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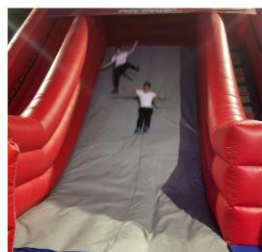
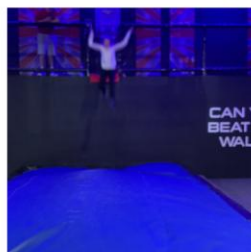
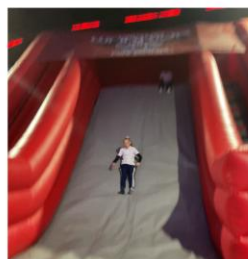
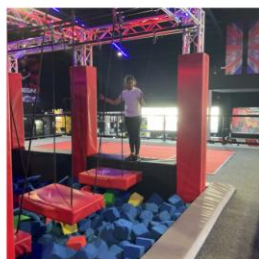
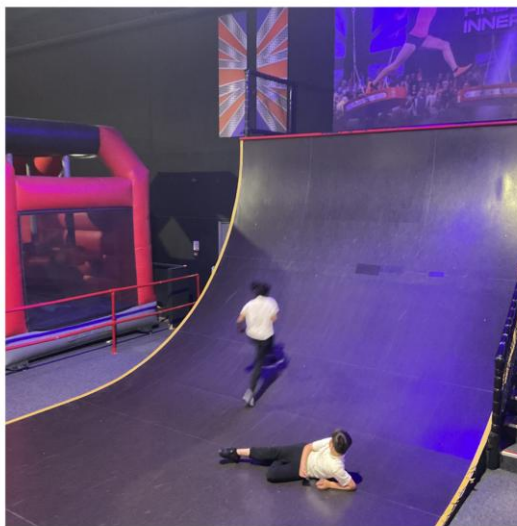
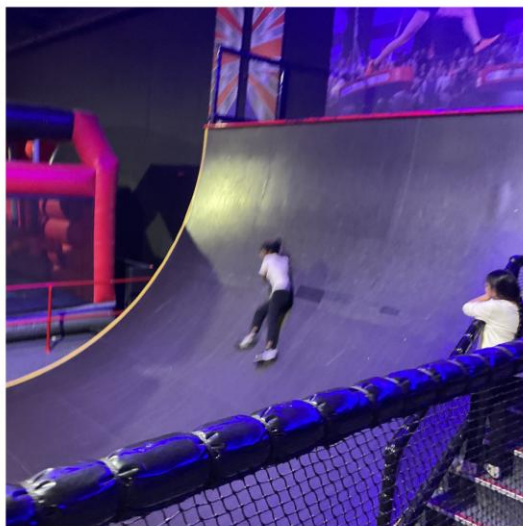


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Year 6 Leavers' Trip to Ninja Warrior

Last week, Year 6 had a fantastic time on their trip to Ninja Warrior! The children enjoyed taking on the exciting obstacles, showing great determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the day. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their time at primary school and create special memories with friends before moving on to secondary school. Well done Year 6, we are so Proud of you all! 🙌👏



Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes
Charlie &
Elodie
Zebras
Millie H

Year One

Hedgehogs
Mariah & Loki
Rabbits
Shay

Year Two

Penguins
Talha
Seals
Franek & Gian

Year Three

All of Year 3
for showing all
of our school
values and
great
resilience on
the trip

Year Four

Bears
Theo
Eagles
Tahlia

Year Five

Pandas
Penelope B
Tigers
Hollie

Year Six

Sloths
Scarlett
Toucans
Esme



Year 3 Bosworth Trip Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Bosworth Battlefield, where they stepped back in time to learn all about the Romans. The children were introduced to the courageous Boudicca and discovered what life was like for Celtic people, before creating their own Celtic masks ready for battle. They also met a Roman soldier and enjoyed practising Roman battle techniques. During the day, the children became archaeology detectives, carefully examining artefacts to uncover clues about the past. They also designed and created their own Roman coins. Throughout the trip, Year 3 demonstrated our school values brilliantly and showed great resilience while learning in the hot weather! They were a real credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed their trip.

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Please send your child to school with carrier bags next week, this will allow the children to start bringing home their school items.

Thank you

Lost Property

We currently have a large amount of lost property in school. Any unclaimed items remaining after 17th July will be donated to charity over the summer holidays.

Please feel free to pop into the office to see if any of the items belong to your child. To help us reunite lost items with their owners, please ensure all uniform is

clearly labelled with your child's name. This makes it much easier for us to return items when they are found.



Exciting News

On **Friday 3rd July**, Miss Taylor from our Rabbits class welcomed a beautiful baby boy, **Albie Thomas**.

We would like to send our warmest congratulations to Miss Taylor and her family on the arrival of their son.

We can't wait to meet little Albie when Miss Taylor visits us in September and are sure you'll join us in wishing them all the very best as they enjoy this special time together.



Enriching Religions and Worldviews at RFPS

At RFPS, we are committed to enriching children's understanding of religions and worldviews. One of the most powerful ways for pupils to learn is by hearing directly from the diverse families within our own community.

When children encounter a wide range of perspectives, they are able to:

- Understand differences — recognising that people see the world in many ways
- Build empathy and curiosity — developing respect for others' experiences
- Connect learning to real life — seeing how beliefs shape everyday choices
- Celebrate diversity — appreciating what makes our school community vibrant



Throughout the next academic year and beyond, we would love to invite parents and carers to share their beliefs, traditions, and worldviews with our pupils.

If you are happy to share your details, please email the school office via e-mail with:

- Your name
- Your preferred contact details
- The religion or worldview you would like to share

This information will be passed on to Mrs Hammond, our RE Lead.

You are welcome to share in whatever way feels comfortable. Some possibilities include:

- Story sharing — reading or telling a short story linked to a meaningful tradition
- Show-and-tell — bringing cultural items, symbols, or objects to discuss
- Family values discussion — talking about a belief or value that is important to your family
- Creative activity — leading a simple craft or activity connected to your worldview
- Celebration or festival presentation — sharing how your family marks a celebration or life event

Thank you for helping us make RE meaningful, inclusive, and inspiring for all our children.

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Staying Safe Around School – A Reminder for All Families

The safety of our pupils, families and staff is always a top priority. We have recently received a concern regarding cyclists riding on the pavement along **Central Park Drive** during drop-off and pick-up times.

Whilst we appreciate that many families choose to walk, cycle or scoot to school, we would like to remind everyone to be mindful of other pedestrians, particularly young children, when travelling near the school site and surrounding area.

The pavements around school can become very busy at the beginning and end of the school day, and children may not always be aware of cyclists approaching. To help keep everyone safe, we kindly ask that adults and children **dismount from their bikes and scooters and walk them on pavements near the school during these busy times.**



By showing consideration for one another and taking a little extra care, we can help ensure that everyone arrives at and leaves school safely.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for all members of our school community.

Changes to School Meal Ordering

Following a number of issues with the current online lunch ordering system, we have worked closely with our catering provider to review the available options and have decided to return to **SchoolGrid**. We are confident that this will provide a smoother and more reliable experience for ordering school meals.

The change will take effect from **1 September 2026**. Invitations to register for SchoolGrid will be sent to parents over the coming weeks. Further information, including guidance on setting up your account and ordering meals, will be shared nearer the time.

Please follow this link to a short information video about [School Grid](#)

If you currently have credit on your Grow App account, you can request a refund by following these steps:

Settings → My Account → Request a Payout

Please ensure that any remaining credit is withdrawn by **31 July 2026**, as the Grow App will no longer be used for school lunch ordering from September.

Please also ensure that there is sufficient credit on your account to cover any meals required up to **17 July 2026**, which is the last day of term.

Free School Meals – Changes from September

From **1st September**, changes to Free School Meal eligibility mean that more families may qualify for support. Please see the flyer below with further information about both **Benefits-Related Free School Meals** and the **Expanded Free School Meals Scheme**. We encourage all families to check whether they may be eligible, even if their child is already receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.

If you think you may qualify, please take a few moments to read the flyer and apply. Registering could provide valuable support for your child and family.



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Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)



Thank you for all your support on Break the Rules Day. It looked like the children all had some great fun, and in the process, raised **£746.40** for the school.

FREE MONEY:

Celebrate the end of term by raising £3 for Rugby Free Primary School, for FREE.

Click below to install the easy fundraising app. Once you have it, become a supporter of Rugby Free Primary School like me, and they get a £3 bonus. Then simply open the app whenever you are shopping on your phone (from groceries to insurance) - the retailer you shop with will give them a cashback donation, at no extra cost to you.

It's a great feeling to help out without any extra cost. Get the app here:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/rugby-free-primary-school/ka21ni/spp/0ylmJ0IJ/EJ26P/textcopy/>

Raise funds for us for FREE

with **easyfundraising**

Join as our supporter today at:
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause
Just search for:
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8,000+ retailers will donate to us whenever you shop with them

Start at the easyfundraising website or app → Click out to where you'd like to shop → Checkout: prices are exactly the same! → The retailer sends a % of your spend to easyfundraising → They pass it on to us

Plus, you'll get...

- Exclusive retailer offers
- Competitions
- A warm feeling inside!

Over **£60m** raised for UK good causes

£0 extra cost to anyone

All Sorts Magazine

Here is the link to the July/September digital edition of Allsorts magazine https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS-MAG_JULYSEPT

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 too or on the allsorts Facebook page. Take care - Michelle Love (Editor).

Game On Holiday Camp

Game On is operating a Holiday Camp over the Summer holiday. The booking form was sent out on MCAS on Thursday 11th June and is also attached with the newsletter on 12th June.

To book your dates, please liaise with Mr Sheehan directly brandon@gameoncoaching.co.uk

The dates are: **Monday 20th July to Friday 21st August 2026.**



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

14th Jul – Y4 Cricket festival

14th Jul – Y6 End of year performance to families (no limit on attendees)- 9.15am

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

20th July – Staff training day (school closed to pupils)

21st July-31st Aug – Summer holidays

1st Sept & 2nd Sept – Staff training days (school closed to pupils)

3rd Sept – Children return to school for Autumn Term

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 Collidge 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.

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS ARE CHANGING!

Important changes to Free School Meals from **September 2026**

From September 2026, schools will record Free School Meals eligibility under one of two categories:



TARGETED FSM

For families receiving Universal Credit with household earnings **below £7,400** per year.



Pupils will receive a free school meal



Eligible for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme



The child's school will also receive **Pupil Premium funding**



EXPANDED FSM

For families receiving Universal Credit with earnings **above £7,400** per year.



Pupils will be entitled to free meals only



PLEASE NOTE: ALL pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive a free meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme.



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU



If your child currently receives FSM, their eligibility will be re-checked before the new school year. You may be asked to provide updated information to confirm whether your child qualifies.



Households that no longer meet the criteria will not automatically continue to receive FSM, as previous transitional protections in place since April 2018 will end when the current school term finishes.



You will be contacted by email (if we hold your email address) with your updated eligibility. If you are no longer eligible, we will contact you using the details you have provided.



THINK YOU MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR EXPANDED FSM?

APPLY FROM AUGUST!
Don't miss out!



NEXT STEPS



If you have previously applied via the Warwickshire County Council website and your details remain the same, you do not need to do anything else at the moment.



If you have not previously applied, even if your child is currently receiving free meals in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, **please apply from August!**

APPLY FROM AUGUST!

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



Once your child has their updated status this will last for a full school year. The status will only be changed if a re-check is requested by a parent/carer or school.



If your child (from Year 3 upwards) currently receives FSM, and after re-checking is not entitled to free meals from September, please ensure you have made arrangements for lunches upon their return in September.



NEED HELP OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

freeschoolmeals@warwickshire.gov.uk | 01926 359189

Thank you for your continued support



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Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness



Dimensions tool



Free online personalised self-care
information & support for adults and
children in Coventry & Warwickshire

Rest

It is important to work hard, stay motivated and set goals to achieve in life. It is also important to not overwork yourself and get enough rest to help manage your stress and unwind so you can stay motivated and prevent burnout in the long run.

Rest is vital for your mental health as it can improve your concentration, memory, critical thinking, planning for the future, problem-solving, mood, immune system, reduce stress, and helps your body's metabolism and physical recovery.

Rest can be difficult to define because it can look different for everyone. It can be anything physical or mentally stimulating that improves wellbeing such as going for a walk, singing, drawing, cycling, playing games, watching TV/streaming, exercising, playing sports, reading, dancing, listening or creating music, writing, crafting, relaxing or anything else you enjoy!

Our Top Tips for Rest:

After you have done something important like studying, chores or homework, reward yourself by doing something enjoyable that helps you recharge.

Set aside enough time each day for hygiene. This can be showering, brushing teeth, washing hair. These regular activities can help you to relax.

Create a healthy sleep routine by avoiding caffeine or sugary drinks near bedtime, ensure you are warm and comfortable in bed and limit screentime.

Engage in some mindfulness or restful activity, such as meditation, reading, listening to calming music, podcasts or bedtime stories.

Use the QR code to download the Calm App, which has lots of meditations, soundscapes and stories.



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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Bits and Bots Summer Holiday Activities						RUGBY Art Gallery & Museum
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
20 Relaxed Hour Festival of Archaeology 10.30-11.30 FREE All Ages	21 Bones and Beyond: Exploring Animal Archaeology with Gunderbore 10.00-12.00 & 13.00-16.00 FREE Drop-In	22 Scratch Art Pots Festival of Archaeology 10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30 £3 Ages 6+	23 Sensory Splats Festival of Archaeology 10.30-11.30 £7 Ages 2 months or older - 2 years		25	
27	28 Gelliplate Printing 10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30 £3 Ages 6+	29 Messy Marble Runs 10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30 £2 Ages 2-6	30 Robotics Club 9.30-16.00* £30 Ages 9+	31 Meet Waffle the Wonder Dog 13.45-15.45 FREE 3 Minute Slots Booking Essential	1	
3 Baby Hour 10.00-11.00 FREE Drop-In Under 2s	4 Robots Workshop with Mark Haig Multiple Times - See Website £10 Ages 7+	5 Sorting Superheroes with Discover Materials 10.00-12.00 & 13.00-16.00 FREE Drop-In	6 Robot Hands 10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30 £3 Ages 7+	7 Robot Draw Along with Jessi Illustrates 10.11.00 & 11.30-12.30 £4 Ages 6+	8	
10 Relaxed Hour Circuits and Robots 10.30-11.30 FREE All Ages	11 Big Robot Art 10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30 £2 Ages 2-6	12	13 Printing Club 9.30-16.00* £30 Ages 10-14	14 Sunprinted Robots 10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30 £3 Ages 7+	15	
17	18 Robot Draw Along with Jessi Illustrates 12.30-13.30 & 14.00-15.00 £4 Ages 6+	19 CD Etching 10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30 £3 Ages 10+	20 Big Tissue Paper Art 10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30 £3 Ages 2-6	21 Paper Engineering with Warwick University 10.00-12.00 & 13.00-16.00 FREE Drop-In	22	
24	25 Outdoor Bubble Play 10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30 £2 Ages 2-6	26 Circuit Spinning Art 10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30 £3 Ages 7+	27	28 Meet Waffle the Wonder Dog 13.45-15.45 FREE 3 Minute Slots Booking Essential	29	
FREE holiday hunts across the building 18 July - 9 August: Mini Bots Hunt 11 August - 1 September: Treasure Trail						To book visit www.ragm.co.uk/holidayfun Booking essential and children must be accompanied by an adult *Adult supervision not required for our day clubs

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