



# Newsletter

'Everyday is a learning day'...

29th September 2023

## RYDERS HAYES MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Wow what a fabulous morning!

We would like to say a huge thank you for the fabulous donations of cakes for our coffee morning. Every cake and cuppa means that Macmillan are able to help more people with cancer live life as fully as they can. We have been supported by lots of families, children and a special visit for Councillor Martin.

Thank you for your continued support.



# A Big Thank You

*A RHS 5 Star Gardening School*

I wish to say a very big thank you to Viv Hutchins who has for the last 5 years volunteered a huge number of hours to ensure the success of the school allotment.

They say "from little acorns, mighty oak trees grow", it is safe to say that from the very beginning Viv had this vision. The allotment project started over 5 years ago with just only a few children and volunteers to now a successful allotment space being available to children to explore throughout the year.

We really do appreciate all the hard work and hundreds of hours that Viv has provided over the years, from planning what vegetables will be grown, to getting muddy and teaching children the enjoyment of being in nature and the importance of BioDiversity.

We have to thank all our volunteers who behind the scenes make this vital project successful for children at Ryders Hayes.



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**We are looking for more volunteers, will you be able to volunteer on a Monday afternoon from March until July? Then we would love to hear from you!**

This project couldn't be possible without volunteers. We continue to look for volunteers if you are interested please contact [postbox@ryders-hayes.co.uk](mailto:postbox@ryders-hayes.co.uk)







### **Year 5 - STEM Day at RAF Cosford**

*This week, Year 5 extended their classroom to take part in a STEM Day at RAF Cosford!*

*Children had the opportunity to participate in numerous STEM related activities including; coding, making and flying a paper aeroplane, experiencing VR technology, watching a 3D printer in action, making a balloon skewer, learning more about our fingerprints, using new software to design a poster and much more. You might even see some of us in the Express and Star!*

*'What a great day we had!'*







Please help get Abbie to the Netherlands to represent GB!

# Fundraising Event

Roller Disco, Learn 2 Skate Session,  
Tombola, Cake Sale & more!



**Sunday 1st October**  
**11am - 1pm**



**Tickets £5**  
Includes skate  
hire if required



**West Walsall E-Act**  
**Primley Avenue,**  
**Walsall, WS2 9UA**



**Call /text**  
**07747 461730**

Or donate via  
<https://gofund.me/686561d8>





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of Ryders Hayes

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**HALLOWEEN DISCO**  
**THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER**



**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER**



**BINGO NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY 26TH APRIL**



**SUMMER FETE**  
**FRIDAY 28TH JUNE**

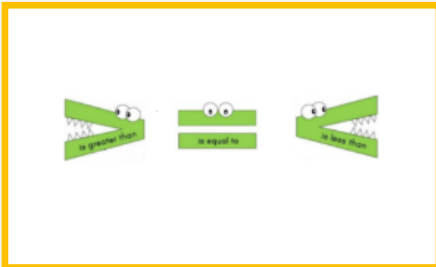


We are always looking for volunteers and extra support to ensure that we can provide these events for children and families of Ryders Hayes, if you can spare a few hours and wish to join please contact [postbox@ryders-hayes.co.uk](mailto:postbox@ryders-hayes.co.uk)



# SPOTLIGHT

What have our year groups been focusing on this week and what the focus is next week....?

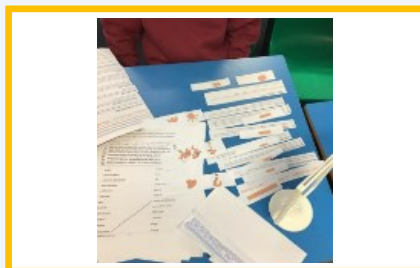
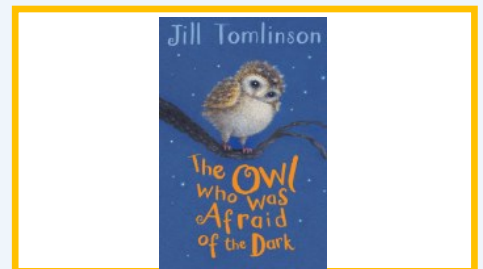


## Year 1

This week, in Maths we are using the crocodile symbols to show which number is greater than or less than a given number. Next week, we will be reading the story "A Train Ride" written by June Crebbin.

## Year 2

This week, we have continued to write about the book 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson. We have been writing about crackling campfires. Next week, in Maths we are going to practise adding numbers together.



## Year 3

This week, in English we have looked at holiday brochures. We have travelled to Skara Brae and have broken down text to understand the brochure better using symbols. Next week, in Science we will be looking at how fossils are formed.

## Year 4

This week, in Maths we are comparing numbers up to 10,000. Next week, we are continuing to study 'The Iron Man', by Ted Hughes.

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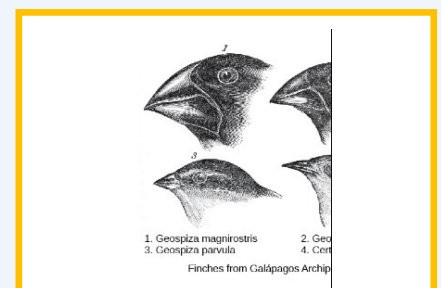


## Year 5

This week, we enjoyed our visit to RAF Cosford where we enjoyed learning about Forces in Science. Next week, we will be continuing our English work on the book 'I believe in unicorns' by Michael Morpurgo.

## Year 6

This week, in science we have investigated bird beaks and how they have adapted over time to help the birds survive in their habitats. We made detailed observations and practised using a variety of equipment. Next week, we start our new non-fiction writing unit based on Charles Darwin's The Origin Of The Species. We will be linking what we have learnt in science on adaptation and using this to create a non-chronological report.



# Reminder's...

## October:

Black History month

2nd Oct – Harvest donations in school (tins & non-perishable food items)

9<sup>th</sup> Oct – Whole School Photographs

10<sup>th</sup> Oct – World mental health day (wear yellow accessories with school uniform, £1 donation via Parentmail)

18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest

27th Oct – Inset day (School closed for pupils)

30<sup>th</sup> Oct – 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Half term

6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children return to school

The logo features the text "#HelloYellow" in a bold, dark grey sans-serif font, centered on a bright yellow rectangular background.The logo consists of the word "YOUNG" in yellow and "MiNDS" in dark grey, both in a bold sans-serif font. Below this, the tagline "fighting for young people's mental health" is written in a smaller, dark grey sans-serif font.

In school we will be celebrating 'Hello Yellow World Mental Health day' on Tuesday 10th October. We will be asking children to wear yellow accessories as the theme for the day (while still wearing school uniform). Children will be completing tasks and activities based on mental health throughout the day in their classes.

Any questions or queries please contact you child's teacher.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/sign-up-to-helloyellow/>

Thank you for you support.



## 2023/24 Academic Year

INSET DAY: Monday 4th September 2023

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**Children return to school: Wednesday 6th September 2023 (AUTUMN Term)**

INSET DAY: Friday 27th October 2023

**Half Term: Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November 2023**

**Children return to school: Monday 6th November 2023**

**Christmas Holidays: Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January 2024**

**Children return to school: Monday 8th January 2024 (SPRING Term)**

**Half Term: Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024**

**Children return to school: Monday 19th February 2024**

**Easter Holidays: Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April 2024**

**Children return to school: Monday 8th April 2024 (SUMMER Term)**

**Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2024**

**Half Term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024**

INSET DAY: Monday 3rd June 2024

**Children return to school: Tuesday 4th June 2024**

**Last day of Summer Term: Friday 19th July 2024**

**Summer holidays begin Monday 22nd July 2024**

INSET DAY: Monday 22nd July 2024

*'Do the right thing to be the best you can be'...*







## **2024/25 Academic Year**

### **AUTUMN Term**

INSET DAY: Monday 2nd September 2024

Children return to school: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

INSET DAY: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Half Term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Children return to school: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Christmas Holidays: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

### **SPRING Term**

INSET DAY: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Children return to school: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Children return to school: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Easter Holidays: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### **SUMMER Term**

Children return to school: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Bank Holiday: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

INSET DAY: Monday 2nd June 2025

Children return to school: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

Last day of Summer Term: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Summer holidays begin Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

INSET DAY: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

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*'Do the right thing to be the best you can be'...*

**OFSTED SAID:**

*"The groundwork for success starts in the excellent early years"*

*"The youngest children show a keenness to learn, cooperate and talk that is impressive"*

# OPEN EVENING

**FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS**



**20th September 4.15 - 5.45 pm**

**11th October 4.15 - 5.45 pm**

**29th November 4.15 - 5.45 pm**

We will be opening up our doors and welcoming families to visit our EYFS Pre-School, Nursery and Reception provision.



**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!**

**RYDERS HAYES SCHOOL, GILPIN CRESCENT, WS3 4HX**

**CALL: 01922 683008**

**EMAIL: [POSTBOX@RYDERS-HAYES.CO.UK](mailto:POSTBOX@RYDERS-HAYES.CO.UK)**





### **Harvest & Scarecrow Weekend - 6th - 8th October**

10am Holy Communion Service Come to give thanks to God for our Harvest.

Enter the **Scarecrow Competition** - each school, community group and association are invited to make a scarecrow for the church at Harvest. Prizes are available. Each group is asked to design their own scarecrow (male/female) using their own materials as appropriate and no taller than a human being of 5ft 10inches. Scarecrows are to be in church by Friday 6th October. (Contact Rev. Alison for more details).

**Pet Service - Sunday 1st October at 4pm in church.** God loves all creatures. Mavis the Vicars dog invites you to come along to an informal service and bring your pets to be blessed.

**Christingle Service - Sunday 2nd December at 4pm in church** Families and children gather in preparation for Christmas as we celebrate the Christingle

**Christmas Toy Service - Sunday 17th December 10am in church.** Church and community will be working together to collect toys for the Black Country Toy Appeal which is part of the Mayor's Appeal. People bring their toys to the special toy to be blessed and then taken to the Black Country distribution place. (more details nearer the time)

# EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS @ RYDERS HAYES

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that we will be providing the following extra curricular clubs at Ryders Hayes School this Autumn term...

**Y1 - Y3**

**Mondays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

15:30 – 16:30pm

**MULTI SPORTS**

11th Sept-23rd Oct 2023 (7 sessions)

Available to children in Y3-Y6 ONLY

Cost = £35

**YEAR 3 - 6**

**Tuesdays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

15:30 – 16:30pm

**DODGEBALL**

12th Sept- 24th Oct 2023 (7 sessions)

Available to children in KS2 ONLY

Cost = £35

**Y1 - Y2**

**Wednesdays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

15:30 – 16:30pm

**GYMNASTICS**

13th Sept- 25th Oct 2023 (7 sessions)

Available to children in Y1-Y2 ONLY

Cost = £35

**YEAR 3 - 6**

**Thursdays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

15:30 – 16:30pm

**FOOTBALL**

14th Sept-26th Oct 2023 (7 sessions)

Available to KS2 ONLY

Cost = £35

**YEAR 3 - 6**

**Fridays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

15:30 – 16:30pm

**GYMNASTICS**

15th Sept-27th Oct 2023 (7 sessions)

Available to children in KS2 ONLY

Cost = £35

### Why Premier?....

Attending our club will provide your child/children with a series of fun sessions to improve not just sports skills, but also many other important assets in the process; Social skills and key motor skills are the successful by-products of the clubs we host. Our qualified coaches deliver fun sessions, allowing your child/children to enhance their skills and techniques vital towards successful short and long term athletic development. Premier strives to ensure each club is a place for your child/children to find new friends, enjoy themselves, be rewarded for success, boost self-confidence and obtain an active and healthy lifestyle.

Book your place now at...  
**[www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com)**

#### HOW TO BOOK

BOOK A COURSE / SEARCH SCHOOL OR POSTCODE / VIEW COURSES / VIEW RELEVANT COURSE  
BOOK THIS ACTIVITY / CREATE LOG IN OR SIGN IN / FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS TO FINALISE BOOKING





**FREE  
Healthy  
Meal**

**#HAF2023  
Free  
Activities**

# WALSALL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY & FOOD PROGRAMME 2023

## What's on offer?

A free and exciting holiday programme for children and young people aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for free school meals. The programme is running over Easter, Summer and Christmas 2023.

### Take part in:

- Holiday clubs
- Multi sports activities
- Football
- Swimming
- Drama
- Arts and crafts
- Cooking
- Graphic design
- Gaming
- and much more...

**Sign up  
Now!**



# PARENT CARER WORKSHOPS AT CAMHS



Come and join our CAMHS Parent/Carer Workshops.

We know that suffering from mental health difficulties does not only affect the person struggling, but also the family around them. Parenting a child/young person with mental health difficulties can create additional challenges for parents.

We are running workshops exploring a range of difficulties that children/young people may experience, that can impact their emotional wellbeing.



Our Parent/Carer Workshops run virtually  
(Zoom) from 12pm - 1.30pm

13/09/2023 Trauma & Attachment  
11/10/2023 Communication/Speech & Language  
15/11/2023 Autistic Spectrum Conditions  
06/12/2023 Depression/ Low Mood  
17/01/2024 Anxiety/OCD  
14/02/2024 Self Harm  
13/03/2024 Anger/Conduct  
17/04/2024 Anxiety

Contact Andrea Ehgartner on 01902 444021 to  
book your place



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# KOMBATKIDS

*The Right Choice!*



**First 3  
classes  
FREE!**

WELCOMING NEW BEGINNERS AT

Ryders Hayes school thursday 3.30pm  
(after school class in the school hall)  
Pelsall Community Centre Thursday 5pm

other days are available please text 07761772924

To register text: child name / class location

t: 07730 899722

e: [info@kombatkids.com](mailto:info@kombatkids.com)

w: [www.kombatkids.com](http://www.kombatkids.com)

f: [www.facebook.com/kombatkids](https://www.facebook.com/kombatkids)



IN MARTIAL ARTS



# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

*EXCITED, NERVOUS, ANXIOUS?  
NOT SURE HOW THEY'RE FEELING?*

EMOTIONAL HEALTH CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE  
TO CHILDREN'S PROSPECTS IN SCHOOL AND BEYOND

In Walsall, we believe in supporting children's emotional health development, and that's why we've invested in online courses in understanding your child for parents.

By understanding how your child's brain develops and responds emotionally, you can better support their needs as they navigate the big milestones in school.



- Learn to better read and understand behaviour
- Help them to communicate how they feel
- Gain psychologist-informed ideas to support your child



**GO TO [INOURPLACE.CO.UK](https://www.inourplace.co.uk)**

AND ENTER THE CODE HIPPO  
FOR FREE ACCESS TO THE ONLINE COURSES



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

## EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

## CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

## FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

**EMPHASISE CAUTION**

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Tapping up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

## ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

## Meet Our Expert

**Dr Claire Buchanan** is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented a range-building and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and edited a research for the Australian government on managing Internet use and setting behaviour of Australian people in the UK, USA and Japan.

**ONLINE**

**"VIEW ONCE  
CONTENT"**

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content - but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate "locked shots" folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

**VIS/BLE LOCATION**

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

## Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

## THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

[CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY](#)

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

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