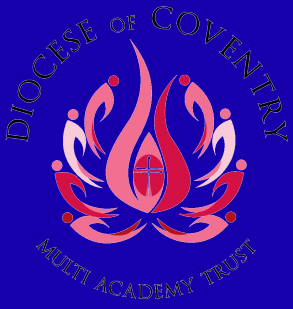


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Newsletter Monday 2nd February 2026

"Let your light shine"





Update from Miss Cullen

Young Voices 2026

Last Monday, Miss Fearn, Mrs Hands and I had the privilege of taking 16 children to Birmingham to join over 5,000 others from across the country to sing and dance. It was an extremely long day—Skittles for the children and coffee for the adults were definitely needed—but it was an incredibly enjoyable experience.

The children did us all very proud and sang their hearts out for over five hours. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend and support us; your presence made the day even more special.

Following this fantastic experience, the choir has now been invited to join the Rugby Big Sing on stage at the Spa Centre later in the term. Miss Fearn will share further information soon, and we will both be there to support the children who are able to take part.

The weeks in school are flying by, and the children continue to rise to the demands of the curriculum, adapting brilliantly to the many events and opportunities taking place.

Dahl Class have been particularly busy this week. They completed eight laps of the school field as part of their Ruby Robin Award, raising over £200—a fantastic achievement and something they should be very proud of.



After half term, Mrs Lambeth will be taking on a larger teaching commitment and will be supporting Wilde Class, who will remain split on Mondays and Fridays. To strengthen teaching and learning for this class—which now has 37 children following recent admissions—Mr Lee and Mrs Lambeth will teach parallel lessons in Science, History, Geography, and RE. This approach will help ensure that all pupils receive high-quality teaching in smaller groups, allowing us to better meet their needs.

Mobile Phones in School

The government has recently updated its guidance on the use of mobile phones in schools, and Harris CE Academy was featured in an ITV news item highlighting this important issue.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mobile-phones-in-schools>

At Ryton-on-Dunsmore Academy, we kindly ask all parents and visitors to refrain from using mobile phones while on the school site. If staff see a mobile phone being used, they will politely request that it is put away or used off site. This helps us maintain a safe, respectful, and distraction-free environment for all children.

For pupils who need to bring a mobile phone to school, please ensure it is handed in at the main office on arrival. Phones will be stored safely and returned at the end of the day. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school community safe and focused on learning.



Continuing Professional Development (CPD) in School

Congratulations to Mrs Gayler and Mrs Collins, who are the most recent members of staff to complete their National Professional Development qualification in Leading on Teacher Development. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects their commitment to continually strengthening teaching and learning across our school.

We are also proud of Miss Bright, Miss Fearn, and Mrs Lambeth, who are currently undertaking additional qualifications to deepen their knowledge and enhance their practice in their current roles.

It is wonderful to see such dedication across our team - proof that the learning never stops at Ryton-on-Dunsmore Academy.


Safeguarding: Monitoring online safety

This week, we are focusing on the importance of online monitoring. Please take some time to talk to your child about the potential dangers they may encounter online—being honest and open helps them feel confident in coming to you if something doesn't feel right.

Make sure your child has the correct privacy settings on their devices and that parental controls are in place. Children should understand that someone they believe is a "friend" online could, in reality, be a complete stranger.

Online abuse can take many forms, including bullying, blackmail, and trolling. Remind your child that social media apps have age restrictions for a reason—to help keep them safe.

Please encourage your child to speak to a trusted adult if they ever feel unsure, uncomfortable, or worried about anything they see or experience online. Working together, we can help keep our children safe in the digital world.



School closed
to children:
Friday 13th
February
Monday 23rd
February

This is a reminder that Friday 13th will be our next INSET day.

Staff will be taking part in essential training, including Speech and Language, SEMH (social, Emotional and mental Health) and updates to their knowledge and understanding of the Prevent strategy and how this relates to our school context.

Children's last day in school is Thursday 12th February. They will return on Tuesday 24th February, as Monday 23rd February is a Trust-wide Conference Day. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a strong and well-trained staff team.

Diary Dates

Fri 6th February 2.45pm

Mon 9th Feb 2.45pm

Wed 11th February

Thurs 12th February

Friday 13th February

Mon 23rd February

Thurs 5th March

Wed 11th March

Tues 17th March

Wed 18th March

Fri 27th March

Dahl Class Time to Shine (Parents invited)

Parent Meeting Safer Internet and Children's Mental Health

Years 1-6 to British Museum

Break up for half term

Teacher Training Day

Teacher Training Day

World Book Day

Mother's Day event

Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent Consultation Meetings

Break up for Easter Holiday

New events will be added during the term. All events are on the Class Dojo Calendar, allow notifications to give you reminders.

"Young Voices was really good, it was exciting. I liked that the parents were watching and my favourite song was Disco Fever" Aubree Year 1

"I loved it when we got some sweets. It was very loud and I loved going to Young Voices" Daisy Year 1

"My favourite bit was when we all did a Mexican Wave" Macie Year 2

✓ Parental Consent YOU ARE HERE: Dashboard > Parental Consent

Parental Consent	YES, I give consent	NO, I do not give consent
Child walking home alone I give permission for my child to walk home alone	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Out of school visits I give permission for out of school visits.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
PG Movies I am happy for my child to watch a PG certificate movie	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use of Photographs and Videos without names in Academy and Trust Marketing I am happy for the Academy and Trust to use photographs and videos without names in Academy and Trust marketing including newsletters and websites.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use of Photographs and Videos without names in class and year group photos I am happy for the Academy and Trust to use photographs and videos without names in class and year group photographs (these may be sold to parents)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Use of plasters I give my permission to use plasters as necessary	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Parental Consents

The MCAS App allows parents to give or withdraw 7 consent areas. Many of our parents have already done this, but if you haven't, please head to the app and add yours.

This will ensure we are able to follow your wishes. If no consent is received, we will have to assume no consent.

It is accessible via the menu bar, use the radio buttons for YES and NO.

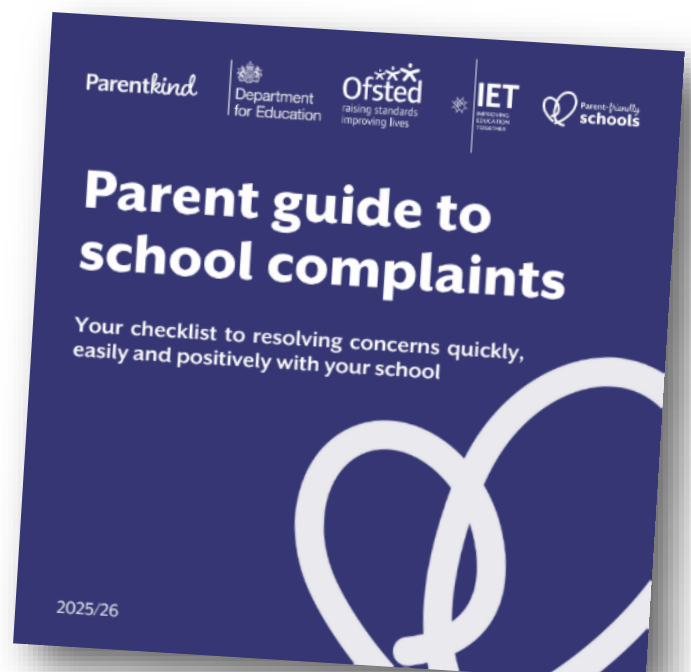
Thank you.

Parentkind (in conjunction with the DfE and Ofsted) have published some useful guidance for both parents in relation to school complaints.

Parents and schools share the same goal: supporting children's education. Sometimes questions or concerns arise. This guide gives you clear steps to share your views and resolve issues quickly and positively.

Follow this link for the full document:-

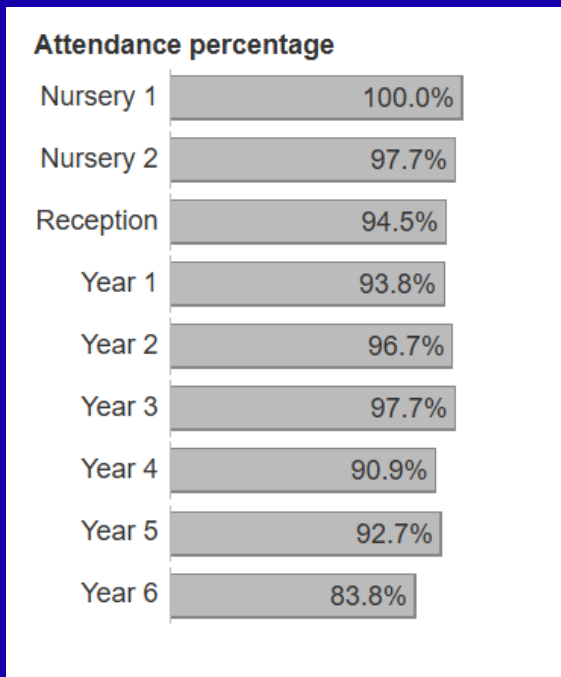
[V8- Parent Complaint Guide](#)





Attendance Update

This is our Attendance data for last week, 26th-30th January.



Lateness

How does being late to school affect children?

A child who enters a classroom late may miss the principle objectives of the first lesson that day and so is trying to catch up from the start of their day at school. Their late arrival is also likely to disrupt the class and delay learning for all.

Children who are often late have trouble settling in and mastering routines. Lateness can throw off their whole morning or even their day, especially if the late commute to school was stressful. They can often feel self-conscious about entering the classroom late.

In our school, there were 14 late marks recorded last week.

Tips for avoiding lateness include setting out uniform the night before, put packed bags by the door and avoiding screens in the morning.

85% of our children are ON TARGET to succeed in this challenge!

RYTON ON DUNSMORE ACADEMY

29 DAY CHALLENGE IN SCHOOL, ON TIME

- There are 29 school days in this half term
- Children achieving 100% attendance to half term receive a prize!
- We know that children can't help being genuinely ill, so we will also award a prize if children manage 27 days out of the 29. (As long as the reason is "authorised" i.e. medical, illness)

**HELP US TO MEET OUR
ATTENDANCE TARGET OF 95%**

STAR LEARNERS

Star Learner has been awarded to:-



Early Years

Riley & Lyla



Year 1

Arla & Grace



Year 2

Ellie & Orla



Year 3

Archer & Emeraldalda



Year 4

Hope & Ted



Year 5

Jaxson & James



Year 6

Sophie & Musaad

Well done superstars!

VALUES AWARD

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

Love

Honesty

Fairness

Respect

Hope

Forgiveness

The latest recipients of our
Values Award are:-

Sawyer and Lillie

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for parents and children

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PLAYGYM & PRESCHOOL CLASSES AT RUGBY GYMNASTICS CLUB

Weekday classes available for 18 months - 4 years

Contact: Gill@rugbygymnasticsclub.co.uk

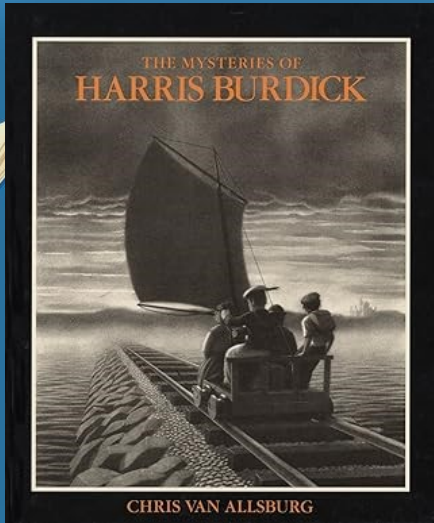
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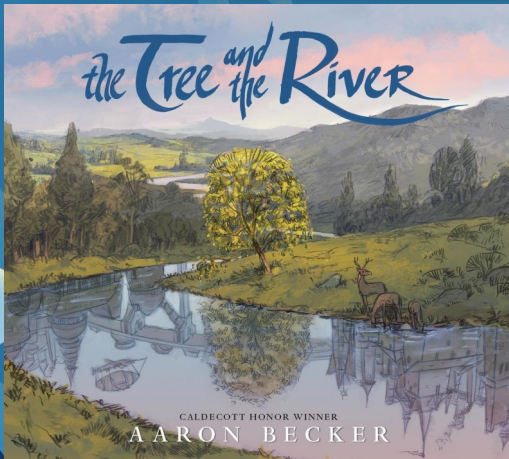
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MISS CULLEN'S BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



'His disappearance is not the only mystery left behind. What were the stories that went with these drawings? There are some clues...' Who is Harris Burdick? Where did he disappear to? And how was he going to finish his stories?



Borrowing from multiple cultures and architectural styles to craft astonishing new humanscapes, Aaron Becker tracks the evolution of our species - and its toll on the Earth - through the fates of a lone tree and an enduring river. River and tree bear silent witness over time as people arrive to harness water, wind, and animals; devise technology and transportation; redirect rivers; and reshape the land.



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