Autumn Term 20/11/26

Newsletter

It has been another exciting and busy week at Rickmansworth Park!

It was lovely to see so many children wearing their odd socks on Monday as part of Anti-Bullying Week, helping to spread the important message that we are all different and unique, and that this is something to celebrate.

Year 3 and 4 had a fabulous day out this week at Bhaktivedanta Manor. The children had the opportunity to go on a cart ride, feed some cows and even dress up! It was a wonderful experience, and I think it is fair to say that the adults enjoyed the day just as much as the children!

Year 5 enjoyed a visit to Rickmansworth School this week, where they took part in an art lesson. We are incredibly fortunate to have such strong links with Rickmansworth School. These opportunities allow our children to become familiar with the secondary school environment well before they make the transition in Year 6, helping them to feel more confident and prepared for the next stage of their education.

Reception had their very first class assembly this week, and they were absolutely amazing! Many of the children are still only four years old, yet they stood confidently in front of an audience, remembered their lines and sang beautifully, complete with all the actions. Their confidence and enthusiasm were fantastic to see. A huge well done to all the Reception children, and a special thank you to Mrs Martin and Mrs Lucas, who have worked so hard with the children to put together such a wonderful assembly.

There are lots of exciting events and important dates coming up as we approach Christmas, so please do take a look at the dates section below. A letter will be coming home early next week with further information about our upcoming Christmas nativity performances. Please remember to book your tickets so that you don't miss out!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and staff for their support, understanding and reassurance following the incident on Tuesday. I appreciate the concern this understandably caused, and I want to reassure you that we are taking steps to strengthen the security of our school site as a matter of urgency.

We have contacted three fencing companies to provide quotes for improvements to our perimeter fencing and gates. One company has already visited the school this week to take measurements and provide a quote, and we are awaiting dates for the other two companies to visit.

Depending on the costs involved, we may need to approach the work in two phases. Our initial priority would be to replace the emergency gates, as these are currently particularly easy to climb over, followed by improvements to the wider perimeter fencing as a second phase. Once we have received all three quotes, we will have a much clearer picture of the costs and the options available to us. We are also increasing the number of CCTV cameras that we have around the site.

I have been genuinely touched by the support and offers of fundraising from so many parents. Thank you. I will continue to keep you updated as plans progress and will let you know how you can help, whether through fundraising initiatives or by supporting the school in approaching Hertfordshire County Council for financial assistance.

Thank you for your support. Working together, we can ensure that Rickmansworth Park remains a safe and happy place for all our children.

Attendance

Whole School attendance this week = 96.3%

Well done to Year 6 who had 99% attendance this week. Amazing!

Please come to school every day and on time!

Year 4 Rapid Fire Cricket

Well done to the Y4 team, they came 3rd out of 8 teams!



Reception needs your help!

Reception would be very grateful for any donations of wooden planks, pallets, old tyres, plastic piping or other reclaimed building materials. These are fantastic resources for encouraging the children's creativity and imaginative play. This week, the children have already used reclaimed materials to build a pirate ship and a car, and they have loved bringing their ideas to life! We would love to add to our collection, so if you have anything suitable that you are happy to donate, please speak to Mrs Martin or Mrs Lucas.



Year 3 & 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor







Up and Coming…

24th November – New to Reception parent tour

24th November – Y3&4 Girls Football competition, 1:45-4:00

2nd December – Whole school pantomime, Cinderella

4th December – School council take part in the Christmas tree festival – St Mary's church

4th December – Y5 Anglo Saxons day

8th December – Reception & Y1 Nativity, 9:15-9:45

8th December – Y2 & Y3 Nativity, 10:00-10:45

9th December - Reception & Y1 Nativity, 9:15-9:45

9th December - Y2 & Y3 Nativity, 10:00-10:45

10th December – RPSA Bring a bottle for a non-uniform day

11th December – RPSA Elfridges

12th December – RPSA Christmas Disco

12th December – Snowman Choir performing at St Clement Danes, 11:00-1:30

15th December – Nine Lessons, Y4-6, St Mary's Church, 7:00pm

16th December – Christmas Lunch

18th December – Last day of term, school closes at 1:15pm


RICKY PARK SCHOOL PRESENTS
ELFRIDGES
CHRISTMAS GIFT STALL
DONATIONS WANTED!
Calling all parents! Help us stock Elfridges with lovely gifts for a joyful PTA event!
We are asking for donations of new or good-as-new items. They MUST be IN DATE and in a GOOD, WORKING CONDITION.
DONATION DATES
Friday Mornings at School Drop Off:
13th NOVEMBER
20th NOVEMBER
27th NOVEMBER
4th DECEMBER
SUGGESTED DONATIONS (for Children, Women & Men):
Toiletries & Smellies
Candles & Perfume
Aftershave
Gloves & Scarves
Ornaments & Vases
Soft Toys & Toys
Soft Toys & Toys
Books / Cookbooks
Calendars & Diaries
Baking
Gardening Goods
Make-Up & Goods
Make-Up & Hair Accessories
Mugs & Homeware
Home Decor Items
Socks & Jewellery
Accessories
The RPSA appreciate the cooperation and generosity of our school community to help make this event a huge success.
THANK YOU!
RPSA

✨Get ready to sparkle! ✨

Our much-loved RPSA Christmas Disco is back, and we can't wait to celebrate the festive season with the children!

Join us on Saturday 12th December, 3pm–6pm for an afternoon of dancing, music from our DJ, festive fun with games and, of course, a very special visit to Santa's Grotto! 🎅

🎟️ Tickets and prices are as follows;

Disco entry: £3 per child
Tokens: £5 for a pack of 10
Santa's Christmas Grotto: £5 per child, including a small gift
Raffle tickets: £1 each

There will be plenty of festive fun, so bring your dancing shoes and get ready to celebrate!

🎁 Donations welcome!
We would be incredibly grateful for donations to help make the event a success. If you are able to contribute, we would particularly welcome:

🍖Chocolate and sweets
🎁Pocket money toys
🍾Bottles for our bottle tombola (non uniform day on Thursday 10th December in exchange for a bottle)

Any other festive donations you think might be useful, but please check with your class rep!

All donations, big or small, are hugely appreciated and help us raise valuable funds for our school and children.

Every penny raised goes towards supporting our school and providing extra opportunities and resources for the children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity and support. We look forward to seeing lots of you there for a wonderful afternoon of festive fun!

Best wishes,

The RPSA Team 🎄

Donation Friday

Every Friday leading up to the Christmas Disco!

Please help us by donating:

- Sweets
- Pocket Money Toys
- Bottles

Bottles for the Bottle Tombola can be gifted anytime...

But on Thursday 10th December, we will be holding a Bottle in Exchange for Non Uniform Day!

Get ready for our

Christmas Disco

on Saturday 12th December!


CHRISTMAS
DISCO
Saturday 12th December 2026
3pm – 6pm
Tickets
£3
per child
Tokens
£5
for a pack
of 10
Christmas
Grotto Tickets
£5 per child
to include a
small gift
Raffle Tickets
£1 a ticket
Join us for a festive afternoon of fun!

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Parents and Carers talk about eating disorders

Please join us at a talk by 'First Steps ED' a leading eating disorder charity: When Eating Becomes Difficult.

What to look out for in a young person who may be struggling, and how you can access support for yourselves and your young people.

Where: Online over Zoom.

When: Tuesday 1st December, 7pm to 9pm.

For more information or to book your place:
Call: 01992 58 69 69
Email: contact@carersinherts.org.uk
Go online: www.carersinherts.org.uk/events

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About Carers in Hertfordshire

We are a charity that provides information, advice and support to unpaid carers - people looking after a partner, relative or friend, who is ill, elderly, has a physical or learning disability, or misuses substances.

We support carers of all ages - young people and adults - living, working or caring in Hertfordshire. Our services are free to carers and bereaved carers, who can access support for three years after the death of the person they looked after.

We provide services to carers to help them with their caring role or have a break from caring, to improve their health and wellbeing, and to have a voice in shaping health and community services.

We are partly funded by Hertfordshire County Council and the NHS in Hertfordshire. In partnership with them and other local organisations we work to ensure unpaid carers are identified, informed, supported and heard.

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Our support for parents and carers.

We have a team of Carer Engagement Workers who can provide advice and information and also support you to speak up.
We also:

- Give you a chance to meet and talk to other parents, carers and staff who understand.
- Give you the opportunity to represent your views to the authorities that commission and manage Children and
- Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS) in Hertfordshire.
- Provide free training and learning opportunities.
- Offer a Carers' Passport Discount Card that gives savings in shops, restaurants and other venues (contact us to apply for one today!)

