



Rugby Free

Primary School



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Newsletter 39

**Friday 17th July
2026**

Head Teacher's end of year message

Just a quick note to say a huge thank you to the whole school community for a fabulous year at RFPS. We have such a wonderful community with supportive parents, wonderful pupils and a dedicated staff team. The year has had so many highlights such as residential trips to museums, farms, towns etc. We have lots of sporting events and musical events. Our House Group mornings where the children are mixed ages are very special and lots more! We are very proud of our Reception pupils who have completed their first year at school and equally proud of our Year 6's who are heading off to Secondary school, ready for their next stage of life!

Thank you for all of the cards, gifts and lovely messages – it is never expected but we are so grateful for your kindness and support.

I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing (ish!) summer!

Bring on 2026-2027!

Miss Butters



Stars of the Week

Reception

Zebras

All of Zebras

Giraffes

All of Giraffes

Year One

Hedgehogs

Arsal

Rabbits

Julia

Year Two

All of Year 2!

Year Three

Crocodiles

Jenna

Turtles

Dominic

Year Four

Bears

Eshaal &

Kayla P

Eagles

Finnley &

Florence

Year Five

Pandas

All of Pandas

Tigers

All of Tigers

Year Six

Sloths

Mrs Bristo

Toucans

Erin W

House Group Mornings: 5 Ways to Wellbeing

This year, we have been proud to introduce our whole-school wellbeing initiative, inspired by the NHS Five Ways to Wellbeing. Through our House Group Mornings, children from across the school have come together to develop positive relationships, build confidence, reflect on their experiences and learn ways to support their own wellbeing. Our six themes have been: **Connect, Give, Learn, Take Notice, Be Active** and our additional RFPS theme, **Celebrate & Reflect**.



As we introduced the programme partway through the year, we were unable to explore the first two themes, Connect and Give, but pupils have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the remaining wellbeing activities.



Learn

Children challenged themselves to try something new, including paper aeroplane making, knot tying and origami. These activities encouraged curiosity, perseverance and confidence in learning new skills.

Take Notice

Pupils took part in a senses scavenger hunt, enjoyed yoga sessions and reflected on what they are grateful for. These activities helped children slow down, appreciate the world around them and recognise the positive things in their lives.

Be Active

House Groups worked together to record their active minutes through a range of physical activities and movement challenges. The friendly competition created lots of excitement, with the winning House Group earning extra playtime for their fantastic efforts.

Celebrate & Reflect

To finish the year, children reflected on their achievements, personal growth and memorable experiences from the year. House Groups shared their reflections before coming together as a whole school on the playground to celebrate everything they have accomplished.



The Five Ways to Wellbeing are simple habits that can be continued at home too. Trying a new hobby, spending time outdoors, being active as a family, noticing the little things and celebrating achievements together can all have a positive impact on wellbeing.

We are incredibly proud of how enthusiastically our pupils have embraced these House Group Mornings. They have been a wonderful opportunity for children of all ages to work together, learn from one another and strengthen our whole-school community.

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Impressive football skills!

We are delighted to inform you that two of our pupils, Arlie and Moshi, have been selected to represent the Rugby Primary Schools District Football team following successful trials a few weeks ago. Both players demonstrated great work ethic, a fantastic attitude and enormous skill. We have been told that they were a credit to RFPS and we are excited to have them as part of the team.

The boys will be representing Rugby in the English Schools' FA National Inter District Cup 🏆 playing against schools' representative teams from across England and Wales.

I hope you will join us in congratulating Arlie and Moshi and sharing this fantastic achievement as they represent their school and District in the coming season. Well done boys!



House Group winners

Congratulations to our House Group winner - **Kahlo**, who enjoyed ice-llolies and extra playtime today as well as wearing non-uniform!.



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.



A week in Year 4

What a week that Year 4 have had! We have been to swimming and a cricket festival on Tuesday, had our Greek day on Wednesday and had an art day on Thursday. A fantastic week to end a brilliant year. Well done for all your hard work and fantastic behaviour this week.

New Astro

As you will have seen, our new astro turf was installed during

the May half-term holiday. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to BARJANE and its partners for their generosity and support in fully funding this fantastic update to the area.

Thanks to their contribution, our children now have an excellent space to enjoy for many years to come. We are incredibly grateful for their investment in our school community.





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Achievements



Jaidden in Year 5 will be shaving his head to raise money for cancer research when he breaks up for the school holidays. If anyone would like to support him please follow the link. Good luck Jaidden!! https://www.justgiving.com/page/jaidden-headshave-1?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA



Tessa D and Penny in Year 5 took part in the Echoes of Tomorrow show on Sunday 28th June, performed by Lemon Jelly Performing Arts. It was an amazing production, made even more special because the children designed the entire show themselves, from the storyline to the staging. Tessa and Penny loved every moment of creating and performing, and we're incredibly proud of the imagination, teamwork, and confidence they showed on stage. Well done girls!



Sophia in Year 6 competed in three dance shows over the weekend demonstrating exceptional talent, dedication and confidence in her performances. Her dancing was phenomenal. Well done Sophia!

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.



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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).

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

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

21st Sept – 25th Sept – Y6 Residential

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.**



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

shout
85258

NHS
Coventry and
Warwickshire Partnership
NHS Trust



Text 'CWHOPE' to 85258

Free, confidential, 24/7 text support
provided by Shout

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.

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**.

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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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PARK LIFE READS

WARWICKSHIRE LIBRARIES' ANNUAL **FREE** FAMILY FESTIVAL!



RIVERSLEY PARK, NUNEATON
SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 2026 | 10AM - 4PM

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE!
NO TICKETS NEEDED. FREE, DROP-IN EVENT

BOUNCY CASTLE	FACE PAINTING	PETTING ZOO	HENNA
STORYTELLING	POETRY	SLIME & POTION-MAKING	ARCHERY
BUBBLE SHOWS	ARTS & CRAFTS	GIANT PUPPET SHOW	AND MORE!



SCAN FOR MORE
EVENT INFORMATION



Clifton upon Dunsmore Tennis Club

South Road playing fields
Clifton upon Dunsmore
Rugby CV23 0DB
what 3 words ///means.wide.space

Junior Tennis Coaching

Monday 10th to Friday 14th August

Run by an LTA qualified coach
Learn lots of new tennis skills and
have fun!



SCAN TO RESERVE

£40 for 5 days

4-7 year olds 10-11 am
8-11 year olds 11am-12noon

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