Autumn Term 13/11/26

Newsletter

For a Friday 13th, we have certainly had a fabulous Friday and a wonderful week at Rickmansworth Park!

It has been an absolute joy this week to hear the children practising their Christmas songs on their brass instruments. It might seem a little early to be talking about Christmas, but there are only five more Fridays until Christmas! 🎄

It was lovely to see so many of you at our open morning this week. I am sure you will join me in agreeing that the quality of teaching and learning, alongside the exemplary behaviour of our children, really is something to be proud of. We are incredibly lucky to have such fabulous teachers who work so hard to provide the very best for our children. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to showcase this to you.

Well done to Year 2 for a fabulous class assembly, showcasing all your amazing work and playing the glockenspiel's with real finesse!

We have had our RWI consultant in for a day this week, supporting the staff with the teaching of phonics. We do not sit still at Rickmansworth Park, the staff are always learning and refining their practice to ensure the best possible outcomes for all the children!

A huge thank you to everyone who made a donation via ParentPay for Children in Need. Together, we have raised £469, which will be sent directly to this very worthy charity. Your generosity is very much appreciated. The ParentPay link will remain open if you still wish to donate!

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and on Monday, children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks! This is a lovely way to celebrate what makes us all different and remind ourselves that our differences should be embraced and celebrated.

This year's theme is 'Make a Noise About Bullying' – Break the Silence, encouraging children to speak up, speak out and seek help if they experience or witness bullying. It is an important message, and one that we will be exploring with the children throughout the week.

Your child will be bringing home a bag next week for Bags2School. Please fill the bag with clean, good condition unwanted clothes, bags, jewellery and soft toys. Bring your bag to school on Friday – the more bags we get and the heavier the weight is, the more money we receive as a school! Please click on the link to see the full list of what you can donate: https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect

Grapes and packed lunches
If your child is in Reception or Year 1, please ensure that any grapes included in their lunchbox are cut lengthways into quarters. Whole grapes can present a significant choking risk, particularly for younger children, and we want to ensure that we are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe.

I look forward to seeing all the children and staff with their odd socks on Monday for the start of Anti-Bullying Week!

Attendance

Whole School attendance this week = 97.9%

Well done to Year 3 who had 99% attendance this week. Amazing!

Please come to school every day and on time!

Remembrance

Y5 have been thinking about Remembrance and have made some stained glass windows to commemorate this special day.









Watford Schools Trust

Y5 have had 2 visits from Watford Schools Trust over the past 2 weeks. They have learned about the Ten Commandments and also about 'The Light of the World' painting by William Holman Hunt.

Children in Need

It was lovely to see so many children in spotty clothes or Pudsey ears. So far we have raised £469 for Children in Need. Thank you for all your generous donations.









Sport Events

Lacrosse

Well done to children who took part in the Lacrosse competition, you improved throughout the competition and showed great sportsmanship!



Rapid Fire Cricket

Some children in Y2 took part in the Rapid Fire Cricket competition at Future Academy this week. They came a very respectful 2nd place. Great work Year 2!



Football

Well done to all the Y6 Children that took part in the football competition at The Reach this week.



Running

Year 5 took part in a variety of running events at Rickmansworth School this week. All the children were great advocates and supported in each in all the events.



Next Week…

16th November – Anti Bullying Week launch – Odd Socks Day

16th November – Y3 & 4 visit Hare Krishna Temple

16th November – Y5 visit Rickmansworth School for Art

16th November – Flu vaccines

18th November – Reception class assembly

18th November – Y4 Rapid Fire Cricket, 4:00-6:00

20th November – Please bring in your Bags2School

Rickmansworth Park

JMI School

Anti-Bullying Week 2026 - Break the Silence

Odd Socks Day



Monday 16th November

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes each and every one of us unique!

Mental Health & Wellbeing

WHAT IS BULLYING?

According to the government, there isn't one legal definition of bullying, however, it usually includes behaviour that is:

- repeated
- intended to hurt someone physically and emotionally
- often aimed at certain groups (for example because of your race, religion, gender etc)



WHAT IS NOT BULLYING?



It's absolutely normal to have disagreements with your friends. It's important to remember that there is a difference between being bullied and having a fall out. These are not bullying:

- a one off fall out with your friend
- a difference of opinion

But if someone, or a group of people are repeatedly targeting you due to who you are, or are trying to hurt you physically or emotionally, then this is bullying and it is never acceptable.

Help Us Raise Money for Children's Hospital Pyjamas

Every child deserves a comfy night's sleep in hospital. Your support helps buy pyjamas for children when they need them most.

Choose Your Challenge!

Pick an activity that works for you!

Run

How far can you go?

Run, walk or jog a set distance (e.g. 1km, 5km, or even a 10km)!

Steps

Set a step goal!

Maybe 5,000, 10,000 or even 20,000 steps!

Your Own Idea

Get creative! You could cycle, swim, do a sponsored silence... it's up to you!

The child who raises the most money WINS!

A PRIZE + £50 CREDIT!

How to Donate

1. Ask family, friends and neighbours to sponsor you.
2. Collect the cash donations.
3. Give the money to your teacher or parent/guardian.

Every pound makes a difference!

My Donation List

Date	Donator's Name	Amount
		£
		£
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		£
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Thank you!

Your kindness helps give children a brighter tomorrow.

Small steps. Big smiles. Together we can help!