

# Newsletter

'Everyday is a learning day'...

22nd December 2023

Hello everyone,

Having made it to the end of another busy year, I just wanted to offer my thanks to the Ryders Hayes' Family and the way we have all worked together to provide the best for our children.

To parents, I would like to say how much we have appreciated all your support and cooperation during the year. Your attendance at Parents' Evenings, events and your encouragement for your children to access all the exciting opportunities and experiences on offer, has been incredible. Thank you too, to the 'Friends of Ryders' who have worked with us, to host events such as the Halloween disco and Christmas Fayre and fund raise.

To our children, as always you have been fantastic. You have been resilient, enthusiastic and willing to engage in your learning, be that in school or beyond. You have embraced a vast array of activities during this year including Year 4 visit to Chasewater, Year 3 designing their own pneumatic toys, Children in Need fundraising, 'name the dinner hall' competition, watching Matilda and visiting Birmingham Hippodrome to name but a few. I have enjoyed reading the weekly newsletter celebrating your successes and the spotlights on what each year group have been up to!

To our staff, you have shown such professionalism and dedication and continue always to provide the best educational experiences possible for our children. Always rising to the challenge with great optimism, you have embraced the latest evidence-informed practice in your classrooms; welcomed new children to Ryders Hayes and continued to strive for excellence - all of which is much appreciated. The school continues to offer a vibrant and exciting learning environment, so our children get the best! We congratulate the following staff on receipt of their long service awards: Mrs Page and Mrs Sargent (20 years) and Mrs Matthews (10 years). We thank them for all their hard work and support given to our children here at Ryders.

We are really excited to share that Ryders will be embarking on a new era, forming a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) or 'Trust' later next year, in order to offer more children the opportunity to experience the outstanding educational opportunities that our children receive every day. We have so much to offer and want to share this excellence more widely.



As you will be aware, Mrs Miner will be retiring at the end of the academic year and will be missed by all of us having given 23 years of service to the school. However, you will be aware that I, myself, and trustees had the privilege of implementing our succession plan and making appointments for the senior leadership team from September 2024.

Please join me in congratulating the following staff:

Mrs Paul as Executive Head Teacher (Trust CEO)  
Mrs Deeley as Head of School, and  
Mrs Middleton as Deputy Head of School

To our Leaders: Mrs Miner, Mrs Paul and Mrs Deeley and all senior leaders you have been determined, positive and unrelenting in your leadership ensuring that only the best is good enough for our children. The school continues to go from strength to strength under your leadership and now moves toward the formation of a MAT. This shows well-deserved recognition for the high-quality provision our school offers and continues to demonstrate how outstanding our school really is!

To our trustees, a big thank you for all their support and guidance. Trustees have been able to undertake their link roles by visiting the school, seeing the school in action and getting to talk to both pupils and staff which has been wonderful.

Enjoy the Christmas holidays and take care of one another.

Look forward to welcoming you all back to school in Spring Term 2024.

Kind Regards

Mrs. Beirne, Chair of Trustees



Wishing all our Ryders Hayes families a joyous Christmas filled with warmth, and a New Year brimming with happiness and success.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs S J Miner  
Executive HT

Mrs J Paul  
Head Teacher



Mrs Miner



Mrs Paul



# CHOIR

**Dear Mrs Paul, Mrs Miner and Mrs Beirne,**

**I had the most joyful afternoon today listening to the choir at the MS Centre, and I just wanted to convey how proud I was of them, as indeed the school and their families no doubt are.**

**They sang beautifully and brought so much joy to the patients, carers and staff. It was lovely to speak to some of the people there and hear them speak about the children in the ways that they did. They were very impressed that the children had given up their lunchtime to be there, and incredibly impressed with the signing too.**

**As a family we have seen the devastating effects MS can bring as one of my sisters was diagnosed at the age of 15. It was therefore extra special to the smiles and misty eyes in the room as a result of the festive cheer.**

**Merry Christmas to you all.**

**Best Wishes,  
Merrisha Gordon (Parent Trustee)**



# Improving Biodiversity

" Young people are the future of our planet. We must equip them with the information, insight and practical skills to understand the importance of biodiversity - both intrinsically and for the survival of humanity. There is can be no greater legacy than giving young people the tools they need to save our planet" Sir David Attenborough

Children from Year 6 over the year have been working to improve areas in school, there have been many small projects undertaken from planting new shrubs in the forest school area to the recent project of providing homes for local wildlife around the perimeter of school.

Through the ' My School, My Planet Project' and funding, school were provided with hedgehog homes and bird nesting boxes to support urban wildlife.



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## Hedgehog Facts

**Hedgehogs are nocturnal**

Hedgehogs are nocturnal which means that they sleep in the day and only come out at night.

**They are called hedgehogs for a reason**

The 'Hedge' part of their name comes from where they build their nests, hedges, bushes and shrubs. The 'hog' part comes from the small snorting/ grunting sound they make which is similar to a pig/warthog.





**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)



# stormbreak@home

**An approach for schools, families, parents, carers and children to support mental health & wellbeing**

Stormbreak is a charity that supports young children's mental health through movement, equipping them with sustainable skills and coping strategies to thrive during the complex demands of growth into adult life. The need to support children's mental and physical health is pressing and needed in these recent challenging and uncertain times.




## Our approach

We believe stormbreak is an important part of strengthening children's capacity to cope with the current uncertain and complex situation. Mentally healthy movement can support children and families to build their resilience and enable them to develop a range of skills, attitudes, beliefs and strategies to help them to stay positive, hopeful, energised and mentally well.


Stormbreak have produced '**stormbreak@home**', a free of charge online library for schools, organisations, families, carers and children to support emotional wellbeing through taking part in movement activities together.

## Here are two stormbreaks to try:



  
**Self-care**  
**Monkey Mind**  
with Kate



  
**Self-worth**  
**Classroom Rockstars**  
with Darryl

## Creating an account

You do not need to register an account in order to access all the material, however, creating one allows you to take part in the 'stormbreak challenge', tracking your stormbreak progress and earning digital rewards and printable certificates.

If you are a school, **click here** to watch a short video on how to set up your stormbreak account.

If you are a parent, **click here** to watch a short video on how to set up your child's stormbreak account.

**stormbreak.org.uk**



**stormbreak**

# SPOTLIGHT

**What have our year groups been focusing on this week and what the focus after half term....?**



## Year 1

This week, we have been reading the Polar Express! We enjoyed our Polar Express Experience Day where we had hot chocolate! After Christmas we will be reading 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts.

## Year 2

This week, we have been taking part in lots of Christmas events including discos, performances and themed lessons. After Christmas, we will be beginning our new class text, 'The Way Home for Wolf' by Rachel Bright.

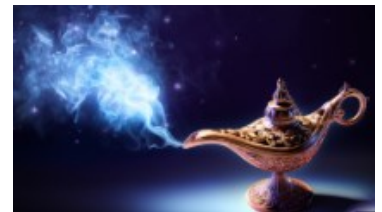


## Year 3

This week, we have written their own Christmas poems about what they do on Christmas Day. The children have worked on their Oracy skills to perform these poems to the class. After Christmas, we will be learning about the Incredible Book Eating Boy! by Oliver Jeffers.

## Year 4

Well done to all of our pupils on their performance of Aladdin last week. This week, we wrote a diary entry imagining they were the genie being released from the lamp. We are impressed with their creative and imaginative skills. After Christmas we are looking forward to learning about Sound in science. Can you find out what makes sound? Clue: it starts with the letter V.



## Year 5

This week, we have learnt a Christmas poem by heart which they enjoyed performing to each other. After Christmas, we will begin our learning about Space in Science and read our class text 'Cosmic'.

## Year 6

This week, we have been studying poetry and identifying metaphors and personification. We have looked at rhyme schemes and tried to write a rhyming poem of our own based on snow. After Christmas we will be reading 'There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom' by Louis Sachar and producing both narrative and non-fiction pieces based on what we have read.





# Reminder's...

## **January:**

8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Children return to school

15<sup>th</sup> Jan – Martin Luther King Day

## **February:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – NSPCC Numbers Day (To wear a top/accessories with numbers on)

6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Safer Internet Day

A gentle reminder that parents and carers are expected to make arrangements for medical and dental appointments where possible outside of school hours, we understand that at times this can be difficult and emergency or hospital appointments may be difficult to change.

Proof of medical appointments are required and this must be shared directly with the main school office and attendance team, examples of medical appointments can be an appointment card, text confirmation/reminder or hospital letter.

A reminder that metal topped bottles and hydroflasks are not to be used in school. There have been incidents with children chipping their teeth and a full metal bottle is very heavy and a possible H&S risk. Please send children into school with plastic water bottles only. School bottles are available to purchase through the ParentMail shop for £1.



# 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 Spring term...

## Y1 - Y3

### Mondays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

15:30 – 16:30pm

#### **MULTI SPORTS**

8th Jan- 5th Feb (5 sessions)

Available to children in Y1- Y3 ONLY

Cost = £25

## YEAR 3 - 6

### Tuesdays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

15:30 – 16:30pm

#### **DODGEBALL**

9th Jan- 6th Feb (5 sessions)

Available to children in KS2 ONLY

Cost = £25

## Y1 - Y2

### Wednesdays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

15:30 – 16:30pm

#### **GYMNASTICS**

10th Jan- 7th Feb (5 sessions)

Available to children in Y1-Y2 ONLY

Cost = £25

## YEAR 3 - 6

### Thursdays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

15:30 – 16:30pm

#### **FOOTBALL**

11th Jan- 8th Feb (5 sessions)

Available to KS2 ONLY

Cost = £25

## YEAR 3 - 6

### Fridays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

15:30 – 16:30pm

#### **GYMNASTICS**

12th Jan- 9th Feb (4 sessions)

Available to children in KS2 ONLY

Cost = £20

### 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**

# A Merry Christmas Self-Care Checklist

NO GIFT IS MORE IMPORTANT

*Don't let the frenzy of celebrating of Christmas eve and day become an excuse for not caring for yourself.*

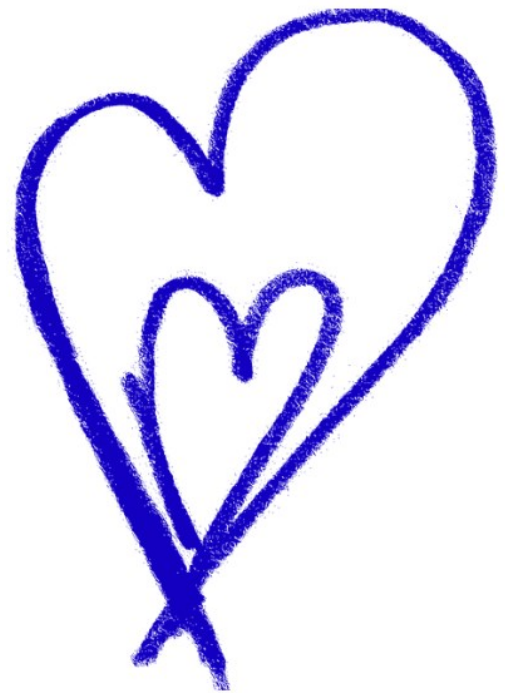
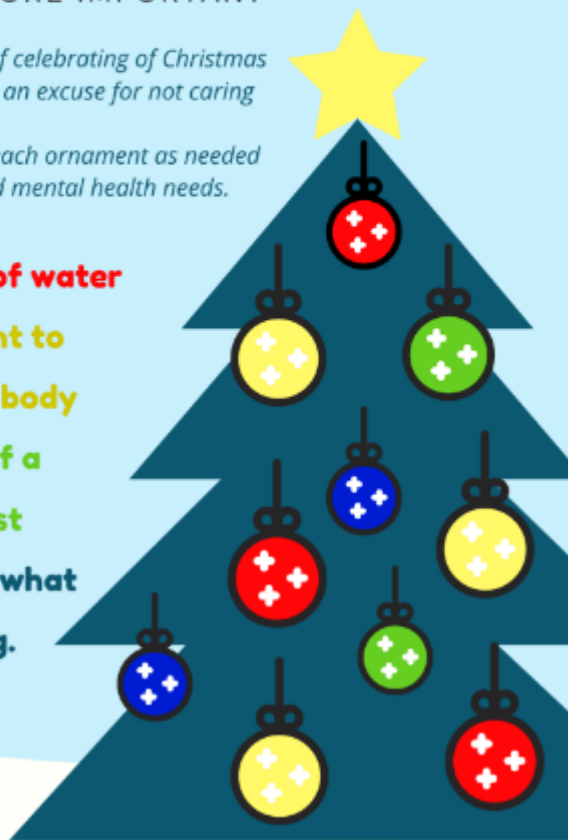
*Make sure to check each ornament as needed for your physical and mental health needs.*

**Drink a glass of water**

**Take a moment to listen to your body**

**Grant yourself a moment to rest**

**Be mindful of what you are eating.**



## Support for you

### SAMARITANS

Whatever you're going through, a Samaritan will face it with you. We're here 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Call: 116 123

Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)



• Local NHS 24/7 urgent mental health lines (which can be found on [nhs.uk/urgentmentalhealth](https://nhs.uk/urgentmentalhealth)).



When you call you'll talk to a qualified counsellor. We'll offer you immediate, confidential emotional support.

Don't wait for a crisis to call [08000 562 561](https://08000562561)

**shout**  
85258

• **SHOUT** provides free, confidential, 24/7 text message support in the UK for anyone who is struggling to cope and anyone in crisis. Text SHOUT to 85258. This service is free on all major mobile networks.



• **Papyrus (Prevention of Young Suicide)** provides advice and support for young people under 35 who feel like they want to take their own life. All their advice is confidential. Young people and parents under 35 can call their HOPELineUK on: 0800 068 41 41 or text: 07786 209687 (lines are open every day from 9am to midnight).



Call 0300 123 3393 or visit [mind.org.uk](https://mind.org.uk)

**gr'ef encounter**

By phone – call us now on 0808 802 0111  
Web chat – click on the bottom right-hand corner

Email – contact us anytime and we will reply as soon as possible on [griefftalk@griefencounter.org.uk](mailto:griefftalk@griefencounter.org.uk)



palliative, neurological and bereavement support

<https://www.sueryder.org/how-we-can-help/online-bereavement-support>



**Walsall Bereavement Support Service**  
Reg. Charity No. 1152724

<https://www.wbss.org.uk/>  
Call: 01922 724841

**Cruse Bereavement Support**

<https://www.cruse.org.uk/get-support/>  
Call: 0808 808 1677



• **SANEline** 4pm -10pm  
365 days a year. Call 0300 304 7000



**Walsall Family Hubs are pleased to announce the new Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities also known as EPEC groups starting from January 2024.**

**We all know whilst being a parent is a precious experience, it also comes with a range of different challenges and worries and whilst we don't have a 'manual to follow' together we can, as parents & carers ourselves offer you the opportunity to gain skills to listen, communicate and interact with your children, and focus on different developmental periods from birth onwards.**

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US**

**Scan QR code or click link below to sign up.**

<https://forms.office.com/e/NejSdLpCTf>



## **BEING A PARENT GROUPS ARE AVAILABLE:**

VENUE	ADDRESS	DATES	TIMES
Fullbrook Nursery School,	3 Walstead Road, Walsall WS5 4NX	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 24th to Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 24	09:15am – 11:15 am
Fathers Group Central & South Locality	Birchills Street, Walsall WS2 8NG	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 24 – Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 24	10am – 12pm
Busill Jones Primary School,	Ashley Road, Bloxwich WS3 2QF	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 24 – Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 24	09:30am – 11:30am



For more information, please email [earlyhelpvolunteers@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:earlyhelpvolunteers@walsall.gov.uk) or call 01922 652 472.



# *New Year Football Camp 2024*

Aldridge School Tynings Lane, Aldridge, WS9 0BG

**Come & join Bryan  
& the BSFA team  
for some post  
Christmas fun  
& games**

on our New Year  
Football Camp at  
Aldridge School  
where we have  
indoor & outdoor  
facilities.



**Wed 3rd & Thu 4th Jan 10am to 3pm**

**Boys & Girls 5 to 12 years**

**£45** for 2 days or **£25** for a single day

**A medal for all who attend, & prizes to win!!**

**Children to bring a packed lunch, plenty to drink,  
football boots & trainers.**

**Book by text 07923 251502**

**Email: [bsfabookings@gmail.com](mailto:bsfabookings@gmail.com) or message the page  
if you are new to BSFA include an email address.**





# What's on at our Family Hubs

Come along and join us for a range of free activities this term.

## Saturday stay and plays at our Family Hubs January – March 2024 for families with children aged 0 – 5 years

**Saturday 20 January @ East Family Hub**, Silver Court, Walsall, WS8 6HA **10:30 – 11:30** - To book your place call 01922 658300

**Saturday 3 February @ North Family Hub**, 275 Blakenall Lane, Blakenall, Walsall WS3 1HJ **10:30 – 11:30** - To book your place call 01922 654589

*Theme: Engaging activities with your child, here you can spend some quality time with your child taking part in activities, strengthening bonds with your child whilst having fun. Build a tower from spaghetti and marshmallows, matching games and help each other with spot the difference.*

**Saturday 24 February @ South and Central Family Hub**, Birchills Street, Walsall, WS2 8N **10:30- 11:30** To book your place call 01922 654545

**Saturday 9 March @ West Family Hub**, Ilmington House, Crescent Road, WS10 8AE **10:30 – 11:30** To book your place call 01922 652959

*Theme: Speech & Language. In this session you can encourage your child's communication and language skills with interactive and fun learning activities. Share a story, take part in a scavenger hunt & even make your own cup phone.*

## Dads stay and plays at our Family Hubs January – March 2024

*Dads Stay & Play is an opportunity for dads to turn up with their children to play together and have fun together on a Saturday. For Dads to be able to talk with other dads about whatever they wish too as well as have a fun time! Games, toys, and snacks will be provided in a safe and friendly environment. No need to book just turn up. The session starts from 11:00 - 1:00pm*

**Saturday 6 January @ North Family Hub**, 275 Blakenall Lane, Blakenall, Walsall WS3 1HJ

**Saturday 13 January @ West Family Hub**, Ilmington House, Crescent Road, WS10 8AE

**Saturday 27 January @ South and Central Family Hub**, Birchills Street, Walsall, WS2 8N

**Saturday 02 March @ North Family Hub**, 275 Blakenall Lane, Blakenall, Walsall WS3 1HJ

**Saturday 16 March @ East Family Hub**, Silver Court, Walsall, WS8 6HA

**Saturday 23 March @ South and Central Family Hub**, Birchills Street, Walsall, WS2 8N

## Dads group

**Saturday 10 February @ West Family Hub**, Ilmington House, Crescent Road, WS10 8AE 10-1pm

Come along to our Dads group for an opportunity to meet other dads and share your journey. The group will allow an open, safe and fun space for you to talk to other dads, access information, training and further support networks. To book on you can email Ed at [EarlyHelpParentingTeam@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:EarlyHelpParentingTeam@walsall.gov.uk) with your name, postcode and email.



Barr Beacon  
School Centred Initial  
Teacher Training  
Your Future | Their Future

# TRAIN TO TEACH WITH Barr Beacon SCITT?

## Primary Teacher Training places available for 2024-2025!

### Walsall Partnership

Lead Partner:



3-7 route  
5-11 route

Find out more



### Wolverhampton Partnership

Lead Partner:



3-7 route  
5-11 route

Find out more



Ofsted  
Outstanding  
Provider

Matrix  
Academy Trust





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# TRAIN TO TEACH WITH Barr Beacon SCITT?

## Secondary Teacher Training places available for 2024-2025!

### Our Secondary Partnership

#### Walsall



#### Nuneaton



#### Birmingham



#### Staffordshire



#### Wolverhampton



#### Sandwell





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**Teacher Training**  
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## Teaching Internships

earn £900 for a 3 week internship

Are you an undergraduate looking to find out if a career in teaching maths, physics, computing, chemistry or a foreign language\* is for you?

Undergraduates looking to teach maths, physics, chemistry, computing or a foreign language\* at any stage within their degree may participate in the Teaching Internships Programme.

The 3 week programme will commence on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

The internship will give you a real insight into what it is like to be a teacher. You will shadow some of our most accomplished teachers, work with pupils to support their learning and even get a chance to try your hand at some teaching as well!

**Participating placement schools can be found on our website.**

**You can find out more here:**

[www.bbscitt.co.uk/teaching-internships](http://www.bbscitt.co.uk/teaching-internships)



Application form

\*We offer Foreign Language places for those wishing to teach Spanish, French or German

Apply by  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
June 2024

### Further Information



Email Michael (SCITT Director)  
[meszrenyi@matrixacademytrust.co.uk](mailto:meszrenyi@matrixacademytrust.co.uk)

