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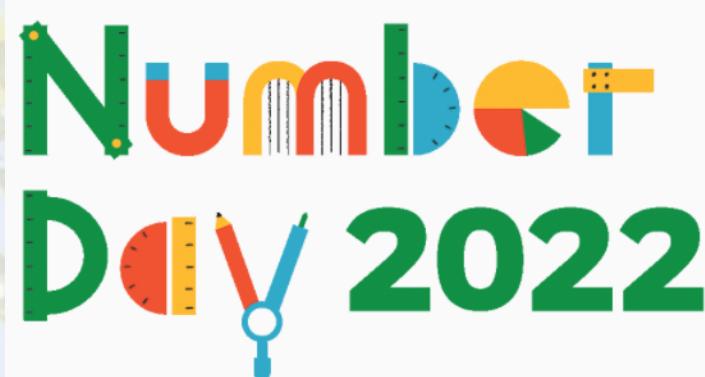
'Everyday is a learning day'...

28th January 2022

We are looking forward to celebrating NSPCC Number Day on Friday 4th February this year. We would like children to come into school wearing an item of clothing with numbers on please. We would also very much appreciate a donation towards the charity that can be made on Parentmail on the date.

The children will be completing lots of Number based activities throughout the day and we will be holding our annual Times Tables Rockstars Competition in the morning of Friday 4th February.

Thanks for your support,
Mr Phillips, Year 6 Teacher & Maths Lead.



How our fundraising makes a difference

The money we raise could help the NSPCC run its Speak out Stay safe programme to help children understand what abuse is and what to do if they're scared or worried.

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

**Special lunch menu on 8th February 2022
for Chinese New year.**

Please order via the sQuid app.

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR 2022 Year of the Tiger

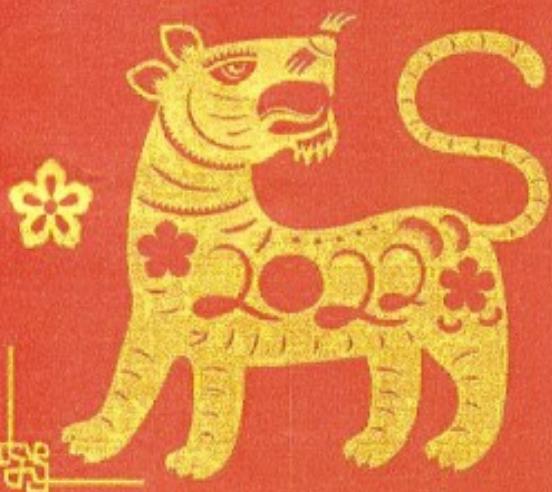
Menu

Crispy Sweet & Sour Chicken
Sticky Pork or Quorn Sausage

Rice or Chips
Sweetcorn & Peas

Coconut Cookie with
Drizzle Icing & Sprinkles

Orange Jelly with Mandarins & Cream
Fruit Salad or Yoghurt

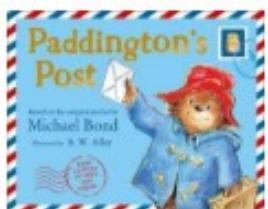


Food Allergies & Intolerances
Before ordering, please speak to our
staff about your requirements

Fresh DINING

SPOTLIGHT

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



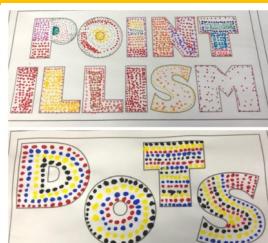
Year 1

Year 1 have been reading 'Paddington's Post' by Michael Bond. We enjoyed reading all the letters in the book from Paddington and Aunt Lucy. We have written our own letters as Paddington to Aunt Lucy.

Next week, we will be retelling Paddington's first adventure with the Brown family. Can you tell someone what happens at the beginning, the middle and the end of the story?

Year 2

In History this week, we have been learning about the Cadbury brothers and how they created one of the world's favourite chocolate brands. With our taught knowledge, we created a human timeline of their journey. Next week, we will be learning about Grace O'Malley and whether we should call her a pirate or not.



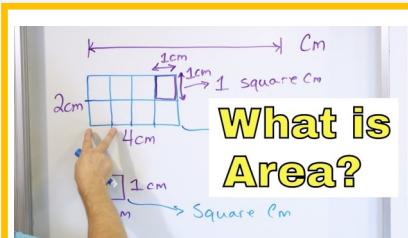
Year 3

In Art this week, we have been creating work in the style of Georges Seurat. We created pieces using pens and paints. We needed to be careful not to blend the dots together.

Next week, we will be recapping our primary colours and finding out how we use these to make other colours.

Year 4

In Maths this week, we are learning all about area - the space inside a 2D shape. Can you explain what a rectilinear shape is to someone at home? Next week, we will be looking at fractions. To get you thinking... would you rather have $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$ of a doughnut?



Year 5

This week we have been writing an explanation text about how steam trains work. We have also been learning about relative clauses and how we can use them in our writing.

Next week, we will be learning a poem to recite and develop our Oracy skills to create effective performances.

Year 6

Children have been looking at Fashion in Art this week and have designed costumes for famous film characters or from books they have read. Next week, we will be starting our brand new book in English called 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'.





Calling all gardeners

We are looking for 1 or 2 parents to join a team of three volunteers who run an allotment project with pupils in school. The project will start again on 1st March, and then run every Tuesday afternoon after lunch (12.45 p.m. until 14:30 pm). You won't be expected to be involved weekly (unless you want to), as we will put together a rota so at least 3 volunteers are available each session.

The Aldridge Rotary Club is involved, and we hope to raise money to improve the area on the school field, so there may be opportunities to help out with fundraising.

If you have green fingers or a love of gardening and working with children to learn and understand how food grows, then please contact the school office on: 01922 683008 or postbox@ryders-hayes.co.uk

For Your Information

Recycle 4 Charity

Treasure Hunt



Attention to all children and teachers!

Find some empty ink cartridges and bring them to the school to turn them into gold!



Your school will receive money for them, and you will help the environment with your recycling!



and when not hiding inside printers they usually look like this



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Clue



There are hundreds of different ones out there, you will find them near home printers

Bereavement Support Station

Our next session is Thursday 3rd February at 3.45 - 4.45pm.

We'd like to encourage parents/carers to attend if they would like to gain support for a loss or bereavement. Children can attend unaccompanied, straight after school and be collected at 4.45pm at the Main Office.

Please email postbox@ryders-hayes.co.uk if you would like to attend or would like your child to attend.

With Thanks.



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Venue:	Ryders Hayes School (WS3 4HX)
Dates:	Monday 21st – Thursday 24th Feb 2022 (4 days)
Times:	9am - 3pm
Price:	£15 per day
Ages:	5 - 11
Additional info:	You can now book individual days. 15% sibling discount.

We offer a daily menu of all your child's favourite sports such as Football, Basketball and Cricket as well as newer and unique experiences such as Fencing, Archery, Gymnastics and Games.

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- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing for weather
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FEBRUARY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP



**24th
& 25th
February
10am-3pm daily**

AGES 4-11

Certificate and
Medal for each player
Run by ex-professional
Wayne Thomas

Rushall Olympic Dale's Lane WS4 1LJ
£20 per day

What to bring: Moulded boots, Football clothing
Water / drinks, Packed lunch and Waterproof Jacket.

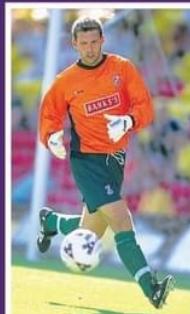
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GOALKEEPER FOOTBALL CAMP



**Thursday
24th
February
10am-1pm**

AGES 6-16

With A License GK Coach former Walsall
and West Ham Legend Jimmy Walker

Rushall Olympic Dale's Lane WS4 1LJ
Cost £30 (Limited places available)

What to bring: Moulded boots, Football clothing
Water / drinks, Snacks and Waterproof Jacket.

How to book:
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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HORROR GAMES

Horror video games come in such a variety that the genre can 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, including smaller indie studios which release download-only titles (that is, they aren't physically sold in shops) and therefore aren't subject to age ratings.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ADULT THEMES

Horror games are typically made with adults in mind. 'Adult' means by definition that they often feature adult themes. Outlast, for instance, is a popular horror game series including material such as nudity and extreme aesthetic violence. Other games, like Five Nights at Freddy's and its sequels, have a back-story that doesn't actually appear on screen but still hints at explicit adult themes.

VIOLENT CONTENT

Not all horror games contain graphic violence (titles like Five Nights at Freddy's and Phasmophobia prefer a spookier, suspenseful aesthetic) but many do portray extreme brutality very realistically. Until Dawn and the hugely popular Resident Evil and Outlast franchises, for instance, feature increasingly graphic violence. The safest course of action is to thoroughly research a game in advance.

ONLINE INTERACTION

Some horror games are played cooperatively with others online, & Phasmophobia is one of the most popular titles in this category, and while it doesn't feature an excessive amount of gore, it does place a strong emphasis on online interaction – often with strangers. Dead by Daylight is another game in which frequent and prolonged online communication with other players is an advantage.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BEWARE OF JUMP SCARES

Jump scares in video games are often no worse than they are in movies. If a young person doesn't cope well with being suddenly startled by something in a film or on TV, they probably won't be able to handle horror games featuring jump scares. Some games (such as Five Nights at Freddy's) are built entirely around this technique and aren't suitable for younger children or those who are easily frightened.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy to lose track of time when gaming, and horror games are no exception. A short break every hour or so is important to rest the eyes and relieve the pressure – especially if thematic elements in the game have built up tension and stress. For horror games, breaks also give the added benefit of feeling more relaxed afterwards, which can mean a shorter gaming session when they resume!

IF IN DOUBT, SWAP IT OUT

If your child finds a horror game to play, but after doing some research you decide it doesn't look like the right one for them, swap it out! There are a lot of horror titles to choose from, and some will be more appropriate than others. Work together with your child to find a suitable game for them. Remember, horror games don't have to be gory, spattered and graphic to be enjoyable!

RESEARCH THE GAME

It's best to look into a horror game thoroughly if your child expresses an interest in playing it. Many indie horror titles are download only and therefore aren't required to come with an age rating – so you'll need to do some background reading and judge the game's content for yourself. Check out the game's web pages, read any user reviews (including reviews) and watch videos of the gameplay.

STAY RECEPTIVE

Maintaining good communication with your child is vital for safe gaming. If they see something in a horror game that startles them in ways they didn't expect, then they should feel comfortable opening up to you about it. Try not to simply laugh it off or make light of it, and always make time to listen. It's a useful reminder that they can talk to you about any type of problem they have in the future.

Meet Our Expert

Chris Goolvin (@Chris_Goolvin) has worked on an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2016, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunewolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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