



Ryton-on-Dunsmore Provost Williams

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"Let your light shine"

It was wonderful to welcome the children back last week and despite the very wintery conditions, everyone has settled back into school life. We also welcomed a number of new children to our school, with everyone demonstrating what it means to be part of Ryton, welcoming them in and showing them the Ryton way.

During our staff INSET day, we discussed the next steps that we need to make to continue to improve the school. From our evaluation day that took place last term our next steps were to continue to improve maths across school and learning behaviours. We have now purchased a Maths scheme called White Rose to ensure our maths teaching is consistent and enriched by quality problem-solving and reasoning tasks. In terms of behaviour, after break and lunch, teaching staff meet the children on the playground where each class is lined up in an orderly manner. Each class is then led into school by the teacher and learning is able to start in a quiet and respectful manner. This is already proving to be having a positive impact on the transition between free time and learning time.

On the 6th of January, we celebrated Epiphany, which commemorated the mysterious visitors who came to the Christ child. Epiphany means 'to show', 'to make known' or 'to reveal'. We started the term by exploring how the Magi (wise men), showed a great level of perseverance as they travelled to visit Jesus and over the term, we will be reflecting on how and when we show perseverance when we are faced with OW moments in life.

Miss Cullen, Head Teacher

O Lord,

May your light shine our way,

as once it guided the steps of the magi:

that we too may be led into your presence.

Guide us in all our concerns and challenges.

Guide us towards your protection and peace.

Fill our hearts with patience and knowledge of your love.

Help us to uphold our values of Fairness, Respect, Hope,
Love, Honesty and Forgiveness.

Amen

LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE RAISED SO FAR THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**



£205.43

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



£61.00



£58.55

PTA

£1394.50



Last week we started Yoga as part of our PE lessons provided by Jenny from the School Sports Partnership. It was great fun!

Ark Activity: Friday 17th January

Mrs Tombs and Miss Kelly will be running an after-school cooking session, design and make your own pizza.

There will be a variety of toppings to choose from! Usual Ark fees apply. See the office to book.



Thursday 16th January is our census day, a day where all schools are required to report various information to the Department for Education. We are offering a special lunch aimed to boost school meal uptake on this day and encourage children to try hot meals.

On Thursday, children in years Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be offered hot meal items as a "taster" whilst they can still have their packed lunch as a back-up.

School meal booking to be made as normal via the class teacher on the day.

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Jungle Explorer Lunch

Thursday 16th January 2025

Census Day Menu

Explorer's Big Brunch with Safari Potatoes - sausages, hash brown and baked beans (G.SB.SU)

or

(v) Jungle Vine Noodles with Sweet 'n' Sour Quorn (G.E)- served with Broccoli Trees

(v.h) Rainforest Crunch Cookie (G)

or

(vg) Jungle Jelly with Snakes Eggs -jelly with grapes

Allergen Free alternatives are also available

- Allergens
- H- Homemade
- G- Gluten
- SB- Soya
- SU- Sulphites
- E- Egg
- VG- Vegan
- V- Vegetarian

Jacket Potatoes will be on offer as normal.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

JusTalk Kids is a child's version of the JusTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JusTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JusTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a call; exclusive stickers; a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber; and exclusive ringtones and themes.

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JusTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JusTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JusTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JusTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact; this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JusTalk and JusTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 – as well as finding that 25% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction. Introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JusTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what is and isn't safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JusTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/justalk-kids>



Ryton-on-Dunsmore Academy Stars

EYFS Star Learner this week is

Sean



Year 1 Star Learner this week is

Macie

Year 2 Star Learner this week is

Clara

Year 3 Star Learner this week is

Hope

Value Awards



Year 4 Star Learner this week is

Imogen

Year 5 Star Learner this week is

Joey

The "Value Awards" are designed to recognise children who show our school values.

Daisy was the latest recipient of a value award.

Well done Leighton!

Year 6 Star Learner this week is

Mia

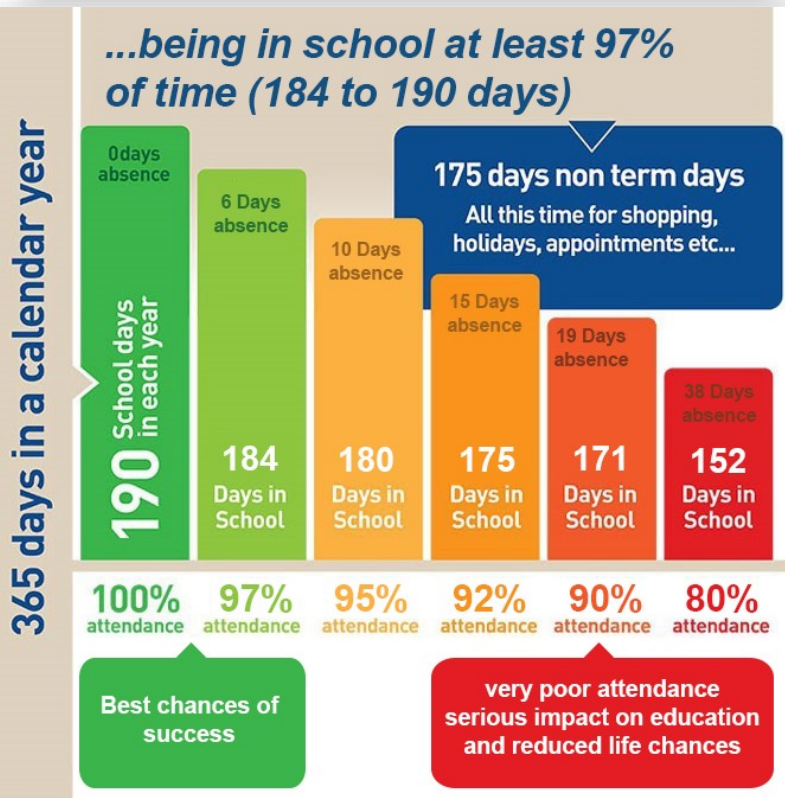
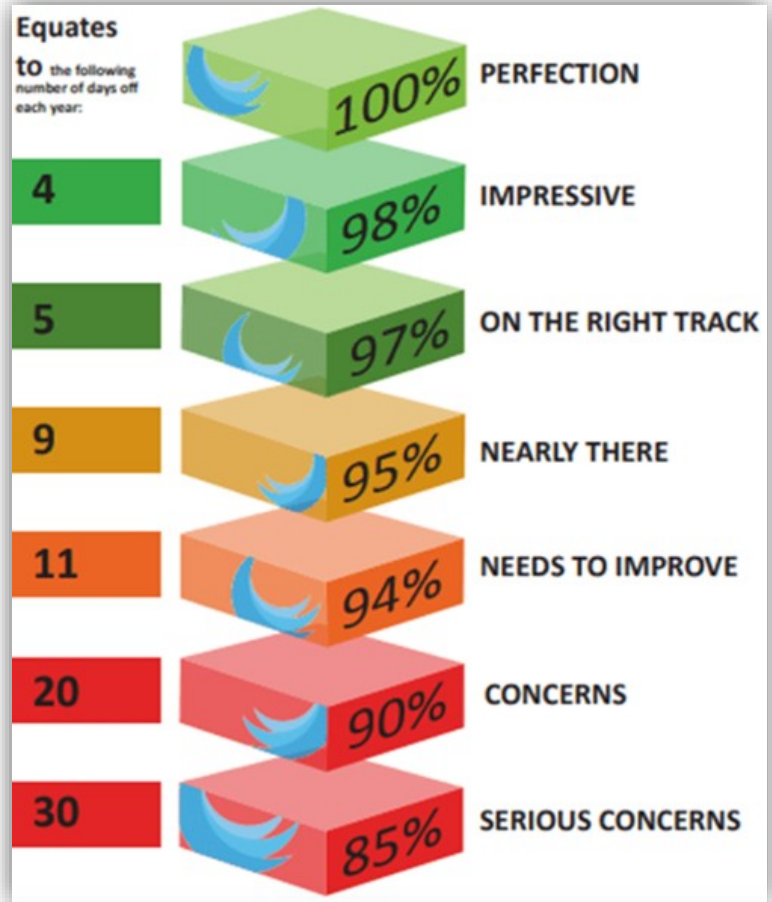


LOVE
HONESTY
HOPE
FAIRNESS
RESPECT
FORGIVENESS



Attendance Update

Attendance	
Nursery	96.3%
Reception	97.5%
Year 1	94.3%
Year 2	87.5%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	94.3%
Year 5	92.9%
Year 6	88%



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME



Thursday 16th January	Census Day special menu
Friday 17th January	Build a pizza night in the Ark
Monday 3rd February	Mental Health/Wellbeing Week with parent meeting 2.45pm
Wednesday 5th February	Year 2 Come and Learn 2.45pm
Monday 10th February	E Safety Parent Workshop 2.45pm
Tuesday 11th February	E safety Day
Friday 14th February	Break Up for half term
Monday 24th February	Teacher Training Day (School closed to children)
Tuesday 25th February	Back to school



Name of Club	Staff	Day	Time	Year groups	Dates	Cost
Times Table Rock Stars	Miss Cullen	Monday	Lunchtime	Year 3 4 5 and 6	Every Monday	free
Drawing Club	Mrs Collins/ Mrs Lambeth	Monday	3.15 to 4.00pm	Year 2,3,4,5 and 6	Each Monday	free
Forest School Club	Coach Andrew	Monday	3.15 to 4.15pm	Year 1 to 6	Each Monday	£2.50 per week
Choir	Mrs Gayler	Thursday	Lunchtime	All	Each Thursday	free
Expressive Arts	Coach Andrew	Thursday	3.15 to 4.15pm	Year 2,3,4,5 and 6	Each Thursday	£2.50 per week

To sign up:-

Drawing Club

<https://forms.office.com/e/vnTPRPnNVS>

Forest School

<https://forms.office.com/e/BVn9jhMrgp>

Expressive Arts (Dance, Gymnastics, Martial Arts

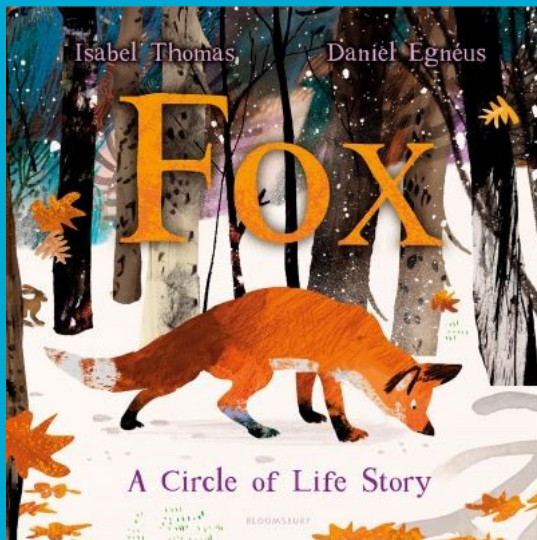
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Miss Cullen's Recommended Reads

Are you sitting comfortably? Are you fantasising about bamboo? Do you have black and white fur? Are you huge and cute and cuddly-looking? Well, put this book down, because you are a panda, and this is not a book for pandas.

This is a story about a girl called Scarlet. She's nine years old, just like you, if you're nine. If you're not nine, then she's more like someone else who is nine. She has red hair, just like you, unless your hair is brown. She is 127 centimetres tall, just like you, unless you're taller or shorter. Her favourite colour is green, just like you, unless your favourite colour is grey, although that seems highly unlikely. And she is as smart as a shiny button, just like you.



In the frost-covered forest of early spring, fox is on a mission to find food for her three cubs. As they grow, she teaches them how to survive in the wild. Until one day, fox dies. Her body goes back to earth and grass and air, nourishing the world around her and bringing the forest to life. Death is not just an end, it's also a beginning.

Fox: A Circle of Life Story answers the big scientific question: What happens when we die? Bringing together an evocative non-fiction narrative with breath-taking illustrations, this book will help parents and children to talk about life and death. It introduces the scientific concept that death leads to new life, and that this way of understanding the world is no less beautiful and awe-inspiring than traditional stories



DANCE

Classes



Ballet, Tap
Disco/Street Dance
Pre-School Dance & Adult
Tap

Classes held in Bubbenhall
& Wellesbourne

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