

Ryton-on-Dunsmore Provost Williams

Church of England Academy

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Newsletter Monday 8th September 2025

"Let your light shine"

Welcome Back to Ryton!

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It's a real pleasure to welcome both our returning families and those joining us for the first time to a brand new school year at Ryton-on-Dunsmore Academy. The start of term always brings a sense of excitement, and we're looking forward to a year filled with learning, growth and opportunities for every child to shine.

A Special Welcome to New Families

A particularly warm welcome to our newest families. Our Early Years team have done a fantastic job settling our Reception and Nursery children into their new routines. We've been so impressed by how well they've adapted - even joining us for assembly on Friday and again today. We're also delighted to welcome new children across other year groups, along with their families.

A Positive Start Across the School

Across the school, the atmosphere has been one of positivity and purpose. As I walked through classrooms last week, I was reminded once again of what a special school we have. Our children have responded to the changes and ongoing work in school with great resilience and a positive attitude.

Staff Training & Safeguarding Focus

Before the children returned, our staff team came together for a dedicated training day, with a strong focus on safeguarding. It was a valuable opportunity to refresh our understanding of the vital role we all play in keeping children safe - the core purpose that underpins everything we do at Ryton. We're proud of the culture of safeguarding we continue to build and maintain, and we're grateful to our whole school community for supporting this essential work.

I also shared our Academy Improvement Plan with staff, enabling us to hit the ground running in our continued drive for excellence across the school.

MCAS App Update

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued patience and support regarding the recent challenges with our new MCAS app. We're aware that some activities and payment options are not yet available to all, and we're working hard to resolve these issues.

Finally, on behalf of the entire staff team, thank you for your kind words, cards, and gifts received at the end of last year. Your generosity and encouragement mean a great deal to us.

Miss Cullen, Head Teacher





Collective Worship at Ryton on Dunsmore Academy

This year, we are delighted to be following Roots and Fruits 2, a rich and reflective collective worship resource that will guide our assemblies and classroom discussions throughout the year. Our theme for this term is The Word of Jesus, and each week we'll explore a different Christian value — including Hope, Community, Dignity, Wisdom, Joy, and Peace.

In class, children will have the opportunity to reflect on these values and discuss how we can live them out in our everyday choices, relationships, and learning. These moments of reflection help us nurture a school culture rooted in kindness, purpose, and spiritual growth.

This morning, our first worship focused on the value of Joy, inspired by the verse from John 8:12: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

This message beautifully echoes our school vision and reminds us of the light we can bring to one another through joy, compassion, and shared purpose.

Behaviour and School Culture at



Ryton on Dunsmore Academy



We've had a fantastic start to the term, and it's been heartening to see our pupils settling back into routines with such positivity and respect. Across the school, children have demonstrated kindness, curiosity, and a real commitment to our shared values - whether that's through teamwork in the classroom, thoughtful choices in the playground, or showing resilience in new learning challenges.

Our staff have been reinforcing expectations consistently, and we're proud of the calm, purposeful atmosphere that's already taking shape. We continue to use our Behaviour for Learning Policy to guide pupils in making good choices, and we're seeing strong engagement with our rewards systems - from verbal praise and recognition in assemblies to class-based incentives that celebrate effort and character.

As always, we appreciate the partnership of our families in supporting behaviour at home and school. If you'd like to revisit our Behaviour policy or discuss any concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we're building a culture where every child feels safe, valued, and ready to thrive.

Uniform



A gentle reminder to please ensure that all items of school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. We've already had a number of lost items this term, many of which unfortunately had no names and couldn't be returned to their owners.

Lost property is located just outside the hall, please feel free to check if your child is missing anything. Thank you for your support in helping us keep belongings safe and easily reunited with their owners.

Clubs



Our free after-school clubs were launched on Monday, with choir and Fun Fitness. On Thursday we start Papercraft with Mrs Lambeth, iDraw with Mrs Collins and Football with Miss Cullen.

If you would like your child to join a club, please sign up on MCAS. We would particularly love to see more children at choir, as we plan to take the choir to Birmingham in January to join thousands of other children for Young Voices 2026. Call/email the office if you are unable to sign up on MCAS.

MCAS

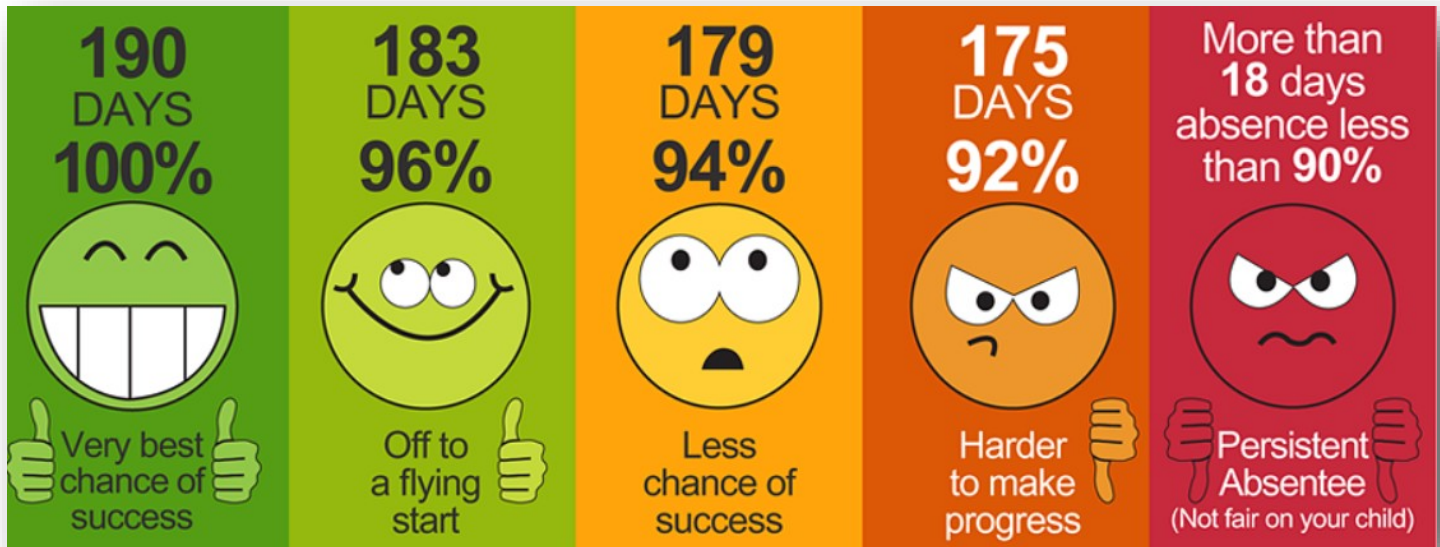
Apologies for the delay in loading Ark payments and swimming to MCAS. This is outside our control and relates to world-wide issues with Bromcom, the system that runs MCAS. We have received an apology from the company however most schools are still experiencing issues. This affects our ability to load new items and also log attendance, so the information you see on MCAS for attendance may be delayed.

The timing for our school is a little unfortunate as we really wanted to show our new app as the positive step that we know it is. Thank you for your understanding.

Julie, School Office

Attendance Update

Every day at school counts. The evidence is clear - even a few days of missed school can have a significant impact on a child's education and future prospects. As a parent or carer, you have an important role in making school attendance a priority. Only keep your child off school when they are genuinely too ill to attend. Book medical appointments and holidays outside of school time whenever possible and talk to us if you're having difficulties with attendance.



Attendance data is analysed **every day** in our school by Miss Cullen and the office team. Please let us know if your child is absent from school by phone or email before 9.30am.

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS
IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR
5 MINUTES
late each day
= **3** days off in total

The graphic features a blue background with white and dark blue text. At the bottom right, there is a yellow stopwatch icon with a red needle pointing to the 5-minute mark.

All lateness has to be coded as per our Attendance Policy which is based on Department for Education guidelines.

Children arriving after registration closes at 9am will be given a late mark "L" on your MCAS Attendance module. Arrivals after 9.30am will be given a "U" code. This is an unauthorised absence.

We will continue to show attendance information and achievements in our newsletter. Thank you for your support.



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Parental Engagement Calendar 2025/6

HEADTEACHER: MISS S. CULLEN

September

Monday 1st September

Teacher Training Day, school closed to children. Back to school Tuesday 2nd September.

Wed 17th Sep

Connect for Health Year 6

Monday 29th September

2.45pm
Early Years Phonics Parent Workshop

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th September

Frontier

Friday 26th September 10am

Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

Black History Month

Monday 6th October

Maths Workshop for parents
2.45pm

13th-24th October

IEP Meeting for children on the SEN register

15th October 3.30pm-4.30pm

Parent drop in with class teachers

Friday 17th October

Harvest Worship

Thursday 23rd October 2.45pm

Time to Shine! Rowling Class

27th October to 31st October

Half Term Break

November

Monday 3th November

Back to School, Early Bird Week. Attendance raffle each week from now to end of term.

Tuesday 4th November

Individual school photographs

Friday 7th November

Anti-Bullying Workshop for parents 2.45pm

Monday 10th November 2.45pm

Year 6 Parent Meeting for SATS

Tuesday 11th November

Act of Remembrance

Wednesday 17th-21st November

Assessment Week

Tues and Wed 25/26 November

Parent Consultation

28th November

Flu Immunisation Day Rec-Y6

December

Wednesday 3rd December

Pantomime

Thursday 4th December 2.45pm

Time to Shine! Wilde Class

Tuesday 16th December

Attendance Reward event

Wednesday 17th December

Early Years/KS1 Nativity

Thursday 18th December

Early Years/KS1 Nativity

Friday 19th December

Break up for Christmas

January

Friday 2nd January

Teacher Training Day, school closed to children

Monday 5th January

Back to school

Tuesday 13th January

Severn Trent Assembly

Friday 16th January

World Religion Day Celebration

Monday 26th January

Young Voices Event Birmingham

February

Thursday 6th February 2.45pm

Time to Shine! Dahl Class

Monday 9th February

Safer Internet Day/Children's Mental Health Day, parent workshop at 2.45pm.

Friday 13th February

Break up for half term

Monday 23rd February

Teacher Training Day, school closed to children

24th-27th February

IEP Meetings for children on the SEN register



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Parental Engagement Calendar 2024/5

HEADTEACHER: MISS S CULLEN

March



2nd-6th March
IEP Meetings for children on the SEN register

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day

6-15th March
British Science Week. In school Science Event.

9-13th March
Assessment Week

Wednesday 11th March
Mother's Day Event

Tues 17th and Wed 18th March
Parent Consultation

Friday 27th March
Break up for Easter Holiday

April

Monday 13th April
Back to School

Monday 27th April
Time to Shine! Carle Class

Thursday 30th April
Time to Shine! Rowling Class

May



Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday

11th-14th May
Year 6 SATS Week

Friday 15th May
Class Photographs

Monday 18th May
Relationships, Sex, Health Education Parent Meeting

Wednesday 20th May
Crowning of the May King and Queen

Thursday 21st May
Break up

Friday 22nd May
Teacher Training Day

June



Monday 1st June
Back to school (Early Bird Week)

1st -5th June
Year 4 Multiplication Check

Thursday 4th June
Time to Shine! Dahl Class

8th-12th June
KS1 Phonics

Wednesday 10th June 2.45pm
Time to Shine! Wilde Class

Wednesday 17th June
Father's Day Event

Monday 29th June 5pm
New parent meeting, Early Years

July

Tuesday 1st July
Time to Shine! Carle Class

Wednesday 2nd July
Sports Day, Picnic and Fete

Wednesday 8th July
Moving On Day

Friday 10th July
End of year reports given out

Monday 13th July
Parent drop-in

Friday 17th July
Last day for children
Leavers Assembly 1.45pm

Notes

This calendar is subject to change, although we aim to give parents as much notice as possible if amendments are needed. These are sometimes outside our control.



STAR LEARNERS



Early Years

Joey



Year 1

Grace



Year 2

Jessica



Year 3

Ivy-Grace



Year 4

Freddie



Year 5

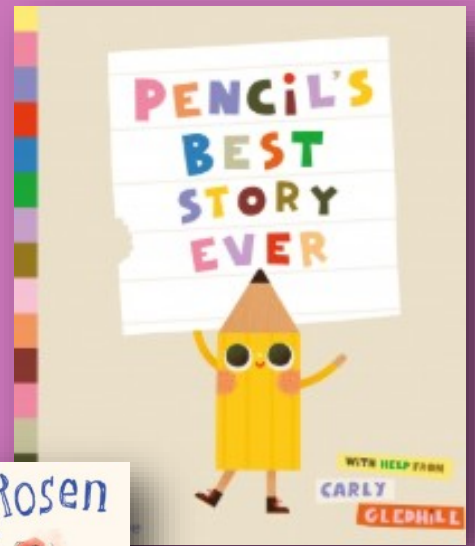
Alex and Kai

The “Values Award” for Respect went to Kieran

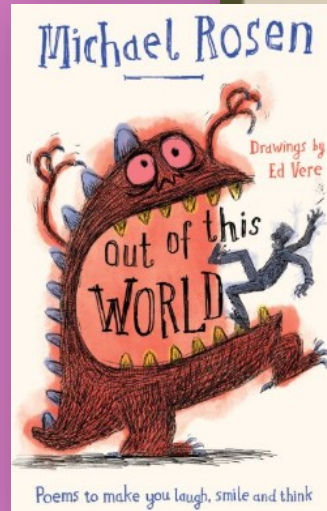


Well done superstars!

Pencil has written THE BEST STORY EVER and he can't wait to share it with you. But when Pencil's characters refuse to keep to the story, chaos unfolds. Can Pencil pull his story back on track so that EVERYONE can play a part and EVERYONE can enjoy it? *Pencil's Best Story Ever* is celebration of creativity, story writing and resilience with fun characters children will love.



Miss Cullen's Recommended Reads



This book feels like another instant classic from the award-winning team of former Children's Laureate Rosen and the incredible Ed Vere. Featuring an otherworldly collection of a dozen dazzling poems, *Out of This World* is full of poems to make you laugh, make you smile and make you think. Properly think.

What if you lived in AD3528 and lived in Underwater London? Imagine a beast, a monster whose only food was letters, gobbling up the whole alphabet. What a nightmare that would be! What would it be like to be a red blood cell? Imagine a day in the life of a cat? What if you lived in a world of disaster daydreaming!

Full of crazy scenarios and bursting with imagination, this hardback collection of poems is a joy. And complemented by the most beautiful black and white illustrations throughout, this is a book that will serve generations of children and adults for years to come.





DANCE Classes

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

Classes held in Bubbenhall
& Wellesbourne

Contact Sarah Cooke
sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com
or 07751470318

Alex's Football Coaching Weekly Football Club 2025 Free Taster Session on 16th September



Tuesdays
Starting 16th September
Meadow Park School
Abbey Rd, Coventry
CV3 4BD

Group 1	5pm - 6pm	School Years Reception, Year 1 & 2
Group 2	6pm - 7pm	School Years 3 +

We are excited and pleased to announce our brand-new weekly sessions programme on Tuesdays inside the sports hall. The course will be run over 13 weeks starting with our free taster on the 16th September & is aimed for children aged 4 - 12, with all abilities from total beginners to the more experienced players catered for.

Over the duration of the course, we will be focusing on many different aspects including teamwork, confidence building and technical skills in our activities, games, drills & matches.

Coaches are FA qualified; DBS checked
and have lots of experience working with children.

All footballers will have a presentation at the end of the course
where they will receive their individual trophy.

There is also lots of opportunities to win extra medals & trophies throughout the 13 weeks.

The cost of the course is £115, with additional siblings being £90.
(This can be paid on the 23rd September)

Alternatively, £60 for 6 consecutive sessions, subsequent siblings £50, or pay as you play £15

If you would like to book a place on our football course for your child, please text
Child's Name + Meadow Park + Group Number to Alex - **07758752033**
or if you have any other queries, please contact us.

(Children can join onto the course on any week so do not worry if you cannot make the 16th September,
we completely understand children are going to miss weeks throughout the duration of the course.)