

Radcliffe Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

More information can be found on our website (<https://www.radcliffeprimary.co.uk/>), Facebook & Dojo.

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What another busy and successful week of learning and enrichment we have enjoyed across school!

Enrichment

This week saw the exciting start of our Autumn Term clubs. It has been wonderful to see so many children taking part in a range of activities and developing new skills and interests. There are still plenty of spaces available, so please refer to the previous letters sent home and sign your child up if they would like to get involved.

We have also enjoyed both choir and story time sessions in our new library, which have proven very popular. We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new librarians: Myla, Lola, Harriet and Eden. They will be helping to keep our library organised, welcoming and full of wonderful books for everyone to enjoy. Congratulations to all four pupils on their new roles! I would also like to give a big 'Well Done and Thank You!' to Lexi, Ellie and Paisley, who are doing a wonderful job as 'Mini Middays', looking after our younger children at dinnertimes.

Poetry Day

Today, we were also delighted to welcome poet Ian Bland to school. The children thoroughly enjoyed working with him and experiencing poetry in a fun and engaging way. I'm sure they will be eager to tell you all about his visit when they get home! Have a look on Facebook for a sneak peek!

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a key priority for us and we are pleased to report that our whole-school attendance this week was **95.56%**. Our level of persistent absence remains lower than the national average, which is excellent news and highlights the commitment of our families to ensure children attend school regularly.

151 pupils achieved 100% attendance this week. Well done to every one of you! A special shout out goes to Class 4G, who had the highest number of pupils achieving 100% attendance. What a brilliant achievement!

Please take a moment to look at the illness poster post below (also on Dojo), which provides useful guidance on when children should attend school and when they should remain at home due to illness.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers about arranging medical appointments outside of the school day wherever possible. We understand that this is not always achievable; however, if your child needs to be collected during the school day for a medical appointment, you will be asked to provide medical evidence of the appointment.

Is my child too ill for school?

A guide for parents and carers

It can be tricky to know whether to keep your child off school when they're unwell. This guide is based on NHS advice to help you decide.

Most mild illnesses don't need to keep your child off school.

✓ USUALLY IT'S OK TO GO TO SCHOOL If your child has any of the following, they can usually go to school:

Common cold A runny nose, sore throat or mild cough is usually fine.	Mild headache A mild headache is usually fine.	Tummy ache A mild tummy ache is usually fine.	Period pain Period pain is not a reason to keep your child off school.	Hay fever Hay fever symptoms such as a runny nose, sneezing or itchy eyes are not a reason to keep your child off school.
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✗ KEEP OFF SCHOOL If your child has any of the following, keep them off school and let them return when they are feeling better:

High temperature Keep off school until the high temperature has gone.	Vomiting and diarrhoea Keep off school and aim to return the next day.	Chickenpox Keep off school until all the spots have crusted over (usually about 5 days).	Impetigo Keep off school until the sores have crusted over or 48 hours after starting antibiotics.	Measles Keep off school for at least 4 days from when the rash appears.	Scarlet fever Keep off school for at least 24 hours after starting antibiotics.
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i OTHER ILLNESSES Follow the specific NHS advice for these conditions:

Hand, foot and mouth There's no need to keep your child off school, but let the school know.	Head lice There's no need to keep your child off school. Treatment can be started straight away.	Threadworms There's no need to keep your child off school. Treatment can be started straight away.
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FURTHER INFORMATION

For more details and the most up-to-date advice, visit the NHS website:

www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/



Scan the QR code to visit the NHS guidance

ATTENDANCE

Bury Council

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it within 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160

2 IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absence is unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution.

10 IN 10

1 day = 2 sessions

3 A PENALTY FOR EACH CHILD

+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days

4 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 children & 2 parents = £1,280

Reduced to £640 if paid within 21 days

5 If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or patterns of irregular attendance...

SECOND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320

2 children = £480

3 children = £640

4 children = £1,280

No discount for early payment

THIRD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

We will be holding a pre-loved uniform stall after school today. This is a great opportunity to purchase good-quality school uniform items at an affordable price, with all items available for just £1 each. Whether you need a spare jumper, cardigan, polo shirt or other uniform essentials, please come along and take a look. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for supporting this sustainable initiative.

Reception Open Day

Please see Mrs Kenyon's post on Facebook regarding our EYFS Open Day, which will take place on Thursday 1st October. We would be grateful for your help in spreading the word to families who may be interested in joining our school community.

Facebook, Dojo & Website Photographs

WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE THE ANGLE, NOT THE STORY

Celebrating every moment. Protecting every child.

Adapting how we share, in response to evolving AI safeguarding concerns.

HANDS ON CONTENT
Learning, exploring and creating without showing faces.

BACKS OF HEADS
We can still show the moments that matter.

SIDE FACING PHOTOS (WITH PERMISSION)
Only when we have consent from parents/carers. No front facing photos.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we make this important change. ♥

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2026, we are making a small change to the way we share photographs of children on our website, social media platforms and school communications.

"We're going to change the angle, not the story." This reflects our commitment to celebrating children's achievements while also responding to the rapidly changing digital world and the increasing capabilities of artificial intelligence (AI).

To help protect our children from potential misuse of images online, we will be:

- ✅ Focusing on hands-on learning and activities rather than close-up facial images.
- ✅ Using photographs taken from behind or showing the backs of heads where possible, allowing us to continue sharing special moments and learning experiences.
- ✅ Only using front-facing photographs where we have explicit parental consent and where there is a clear educational or celebratory purpose.

The rise of AI technology means that images shared online can potentially be copied, altered or used in ways that were not previously possible. While we have no specific concerns regarding our own school community, we believe it is important to take a proactive approach and ensure that our practices continue to reflect the highest standards of child protection.

Please be reassured that this change does not mean we will stop celebrating our pupils' successes, achievements and memorable experiences. Instead, we are adapting how we capture and share those moments so that we can continue to showcase school life while placing children's safety and privacy first.

We appreciate your ongoing support as we make this important safeguarding enhancement and work together to keep all children safe both in school and online.

Diary Dates

Please add the following dates to your diaries:

Tuesday 22 nd September	Flu vaccinations
Friday 25 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning- all welcome! Mrs Francis will be available during this time to support with any questions around SEND
Date to be confirmed	Handwriting Workshop for Parents and Carers
Thursday 1 st October	EYFS Open Day
Monday 19 th October & Wednesday 21 st October	Parents' Evenings 4pm- 6pm
Tuesday 17 th November	Individual photographs

More dates will be added on the forthcoming newsletters

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are incredibly proud of all that the children have achieved this week and look forward to another exciting week ahead.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Walsh