



Friday 2nd
October 2026

Rice Lane Primary School and Nursery

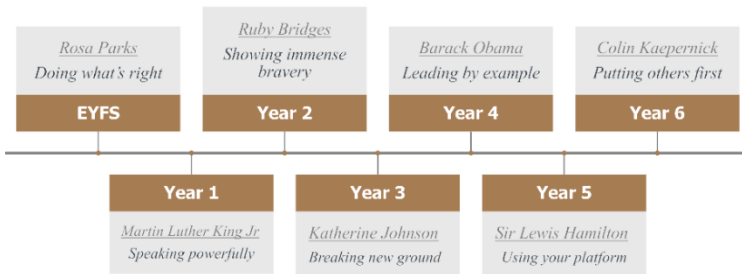
"We are respectful, resilient and together we achieve"

October—Black History Month

Children will be exploring key figures from Black History and discussing key questions for how we can learn from their actions. A few lucky children will have the opportunity to feature on our very own podcast to share their learning and ideas!

Black History Month

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Saturday 10th October—World Mental Health Day

As part of our continued work to promote good mental health throughout school, next week children will be participating in a short activity which will give them great ideas for ways to be mindful about their feelings.

Here are some ideas that you may like to try at home with your child. They are good for grown ups too!

- Mindful movement—Gentle stretches or animal yoga poses to calm and focus.
- Kindness jar—Add a pom-pom each time someone does something kind; watch it fill up together.
- Story time—Read a picture book about emotions (e.g. The Colour Monster) and talk about the colours of feelings.
- Breathing buddies—Lie down with a soft toy on the tummy, watching it rise and fall while breathing slowly.
- Feelings weather chart—Children choose a 'weather' for their mood each morning (sunny, cloudy, rainy) to encourage emotional check-ins.
- Mindfulness minute—Practice short guided meditation or visualisations (e.g. imagining a calm beach)

Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance	Minutes Late	Class	Attendance	Minutes Late
Rose	94.0%	8 Minutes	4B	95.8%	150 Minutes
Daffodil	95.0%	256 Minutes	4H	89.2%	242 Minutes
Sunflower	96.8%	180 Minutes	4P	92.0%	107 Minutes
1C	90.4%	88 Minutes	5S	94.8%	29 Minutes
1W	93.9%	Minutes	5ES	93.3%	417 Minutes
1K	96.7%	149 Minutes	5H	95.7%	127 Minutes
2Q	88.8%	62 Minutes	6K	86.7%	463 Minutes
2L	90.0%	145 Minutes	6O	87.1%	294 Minutes
3M	97.4%	204 Minutes	6C	92.4%	126 Minutes
3DB	89.5%	122 Minutes	Nursery MTW	85.4%	2 Minutes
3B	97.9%	74 Minutes	Nursery WTF	80.0%	84 Minutes
Oak	100%	52 Minutes	Nursery 30hrs	86.9%	39 Minutes
Academic Year to date	93.9%		Week ending 02.10.26	92.0%	

What Does Good Attendance Look Like?

Every Day Counts		
100%	0 days missed	Excellent
99%	2 days/ 10 lessons missed	Very Good
97%	1 week/ 25 lessons missed	Good
95%	2 weeks/ 50 lessons missed	Beginning to make it hard to make progress - Early Intervention - FPN - Pattern Spotting
94%-91%	11-17 days/ 55-85 lessons missed	Cause for concern - Early Intervention - FPN - Pattern Spotting
90%	4 weeks/ 100 lessons missed	Persistently Absent - Additional targeted support
80%	7.5 weeks/ 190 lessons missed	This much absence over 5 years equates to 1 full year missed
50%	19 weeks/ 485 lessons missed	Severely Absent Work with LA – Intensity support

100 Paw Cent Winner

EYFS/KS1	Sunflower
Lower KS2	3B
Upper KS2	5h

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Extra Curricular Clubs

Clubs will start week commencing Monday 7th September and will run until the week ending Friday 16th October. Clubs will run from 3.15pm to 4.15pm and collection will be from the Brockenhurst Road entrance.

Year 5 Ukelele club will start on Monday 15th September.

Day	Club	Teacher
Monday	Year 5 ukelele	Mr Smith
	KS2 BSL	Mrs
Tuesday	Year 1/2 football	Mr Gilliland
	Year 6 boys football	Mr Kendrew/ Mr Soulsby
Wednesday	Year 3/4 tag rugby	Mr Gilliland
Thursday	Year 5/6 netball	Mr Gilliland
	Year 5/6 girls foot- ball	Mr Quirk

Wellies and Waterproofs

We are encouraging as many children as possible to bring wellies and waterproofs into school for OPAL play, now that the weather is starting to turn and children will be outside in all weathers. The class that brings the most wellies will take part in a local trip—wearing their wellies and waterproofs! The closing date for this competition is Friday 16th October.



PE Timetable—Autumn Term 1

Children may come into school wearing their school PE kits on the days they have PE. Children **should not** wear football kits or other sports wear for PE.

Swimming kit is swimming costume/swim shorts/trunks (no bikinis), swim cap, goggles and a towel.

On swimming days children may come into school in their school PE kit. Please provide the swimming kit in a waterproof or plastic bag.

Year 6 will have their swimming sessions on Tuesdays. Lessons will start on Tuesday 8th September.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Oak
Year 3	Year 2	3M	Year 4	3DB
	Year 4	3B	Year 6	
	Year 5	Year 5		
	Year 6 swimming			

Term dates for academic year 2026/2027 can be found on our website at the following link:

<https://ricelanepprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Term-Dates-2026-2027.pdf>

The Autumn Term menu can be found on our website at the following link:

<https://ricelanepprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/FFT-Autumn-Menu-1.pdf>

The Autumn term planner can be found on our website at the following link:

<https://ricelanepprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Autumn-Planner-Parents-2026-27.pdf>

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ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

USING KIND WORDS ONLINE – POSITIVE COMMUNICATION TIPS

ISSUE 30

USING KIND WORDS

Encouraging children to communicate positively online is one of the many parental responsibilities faced in an increasingly online world today, ensuring that your child is treating others the way they expect to be treated.

Children often hear in school about it not being difficult to be kind, but children often believe that because they're behind the screen, they can be unkind. This is not true, and it is important that children recognise that they should still treat those online how they should expect to be treated, by using kind words and not being unkind when disagreeing.



TOP TIPS FOR COMMUNICATION

A few top tips for children when they're talking online with friends:

- **Put it in context** - Talk to your child about the situation - get them to imagine themselves in the other position - would they like the way they're being spoken to?
- **If you have nothing nice to say, don't say anything.** - A simple but effective tip.
- **Tone** - Get children to think about how their tone comes across over written text, a joke might not be taken the way they think.

APP SPOTLIGHT - WHATSAPP



This week's app spotlight is WhatsApp. WhatsApp is great for communication, especially for friends and family. But it is important to remember the minimum age is 13 for using whatsapp.

Scan or tap the QR Code below to find out more about Whatsapp:



For more information about communicating online, scan or tap the QR code below:



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