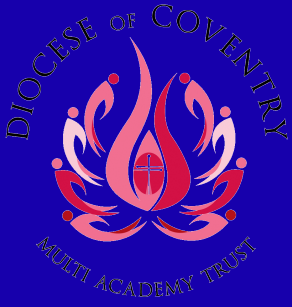


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## Newsletter Monday 6th October 2025



School Councils have been launched!

At the start of term, pupils were invited to nominate themselves for a range of school councils - an opportunity to take an active role in shaping the direction of our school. We're delighted to announce that from today, we have newly elected pupil leaders for the following councils:



### PUPIL LEADERSHIP 2025/6



#### School Council

Isabella, Clara, Ivy-Grace, Alex, Sophie and Leighton



#### Worship Council

Demi-Lee, Aubree, Grace, Ollie and Theodore.



#### Eco Council

Orla, Arla, Oscar (Y2), Iylah, Holly, Swayer, Evie,  
Emeralda, Veerun and Catlin.



#### Maths Council

Ted, Lawrence, Eddie and Vinnie

Congratulations to all the pupils who put themselves forward and to those selected. Your voice matters, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact you'll have on our school community through thoughtful leadership, collaboration, and action.

As we step into the heart of autumn, I want to take a moment to celebrate the vibrant learning and community spirit that continues to flourish across our school. From inspiring classroom moments to exciting new developments, this term has already brought much to be proud of.

**Learning Highlights** - Our pupils continue to embrace the new term with curiosity and enthusiasm. Across all year groups, we've seen thoughtful writing, some creative problem-solving, and collaborative learning. Special recognition goes to our KS2 writers for their recount of their recent residential trip - I do love to have a little preview of their work and always welcome children sharing their progress with me.

**Inclusive Practice and Wellbeing** We remain deeply committed to fostering an inclusive environment where every child feels seen, valued, and supported. Our SEND provision continues to strengthen, and staff are working collaboratively to embed inclusive strategies across the curriculum. Thank you for your ongoing partnership in this work. Mrs Firth attended her first training session to become an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA). Mrs Firth will be working directly with some children to support their understanding of their own emotions. This work is taking place alongside the development of a nurture room, which all children have access to, if they need some quiet reflection time.

### **Parent Workshops – Supporting Learning Together**

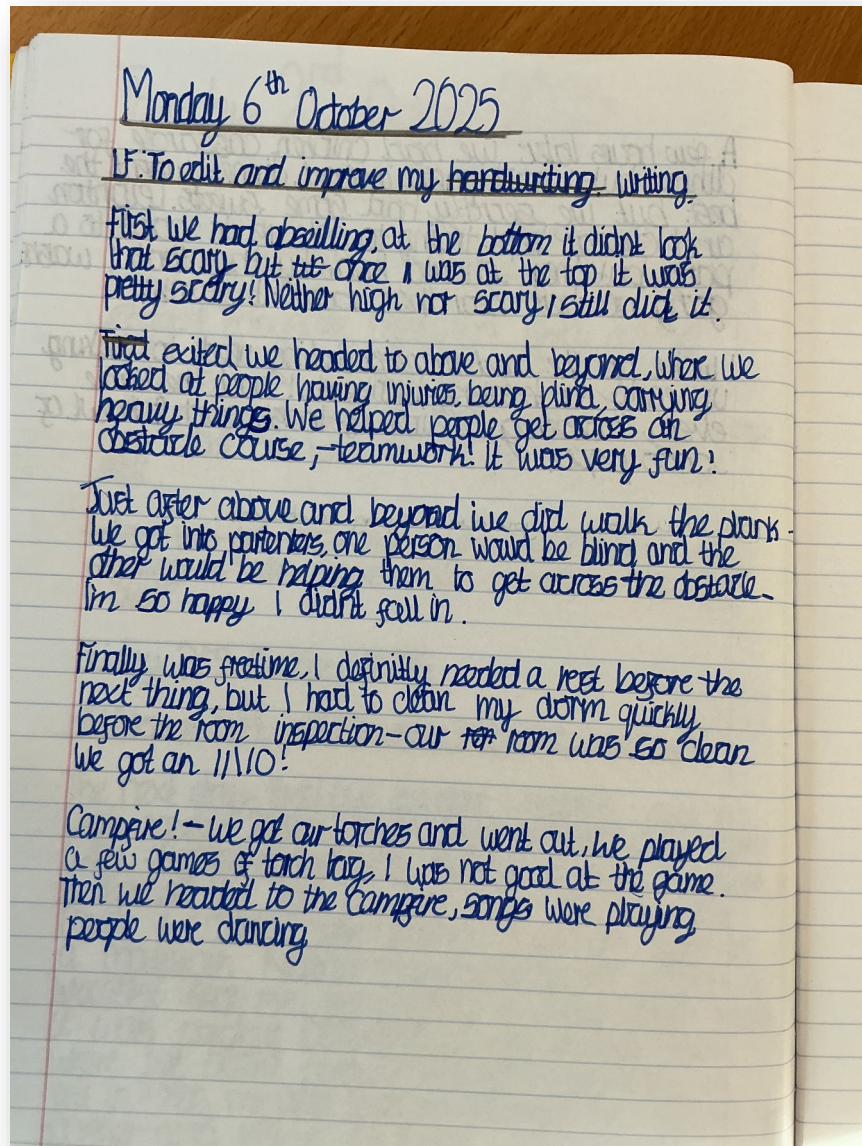
This term, we've held both Phonics and Maths workshops designed to help parents better understand how we teach key concepts in school. These sessions aim to strengthen the home - school partnership by equipping you with strategies to support your child's reading, homework, and overall learning journey.

While the workshops were well received by those who attended, we've noticed a lower uptake compared to last year. To help us improve future sessions and ensure they meet your needs, we would greatly appreciate your feedback.

Whether it's timing, format, content, or delivery - your insights will help us shape workshops that are both accessible and impactful.

Please feel free to share your thoughts via the school office or email. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Cullen, Head Teacher



The first draft of writing by a Year 6 child about their experiences at Frontier.

## Outdoor Play in All Weathers – Please Dress for the Season

As the colder months draw in and the weather becomes more unpredictable, outdoor access may be limited - but we remain committed to ensuring children benefit from fresh air and active play wherever possible. Research and experience show that outdoor time, even in wet conditions, supports focus, wellbeing, and learning in the classroom.



To help us make the most of outdoor opportunities, we kindly ask that all children come to school with a waterproof coat. If you wish, your child may also bring wellington boots to change into at break and lunchtime. This helps keep feet dry and comfortable throughout the day.

Please ensure that boots:

- ⇒ Are free from holes
- ⇒ Are clearly named
- ⇒ Arrive in a plastic bag for safe storage on your child's peg

Thank you for helping us keep outdoor learning accessible and enjoyable—rain or shine!



## Parent Drop-In Session – Tuesday 15th October

We warmly invite you to our upcoming Parent Drop-In Session on Tuesday 15th October. This informal opportunity allows you to speak with your child's class teacher about how they've settled into school life and their new class routines.

Mrs Lambeth, our SENDCo, will also be available should you have any general questions about SEND provision or support.

Please note that our individual Parents' Evening will take place after half term, offering a more in-depth conversation with your child's teacher about progress and next steps.

We look forward to welcoming you and continuing our strong home-school partnership.



# HARVEST WORSHIP

## FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025 9AM

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As harvest time approaches, we're proud to once again support the Rugby Food Bank—a vital initiative founded by local churches and community groups working together to stop hunger in our area. We warmly invite families to contribute to this year's collection. The Food Bank welcomes all donations, but they are especially in need of:

- UHT milk
- Tinned fruit
  - Coffee
  - Cereals
  - Crisps
- ...and other non-perishable items

If you would like to make a donation, please send items in with your child by Thursday 16th October. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference to families in need across our community.

Thank you for your continued support and kindness.

All children will contribute to the assembly, parents are welcome to come and watch at 9am.



### **Lost Property**

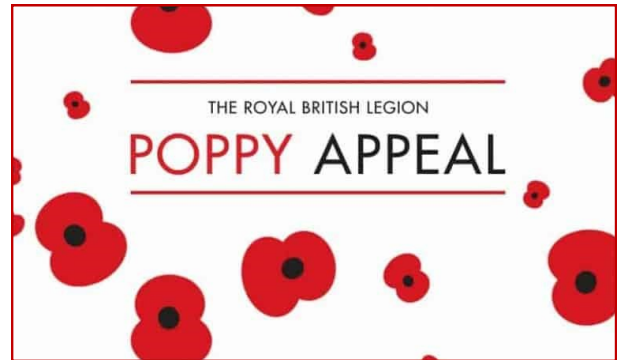
This rack, located outside the office, holds un-named school uniform. If your child's uniform is named, we will ensure it gets back to them.

Parents are welcome to take from this rack before or after school.

### **Date for your diary**

As in previous years, the school will be contributing work to the Ryton History Group Remembrance Day Exhibition. You can see the work on display on Sunday 9th November 10am to midday. There will be bacon rolls on sale to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal.

In the run up to Remembrance, we will be selling poppies and other goods in school. Dates to be announced on Class Dojo.



### **Governor Vacancy**

The closing date for the Parent Governor vacancy is 3.30pm on Friday 10th October.

### **Talent Show**

Sadly we have had to cancel the Talent Show on Friday 10th October as only 2 children signed up to perform. Refunds will be sent for those 2 children and we thank them for their interest.

### **On-line Safeguarding**

This week's free online safety guide, provided by the National Online Safety website, focuses on an add-on to Snapchat and Sendit.

Although not a stand-alone application it is important that trusted adults realise that any risks associated with Snapchat also affect children using 'Sendit'. Within the app, people play question games like 'Truth or Dare' and 'Never Have I Ever': users select a question to share on their Snapchat story for their friends to reply to. All responses are anonymous, although -for paying subscribers - 'Sendit' reveals hints about who sent which message.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# SENDIT

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Age rating:

12+  
App Store

Teen  
Google Play

However, Sendit's own terms and conditions state that it was developed for the 17+ age group

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### ANONYMOUS RESPONSES

Anonymity online encourages people to say things and act in ways that they normally wouldn't. They're less accountable, and it's harder to track who sent a message. Research has highlighted that children perceive anonymous messages as being more severe than if the same message had come from a friend. Any app that lets children communicate anonymously should be treated with caution.

### MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Categories of questions such as "Ask me anything" or "Rate me" – coupled with the app's anonymity – mean there is a likelihood of some friends or strangers (if the account is set to 'public') responding in a negative manner. These critical comments (especially if there are several) could ruin a young person's self-esteem – heightening their insecurities and affecting their mental health.

### MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Currently costing £8.49 per week, Sendit's Diamond Membership offers clues about who sent a particular message, such as their approximate location, the type of phone used and any mutual friends. Membership also provides exclusive games and an ad-free experience. Young people may well be curious to find out who certain messages are from and therefore sign up for membership.

### BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

Open-ended questions which relate personally to the sender are an opportunity for malicious people to make offensive remarks, which can lead to full-blown bullying and harassment. Additionally, bullies and trolls can hide behind the anonymity that Sendit offers, feeling more powerful and able to intimidate their target – who, by contrast, feels hurt, victimised and helpless.

### POSSIBLE GROOMING

If your child doesn't have their Snapchat account set to private, or they have previously added strangers as friends, there is a possibility of predators responding to their Sendit questions. They do this in an attempt to gather information about your child – or to initiate a conversation with them, seeking ultimately to form an online 'friendship' and gain the young person's trust.

### REPEATED ENGAGEMENT

On Sendit, users receive trophies for reaching a particular number of responses, for answering friends' questions and for posting their own. This sense of achievement could incentivise a young person to be active on Sendit more frequently – spending more time on their phone or tablet as they may naturally want to collect all of the trophies or might be competing with their peers.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

If your child has already downloaded Sendit, it might be wise to have a discussion with them about the impact that saying something anonymously online could have on others. Encourage them to think about how they would feel if they were on the receiving end of a particular comment. Reminding them to stop and re-read messages before sending could reduce the number of regrettable situations.

### TALK IT OVER

Before allowing a young person onto a social networking app, it's a good idea to chat with them about the possibility of receiving hurtful comments. Explain that not everyone online is nice; that people often say things they don't mean; and that posts get misinterpreted. Teach your child not to reply to any offensive users on Sendit and simply block instead them (via the three dots in the top right of the screen).

### BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

Even if you do allow your child to use Sendit, you might want to consider talking to them in advance about whether they really need a membership subscription. Either way, it's probably safest to make sure that in-app purchases are blocked in the settings, or that you have configured your child's device to ask for your approval before making a purchase online.

### ONLY PLAY WITH FRIENDS

Stress the importance of your child playing Sendit games only with their close friends and not having strangers on their contacts list. This should help to keep the nature of the questions light-hearted – and if the games are being played among a small group, it will be easier for the members to figure out who gave certain answers if someone's been left feeling hurt or uncomfortable by any responses.

## 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.



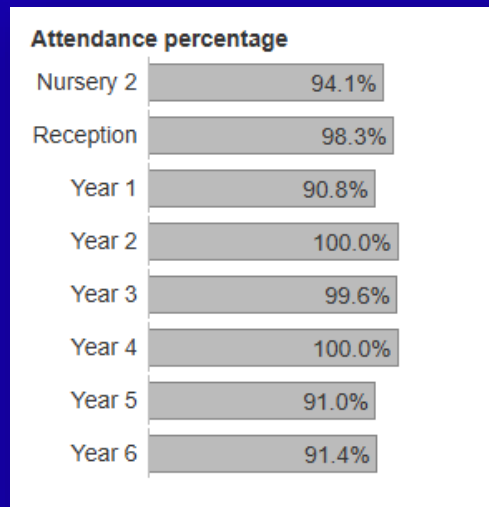
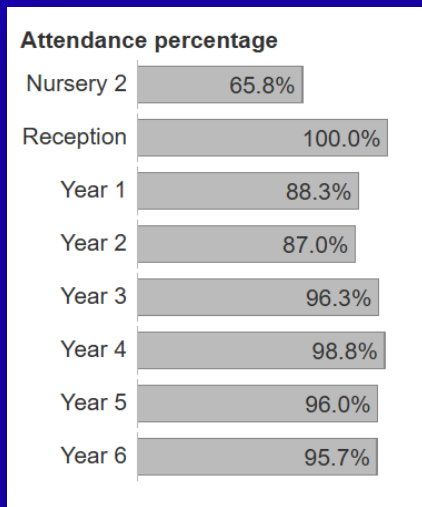
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#WakeUpWednesday





# Attendance Update



Attendance is always a focus in school. On a daily and weekly basis the office and Miss Cullen look at reasons for absence and possible ways we can support families to improve attendance.

The charts above show the last 2 weeks attendance for our school.

This link gives more information about if your child is too ill for school:-

[Is my child too ill for school?](#)  
- [NHS](#)



## Should I keep my child off school?

### Yes

#### Until...

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Chickenpox                                     | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over  |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting                         | 48 hours after their last episode  |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo                                       | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics  |
| Measles  | 4 days after the rash first appeared   |
| Mumps  | 5 days after the swelling started  |
| Scabies  | they've had their first treatment  |
| Scarlet Fever                                  | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics   |
| Whooping Cough                                 | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics   |

### No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice            | Tonsillitis     |
| Threadworms          | Slapped cheek   |



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Year 1

Demi Lee

Year 2

Gerard

Year 3

Keshiyah

Year 4

Lily

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D'Vontai

Year 6

Oscar



# VALUES AWARD

This is awarded to pupils who have shown our school values of:

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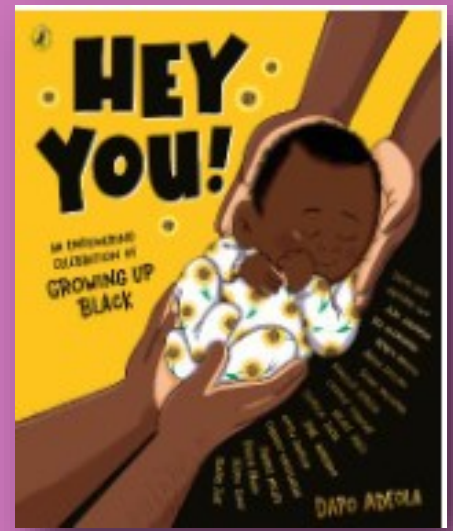


October marks Black History Month, and throughout the term we will be exploring and celebrating Black culture, history, and achievements across the curriculum. This is an important opportunity for our school community to deepen our commitment to diversity, inclusion, and shared learning.

Remember to dream your own dreams

Love your beautiful skin

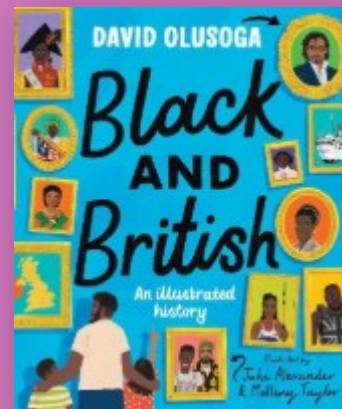
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## Miss Cullen's Recommended Reads



This book addresses - honestly, yet hopefully - the experiences Black children face growing up with systemic racism, as well as providing hope for the future, delivering a powerful message to a new generation of dreamers. It's a message that is both urgent and timeless - and offers a rich and rewarding reading experience for every child.



BOOK WORM



From Roman Africans guarding Hadrian's Wall, to an African trumpeter in the court of Henry the Eighth, Black Georgians fighting for the abolition of slavery, Black soldiers fighting for Britain in the First World War, Windrush and right up today. These are the stories that brought us all together in this country. When did Africans first come to Britain? Who are the well-dressed black children in Georgian paintings?

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