Ryton on Dunsmore Academy

28th September 2026



Upcoming Events

28th/29th Sep
Level 2 Bikeability Years 5 and 6

1st Oct
Census Day

8th Oct
Year 5 and 6 trip to Coventry Cathedral

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

Thursday 22nd Oct
Break up for half term

Message from Miss Cullen

A Positive Start and Continuing to Move Forward

Our newsletter was delayed by a week due to our Ofsted inspection, as we focused on the various activities and meetings that form part of a Section 8 2-day inspection. The results of this inspection are currently confidential and we hope to be able to share them with you in approximately 3 weeks when the full report is published.
School life continues to be busy week at Ryton-on-Dunsmore Academy. It has been lovely to see the children becoming increasingly settled into their new classes and routines. On my walks around school, there has been a really positive buzz, with children engaged in their learning, growing in confidence and, most importantly, looking happy to be in school.

Working Together to Be the Best We Can Be

We recently welcomed Pal Brom, our School improvement partners this year and Leah Baddley, Head of Education from the Trust, into school. They both spent time visiting classrooms, talking to staff and pupils, and looking at the teaching and learning taking place across Ryton.

I have always been very open about our commitment to continually improving what we do.

Love Honesty Fairness Hope Respect Forgiveness

Message from Miss Cullen (Continued)

Visits such as this give us an opportunity to celebrate the things that are going well, but also to reflect honestly on where we can be even better. No school ever stands still, and I want us to continue to challenge ourselves to ensure that every child at Ryton receives the very best education possible.

Investing in Our Staff

Developing our staff continues to be an important part of our improvement journey. This week, a number of staff have either attending offsite conferences, or NPQ clinics bringing back new ideas and knowledge that can be shared and used across school.

I strongly believe that investing in our staff ultimately means investing in our children. We want staff to continue developing their teaching, learning from others and having opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and practice. There will be lots more professional development taking place throughout the year as we continue to focus on improving teaching and learning across Ryton.

Settling In and Growing in Confidence

As we move further into the term, it has been wonderful to see just how well the children have settled. Classrooms are busy, routines are becoming established and the children are already showing us what they are capable of.

A special mention must go to our youngest children, who continue to amaze us with how quickly they have adapted to school life. Starting school is a huge milestone, not only for the children but for parents too! Seeing them coming through the doors, growing in confidence and beginning to develop their independence is always very special.

For children across school, moving into a new year group brings different expectations and challenges. I have been really pleased to see how positively they have responded and how quickly they have got down to the important business of learning.

Thank You

Finally, a big thank you to all of our families for your continued support. One of the things I value most about Ryton is the sense of community we have and the relationships between pupils, staff and families.

Whether it is hearing your child read, practising something they have been learning, attending an event or simply having a quick conversation with us at the school gate, it all contributes to the partnership between home and school.

As always, please come and speak to us if you have a worry, question or concern. Equally, we love to hear the good news too!

Safeguarding

This week's safeguarding focus is mental health.

Mental health is about our moods, feelings and emotions. Recognising the signs that a child may be struggling with their mental health can be really hard and it is important that we talk about mental health with our children. Below are some tips to support you with these conversations:

- Make conversations about mental health a normal part of life
- Give it your full attention - be an active listener
- Take it seriously and explore the feelings together
- Offer empathy rather than solutions

For more information see:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/mental-health-parenting/

Rocking at Ryton!

Last week, we were delighted to welcome iRock back into school, and judging by the smiles, excitement and noise coming from the session, the children absolutely loved it! It was fantastic to see them having the opportunity to experience playing instruments, performing together and discovering the excitement that comes from making music as part of a band.

I am really pleased that even more children have taken up the opportunity to be part of iRock this year. Opportunities like this are an important part of our wider enrichment offer at Ryton, giving children the chance to develop their confidence, learn new skills and perhaps discover a talent or passion they didn't know they had.

I am already looking forward to the iRock concert towards the end of term. If last week's enthusiasm is anything to go by, I think we are in for a fantastic performance!

Attendance

Some parents may have noticed our Attendance Tree in the main office area. This year, we are using it to celebrate class attendance and recognise the importance of being in school every day.

Our tree represents every pupil and their place within our Ryton community. As the tree grows, so does our school family and that all-important sense of belonging. Being in school is not only about academic learning. It is about friendships, experiences, routines and feeling part of our school community.

We do, of course, understand that sometimes circumstances outside of parents' control mean that children are unable to attend school. If you are experiencing difficulties that are affecting your child's attendance, please pick up the phone and speak to Miss McLardy or me. We want to work with families, offer support where we can and help children to be in school as much as possible.

Last week's whole-school attendance was 94.1%, with an amazing five year groups achieving attendance above 95% (adding to the leaves on the tree). This is a really positive achievement and a great start as we continue our attendance drive this year. Well done to everyone involved!







Bikeability

Well done to the children who started their level 2 Bikeability this morning. Neil and Peter were very impressed with the children and their willingness to listen and learn. After these photos were taken, the lessons moved out to the roads around school where they were equally as impressive! Training continues tomorrow after a spot of Bikeability homework this evening.

Star Learners at Ryton on Dunsmore Academy

Early Years - Zara and Theo
Year 1 - Joey and Nova
Year 2 - Oliver and Arla
Year 3 - Kylah and Isabella
Year 4 - Rory and William
Year 5 - Veerun and Jacob
Year 6 - James and Imogen

Values Awards

Joey - “Respect”
Jaxson - “Fairness”

We Need Your Donations!

Small things make a big difference

Help us develop our outdoor area

We're looking for donations of the following items to create exciting, inspiring and creative play opportunities for our children in our outdoor space.



Large pieces of fabric

Sheets, scarves, tarpaulins, curtains, material, etc.



Dressing up clothes

Hats, costumes, shoes, accessories, etc.



Wooden train track

Tracks, trains, buildings, figures, etc.



Large sand and water trays

(and toys to go with them)



Toys and loose parts

Cars, dolls, figures, building blocks, pots and pans, natural resources, small world items, etc.

Outdoor play sparks imagination, builds confidence and supports all areas of learning.

Thank you for your support!



Census Day

On Thursday 1st October, there will be a special menu for our Census Day.

It is designed to increase uptake on the day we need to submit information about pupil numbers.

Jacket Potatoes will also be on offer as normal.

Children with a packed lunch will have the opportunity to have a try!



PTA Events



GOGO MAKERS
INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS TO THINK BIG!

DARE TO GO GO!

MULTI-ACTIVITY, AWARD-WINNING
OCTOBER HALF TERM
HOLIDAY CAMPS

GOGO minis — RECEPTION
GO GO CREATORS (ART) · GO GO FRANKENSTEIN'S (STEM) · GO GO ACTIVE (SPORTS) · GO GO GROOVERS (DANCE)

GOGO CREW JNRs — YEARS 1-2
CREEPY CREATIONS (ART) · WEIRD SCIENCE (STEM) · SPOOKY SPORTS (SPORTS) · BOO-GIE TIME (DANCE) · GHOUL GAMES

GOGO CREW SNRs — YEARS 3-6
DARK ARTS (ART) · MAD SCIENCE (STEM) · DARE TO COMPETE (SPORTS) · MONSTER MOVES (DANCE) · BATTLE STARS (GAMES)

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GOGO CREW JNRs — YEAR 1-2
CRAFT CLUB (ART) · SCIENCE LAB (STEM) · ACTION STATIONS (SPORTS) · SHINING STARS (DANCE) · TEAM GAMES

GOGO CREW SNRs — YEAR 3-6
CR8 TIVE'S (ART) · MAD SCIENCE (STEM) · SPORT SKILLZ (SPORTS) · STEP UP (DANCE) · BATTLE STARS (GAMES)

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St Leonard's Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 11th October

9.30am

supporting local food banks:

All gifts of food & produce will be gratefully received and delivered to local food banks.

Any monies collected at the service will also be donated to Food Banks



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