing a very happy and prosperous Vaisakhi to our families. Have a wonderful time celebrating!



## Achievements

Aurora took part in her first competitive karate competition and came away in 2nd place earning herself her first fighting medal. Well done Aurora!



Arthur, Thierry and Gian (Year 2) got an amazing opportunity to visit and play teams at the Leicester City Academy with their team Rugby Borough Lions. They all showed amazing skills and teamwork and we had so many amazing comments from the academy coaches who have invited them to go back again!

Well done children!





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## Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)



Pre-loved uniform- We are clearing our cupboards, we have some logo jumpers available for 50p. On a first come first served basis - we have 6x 24", 8x 26", 5x 28" and 1x34",

If you are interested please email us at [frrfps@gmail.com](mailto:frrfps@gmail.com) and we will give you details for collection.



# AGM

Annual General Meeting




## 20th April 2026

@ Brewers Fayre 7:45 for 8pm start

We invite you to join us to discuss the past year and vote for the committee going ahead to this coming year

We are always looking for more volunteers you do not have to attend all events/meetings- pop along and see if and where you could help or share your skills





# Year 6 End of Year Performance

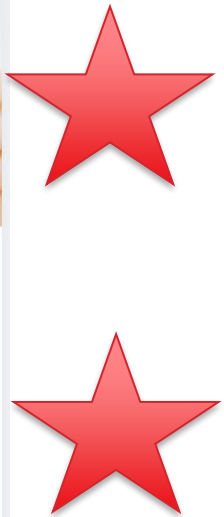
Save the date

Join us in celebrating the Year 6 students as they take the stage for their final school performance. We will let you know of any further details nearer the time.

### Performance Dates

- 14th July - Year 6 Production (Morning) – 9:15am (No ticket limit)
- 15th July - Year 6 Production (Evening) – 6:00pm (Limited to a maximum of 2 adults only per child- this will be strictly enforced. Children attending will need to sit on knees of adults if no further space)

We look forward to seeing you there!



### Game On Holiday Camp

Game On is operating a Holiday Camp over the Easter holiday. The booking form was attached with the newsletter on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Please liaise with Mr Sheehan directly [brandon@gameoncoaching.co.uk](mailto:brandon@gameoncoaching.co.uk) for bookings.

The dates are: **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April**



### All Sorts Magazine

Here is the link to the March/May digital edition of Allsorts magazine [https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS-MAG\\_MARCHMAY](https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS-MAG_MARCHMAY) you can tap straight to advertisers' websites too when viewing the mag on your phone/tablet (please mention allsorts). There are lots of attraction to visit, services and clubs/classes to help your family. You can view this issue at [www.allsortsmag.com](http://www.allsortsmag.com) too or on the allsorts Facebook page. Take care - Michelle Love (Editor).



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

**30<sup>th</sup> Mar – 10<sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter Holiday**

**22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Wear blue for Earth Day

**30<sup>th</sup> April** - Y3 Hunstanton trip

**4<sup>th</sup> May – Early May Bank holiday**

**11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May** – Y6 SATS week

**19<sup>th</sup> May** – Y1 Ryton Pools trip

**5<sup>th</sup> Jun** – KS2 Athletics practice day

**12<sup>th</sup> Jun** – KS2 Sports Day – parents welcome from 12.50pm for a 1pm start

**22<sup>nd</sup> Jun** – Y5 Tudor World trip

**30<sup>th</sup> Jun** – Y2 Coventry Cathedral trip

**1<sup>st</sup> July** – Rec British Motor Museum trip

**9<sup>th</sup> July** – Y3 Bosworth Battlefield trip

**14<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 End of year performance to families (no limit on attendees)- 9.15am

**15<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 End of year performance to parents & Graduation (2 adults per child only) - 6pm

## 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**.

**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 Pohill Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
	Miss Butters Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead		Mrs Screen Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Jeniffer 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.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

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It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

**The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.**

- Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).
  - First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
  - Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.
- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

All penalty notices are issued by Warwickshire County Council and all fines are paid directly to WCC. The school does not receive any of the money.

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