Ray Lodge Primary School

Newsletter

13.11.2026

Head of School Message



Mobile Phones in School – We Would Like Your Views

Dear families,
As part of our ongoing commitment to making Ray Lodge an even safer and more positive environment, we are reviewing our approach to mobile phones, particularly smartphones.

Currently, pupils must switch off their phones upon entering the school site, hand them to their teacher and only switch them on again once they have left.

We recognise the reassurance phones provide some families, particularly when children travel independently, but also the potential risks to children's safety and wellbeing.

Before considering any changes, we would value your views. Please take a few minutes to complete our short questionnaire to help us make an informed, balanced decision that puts our children's best interests first.
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Thank you for your continued support.

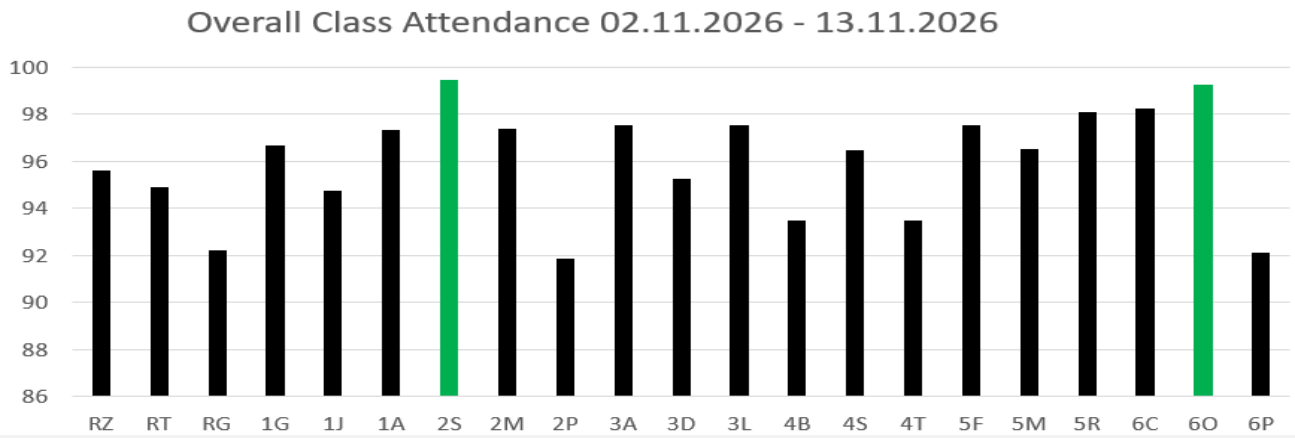
Kind Regards,

Mr Miller

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"Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart." - Confucious

Whole school attendance - 96%
Class with the best attendance - 60 & 2S
Class with the most improved attendance - 4S

Redbridge Family Resource Team

The Family Help Resource Team is able to help identify the strengths and highlight where support might be needed for parents/ carers. The aim is for children & families to receive 'early help' to prevent any concerns escalating.

The Family Resource Team provides the following services:

- No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) - provide support to intentionally homeless families and those with NRFP, support with employment, adult learning, housing, benefits, and personal finances.
- Housing Prevention Officers – provide support to those impacted by housing related issues to prevent homelessness.
- Benefit and Debt Officers – provide financial assessment and income maximisation review of eligibility for benefits and support with the complexities of the welfare benefits system.
- Parenting Team – Parenting Practitioners provide a range of accredited and nonaccredited evidenced based parenting programmes.
- Freedom Programme (women & children) - primarily designed for women victim survivors of domestic abuse & targets specifically at primary school age children (5-10).

Please contact our Family Support Worker, Ms Gorge, for more information.

For more information regarding attendance, please click here.

Year 4 Visit to the Science Museum



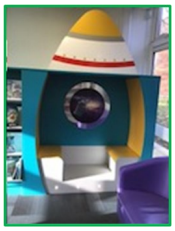


Year 4 had a fantastic time on their recent trip to the Science Museum! The children enjoyed exploring the fascinating exhibits, discovering amazing scientific facts and taking part in interactive activities. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring their learning to life, spark curiosity and develop their understanding of the world around them. The children showed great enthusiasm, asked some brilliant questions and represented the school brilliantly. A fun-filled day of learning and discovery was enjoyed by all!

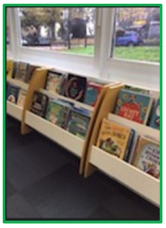
Year 2 Visit to the Local Library Woodford Green



I didn't know there were so many books in the library!



There were cosy places for children to read



I learnt that you can borrow books and take them home

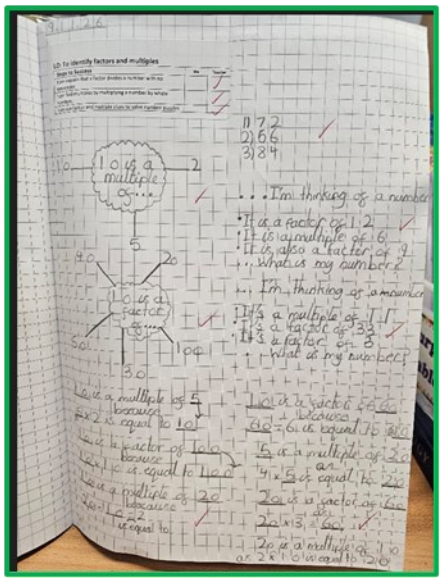


Our visit to the library was amazing! We enjoyed exploring, discovering new books and learning how special libraries are. We can't wait to visit again!"

Dates for your diary

16.11.2026 - Odd Sock Day
19.11.26 - National Child Measurement Programme Reception & Year 6
23.11.26 - Open Morning Nursery
27.11.26 - Book Fair Middle Playground
30.11.26 - Year 2 Educational Visit South Woodford Mosque
02.12.26 - 5F Educational Visit East London Mosque
03.12.26 - 5R Educational Visit East London Mosque
04.12.26 - Redbridge Drama School - Pop-up-Panto EYFS Pledge
04.12.26 - Winter Fayre, 3:30pm - 5 pm.

Shout out... Maths



This academic year, we have introduced Ark Mathematics Mastery, a whole-school approach to teaching maths that focuses on developing a deep understanding of mathematical concepts, building confidence and encouraging children to think like mathematicians.

A key focus has been oracy in maths – encouraging children to talk about their learning, explain their reasoning and use mathematical vocabulary to justify their answers. We want our pupils to not only find the correct answer, but also be able to explain how and why they know it is correct.

Our Year 5 pupils have been putting these skills into practice while exploring factors and multiples. As you can see from the fantastic work pictured, they have been using their mathematical knowledge to solve problems, make connections and explain their thinking.

Well done, Year 5 - keep talking, reasoning and thinking like mathematicians!

To find out more about the curriculum, click here.

Introducing Our New Play Leaders!

We are delighted to introduce our new Junior School Play Leaders!

Our Play Leaders have been chosen to take on this special role, helping to make playtimes fun, happy and inclusive for everyone. They will support younger pupils, organise games and activities, encourage teamwork and friendship, and make sure everyone feels welcome and included.

We are very proud of our new Play Leaders and look forward to seeing them grow in confidence, responsibility and leadership as they take on this exciting role.

Well done to all our new Play Leaders! We know you will be fantastic role models



Update…

At Strive4 Academy Trust, we believe that developing our people is key to building successful schools and giving every child the best possible opportunities.
We are proud to support colleagues at every stage of their careers, whether they are taking their first steps into education, developing specialist skills or preparing for leadership responsibilities.
Through training, mentoring, professional development and opportunities to progress across our Trust, we aim to help colleagues recognise their potential and build rewarding careers in education.
Developing talent within our own schools also brings wider benefits to our children. Staff who continue to learn and develop bring fresh ideas, confidence and expertise into the classroom and the wider school community.
By investing in our people, we are investing in the future of our schools and, most importantly, the children and families we serve.

Signposting





















Star Awards!

Aizah, Zane & Eli	1G	Afra & Maxi	1A
Kendrick, Paul & Charlie	2S	Akashdeep, Aziza & The Whole Class	2M
Saad, Ella & Ayah	3D	Kevin & Adam	3L
Bay, Amelie & Alex	4T	Aliyah, Ian & Jayden	4S
Nylah, Jacob & Yusra	5M	Zamzam, Arifa & Jacob	5R
Diana, Mihael & Ameera	6O	Arya, Adam & Jasmine	6C

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