



Rye Park Nursery School

"Nurturing every child to fulfil their potential"



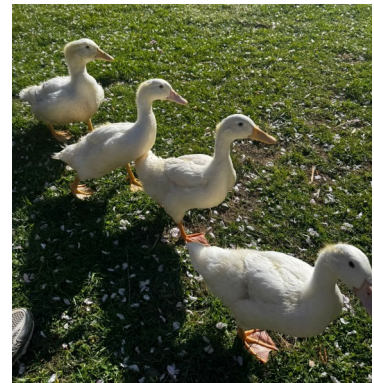
April Newsletter 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful start to the summer term and how lucky are we that the sun is shining and longer, lighter days are here. The world around us is coming to life with new beginnings and wonderful colours appearing everywhere. Many of you found some these on your Spring challenge, thank you for sharing these on Tapestry.

Before the break we were all amazed just how quickly the ducklings hatched and grew, but look at them now in their new home.



In the last few weeks some of our tadpoles have changed shape and grown legs, a few have made it into the pond within the Wren garden and the Wagtail children and staff are busily creating another pond area in their garden.

Staffing update

Clare Yorke (Wagtail key worker) will be taking a short break after the May Bank holiday (4th May) whilst she recovers from a knee operation. We wish her well and hope that she returns happy and healthy as soon as she can. In the meantime the class will be joined by Katie Hart and Wendy Moylan (both experienced staff).

The time flies by so fast and we are reaching that time again where we plan for the children moving onto Reception or transitioning within our school. For those moving on we will be inviting the receiving teachers and SENCOs in to meet the children and to talk to their keyworkers, this helps to build a smooth transition from nursery to primary school. For those staying with us, all offers have now been made and letters detailing places, visits and settling times have been emailed out. After the next half term break we will begin transition visits within school, children will visit their new group rooms with their current keyworkers and staff will swap areas at times, so that children become familiar with them.

Plans for our coming FORPNS funday have begun, read on further for how you can help.

Finally, well done to Dougie who passed his Silver Good Citizen Test at the weekend.



Preparing for School

For those joining Primary School this September follow this link to explore the 'Best Start in Life' advice to help support and smooth your child's

transition



Preparing for school - Best Start in Life

Road Safety

Last week we had a visit from the road safety team, the Wrens and Wagtail children took part and learnt practical safety skills, such as stopping, listening to their adult, holding hands and walking whilst crossing the road. The team also talked about the importance of seat belts and car seats.

The follow up information has been sent on a Tapestry memo to all parents and is attached again with this newsletter, please take time to read the information and check that your child is safely secure when travelling in a vehicle.



Mud, Mud and even more Mud !!

We love mud!! It's an amazing free resource and a wonderful way to increase children's confidence in risk-taking. Mud offers such a wealth of learning opportunities and luckily many children find it irresistible. It squelches and oozes and sucks at your wellies !! It's sticky and slippery, it can be paint or chocolate cake or so much more.

You can jump, splat, slide, lie in it, laugh and learn.

It's fully recyclable and easy to clean off (simply with soap and warm water).

Take a peek at some of the fun that we have been having over the last few weeks with mud!



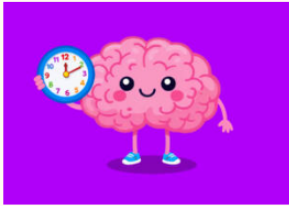
This year we will be celebrating International mud day (see dates list) and wonder if anyone has an old paddling pool (still usable) that we could have.

More information will be sent out nearer the time.

Warning: Always dress your child suitably for a fun packed session



Screen Time for Early Years Children



How much screen time should my child have?

Limit total screen time for young children, wherever possible.

- **Under 2 years:** Avoid screen time other than for shared activities with family that encourage bonding, interaction and conversation.
- **2-5 years:** Try to keep it to 1 hour a day. Less if possible.

Do you ever wonder what's healthy for your child when it comes to screens?

Take a look at the advice and follow the link for more information and safe screen swops

[Baby and toddler screen time guidance - Best Start in Life](#)



Sun Safety and the use of sunscreen in school

Important Health and Safety message

As the weather warms up, please ensure that your child comes to school wearing footwear that is suitable for a fun packed and energetic day. **Crocs, sliders and open toed sandals** are NOT safe and secure for children when running, climbing, riding, etc.

Your child will need a named sunhat that can be kept in school or brought in daily.

This year we have made the decision to provide sun cream in school for children staying all day, this will be applied after lunch with parental permission. If you prefer you can still supply your own sunscreen and staff will support the application.



All suncreams coming into school **MUST** be NUT FREE

Sunscreen permission forms will be sent home next week.

[Sunscreen and sun safety - NHS](#)

Meet the Guinea Pigs

Our new pet guinea pigs have been coming into school to get to know the children and explore their second home, but at this point they have no names.

We would like to invite the children to name our new pets.

This will be available soon in the lobby area.





Friends of Rye Park Nursery School (FORPNS)

FORPNS Raisin Box Challenge

A huge thank you to all of our children and families who took part in the challenge.

Together you raised an amazing

£1,344.86

for the school



Congratulations to the winners



Jack and Brody in Robins

Cian and Georgie in Wrens

Margo and Beatrice in Wagtails



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Summer Funday

Saturday 6th June - 12-2.30pm

We are all very excited about our next event and hope that you will all come along with friends and family and join in the fun. Organising for the day has begun and to make it as successful as we can, we are asking for donations prior to the day and help if you can on the day.

After the bank holiday we will be collecting soft toys (all sizes) and small children's books, followed by tombola items the week after, plus plants and raffle prizes anytime.

Please donate if you can and thank you for your support of our events, these funds help to provide enriched activities and learning environments for all of our children.



Calendar and Events for your Diary Summer term 2026

Monday 13th April - Wednesday 22nd July

Raisin Box Challenge winners - Tuesday 27th April



Occasional Day - Friday 1st May (school closed)

Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May (school closed)

Polling Day (Inset) - Thursday 7th May (school closed)



All About Minibeasts week - Monday 18th May

World Bee Day - Wednesday 20th May



HALF TERM - 25th - 29th May (school closed)

Caterpillar arrive in school - Tuesday 2nd June



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Keeping Healthy week - Monday 15th June



Stay and play (current families) - Tuesday 16th June 4-5pm, all welcome



ARK Farm visit - Friday 26th June



Fun with mud week - Monday 29th June (more info soon)



Stay and play (new families and those returning in September - Monday 6th July

and/or Wednesday 8th July 4-5pm



Play Matters Cardboard Box Day - Friday 10th July



Summer Fun week - Monday 13th July (including ice-cream van visit)



Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July - Wren and Wagtail Leavers for Reception sing-alongs |



Children's last day of term - Wednesday 22nd July