Ray Lodge Primary School

Newsletter

23.10.2026

Head of School Message



Dear families,

A Fantastic Start to the Year!

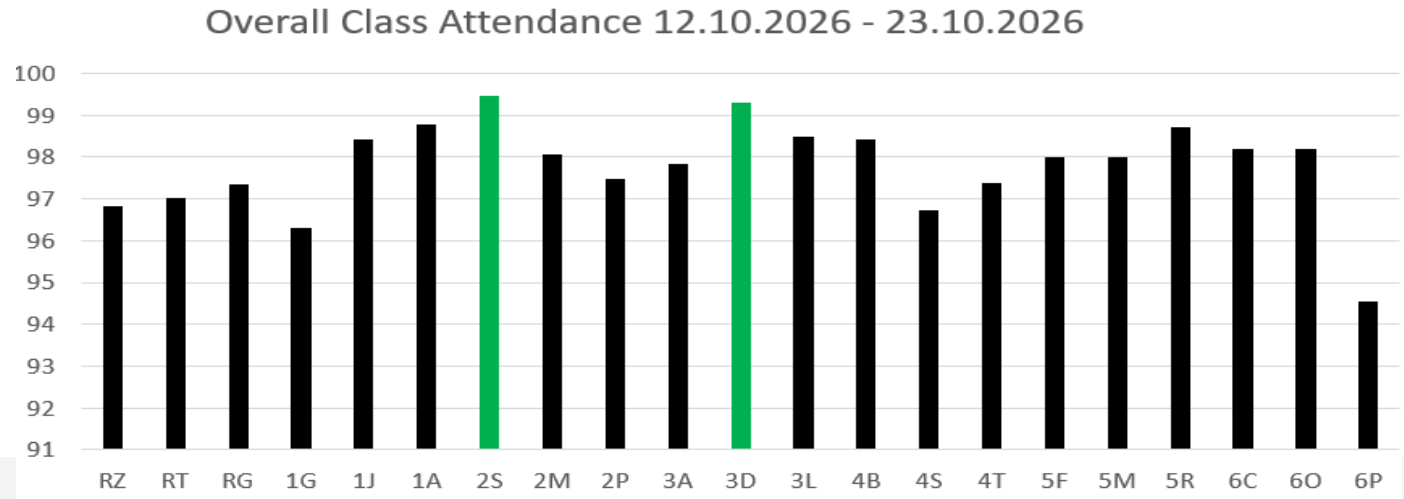
We've had a fantastic first half term at Ray Lodge, with so much to celebrate already! Our children have settled brilliantly into their new classes, and we've established an excellent foundation on which to build throughout the rest of the academic year.
Thank you to our wonderful staff for their hard work and dedication, and to our families for their continued support.
We wish everyone a happy, restful and well-deserved half-term break and look forward to welcoming you all back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term!

Kind Regards,
Mr Miller

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Click here for the school calendar



"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts in our pursuit of excellence and personal growth."

Whole school attendance - 97%
Class with the best attendance 2S & 3D
Class with the most improved attendance - 1J

Attendance matters

We understand that many of our children have sleeping difficulties and that sometimes after a difficult night parents want to keep their child at home for everyone to catch up on sleep. This should not always require a whole days absence; it is expected that once a child has had some sleep, some food and a shower that they will be brought into school. If absences for bad nights are frequent we will involve the school nurse and other agencies for support and advice for families.
If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, please arrange a meeting with Ms Gorge.

For more information regarding attendance, please click here.

Staffing News and Best Wishes



We would like to share that Mrs Burns who worked at RL as a Midday Assistant and in our Breakfast Club will be leaving us after over 25 years of dedicated service to our school. We are incredibly grateful for the commitment and care shown over the years and thank Mrs Burns for being such a valued member of our school community.
We would also like to wish Mrs Alexander a wonderful maternity leave as she prepares to welcome her little one. We send our warmest wishes to her and her family and hope she enjoys this very special time.
We wish them every happiness and success for the future.



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Food Bank Collection

A huge thank you to children and parents/carers for the very generous donations. They will be a lifeline for vulnerable families in these challenging times.





Odd Socks Day 16.11.26



Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It is an opportunity to encourage pupils to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

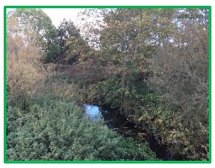
Dates for your diary

26.10.26 - 30.10.26 - Half Term
31.10.26 - Deadline for secondary school admissions
02.11.26 - Children return to school
11.11.26 - Welfare Benefits/FIND/SENDATS Coffee morning
16.11.2026 - Odd Sock Day
11.12.26 - Winter Fayre, 3:30pm -5 pm.

Shout out... Geography

Geography

Year 3 visited the River Roding this week as part of their geography field trip. It was a great opportunity to discuss the features of a river and why land in that area is used for recreation and wildlife rather than housing.

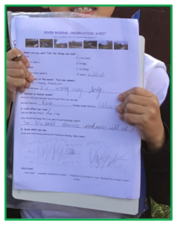


"I was amazed by how many different plants we found."



"I would like to know where the river starts and where it ends."





"We enjoyed investigating the river habitat."

"We had lots of fun exploring the river, discovering wildlife and learning how water changes the land. We can't wait to investigate more of our natural environment!"

"I enjoyed spending time outside and learning in nature."

Year 6 have been studying Brazil and the amazon river. They discussed the upcoming election in Brazil where one candidate (Bolsonaro) is in favour of increased deforestation for farming and mining.



To find out more about the curriculum, click here.



Year 1 Pyjama Day



Year 1 enjoyed dressing up in their pyjamas and diving into the exciting world of *Nat Fantastic!* We discovered how an ordinary boy can become a superhero, reminding us that books can take us on the most amazing adventures.

The story is about Nat, an ordinary little boy who transforms into a miniature superhero whenever he lets out a mighty sneeze! Wearing his pyjamas, he sets off on exciting adventures, rescuing people from danger and stopping bank robbers while his mum is distracted from their bedtime story.



Strive 4Academy Trust

Update…

Welcome back to the new academic year! This newsletter provides important financial updates, reminders, and upcoming deadlines.

Fee and Payment Reminders

Families are reminded to ensure that all outstanding balances are settled by the stated due dates.

Payment Methods

- Online payment portal
- Bank transfer
- Debit/Credit card payments
- Direct debit arrangements

If you require assistance with payment plans, please contact the Finance Office.

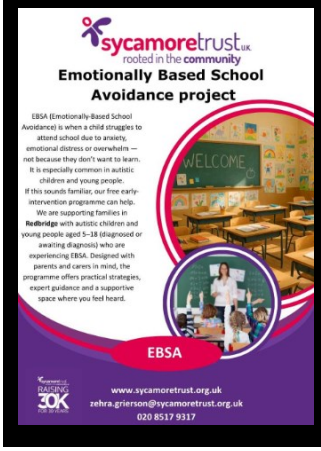
Signposting…

Discover Children's Story Centre

eric The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity

YOUNGMINDS

FIND London Borough of Redbridge









Home Haven House children's hospice

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Sure Start Children's Centres Redbridge where every child matters

Star Awards!

Aaron, Shivan & Inaaya	1A	Darius, Georgia & Haadia	1J
Kalab & Anna	2M	Indhiran, Montgomery, Ronav & Albert	2P
Riley, Sebastian & Mehran	3L	Kiaan, Isabella & Timi	3A
Ismail A, Violet & Mason	4S	Michi, Ibrahim & Andrei	4B
Rayhan, Ella & Harriett	5R	Annika, Azariah & Haaris	5F
Savio, Chloe & Daniel	6C		

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Growing Aspiration – Shaping the Future

Striving for excellence…