Raynsford

Church of England Academy

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Welcome

Welcome to our June newsletter.

It has been another incredibly busy and exciting month at Raynsford, with children taking part in a wide range of learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom. From special visitors and educational trips to important assessments and residential adventures, our children continue to demonstrate enthusiasm, resilience and determination in everything they do.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Working together helps us provide the very best opportunities and experiences for all of our children.

Year 6 Residential Adventure

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic residential visit to PGL.

Throughout the trip, children challenged themselves with a range of exciting activities, developed teamwork skills and created memories that will stay with them for years to come. It was wonderful to see the confidence, determination and encouragement they showed towards one another.

The residential was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of SATs and prepare for the exciting transition to secondary school.

Reception Bee Keeper Visit

Reception children thoroughly enjoyed welcoming a local bee keeper into school.

As part of their learning, the children discovered the important role bees play within our environment, learnt about how honey is produced and had the opportunity to see beekeeping equipment up close.

The visit provided a wonderful opportunity to bring their learning to life and further develop their curiosity about the natural world.

FRIEND Value Award – Neighbourly

We are delighted to celebrate our half-termly FRIEND Value Award winners for: Neighbourly.

Reception – Evalyn
Year 1 – Betsy
Year 2 – Lily
Year 3 – Elena
Year 4 – Tommy
Year 5 – Toby
Year 6 – Jack

These children have shown what it means to be a great neighbour by being thoughtful, supportive and considerate of others. Whether helping a friend, welcoming others into games and activities, or looking out for those around them, they have made a positive difference to our school community. Thank you for being such wonderful role models and for helping to make Raynsford a caring and inclusive place to learn. We are incredibly proud of you all!

Important Assessments

Children in Year 4 have recently been completing their statutory Multiplication Tables Check, whilst our Year 1 pupils have begun their Phonics Screening Check.

These assessments provide children with an opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have developed throughout their time in school. We have been incredibly impressed with the effort, confidence and determination shown by all children taking part.

We would like to thank families for their continued support in helping children prepare for these important milestones.

Healthy Eating Week

From Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th June, children across the school will be taking part in Healthy Eating Week activities.

Throughout the week, children will explore the importance of healthy lifestyles, balanced diets and making positive choices to support both their physical and mental wellbeing.

Athletics Festival

On Thursday 11th June, a number of children from Years 3 and 4 will represent Raynsford at an Athletics Festival.

We are incredibly proud of all children taking part and know they will demonstrate excellent sportsmanship whilst representing our school.

Educational Visits

We have several exciting educational visits taking place over the coming weeks:

- Monday 15th June – Reception visit to Standalone Farm
- Tuesday 16th June – Year 1 visit to North Hertfordshire Museum

These visits provide valuable opportunities to enrich children's learning and bring curriculum topics to life through first-hand experiences.

Summer Fayre

We are very excited for this year's Summer Fayre, which will take place on:

Friday 19th June
2:30pm – 5:30pm

Families will be able to join us from the end of the school day to enjoy a range of stalls, games and activities organised by our wonderful PTA.

We would like to thank the PTA and all volunteers who continue to support our school community. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible there. More detailed information has been shared with paretns and carers.

Significant Male Sessions – Rayndrops Preschool

To celebrate Father's Day, Rayndrops Preschool will be hosting two Significant Male sessions.

Children are invited to attend with one significant male figure in their life, whether this is a father, grandparent, uncle or another important adult.

Session times are:

- Thursday 18th June – 2:30pm–3:00pm

- Friday 19th June – 11:00am–11:30am

We look forward to welcoming families for this special event.

Diversity Day

On Monday 22nd June, we will be celebrating Diversity Day across the school.

Children will take part in activities that help them learn about and celebrate the diverse cultures, backgrounds, beliefs and experiences that make our communities unique and special.

Sports Day & Family Picnic

We are delighted to invite families to our Sports Day on Wednesday 24th June.

Children from Reception to Year 6 will take part in a variety of sporting activities and events throughout the morning. Following Sports Day, families are warmly invited to join us for a picnic lunch on the school grounds.

Further details regarding timings and arrangements will be shared separately.

Bikes and Scooters

With the warmer weather hopefully approaching, we are seeing an increasing number of children travelling to and from school on bikes and scooters.

To help keep everyone safe, we kindly ask that all children dismount from their bike or scooter as whilst they are on school grounds and walk with it to the designated areas.

The playground and pathways can become very busy at the start and end of the school day, and dismounting helps minimise the risk of accidents involving other children, parents, carers and staff.

The children will be informed of this during our collective worship. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school community safe.

Key Dates

We will share more details regarding our key events nearer the time:

1st June – 12th June	Year 4 statutory Multiplication Tables Check
Monday 8th – Friday 12th June	Statutory Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th June	Healthy Eating Week
Monday 15th June	Reception School Trip
Tuesday 16th June	Year 1 School Trip
Thursday 18th June	Preschool – significant male
Friday 19th June	Preschool – significant male
Friday 19th June	PTA Organised Summer Fayre
Monday 22nd June	Diversity Day
Wednesday 24th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 7th July	Year 6 Production
Wednesday 8th July	School Disco
Friday 10th July	End of year school reports sent home
Friday 10th July	Year 6 Prom
Friday 17th July	End of year church service