



# Rugby Free

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## Planting in Reception

This half term we are learning about plants and lifecycles, and so Mrs Nelson (Mrs Cole's mum), from Rugby Rokeby Lions Club, visited us in Reception to help us plant our own sunflower seeds. We found out about why plants need compost, and what compost is made from, and had a go at using gardening tools such as trowels and dibbers. We will care for our seeds at school over the next few weeks whilst we observe how they grow, and Mrs Nelson will come back when they have grown shoots and leaves to help us attach them to stakes. A huge thank you to Mrs Nelson for giving our pupils this lovely opportunity!



#kindness #collaboration #curiosity



## Stars of the Week

### Reception

**Giraffes:**

Gian

**Zebras:**

Amritha & Hubert

### Year One

**Hedgehogs:**

Jackson

**Rabbits:**

Ameya

### Year Two

**Orcas:**

Nico

**Penguins:**

Charlie

**Seals:**

David

### Year Three

All of Year 3

### Year Four

**Eagles:**

Isabella

**Raccoons:**

Vivaan &

Oscar

### Year Five

**Pandas:**

Isaac

**Tigers:**

Eliza

### Year Six

**Jaguars:**

Toni &

Imogen

**Panthers:**

Ava B &

Amelia

## Year 5 Space Centre Trip

On Monday, Year 5, spent the day exploring the National Space Centre. We had an incredible day building on our current knowledge of Space by looking at a range of exhibits such as; Our Solar System, Space Oddities and Our Planet. Some highlights from the day include having the experience to climb to the platform of the rocket exhibit and watching a show in the planetarium which took us on a journey through our solar system. All the children demonstrated our school values to an exceptionally high standard! Well done!

A huge thank you to all the adults who supported us and were able to join us for the day.



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## Year 3 Visit to the Botanical Gardens

Year 3 had an amazing trip to the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. Throughout the day, children were able to explore the variety of plants that have been collected over the years from different parts of the world. The children were excited to see Venus Fly Traps in the glasshouses, explore a bamboo maze and practice sketching some of the plant life. We were even lucky enough to see flowers on a cactus that only flowers once every 10 years! In addition, the children learnt a huge amount from the plant growth workshop which involved practically learning about parts of the plant, life cycle of a plant, pollination and seed dispersal. We were extremely impressed with all the children throughout the day, and they all demonstrated our values all day. Well done Year 3!



## Safari Club Elephant Collage

A parent who works at University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) had contacted us asking if our Safari Club would help with a project which UHCW are currently undertaking around reducing unnecessary glove usage, part of which will help reduce the overall plastic waste which helps protect the environment. To tie this in with the local area, they are using the Coventry Elephant, and Rugby Balls, as

representations of the weight of waste plastic produced; for example, every 131 gloves which are thrown away weighs the same as a Rugby Ball, and as a Trust, the gloves which are used each month weigh the same as an African elephant! We were only too happy to help out. Children in our Safari Club made an elephant collage, this will be collected and displayed at University Hospital on Monday 22nd April, and at Rugby St Cross Hospital on Thursday 25th April. Well done to everyone involved in making the collage, we hope you think it looks as amazing as we do!

## Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm, we are holding a meeting regarding RSE curriculum at RFPS. We teach the relationships and the way our bodies change part of the curriculum in Summer 2, so we wanted to give parents/carers the opportunity to hear about what we teach to the children and to ask us any questions. Please do come along if you would like to find out more. The presentation will also be emailed to parents.

## Bella's Puppets

Bella from Orcas class has gone above and beyond in her Design and Technology learning. Year 2 have recently been learning how to sew and made their own felt puppets. Bella then applied this new learning and went home and made an additional three puppets. Bella, we are so proud of your creativity whilst sewing and your beautiful puppets. What a star!



## Champions League mascot

Jaxon in Year 1 had recently won a competition and was chosen to be a mascot at the Champions League quarter final fixture between Manchester City vs Real Madrid at the Etihad Stadium on Wednesday. Here are some pictures of Jaxon as mascot. Well done Jaxon!





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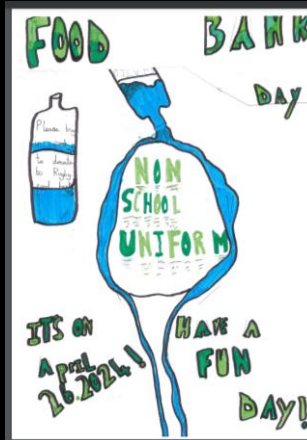
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## Safe and Active Schools

Please use this guidance recommended by Warwickshire Road Safety Team

### Road Safety Code for Parents / Carers

- P - park away from school
- A - always hold hands with young children
- R - remember your child will copy you
- E - every road means STOP, LOOK, LISTEN
- N - ever get children out of a car roadside
- T - think safer places to cross the road
- S - secure your child's car seat correctly



Please only donate if you can manage to do so. There is no expectation for this. Thank you.

## Foodbank Day (non-uniform)

Mia in Year 5 has noticed that the foodbank is in real need of donations. She has organised a **non-uniform day next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**, when children can wear non-uniform bright colours to school and bring in a donation for the foodbank.

Please see the wish list at the end of this newsletter or any long life, non-perishable items.

## Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)

Please find below a list of our next few events, it would be great to see you there.

### **23rd April - Coffee Morning, 9-10am - School Hall**

Inviting all parents, carers, family members, neighbours to join us for hot drinks, biscuits and a chat. Decaf and free from options will be available, we will also have some toys for younger children.

### **17th May - QUIZ NIGHT - arrive 6:30pm for eyes down at 7pm. (Adults only)**

Tickets are £10.00 per person which includes your entry and a chippy option supper or a vegan/gluten free light bite box option will also be available. Join us for an evening of fun with family, friends or neighbours in groups of up to 6 per team. Please can one person from your team purchase your tickets from the office along with full payment (cash), upon purchase you will also need to provide your food options. You are welcome to bring your own bottle, hot drinks, some snacks and a raffle will be available on the night for a small fee.

Food options - Fish & chips, Sausage & chips, Chip butty, Gluten free light bite box, Vegan light bite box. **Tickets on sale NOW!!! - spaces are limited.**

### **23rd May - Coffee morning also inviting September new starters and parents. 9-10am, school hall.**

We would like to invite all current parents, carers, family and friends along with those due to start with us in September. Hot drinks, cakes and biscuits will be available along with a selection of toys for younger children. (Decaf and free from options will be available). We will also have the pre-loved uniform available for purchase too - cash only.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Have a wonderful weekend. If you require any pre-loved uniform, please do contact us, or if you would like to volunteer some of your time please do get in touch, any amount of time you can give would be very appreciated. As always please search for us on facebook/instagram [Friendsrfps](#) to keep up to date with all our upcoming events.



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

**22<sup>nd</sup> April – 25<sup>th</sup> April** – Y5 & Y6 Bikeability – additional session

**23<sup>rd</sup> Apr** – Friends of RFPS Coffee morning – 9am-10am

**26<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Non-uniform – bright colours in aid of the Food Bank

**6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday (school closed)**

**8<sup>th</sup> May** – RSE meeting for parents – 6pm

**13<sup>th</sup> May** – Y6 SATS week

**17<sup>th</sup> May** – Friends of RFPS Quiz night – arrive 6.30pm for eyes down at 7pm

**22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Y4 Play performance to parents – 9.15am

**22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Y4 Play performance to parents – 2pm

**23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Friends of RFPS Coffee morning (including new Rec parents)

**27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half term**

**3<sup>rd</sup> June – Teacher Training Day**

## Game On Half Term May

A reminder that Game On are operating a holiday club over May half term at RFPS. This will run from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

To book your dates, please liaise with Mr Sheehan directly - his contact details are

on the booking form which

was sent via MCAS this week.





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## Safeguarding

**SAFEGUARDING**  
Safeguarding our children is everyone's responsibility

If worried about any child being a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty whilst at RFP, you must tell Miss Butters or, in her absence, one of her safeguarding team.

 Miss Butters Designated Senior Leader	 Mrs Vural Designated Senior Leader
 Mrs Colledge Designated Senior Leader	 Mrs Screen Designated Senior Leader
 Miss Finch Designated Senior Leader	 Miss Calcott Designated Senior Leader

Jessifer Scallie  
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.

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**.

### What will happen if I report child abuse?

Childcare agencies believe that children are best cared for by their parents. Children are rarely removed from their parents and most families are given help and support. Social Workers can only remove children from home with a court order and only after they have demonstrated that the child is at serious risk. If you would like to speak to someone in school about your concerns the above members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads and will be happy to listen to your concerns and take the appropriate steps to safeguard a child.

**Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility**



By donating to the food bank you can help support local people facing hunger, while we work towards a future where everyone has enough money for the essentials.

- Squash (drink)
- Hot Chocolate
- Tinned fruit
- Dried milk
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fish
- Tinned snack meals
- Pot noodles
- Tinned tomatoes
- Cuppa soup
- Tinned meat
- Tinned custard
- Ketchup / Mayo
- Shampoo

Thank you!

List B



## CHILDREN'S STORYTIME!

### Join us at Hunt's Bookshop for weekly storytime!

We are extremely excited to be launching our new storytime events for younger readers. A different story will be chosen each week and read aloud by one of our fantastic Booksellers. Make sure to pop along to Hunt's every Saturday at 10:00am to catch it.

The first of our regular storytelling events will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, where we will be reading 'One Springy Day' by Nick Butterworth. Storytelling events will be free to attend and children of any age are welcome. We will also be holding special story events throughout the year to celebrate reading for pleasure!

Booking will be limited to 10-15 children, so please book your child's space in advance!

### TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST:

Please register your interest by the Thursday 2nd May, contact us on:

T: 01788 551867

Email: [enquiry@huntsbookshop.com](mailto:enquiry@huntsbookshop.com)

We look forward to seeing you there, and fancy dress is most definitely encouraged!

Thank you for supporting your local independent bookshop!

