Ryton on Dunsmore Academy

12th October 2026



Upcoming Events

14th Oct
Year 3 and 4 trip to the Lunt Roman Fort

16th October
Harvest Worship, all welcome 9am

Parent Consultation
Tuesday 20th October 4-6pm
Wednesday 21st October 3.30-5.30pm (book on MCAS)

Thursday 22nd Oct
Break up for half term
(INSET day Friday 23rd October)
PTA Autumn Festival

Message from Miss Cullen

Last week was yet another busy week in school, and it was a pleasure to see the many learning experiences and achievements that took place across the school. The children continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, curiosity and willingness to embrace new opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom.

Preparations for our Harvest Celebration are well underway, and we are looking forward to welcoming Adam Tams, one of our school governors, who will be leading our celebrations on Friday. Harvest is always a lovely opportunity for us to come together as a school community, reflect on the importance of gratitude and giving, and celebrate the values that are so important to us at Ryton.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The partnership between home and school plays such an important role in making Ryton the special community that it is, and we are grateful for everything you do to support both your children and the wider school.

Miss Cullen
Head teacher

Love Honesty Fairness Hope Respect Forgiveness

Ryton on Dunsmore Academy

Beyond the curriulum opportunities

Last week also saw our first school trip of the year, with pupils from Rowling Class visiting Coventry Cathedral. It was wonderful to hear about the thoughtful and insightful questions the children asked during their visit. They represented the school brilliantly and demonstrated the curiosity and enthusiasm that we love to see in our learners.

This week, Wilde Class will be heading off to Lunt Roman Fort, and I know they are all extremely excited about the experience. Educational visits such as these bring learning to life and provide children with opportunities to deepen their understanding beyond what can be taught in the classroom.

A significant amount of planning and organisation goes into every trip we offer, so I would like to thank all of the staff involved in making these opportunities possible for our children. Looking further ahead, we are currently exploring the possibility of taking our current Year 4 and Year 5 pupils to Frontier Centre next October. This is an opportunity that we know many children would enjoy and benefit from. However, due to the significant increase in costs this year, we are carefully considering whether the trip remains financially viable and accessible for all families.

We will be communicating with parents of children in these year groups in the coming weeks as we explore a range of options, including potential dates, trip length and alternative arrangements. Our aim is to ensure that as many pupils as possible have the opportunity to participate in an exciting residential experience while keeping costs manageable for families.

Whatever the Weather!

This week also saw our first wet lunchtime in quite some time. Whilst the children were initially disappointed to see the rain arrive, we are committed to ensuring that they can continue to enjoy outdoor play and fresh air throughout the year, even when the weather is not at its best.

With this in mind, please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat and a pair of wellies in school. This will allow them to fully participate in outdoor play while staying warm, dry and comfortable. The only time we will keep children indoors is during periods of particularly heavy rain or when weather conditions make it unsafe to go outside.

Unfortunately, a number of children did not have coats in school last week and, where no spare coats were available, this meant they were unable to make the most of their outdoor time. We know how important playtimes are for children's wellbeing, physical development and social interaction, and we would hate for anyone to miss out.

Thank you for your support in helping us make the most of every playtime. Whether it is sunshine, wind or rain, outdoor play provides valuable opportunities for exploration, creativity, physical activity and, most importantly, lots of fun with friends.

Safeguarding

Road Safety

You may have seen our PCSO Samantha Goode outside school recently at the end of the school day. This follows concerns about **a number of adults and children moving in front and behind cars as they are moving away from the school site. The safety of our pupils, families and staff is our highest priority, so we would like to remind everyone to take extra care during drop-off and collection times.**

Please ensure that:

- Children and adults use safe places to cross and remain aware of moving vehicles at all times.
- No vehicles are parked on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school, as these markings are in place to help keep children safe.
- Children are seated appropriately in vehicles, including using booster seats where required.
- All children wear their seatbelts before the vehicle is moving.

UK law is clear: children must use a child car seat until they are 12 years old or 135cm tall, whichever comes first. After that, they must use a seat belt.

We ask all families to help us keep our school community safe by following these important road safety measures and showing consideration for other road users.

Online Safety

This week's free online safety guide, provided by the National Online Safety (NOS) website, focuses on Horror Games. Horror video games come in such a variety that the genre can be hard to define. The overlapping element is that these games are designed to scare or unsettle the player through gameplay, atmosphere, story, music, setting and 'jump scares'.

The most common sub- genres are survival horror, action horror, psychological horror, jump-scare horror and reverse horror. These games originate from a range of developers which release download-only titles and therefore aren't subject to age ratings.

Attendance

Our whole-school attendance for date is 94.7%, which remains below the current national average of 95.9%. With our last week attendance being 95.2%. While we recognise that there are occasions when children are unable to attend school due to genuine illness or medical appointments, it is vitally important that they are in school whenever possible.

Every day in school matters. Not only do children miss valuable learning when they are absent, but they can also miss key explanations, discussions and social opportunities that help them feel connected to their class and school community.

Miss McLardy and I meet every Monday to review attendance across the school and identify any emerging patterns or concerns. This allows us to work proactively with families and offer support before attendance becomes a significant issue.

If you feel there is any additional support that you or your child may need to help improve attendance, please do not hesitate to speak to either Miss McLardy or me. We are committed to working in partnership with families to ensure that every child can access their full educational entitlement and achieve the very best outcomes.

SEND offer - ECHO

We are pleased to share information about ECHO – Every Child and Young Person Heard and Offered Support, a new mental health and wellbeing service available across Warwickshire.

ECHO provides early mental health and emotional wellbeing support for children and young people aged 0–18. The service is designed to help children and families access the right support at the right time, without having to wait for difficulties to become more serious or for a formal diagnosis.

Parents and carers can refer their child directly to ECHO and access a wealth of support. This can include one-to-one support, counselling and therapy, wellbeing and sports workshops, community groups, mentoring, and practical advice and training for parents and carers. Support is available for a wide range of concerns, including anxiety, low mood, emotional regulation, self- esteem, sleep, friendships, relationships, transitions, routines and parenting support.

How to contact ECHO:
📞 024 7663 1835
📧 cyp@echosupport.org.uk
🌐 ECHO Support website

Parents and carers can also complete the ECHO Referral Form directly.

Star Learners at Ryton on Dunsmore Academy

Early Years -Thomas
Year 1 - Evelyn
Year 2 - Aubree
Year 3 - Holly
Year 4 - Eddie
Year 5 - Veerun
Year 6 - Imogen

Values Awards

Ava - Forgiveness

HARVEST WORSHIP

Our Harvest Worship is on
Friday 16th October at 9am.

All the children will be contributing, parents, carers, grandparents would be very welcome to join us.

Donations for our Harvest Table

As in previous years, we will be donating to a local food bank, helping local people in crisis. The list of currently needed items are:-

Tinned Spaghetti, Cream Crackers, Tinned Snack Meals, Tinned Veg (Peas/Carrots), Soap, Laundry Products

Thank you















Photos of the Week

Our photos of the week include Mrs Boneham serving the dinner in costume for Hello Yellow day for mental health on Friday. We raised £44.00, thank you so much to everyone who donated.

The children took part in Ninja Warrior activities in the hall on Monday and Year 1 and 2 have been working on their "Space" booklets.

The next photos are of the amazing artwork we have had installed in school, brightening up the main entrance and Key Stage 2 coridoor.

They include maps, a history timeline, fun Science facts, British values and a smart entrance graphic showing our school values.




ELECTRICITY
LIGHT AND SHADOWS
SOUND
SCIENCE IN MY AREA...
MATERIALS SCIENCE
SCIENCE
EARTH AND SPACE
PLANTS
ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS
FORCES
STATES OF MATTER


Our Values
Welcome to Our School
SAFEGUARDING
"Let your light shine."


DEMOCRACY
RULE OF LAW
WHAT ARE...
BRITISH VALUES


Stone Age & Iron Age
2.5 million years - 43 AD
Romans
55 BC - 430 AD
Anglo-Saxons
Vikings


Tudors
The Modern Period
1500s - 1945 AD
Contemporary History
1945 - Onwards AD
2022 AD
2016 AD


THE UK
THE WORLD

Autumn FESTIVAL

£3 or 3 tokens entry

Entry includes –



Scavenger hunt



Mini disco



Crafts

Token event

We will be selling –



Tattoos



Food and drink



Chocolate marshmallows



Fidgets and squishes

22/10/26
4.30pm till 6pm

All parents to attend except Yr 5 and Yr 6

2 WEEKS TO GO!

Autumn FESTIVAL

PRICE LIST

ENTRY
3 TOKENS

SWEETCONES
1 TOKEN

DRINKS
1 TOKEN

CHOC AND MARSHMALLOW CUPS
1 TOKEN

TATTOOS
SMALL - 1 TOKEN
LARGE - 2 TOKENS

SHOP
1 - 4 TOKENS

SCAVENGER HUNT
FREE

Tokens can be purchased from PTA or via bank transfer,
Info to follow

CARVE A PUMPKIN OR DECORATE A SPOOKY PLATE





£1 PER ENTRY

PLEASE SUPPLY YOUR OWN PUMPKINS

PTA WILL PROVIDE PAPER PLATES

PRIZES UP FOR GRABS

BRING YOUR SPOOKY CREATIONS
W/C 19TH OCTOBER

HARRIS C of E ACADEMY SSP Presents:

Bikeability – October 2026 Half Term Course

LEVEL 1 TRAINING FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6:

This training teaches basic cycle control skills in a safe environment away from traffic and will be run at Harris C of E Academy's Sport Centre in Rugby.
Children must be able to cycle independently (no stabilisers) before coming on the course.
Training takes place outside and children should be dressed appropriately in weather proof clothing with gloves recommended if it is cold, and sun protection as appropriate.
Children need to bring a non-fizzy drink.
Due to known allergies, we ask that no nut products are brought onto school site please.

Course: Monday 26th October 2026 from 09:30am to 11:30am
Cost: £14 per person payable in advance with a booking form.
Please note that payment is accepted by card only.

Early booking is essential as places are strictly limited and will be filled on a first come first served basis.
**** Closing deadline for bookings is Monday 12th October 2026. None will be accepted after this date. ****
Courses will only run if minimum numbers are reached. Children will need to have their own bicycle and helmet.
Please note that refunds are not available unless the course is cancelled by Harris Sports Centre.

To book a place, please email Debbie: ssp@harris.covmat.org



HARRIS C of E ACADEMY SSP Presents:

Bikeability – October 2026 Half Term Course

LEVEL 2 TRAINING FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS 5, 6 & 7:

This training prepares students for cycling on the public highway for short journeys such as home to school and will be run from Harris C of E Academy's Sport Centre in Rugby. It is strongly recommended that children complete the Level 1 course before attempting Level 2. Children must be able to cycle independently (no stabilisers) before coming on the course. Training takes place outside and children should be dressed appropriately in weather proof clothing with gloves recommended if it is cold, and sun protection as appropriate. Children need to bring a snack and non-fizzy drink.
Due to known allergies, we ask that no nut products are brought onto school site please.

Course: Tuesday 27th Oct & Wed 28th October 2026 from 09:15am to 12:30pm (both days)
Cost: £35 per person payable in advance with a booking form.
Please note that payment is accepted by card only.

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Lest We Forget
8TH
NOVEMBER
REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY
Service
10.15
AM
St Leonard's Church
we will be walking to the war
memorial at 10.50am


OUR VENUES
BEDWORTH
EXHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL
CV7 9NS
COVENTRY
HOLLYFAST PRIMARY SCHOOL
CV6 2AH
LEAMINGTON SPA
OAKLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
CV33 9QE
NUNEATON
PARK LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL
CV10 8NL
RUGBY
RUGBY COLLEGE
CV21 1AR
RUGBY
ROKEBY PRIMARY SCHOOL
CV22 5PE
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BOOKINGS ALSO LIVE!
WHY CHOOSE US!
ALL INSTRUCTORS DBS CHECKED AND SAFEGAURD TRAINED
EXPERIENCED & PASSIONATE COACHES
MULTI HAF LOCATIONS ACROSS WARWICKSHIRE & WASALL
ALL CHILDREN ACROSS HAF VENUES ARE FED
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TWIRLS
RYTON-ON-DUNSMORE
Thursday October 15th 7.30pm
St Leonards Church Centre,
Ryton-on-Dunsmore CV8 3ET
Members free | Visitors and Friends £6
Raffle £1 per ticket or £3 for 5 tickets
AGM followed by our guest speaker
Ian from Warwickshire Wildlife
speaking talking to us about
Warwickshire Wildlife Trust
"Gardening for Wildlife"
We can all help to encourage wildlife to flourish by making our gardens wildlife friendly. Find out practical hints and tips to 'go wild in your garden'.
Bring your own drinks and nibbles
Any questions at all
07710388199
All Ladies Welcome, bring a friend!