RISE PARK PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2026

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE...

Dear Parents / Carers

I have spent this morning in classrooms and it has been lovely to see the work that the children have been doing and how they have settled quickly back into this half term. It was also lovely to see you all at parents' evening before half term.

Children in Need is fast approaching, details are at the end of this newsletter. Also, I cannot believe Christmas is fast approaching and therefore I have put the Christmas productions on the bottom of the newsletter. More details will follow from the EYFS and KS1 staff in the future.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries at all.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kelly

Special points of interest:

- NEWS FROM THE OFFICE
- POPPY APPEAL
- ANTI BULLYING WEEK
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- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
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PARENT EVENTS...

Mrs Lamb writes...

Welcome back to a very busy half term!

Foundation coffee morning

We will be holding our reception coffee morning on Friday 6th November at 9:00am. This is a great opportunity to come along and meet other parents and get involved in the wonderful opportunities we have within school. We look forward to seeing you there!

Foundation open day

We are holding an open day on Saturday 14th November to children that will be starting reception in September 2027. Come along and immerse yourselves in all things creative! Look around the classrooms and get involved in some of our exciting activities. The open day is open to the wider community so please let friends and family members know if they are looking for reception places.

Toddler stay and play session

Our next toddler stay and play session will be held on Thursday 19th November 2-3pm. There will be lots of exciting activities available for you and your child to enjoy together. It is free to attend and light refreshments will be available. This session is open to the wider community so please let friends and



We are supporting the Poppy Appeal and merchandise will be on sale throughout the week. Thank you to all of you who have already donated.

Anti-Bullying Week 2026

This week, we are recognising Anti-Bullying Week across the school, with a special themed week of activities and learning in Key Stage 2. Our focus is on helping children recognise bullying, understand the impact it can have on others and, most importantly, know how to speak up and take action.

In EYFS and Key Stage 1, children are taking part in anti-bullying lessons focusing on kindness, understanding what bullying is, standing up for themselves and knowing what to do if they experience or witness unkind or bullying behaviour.

In Key Stage 2, each year group is exploring a different aspect of bullying through discussions, real-life examples and creative activities:

- Year 3 are learning about different types of bullying, particularly bullying targeted at people's differences, including disabilities. They have explored the importance of acceptance, equality and standing up against prejudice.
- Year 4 are exploring the difference between friendly 'banter' and bullying, both in person and online. They have been learning how to recognise when jokes go too far and what to do when someone feels hurt or uncomfortable.
- Year 5 are looking at the different roles people play in bullying situations, including bystanders and 'upstanders' – those who choose to speak out and support others. They have also explored bullying within online group chats and the importance of reporting concerns rather than staying silent.
- Year 6 are developing their understanding of cyberbullying, trolling and the importance of being an upstander. They have also explored the dangers of misinformation and AI-generated content online, learning to think carefully before believing, reacting to or sharing something that could hurt others.

Across the school, we are also reinforcing important messages about online safety, including age restrictions on social media and messaging apps such as WhatsApp and Snapchat – please continue to reinforce these messages at home.

Our key message throughout the week is that **everyone** has a part to play in preventing bullying. By choosing kindness, celebrating differences, speaking up and seeking help from trusted adults, we can all help make our school a safe, happy and inclusive place where everyone feels valued and respected.

Look out for our activities on Sway 😊



BOOK FAYRE...

Our Parents' Evening Book Fair was a wonderful opportunity to see so many excited children go home with a brand new book: there is nothing better than seeing our pupils thrilled about delving into a new story! Thanks to your support, we managed to receive a percentage of the total books sold . This was approximately £852.65. The commission made of these sales will go back into buying books for the children. Information regarding these books to follow.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

9th November - Year 2 Gurdwara Visit

10th November - Year 3 Creswell Crags Trip

13th November - Children in Need

18th November - Year 4 Anglo Saxon Trip

19th November - Toddler Stay and Paly 2pm - 3pm

24th November - Year 2 Local Area Walk

26th November - Year 2 Artist Workshop

30th November - Year 5 Project Outcome

8th December - KS1 Nativity 10am and 2pm

10th December - EYFS Nativity 10am and 2pm

19th December - Last day in School before Christmas Break

5th January - Children are back to School

INSET Days - Monday 7th June 2026 & Friday 2nd July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Children In Need is on Friday 13th November. This year BBC Children in Need are appealing to YOU to 'Challenge Yourself' and do your part to change young lives. The aim is to choose a fun challenge that helps to raise as much money as possible to help others.

This year to raise funds, the school council has decided on two challenges for children to compete in. The first invites all children to make Rise Park Brighter through wearing their brightest and most colourful non- uniform clothes on this day. Can we make a grey November day as bright as summer?

We are asking the children to donate whatever they would like. All donations need to be made via the just giving link.
https://www.justgiving.com/page/rise-park-primary-9?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL
This will also be sent via a text message closer to the day.

For our second challenge the team have created a "Loose Change Pudsey Challenge" for each class. An A3 Pudsey bear will be placed in each classroom with the aim of collecting enough loose change to cover the image – can any class cover it more than once?

We realise that times are tough for some people but we really hope that you are able to dig deep and support this fantastic cause. Last year we raised a super amount but we always aim to do even better.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Bee and The School Council



Small Steps Bright Futures ♡

Primary and RISE PARK Nursery School

LEARN
PLAY
BELONG

Play Explore Discover Together ♡

Reception Open Day

Saturday 14th November
10am – 12pm

We would love to welcome parents/carers and children to come and:

- Meet our Reception staff
- Explore our classrooms
- Have a coffee (and a chat!)
- Children can play!

We can't wait to meet you!

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ONLINE SAFETY

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'COM NETWORKS' - WHAT ARE THEY?

You may have heard of COM networks in the news, but what are they? COM Networks are online communities where harmful and illegal behaviour occurs, usually targeted at children. These include sexual abuse, cybercrime, self harm content and extremism. Recently, a 6-month long Sky News investigation found COM Networks operating across Roblox, targeting children as young as 5. COM Networks have been found operating on all major social media platforms and online games.

The video report can be viewed here:
https://news.sky.com/video/inside-robloxs-dark-side-sky-news-finds-self harm-avatars-available-to-young-children-13592551

The following resources help explain further:
https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/understanding-com-networks/
https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/online-grooming/what-is-the-com-network/

HOW CAN I KEEP MY CHILD SAFE?

- Set up parental controls on all apps/games/devices and check them regularly. T&Cs and privacy policies change rapidly, so setting something up safely once does not mean it will always stay that way. Checking on these settings helps keep safe and give you peace of mind.
- Have regular, open and honest conversations with your child about their life online. The more we normalise these conversations, the easier it is to spot any warning signs before they become a problem.
- Remind your child that you, as well as school staff, are here to help them if they need it, even if they feel like they may have done something wrong.

RAGE BAIT

Have you heard of rage bait?
Rage bait is when someone deliberately posts online content to make people feel angry or frustrated to generate views or engagement.

Find out more here:
https://findmykids.org/blog/en/rage-baiting



For more information and guidance on supporting your children online, please see these resources from the UK Safer Internet Centre:
https://bit.ly/TECHSAFE