A school to be proud of...

With only one week left of this first half term of the year, it is a good time to reflect on what the children have achieved over the past seven weeks. They have all worked hard to settle into new year groups and classes while completing work to the best of their ability. Some children have performed in their class assemblies already as well as attending numerous after-school clubs. The children have certainly made the most of their time outside and can be seen enjoying their time with their friends during their break and lunch times. I have been extremely proud of the children who have been demonstrating our school values and finding themselves added to the recognition wall in their classroom – the lucky ones who have been selected for afternoon tea so far have certainly enjoyed the cakes and other treats on offer! Every term, we also have a review of the school conducted by colleagues from across the schools in the Lee Chapel Multi Academy Trust and I was extremely proud of our children and staff as their work ethic, attitude to learning and eagerness to explain to the visitors what they were learning about were all commented on as strengths of our school. It has also been wonderful to see so many children with their families attending our pupil progress meetings this week. I always love these evenings as it always makes me so happy to see how proud the children are of their work and their school as they are rushing (sometimes dragging!) their adults to show them their classes and their books. Thanks to all our families who were able to attend and I hope you were as suitably impressed as I have been with the children's work in their books, across the curriculum. Our children truly are wonderful and deserve the best on offer which is what we are continually striving for at Ryedene. With one week left before a well-deserved break, I am hopeful that the children will enjoy the discos next week and I look forward to seeing them in their scariest outfits! Have a great weekend! *Mr Toomer*



Our Elite Chess Champions!





On Saturday, the five keen members of Mr C's chess club went to compete at an interschools competition held by Elite Chess. There were ten rounds of chess, all seven minutes long. The children had two rest rounds in which they could play giant chess and have a break, whilst teaching Miss Elphick how to play chess, before competing again. After the halfway mark, there had been some wins and some losses but the children carried on with the brilliant Ryedene value of determination! The children were delighted with the result of 1st place, earning them a trophy and a medal each! Well done, Isla, David, Daniil, Matas and Tony! A huge 'thank-you' to Mr. C and Miss Elphick for also giving up their Saturday in order to ensure children could compete in such an event. This was our first ever participation and finishing in first place is remarkable!



Ryedene Primary and Nursery School

'Growing together to succeed'

Head's Newsletter 16th October 2026

Diary Dates:

Monday 19th October
2:30 Yr 4, Aspen Class Assembly in Main Hall (x2 adult family members invited to attend per child)

Tuesday 20th October
Little Urchins Nursery and Reception CHRISTMAS photos

Tuesday 20th October
2:30 - 4:00 Yr 1 and Yr 2 Halloween Disco ('shop' selling toys, sweets and drinks - children to be collected from classrooms)



4:30 - 6:00 Yr 3 and Yr 4 Halloween Disco ('shop' selling toys, sweets and drinks - children to be collected from hall doors)

Thursday 22nd October
SCHOOL TOUR for prospective September 2027 Reception starters

Thursday 22nd October
2:30 - 4:00 Reception Halloween Disco ('shop' selling toys, sweets and drinks - children to be collected from classrooms)

4:30 - 6:00 Yr 5 and Yr 6 Halloween Disco ('shop' selling toys, sweets and drinks - children to be collected from hall doors)



Friday 23rd October
Halloween 'party' in Nursery Classes AM and PM sessions (children invited to come in to school in dress up clothes)

Friday 23rd October
2:30 Yr 3, Beech Class Assembly in Main Hall (x2 adult family members invited to attend per child)

Friday 23rd October
LAST DAY OF AUTUMN HALF TERM

Mon 26th October – Fri 30th October
HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

Monday 2nd November
Children return to school

Amazing Class Assemblies

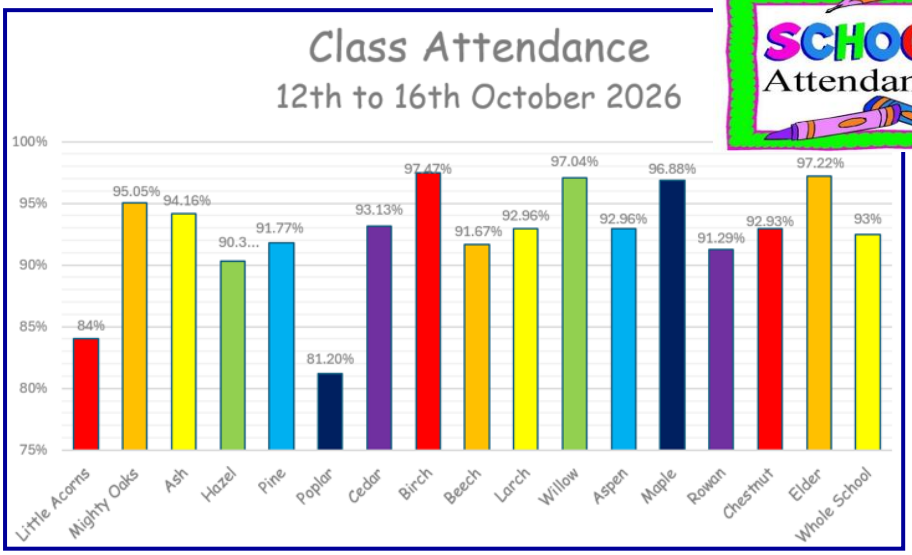
With another academic year now well underway, this means the return of the class assemblies! The children (and staff) have all been working very hard to put on a good show for their audiences, with the practising of songs, lines, dances and actions. The recent assemblies have been amazing – well done to all the staff and children involved! A big thank-you, also, to all the adults who have been able to attend. Please check the dates on the letter sent previously regarding the date of each class assembly, if you would like to come and watch the children…





Attendance matters…

This week's average attendance is 93% (always aiming for the government target of 96% or above!). Well done to Elder (Year 6) and Birch (Year 2) who had the highest junior and infant attendance this week! A huge congratulations must also go to some of our youngest Ryedene children in Mighty Oaks Nursery Class who have a great attendance percentage this week! Well done to all the children who attend school every day, on time. Next week, our Attendance Officer, Mrs Newton, will be contacting parents/carers regarding our end of half term 100% attendance non uniform day on Friday 23rd October.



Times Tables Rocktars!

Over the past few weeks, the certificate winners are:

Year 3: Ayda – Wannabe, Tapan – Support Act, Praneesh – Unsigned Act & Breakthrough Artist, Kiki – Headliner, Meyiwa – Rock Legend, Aramide – Support Act & Headliner, Saharsh – Rock Star, Frankie W – Wannabe

Year 4: Riley N – Gigger, Unsigned Act, Breakthrough Artist, Headliner & Rock Star Charlie – Wannabe, Heidi – Rock Star, Chloe – Gigger, Unsigned Act & Breakthrough Artist, Edas – Support Act & Headliner, Oliver – Garage Rocker & Gigger, Sophie L – Busker, Gigger & Unsigned Act, Chidubem – Busker, Willow A – Support Act, Noah – Garage Rocker

Year 5: Reggie R – Support Act Year 6: Maya – Rock Legend

Well done to all our hardworking TT Rockstars but a special shout out to Riley (Yr 4) and Sophie (Yr 4) who have moved up a few levels in a short space of time with lots of practise online. Keep up the hard work and 'rock on'!

Out-of-school achievements



Tallulah (Yr 1) has been doing so well in her weekly swim lessons that she is now moving up to the next class. What a great achievement, Tallulah!

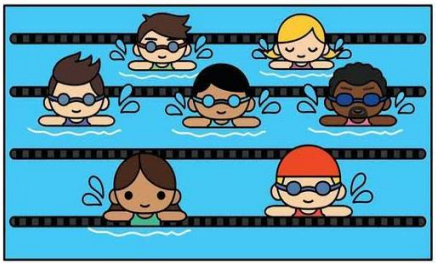


Khloe-Bella (Yr 5) is another swimming star of Ryedene who has been helping to promote the benefits of swimming at the Sporting Village as part of the Everyone Active advertising campaign. Great work, Khloe-Bella!





Mollie (Yr 5) has also been a swimming superstar – recently moving up a level in her weekly swimming sessions. Well done, Mollie!



Ryedene's 'Stars of the Week'...

Teachers have been given the VERY difficult task of selecting / nominating pupils to receive the 'star of the week' trophy and certificate in the Celebration Assembly. Here, you will see this week's Year 3 and Year 4 winners looking suitably impressed and happy to have received their trophy and certificate. The children should all be very proud of themselves for achieving the award and for excellent reasons! Keep up the hard work, Ryedene





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RYEDENE SCHOOL

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Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

Primary Age Drop In (5+)

Tuesday 24th November 2026 @ 9am-10am

The School Age team at Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services will now be providing drops ins for parents/carers at Ryedene Primary and Nursery School. The drops ins are available for all parents/carers of primary aged children.

The Team can offer support around:

- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Improving sleep
- Nutrition support
- Physical health
- Personal hygiene
- Managing health conditions
- Signposting advice and further support

No need to book just come along.

For more information Tel- 0300 247 0013- (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

Essex County Council



NHS

School Council Corner...

Some of school council members were invited to visit the wonderful Abacus Primary who hosted an interschools school council meeting. The children were provided with the opportunity to discuss school council ideas and what makes a good school councillor as well as completing some great teambuilding activities! They were busy brainstorming new ideas which will hopefully be coming soon! Well done to all the children who attended for how wonderfully they represented Ryedene on the day.







SCHOOL COUNCIL