

Radcliffe Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

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Facebook & Dojo.

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been at school! Our children have enjoyed another busy week full of learning, enrichment opportunities and memorable experiences.

We were delighted to welcome local author Michelle Waterworth to work with our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed meeting a real author, listening to her stories and learning more about the writing process. We know that our Key Stage 2 children are very much looking forward to their turn next week!

This week, a group of our Year 6 pupils completed their training to become Playground Leaders. They are already chomping at the bit to get started and are excited about helping to organise activities and support younger children during playtimes.

On Thursday, Year 5, Year 6 and a selected group of Year 4 pupils represented the school brilliantly at football events held at Redbank Field. The children showed excellent teamwork, sportsmanship and determination throughout the day. Well done to everyone who took part.

Attendance Matters

Our whole-school attendance this week was an impressive **96.7%**.

Children continue to work incredibly hard towards our 'Show Up & Shine' 100% Attendance Incentive, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and commitment. Let's keep up the great work and continue aiming for excellent attendance.

World Mental Health Day

Today, we marked World Mental Health Day by wearing **yellow** and taking part in class activities focused on acceptance, kindness and understanding others. The children engaged thoughtfully in discussions and activities that promoted positive mental health and wellbeing.

Parents' Evening Reminder

Please remember to return your Parents' Evening slips as soon as possible so that we can allocate you an appointment with your child's class teacher on 19th or 21st October.

Goodbye and Good Luck, Mrs Coglan!

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Coglan, one of our long-serving lunchtime supervisors, who is leaving after 15 years of dedicated service to take on a new challenge.

Mrs Coglan has been a valued member of our school community and will be greatly missed by staff and children alike. We presented her with flowers and gifts to thank her for her years of service, and we wish her every success and happiness for the future.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, HAF places have now been allocated and booking codes have been sent out. Please don't miss the opportunity to book a place for your child during the October half-term holiday. We will also be sending home information about local providers and activities.

Anti-Bullying Information

Although Anti-Bullying Week takes place in November and we will be carrying out a range of activities, including assemblies and parent workshops, we wanted to share some information with you in advance about bullying and the work we do throughout the year to promote kindness, respect and positive relationships. Please take a few moments to read the separate information sheet, which explains what bullying is, how we promote positive relationships in school, and ways you can support your child at home.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure all children feel safe, happy and respected.

Diary Dates

<u>Wednesday 14th October</u>	Key Stage 2 author visit
<u>Wednesday 14th October</u>	Anti-Bullying assembly @2.30pm followed by parents' coffee and cake
<u>Monday 19th October & Wednesday 21st October</u>	Parents' Evenings 4pm- 6pm
<u>Friday 23rd October</u>	Finish for half term
<u>Tuesday 3rd November</u>	Children back in school
<u>Week beginning 16th November</u>	Anti-Bullying Week
<u>Wednesday 17th November</u>	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

- I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.**
Now 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.
- 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
- A PENALTY FOR EACH CHILD**
+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160
4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days
- FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS**
4 children & 2 parents = £1,280
Reduced to £640 if paid within 21 days
- 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