

Radcliffe Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy week, I would like to take the opportunity to celebrate some wonderful achievements across the school.

Attendance

Firstly, I am delighted to share that our overall attendance this week was an amazing **95.5%**. Attendance continues to be a real strength of our school, with our levels of persistent absence remaining below the national average. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that children attend school regularly and on time. Every day in school really does make a difference. Please see below the leaflets for information on attendance.

Robinwood Residential

A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils, who represented the school brilliantly during last weekend's residential visit. Not only did they demonstrate tremendous bravery and resilience when faced with new challenges, but they also encouraged and supported one another throughout the trip. The staff were incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves and the positive example they set for others.

Parking Concerns

Following concerns raised regarding parking outside school, I contacted our local councillor to discuss the issue. He thanked us for bringing our concerns to his attention and has informed me that he is currently in discussions with both the police and the council to explore ways of improving safety for everyone around the school site. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation with parking considerately and safely.

Pupil Survey

The children will have brought home a Pupil Survey Homework. Please can this be completed and returned as soon as possible. We are keen to hear our children's views and would greatly appreciate your support with this. As an added incentive, all children who return a completed survey will have their name entered into a raffle. The prize draw will take place during Celebration Assembly next Friday.

Parents' Evening Appointments

Parents' Evening letters have been sent home today. Please complete and return the slip by next Friday (9th October). Appointment times will then be allocated by class teachers. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress and achievements.

Sugary Items

A polite reminder regarding snacks and treats at the end of the school day. We have noticed that sweets and other sugary items are being brought onto the school grounds after school and, in some cases, are also appearing in lunchboxes. We kindly ask families to help us reduce this. After a busy day of learning, children simply need to be greeted with a smile and perhaps asked, "What have you enjoyed learning today?" rather than being rewarded with a sugary treat.

Author Visit

Finally, our EYFS and Key Stage 1 children are looking forward to welcoming local author, Michelle Waterworth, to school next Wednesday morning. We are excited to provide this opportunity to inspire a love of reading and storytelling among our youngest learners.

World Mental Health Day

On Friday 9th October we will be marking World Mental Health Day in school.

To show our support and raise awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing, we invite children to come to school wearing something yellow alongside their usual school uniform. This could be a yellow jumper, t-shirt, socks, ribbon, or another small accessory.

Throughout the day, the children will take part in a range of age-appropriate activities focused on the theme of acceptance. These activities will encourage children to celebrate differences, show kindness and understanding towards others, and recognise the importance of making everyone feel valued and included.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 7 th October	EYFS and Key Stage 1 author visit
Wednesday 14 th October	Key Stage 2 author visit
Monday 19 th October & Wednesday 21 st October	Parents' Evenings 4pm- 6pm
Friday 23 rd October	Finish for half term
Tuesday 3 rd November	Children back in school
Week beginning 16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week.
Wednesday 17 th November	Individual photographs

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Walsh

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.

✗ 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.

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.

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 £90.

£160

2 IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks, and their absences are 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 pattern of irregular attendance...

SECOND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = £640
3 children = £960
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