



Reephams Primary School – 01603 870321

January 2026 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we begin the Spring Term, it's always a joy to see how much the children grow—both in confidence and in their learning. This term is often where everything “clicks,” and the progress they make, academically and personally, is remarkable.

We have a busy calendar ahead, with plenty of opportunities for parents/carers to get involved and share in the children's experiences. We are sending this Newsletter a week early as it is such a short term and we wanted to give you full details of all upcoming events and activities. This does mean that the January certificates will be shared after next week's celebration assembly.

After the success of the open afternoons, we wanted to build on this and welcome you into school for a Reading Café with your child. Each class will have a reading event where the teacher will lead an activity around a book and you can join in with your child. We will be celebrating reading for pleasure, and we know this will be more successful with your support. We realise it will be difficult for some people to attend due to work but hopefully many of you will be able to join your class event:

Reading Café dates 2-3pm

Nursery- April 17th

Reception- April 24th

Year 1- February 13th

Year 2- June 5th

Year 3- May 1st

Year 4-May 15th

Year 5- May 8th

Year 6- March 20th

NSPCC Number Day- Friday 6th February

We will be celebrating Number Day in school again this year. We will invite the children to dress up as a number again as this has been so much fun in previous years. We will have the large Maths equipment in school and we will have a chance for you to come into the hall at the end of the school day to use the equipment as before. We are waiting to hear back from the Norwich Hub about pick up and collection times but we have requested to have the equipment Thursday 5th and Friday 6th February 2026. Class teachers will message as soon as this is confirmed.



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World Book Day- Exciting author event- details below.

We are very excited to be welcoming author **Steve Cole** into school the week before World Book Day on **Wednesday 25th February**. He will work with children during the school day which we will follow up in lessons on World Book Day. After school, he will hold a book selling event and then entertain us all at a 'Family event' between 4-5pm in the school hall. I have been lucky enough to watch one of his events many years ago and it was fantastic. We hope to see many of you join us that afternoon for a fun, entertaining afternoon with a great author. Huge thanks to the Friends for making this event possible.

We will be dressing up on World Book Day the following week on Thursday 5th March. Please try and use recycled/ homemade costumes rather than spending or buying new. More details of extra activities planned for the children in school on the day itself to come nearer the time.

Pastoral support – Fiona Sadler

We are sad to share that Fiona Sadler will no longer be working with us after February half term. We have been incredibly lucky to have her supporting families for the last few years and we are incredibly grateful for the Friends for funding her work for the last 18 months. We really need this support in schools, and we hold out for a change in funding to make this a priority. We know that Fiona leaving will have a real impact on the way that we are able to support children and parents moving forwards. Fiona is exploring the possibility of offering her services on a private basis. If this would interest you, please get in touch and we can give you her details. On behalf of the school community, we thank Fiona for all that she has done for us during her time at RPS and we hope we can work together again one day!

Internet Safety information

Please find attached an information sheet regarding AI. Our children are streets ahead of us on this and we need to take the time to educate ourselves on things they may access. As always, if you have any concerns or want more advice, please get in touch.

Thanks for your continued support.

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Upcoming dates for your diaries (please be aware these may be subject to change)

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30th Celebration Assembly/ open PM English/ Cake sale Y2

February

6th Feb Number Day
23rd Malawi Week
25th Steve Cole Author event
27th Celebration assembly/ Cake sale Y1

March

5th World Book Day
10th/ 12th Parents' evening
17th Class photographs
21st Red Nose Day
20th Celebration Assembly/ Open PM – Internet Safety/ Cake sale R/N
27th Break up Normal time

April

13rd Return to school
22nd World Earth Day
24th Celebration Assembly

May

11th KS2 SATs week
15th Celebration Assembly / Science Open PM

June

1st Japan week
1st -12th Multiplication check for Year 4
8th Phonics screening week
19th Celebration Assembly
19th Summer Fete
22nd Sports week
23rd Sports day- AM Years 3-6. PM Years N,R,1 and 2.
25/26th INSET Days – School closed to pupils

July

10th Celebration Assembly
14th Play y5/6 6pm
15th Play y5/6 6pm
17th Leavers assembly 10:30am- Year 6 parents welcome
17th School closed at 1:15pm