



Ryton-on-Dunsmore Provost Williams

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*"Let your light shine"*



As the penultimate week drew to a close on Friday, it gave me time to pause and reflect on the spring term. Time always seems to pass very quickly in school, and as a staff team, we are always thinking of what comes next, often forgetting to see what has come before.

Trips continue to offer pupils the opportunity to experience life beyond the classroom. KS2 had a wonderful time at the Think Tank in Birmingham, KS1 visited Kenilworth Castle as part of their history topic and EYFS joined forces with another Trust school for a STEM day. All SEND IEP meetings have taken place and each parent across school has had the opportunity to see the progress their child had made this term. I know that some parents have gently enquired about what next year looks like for their children. I will communicate this as soon as I am in a position to share it with you.

Our PTA continue to support our school, through Movie Wednesday, the upcoming Easter Bonnet Parade and raffle and the Springtime disco. The money raised is not being wasted and things are happening in the background, with the Prayer and reflective area currently at the planning stage and quotes being gathered for the new practical area/kitchen for pupils which will transform the building that used to house the Ark.

As we enter our final week of this term, I would like to thank everyone in our school community for your continued support. In school, we have an 'open door' policy, and if you need to speak to your child's class teacher or myself, please contact the office or arrange a meeting with the class teacher.

Have a wonderful Easter break with your children.

Miss Cullen

Head Teacher





# Ryton-on-Dunsmore Academy Stars

Year 1 Star Learner this week is

*Kylah*

EYFS Star Learner this week is

*Daisy*



Year 2 Star Learner this week is

Year 3 Star Learner this week is

*Ted*

*Dylan*

Year 5 Star Learner this week is

*Ellis*

Year 4 Star Learner this week is

*Simey*

Year 6 Star Learner this week is

*Nancy*



*Value Awards*



Year 6's Frankie was the recipient of our Values Award last week. Well done to Frankie for showing our school values.



**LOVE**  
**HONESTY**  
**HOPE**  
**FAIRNESS**  
**RESPECT**  
**FORGIVENESS**

# Top tips for supporting learning at home

## English

Lots of studies suggest that hearing and seeing words at the same time supports reading: in reading lessons, teachers model fluent reading while children listen and follow the written word.

### How you can help at home:

If you are watching a programme, try turning the subtitles on.



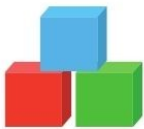
## Maths

### Early Years Maths What do children learn at school in the Early Years?

In Reception and Nursery, children develop their understanding of numbers through counting and calculating simple addition and subtraction problems. They also use shapes and measurements to explore the world around them.

### Counting games and activities

You can count just about anything, from toys and games to clothes and food.



## SEND

### Speech and Language

Talking to your child is one of the best things you can do to encourage their speech and language skills. Talk to them about their day - if they don't say much, ask them questions to allow them to open up.



- What was the best thing about your day?
- Was there anything that made you sad?
- What games did you play at breaktime?
- What was your favourite thing you ate for lunch?



# How are you?

Sad? Stressed? Anxious? Worried? Hopeless?  
Angry? Tearful? Overwhelmed? Want help?



## Your Mental Health First Aider is



**There are plenty of different types of support out there, and an MHFAider can help you access them.**

MHFAiders are a point of contact if you, or someone you are concerned about, are experiencing poor mental health or emotional distress. They are not therapists or psychiatrists but they can give you initial support and signpost you to appropriate help if required.





Years 1 and 2 took their learning outside the classroom last Wednesday, heading to Kenilworth Castle armed with their clipboards and many questions about castles.



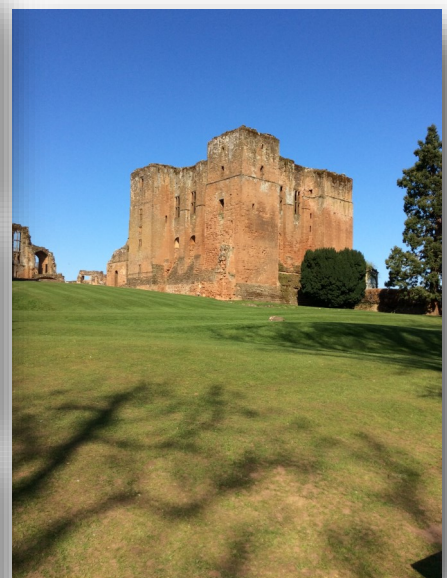
*"We got to go in the keep and we saw the bed that Queen Elizabeth I slept in. It was a four poster bed! They used to have a moat and they could throw big stones at the enemy, sometimes they threw things that were on fire".*

Caitlyn

*"We got to dress up and looked like Henry 8th's second wife, who had her head cut off".*

Bella

Thanks to all our parent helpers for coming on the trip.





Parachute fun for Early Years!



**RYTON ON DUNSMORE ACADEMY**

*Easter*

# PARADE & RAFFLE

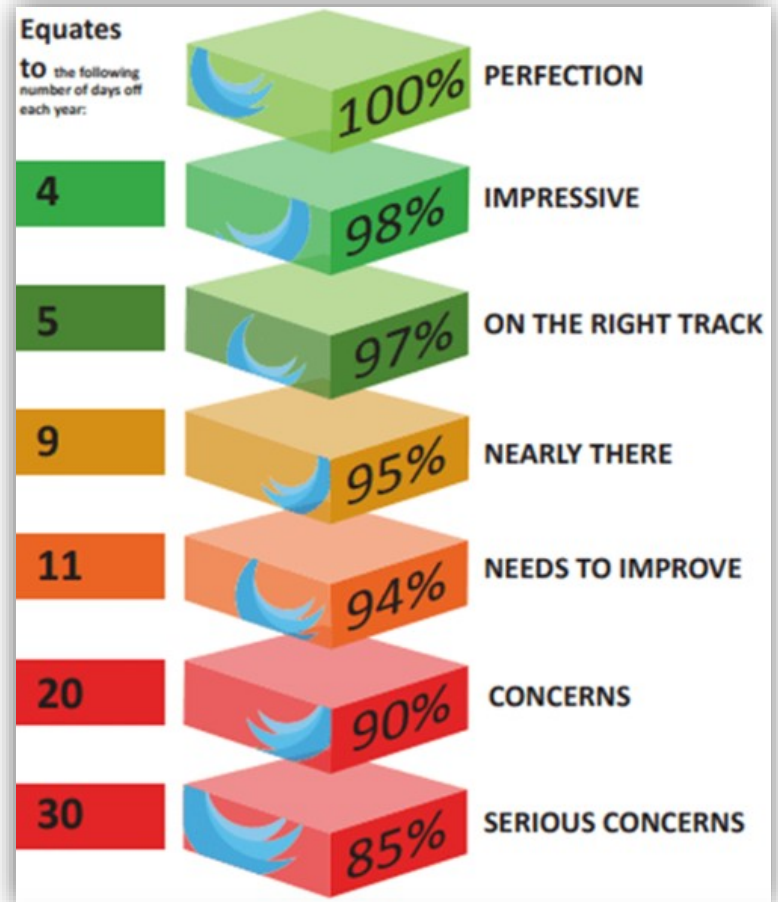
**Easter Bonnet/Crown/Headband Parade  
2.45pm Friday 11th April  
£1 per child to enter, Easter Egg prize.  
Raffle £1 for 1 ticket: £2 for 3 tickets : £5 for 8 tickets  
Raffle Tickets and Parade entry can be purchased on  
Parentpay.  
Raffle Prize is a fabulous Easter Hamper!**



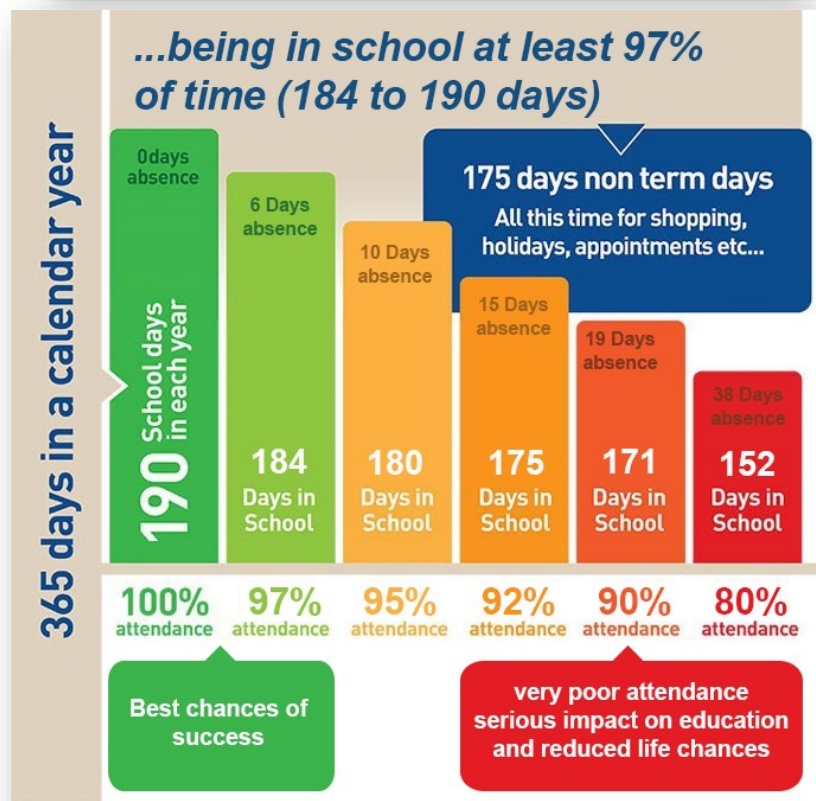
# Attendance Update

Please note that if your child is ill you must still contact us every day to let us know

Attendance	
Nursery	98.3%
Reception	94.6%
Year 1	90%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	97.3%
Year 6	91.6%



Well done to the 95 children who achieved a perfect 100% attendance last week.



Every Day Counts



Be In SCHOOL  
Be On TIME

Friday 11th April

Break up for Easter holiday

2.45pm Easter Parade and Raffle draw

Monday 28th April

Back to School

Monday 5th May

Bank Holiday

Monday 12th May (2:45pm)

Relationships, Sex, Health Education Parent Meeting

Week beginning 12th May

Year 6 SATs.

Monday 2nd June

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 3rd June

Back to School

**Friday 6th June**

**Crowning of the May King and Queen—NEW DATE**

2nd-6th June

Year 4 Multiplication Check

9th-13th June

KS1 Phonics Check

11th June 2.45pm

Wilde Class Come and Learn

Father's Day Event

Monday 30th June

New parent meeting 5pm, Early Years

Wednesday 2nd July

Moving On Day

Thursday 3rd July

Sports Day and Picnic

Friday 11th July

End of year reports given out

Friday 18th July

Break Up

**Please note: There will be no Monday After-School Drawing Club after Easter.**



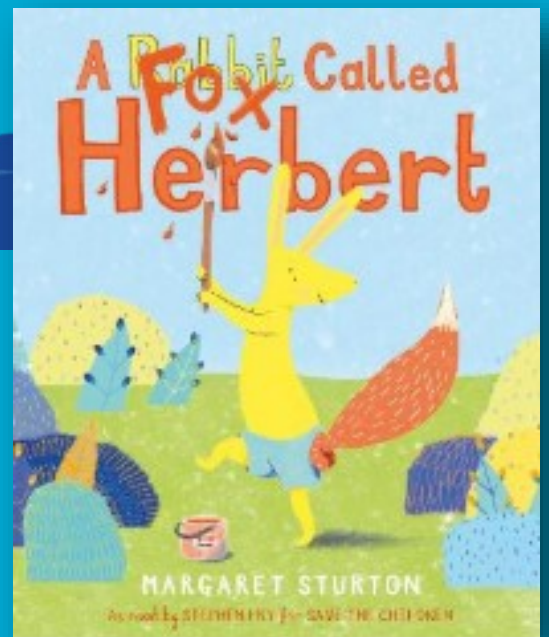
As the weather conditions change, children tend to take off their cardigans and jumpers and leave them on benches outside. Staff do spend a lot of time trying to re-unite children with uniform but it is so much easier if everything is NAMED. We have a permanent marker in the office if you would like to borrow it.



## Miss Cullen's Recommended Reads

Meet Herbert: the rabbit who knows he was born to be a fox. When his mummy isn't looking, he puts on pointy fox ears, makes himself a bushy tail, and asks his sister to paint him orange, just like a fox. But Mummy doesn't understand: why can't he just be a good rabbit?

A Fox Called Herbert is a true celebration of being ourselves and supporting our loved ones. Let this joyful tale inspire you to be who you are and follow your dreams.



After losing her parents, young Mary Lennox is sent from India to live in her uncle's gloomy mansion on the wild English moors. She is lonely and has no one to play with, but one day she learns of a secret garden hidden in the grounds that no one is allowed to enter. Then Mary uncovers an old key in a flowerbed - and a gust of magic leads her to the hidden door. Slowly she turns the key and enters a world she could never have imagined.



**Celebrate Easter  
at St Leonard's Church Ryton-on-Dunsmore**

**6<sup>th</sup> April 5.00 pm**  
Messy Church

**13<sup>th</sup> April 9.15 am** Palm Sunday  
Holy Communion

**17<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm** Maundy Thursday  
Benefice Holy Communion

**18<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 am** Good Friday  
All age activities and worship

**20<sup>th</sup> April 9.15 am** Easter Day  
Holy Communion

**27<sup>th</sup> April 9.15 am**  
All age worship

