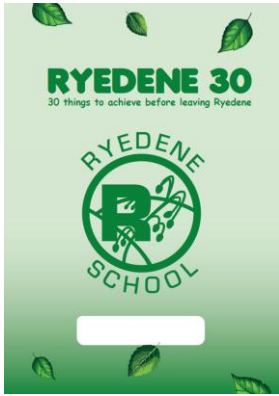


Personal Development at Ryedene



Here at Ryedene Primary School we love learning, from "What are prime numbers?" to "What is a metaphor?" or "Where exactly is Madagascar?" But it's more than that. Here at Ryedene we love to think about and grow the "Whole person" and "Being the best person we can be!"

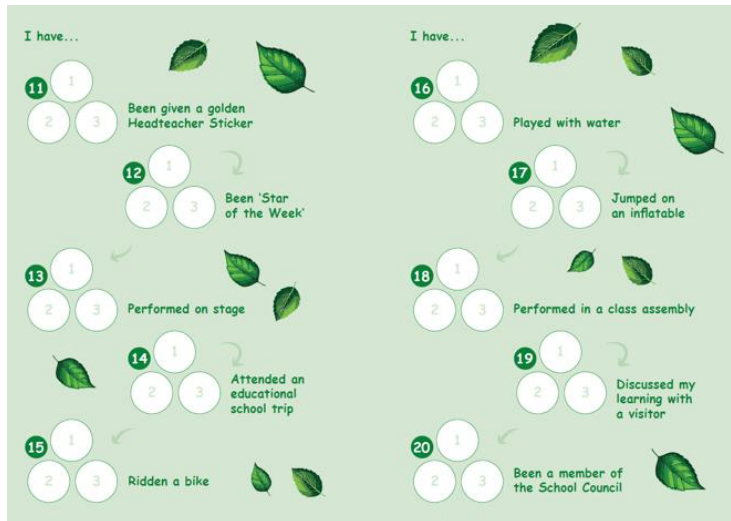
We offer a vast array of clubs over every week. We also have more after school disco's, parties, movie nights and class performances than you can shake a stick at in our efforts to make school as fun as possible for the over 440 children here at Ryedene Primary School. On top of that, we have tonnes of school trips to fun educational places and visitors putting on workshops for the children to enjoy, make memories and experience things that make up what I call "Life's rich tapestry".

The Ryedene 30 is another part of this. It's something that we have been doing for two years now so we can celebrate those extra things that make all of us a "Well rounded human being and the best person we can be". Whether it's riding a bike, playing in sand or going in the sea. It could be performing in a talent show or representing the school at any academic, sporting or theatrical event.

There are 30 things (hence, the 'Ryedene 30') in their recording booklet (which stays at school) for them to record when they do one of the 30 things. So please speak to your child about it and what they have achieved so that they can mark it off with a sticker. There are rewards for those children who complete their booklets whether it's in Year 6 or earlier.

In addition, if your child has done anything out of the ordinary outside of school, we can celebrate this as well in class in their journey to become the best person they can be!

Mr Pearson
Assistant
Headteacher



Year 2 Historians

On Monday, Year 2 enjoyed an online live lesson, from The National Archives all about the Great Fire of London. It was hosted by Micheal Underwood and the children got to see real life artifacts from the fire and to learn all about Fire Engines!



Ryedene Primary and
Nursery School

'Growing together to succeed'



Head's Newsletter
9th October 2026

Diary Dates:

Monday 12th October

3:30 - 6:00 Pupil Progress & Target
Setting Meetings for YEAR 2 ONLY

Tuesday 13th October 2026

3:30 - 6:00 Pupil Progress & Target
Setting Meetings for Reception to
Year 6 (NO YEAR 2)

Wednesday 14th October

10:00 SCHOOL TOUR for
prospective September 2027
Reception starters

Wednesday 14th October

2:30 Yr 4, Willow Class Assembly in
Main Hall (x2 adult family members invited
to attend per child)

Thursday 15th October

3:30-6:30 Pupil Progress & Target
Setting Meetings for Rec to Yr 6

Friday 16th

October

EYFS

Sponsored Walk

- Nursery and
Reception children in dress up, non-
uniform day



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)



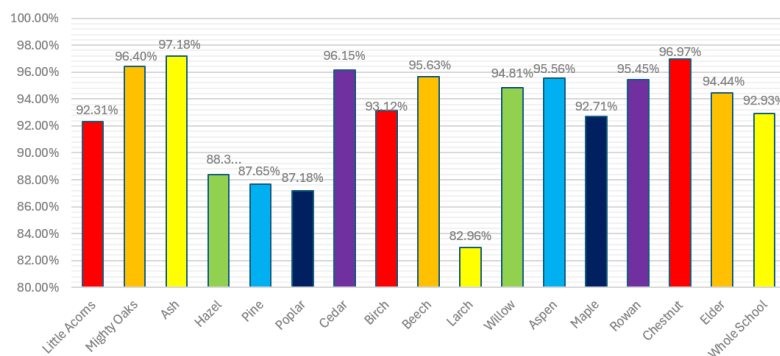
Amazing Class Assemblies

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...



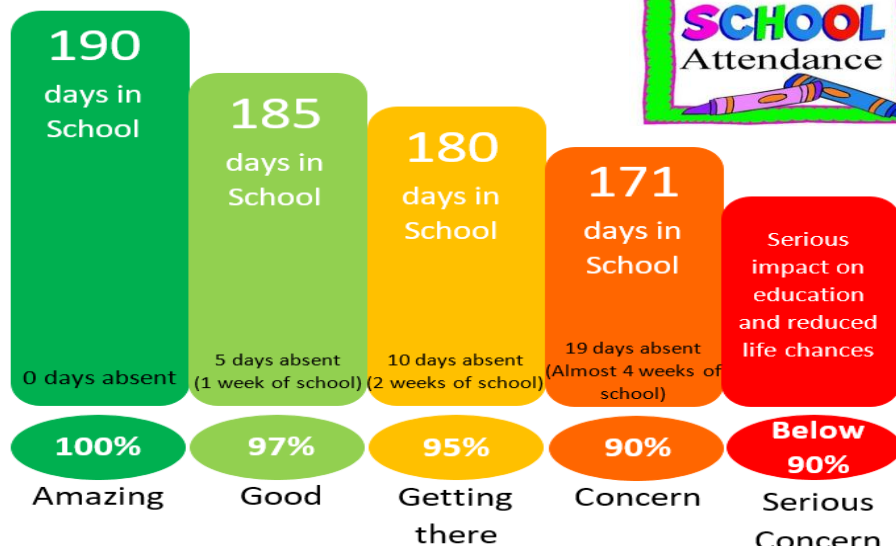
Attendance matters...

Class Attendance
5th - 9th October 2026



This week's average attendance is **93%** (always aiming for the government target of 96% or above!). Well done to Chestnut (Year 6) and Ash (Reception) 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.



Out-of-school achievements

Albert (Yr 4) has recently joined a new football academy and was awarded 'Player of the Week' in one of his first sessions. Well done, Albert!



Well done!

Thank-you!

A huge thank you to Freddie's family for kindly donating a set of brand-new Little Wandle phonics books to Reception. We're so grateful for their generosity and thoughtfulness in helping us to replenish our phonics library and ensure that the children have a lovely selection of books to read and enjoy at home and in school. It really does make such a difference when our reading books are treated with care and we're incredibly grateful for their support in helping us look after and build our class collection.



Thanks!

Year 5's Trip to Maldon...

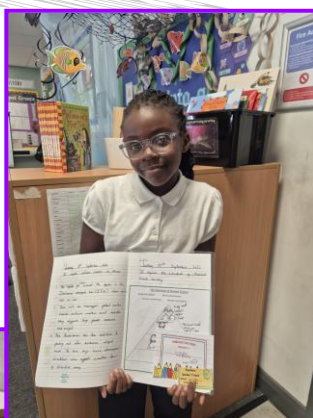


Year 5 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Maldon Heritage Centre, where they learnt more about the history of Maldon and the famous Battle of Maldon. They also visited the statue of Byrhtnoth, discovering more about this important historical figure and his role in the battle. The trip brought their history learning to life and helped them develop a deeper understanding of our local heritage. The children were exceptionally well-behaved and were excellent ambassadors for the school. Well done, Year 5!



Handwriting and Presentation Winners

Our English Lead, Miss Short has been running a competition to identify the children with the most improved handwriting. Neat, legible handwriting is vital in ensuring children can communicate their ideas as well as showing off all their skills they have been learning in class and English lessons. As you can see, our latest winners were very happy with their award!



Super Spellers!



The children have been having a great time learning and practising their homework spellings on Emile each week. Look at all these children who worked hard to learn their spellings. Keep up the hard work, Ryedene!



Happy HARVEST Festival

We are holding a Harvest collection of food, larder and toiletries for the local women's refuge.

Please bring your donations to school and put them in the box in the main reception office.

We need your donations by **Thursday 22nd October 2026.**

Thank you so much for your continued support of Ryedene and the wider community.