



Rye Park Nursery School



"Nurturing every child to fulfil their potential"

November Newsletter 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

The half-term break seems a while ago now but I hope you all enjoyed the time. Autumn is such a wonderful time of year, with its rich colours, wealth of outdoor learning opportunities and wonderful celebrations. Remember that you can share your child's home experiences and family events at anytime with us on Tapestry. Linking learning and experiences from home to school, supports children with their sense of belonging and positivity, building self-esteem and further opportunities for sharing.

As the weather changes, now becoming colder and wetter please ensure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing and a bag of spares (including socks). We do have waterproof outer layers but children invariably get wet beneath these. If you wish please feel free to provide your child with their own warm waterproof wear (clearly labelled for school). We do have a few red and blue fleeces available from the office, these are plain (no logo) and offered as an addition to our uniform and currently cost £9.90

Before the half-term break we started to add our 'Spotlights on Learning' to tapestry, with the last being an Autumn term challenge, there are a few of the wonderful pictures from home further down in this newsletter. Please feel free to add your photos as you complete the challenge. Most of the weekly spotlights focus on our core texts, rhymes and poems. The power of storytelling and language in early childhood cannot be overstated, and your engagement in these activities is invaluable. Please click the 'thumbs up' so that we know you are receiving and enjoying these. This week is World Nursery Rhyme week and you will be receiving a new rhyme to enjoy everyday with your child.

Just a final reminder to complete 'All about me' sheets, share your 'Hopes and wishes' and provide a family photo if you haven't done so already.

We are really looking forward to this fun packed half-term in school and hope that you can help by supporting our fundraising events in some way.

Warm wishes, Debbie Penwill Head teacher

Safeguarding Children

Please help us to keep all children safe by checking that the path and carpark gates are closed behind you and finishing your calls and putting your mobile phone away before entering the school. We also ask that parents and carers do NOT open the main door, even if you are waiting within the Reception area or know the person waiting.

Thank you for your support

Primary School Admissions for September 2026 starters

Primary admissions opened on the 3rd November 2025 and close on the 15th January 2026.

Applications can be made by following this link

[School admissions: How to apply - GOV.UK](#)

For further information on our local schools and tours. Visit the school's website or contact their school office.

Thinking of summer born delay, here is some further information for you

[Summer-born children starting school: advice for parents - GOV.UK](#)

Please discuss with us if you are considering this

Coffee Morning and Pre-Loved Clothing Event

Last week we held our first coffee morning, thank you to those who came along. We also had pre-loved clothing on offer for a small donation.

For those unable to attend but who would like to take advantage of the pre-loved clothing, these will be added for a time into the boxes within the main school reception area



Stay and Play

We have our last session today Wednesday 12th November from 4.00-5.00pm

This is your chance to come along with your children to play, chat and have fun together at school.

Siblings are very welcome



World Nursery Rhyme Week

Monday 10th - Friday 14th November

The children across the school will take part and join in with some new and familiar rhymes. These are being shared with you via Tapestry and by following the link below

[Home - World Nursery Rhyme Week](#)



Hertfordshire
**Family Centre
Service**

Follow the link to see what's on offer in the local area for parent support and child's activities.

[https://
www.hertsfamilycentres.org/
family-centres.aspx](https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/family-centres.aspx)



Friends of Rye Park Nursery School (FORNS) NEWS

Thank you to those who joined us for the last meeting. It was very productive and we have a number of ideas and events to share with you all and ways that you can help.

For our Christmas celebrations this year we have planned the Grotto Day for Friday 12th December. This will run throughout the day and opening times will be shared in due course. On the day we will also have a few stalls with refreshments and tasty treats, Christmas cards and decorations for sale (mostly made by Rye Park children), mini face paint or tattoo, and even a backdrop photo scene opportunity. It's all very exciting and we will start to create soon.

You can help now by donating items for our Christmas Hampers, see the collection list in the separate FORPNS newsletter, also on the noticeboard. Nearer the time we will be asking for volunteers help to organise items, wrap gifts, sell raffle tickets and even to help on the day and obviously to come along with your children to enjoy the fun and to support the school.

Thank you to Church Farm Ardeley who have kindly offered farm pass vouchers for the coming raffle. For more info on Church Farm click the link or see the attached poster.

www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk

Calendar and Events for your Diary

Coffee morning - Friday 7th November

Stay and Play sessions - Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th November

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 11th December

Christmas Grotto Day - Friday 12th December

Nativity at the church (Wrens and Wagtails) - Wednesday 17th December 9.15am start

Christmas Hamper draw - Wednesday 17th December

END OF TERM - Friday 19th December

Session Times: Friday AM Children 8:45am-10.15am

Friday PM Children 10:30am-12noon (No lunch Club)

Friday All day Children 8:45am-1pm (bring lunch)

FULL TERM DATES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

[Term Dates | Rye Park Nursery School](#)