



Rugby Free



Primary School

Newsletter 15

Friday 20th December
2024



Head Teacher's message

To our wonderful school community, I just want to say a few words at the end of a fantastic year. We have had a super 2024 at RFPS and I am so proud of so many aspects of our school. The most important parts of any school are the people that make it. They are:

Our pupils - We are very lucky to have fantastic children who wow us every day with their kindness, respect, curiosity and endeavour. They try new things every day and show so much resilience, that I am often amazed with what they have achieved.

Our staff team – who are relentless with their efforts to make sure every child has the best possible primary education. They go way beyond their working hours and organise events and activities which promotes a love of learning and makes our pupils want to come to school. Our attendance is significantly above the national average and I believe that's because the children genuinely want to be here and parents want them to be here too! Thank you staff members – Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Pastoral team, Office and Premises staff, Kitchen staff, Game On Coaches etc!

Our parents/carers/community – Thank you so much for your invaluable support! We couldn't teach your children without you supporting us! We appreciate all of the kind words, emails, cards and presents so much. We really don't expect any gift, but a thank you and an understanding that our jobs can sometimes be challenging, is all that we could want! We are blown away by the incredible Friends of Rugby Free Primary – Led by Emily Wilson, who are so selfless in the time they dedicate to ensuring there are brilliant events for everyone and raise money for our school at the same time. Emily and her team are incredible and I am in awe of their energy and dedication. We also have so many other members of our school community who donate items to some of our pupils in need or volunteers who give up their time to support us as a school.

We have so many exciting ideas for 2025 – one of them is the introduction of House groups and a potential school-based nursery on site. Watch this space.

Today we had our Carol Concert for Y2 -Y6 (as they don't have Christmas shows) and I was blown away by the singing from the children. The song and the words that made me emotional were from an abridged carol called We Three Kings/We're not lost. The words are:

In the dark, we're not lost

When it's hard, we're not lost

Don't lose heart

We're never truly lost

These words made me think about how tough some of us may find this time of year or we may find ourselves in times of crisis or upset at other times of the year. Please do reach out to us as a school if you ever need support in any aspect of you or your child's life. We are a community and communities help each other. We don't want you to feel lost but to feel connected with us. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Rebecca Butters



Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes:

Louis & Sapphire

Zebras:

Logan & Isla

Year One Hedgehogs

Milo

Rabbits

Dominic

Year Two

All of Year 2

for

being brilliant!

Year Three

Crocodiles:

Nico & Alice

Turtles:

Chizaram

Year Four

Bears:

Cohen

Eagles

Tessa S

Year Five

Pandas:

Erin H

Tigers:

Hanna

Year Six

Sloths:

Archie

Toucans

Aakashi

Headteacher Awards

Shivi Y1 –

Endeavour

Patrick Y5 –

Kindness

Reception Nativity

Reception performed their nativity production of The Sleepy Shepherds on Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon (as well as to the whole school last Friday). Our dress rehearsal



was the first time that all of Reception had seen the whole school together in the hall! We are so proud of how they used their big voices, singing and dancing their hearts out whether they were a King, a camel, or a drumming party animal. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and family member who came to support us.



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Safe and Active Schools



Thank you to all of our Year 3s and 4s who took part in the 'Bling Your Bag' competition to promote the theme 'Be Bright Be Seen'. Your entries were fantastic and our JRSO's had a big job judging the entries.

We are pleased to announce our winners are:

Harper, Penny and Ellen! A huge well done to you!



Sport in December

Wow, what a busy month of sport is has been! There has been an array of competitive sports for us at RFPS, including football, athletics and speed stacking. The children have absolutely excelled themselves in their sporting ability, as well as demonstrating team values such as collaboration, communication and resilience. The results are as follows:

Y3/4 Athletics - 1st place

Y3/4 Speed stacking - 2nd place and through to represent at Eastern Warwickshire level

Y5/6 Athletics - 2nd place

Y5/6 Mixed football - 2nd place Coventry Cup



We've had many comments from organisers of how respectful our children were at these events and that they are a credit to our school. We couldn't agree more! We are incredibly proud of each and every one of those children that were selected to represent us. We've learnt that regardless of the position we come, we should always be proud of our achievements. Well done! *Miss Tyler (PE Co-ordinator)*



Achievements

Scarlett in Year 5 auditioned for and took part in Les Miserables at The Benn Hall in November. She did 2 performances and really did great. She knew all of her singing lines and dance routines so well! Well done Scarlett!



Year plea for materials

Year 6 are reusing materials to create a sculpture after the Christmas break. Could we please have donations of washed plastic bottles, bottle lids and newspaper/magazines brought to Miss Lydiatt in the first week back. Thank you.





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Year 6 Victorian Museum

Year 6 showcased all of their learning of the Victorian Era by creating a Victorian Museum for KS2 pupils. We were incredibly proud of the different ways in which they shared their knowledge with others and the amount of hard work they put into organising their stations. Great work Year 6, we are so proud of your creativity, collaboration, knowledge and presentational skills! You superstars!



Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)



This week most of you will have seen some new equipment on the main playground, brought with some of our funds to enrich our children's outdoor environment. It was wonderful to witness the children's reactions as they saw the tables being built. With many thanks to Mr McPherson (Facilities), Mr Twynholm, Mr Wilson and Mr Ierimie for giving up their time to help



build the wonderful table tennis tables. There are a few more items to go into the playgrounds soon so please keep a look out for these.

Dates for your diaries -

New Year Quiz- 17th January 2025- our first fundraising event of 2025.

We invite you to join us for some new year fun quiz - adult only event. Tickets are £20 per team. Teams can be up to 6 people, and you can bring your own supper/drinks (NO ITEMS CONTAINING NUTS please). Hot drinks will be available and there will also be a raffle on the night. Arrive from 6:45 eyes down at 7pm. Please email frrfps@gmail.com to register your interest and receive a booking form by 10th January 2025, spaces are limited. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reception and KSI Glow Disco- Time and date TBC

As the year comes to an end, we would like to thank you all for your continued support over the year as we continue to fundraise for our school, but we would also like to thank all the Friends of RFPS volunteers for kindly giving up their own free time to ensure that the planned events can go ahead without whom none of the events would happen. If you would like to get involved in planning/helping at events please do get in touch, any amount of time you can give would be greatly appreciated. From all the volunteers of Friends of RFPS we would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas break with best wishes for the 2025. As always please follow us on Facebook/Instagram searching [friendsrfps](#) to keep up to date with all upcoming events.





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

23rd Dec – 3rd Jan – Christmas holiday

6th Jan – Staff training day (school closed to pupils)

13th Jan – Y4 Residential meeting for parents – 4pm

14th Jan – James Campbell author visit

15th Jan – Y4, 5 & 6 Young Voices

17th Jan – Friends of RFPS New Year Quiz – 7pm (see above for details)

11th Feb – Y1 Exotic Animals visit in school

17th Feb – 21st Feb – Half term

Game On Christmas Camp

Game On are operating a Christmas camp over the Christmas holidays at RFPS. The dates available are Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st December and Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd January. To book your dates, please liaise with Mr Sheehan



directly - his contact details are on the booking form which was sent out via MCAS.



Safeguarding

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

 Miss Finch Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs Pollitt Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
 Mrs Colledge Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs Screen Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
 Miss Butters Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Miss Calcuff 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 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



Inclusion Team

The Inclusion Team

 Miss Finch Inclusion Lead	 Miss Calcuff SENDCo
 Miss Lydiatt Assistant SENDCo	 Mrs Pollitt Children and Family Support Worker

The inclusion team work across the school to support all of our children and families with a variety of things.

If you need any support from school, or want to know more about what we do, please just send an email FAO our inclusion team and we will reach out to contact you.

We wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful 2025!

From everyone at RFPS