



Reepham Primary School – 01603 870321

May 2026 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Message from Catherine Ogle

At the end of this term, my role as Executive Head of Reepham Primary School is coming to an end. Our leadership structure has evolved due to several changes since I first became Head in 2016. We now have an excellent Head of School and Deputy Headteacher, meaning the Executive Head role is no longer needed.

I have loved my 18 years at this fantastic school, and I am leaving knowing that it is in the strongest place it has ever been. What you have here is incredibly special, and I know that RPS will continue to thrive under the leadership of Mrs Henry and Mrs Mallett.

Best Wishes,
Catherine Ogle.

Reminder to pay for dinners in advance!

We still have some people who are not paying for meals in advance. We are unable to allow any child to have a school meal without this upfront payment. Please ensure you clear any outstanding payments and add credit to the account if you wish to continue to order a school meal. Thank you in advance.

News from Friends of Reepham Primary School

1. **Rock 'n' Runathon.** A huge thank you to all that took part, donated in support and bought cake which raised over £10,000 towards the playground improvements. A great achievement and you made the news; (<https://www.derehamtimes.co.uk/news/26096745.reepham-primary-runathon-raises-money-playground-project/>)
2. **London Marathon '27.** Friends of Reepham Primary School have secured places for next year's marathon and would invite runners to take part (see poster for full details) to raise money on our behalf, register interest by Friday 5 June.
3. **Summer Fete.** Grab your sunglasses! This year the Fete is Beach themed but without the annoyance of sand getting in the way of bouncy castles, coconut shy, bar and bbq; all accompanied by live music. Please support by volunteering where you can (see class whatsapp groups for sign up link).
4. **The Playmakers' Gala.** Friends of Reepham Primary School are organising a special black-tie fundraising evening at Thursford on Thursday 10 September, with all funds raised going directly



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to the school's playground pot. We are currently inviting companies and organisations to support the evening by taking a table. If you work for, own, or have a connection to a company that may be interested, please contact Rose at **reephamfriends@gmail.com**. Individual tickets will be released for sale in the summer term. See poster or visit **reephamfriends.org/playmakers** for more details.

5. **Treasurer Role.** We are looking for someone to take over keeping an eye on the pennies in support of all the hard work the pupils and volunteers do.
6. **Next meeting.** The Kings Arms, Wed 3 Jun, 8pm start. Update on events and funds raising. Everyone is welcome.

<https://www.reephamfriends.org/>

Important update regarding Martyn's Law

We would like to share with you an important development in our approach to keeping children safe in school. Over recent months, we have been working very carefully on a strategy to meet the expectations of *Martyn's Law*, which requires schools to have clear procedures in place to keep everyone safe inside the building.

Many schools refer to this as a "lockdown plan." As part of this, we are required to teach children simple, age-appropriate ways to stay safe when indoors.

To help children feel comfortable and confident, we will approach this in a very similar way to how we have always practised fire drills. Just as children are familiar with "outside drills," we will now also introduce "inside drills." Much of this will feel very familiar to them — for example, listening carefully for an alarm, remaining calm and quiet, and following instructions from an adult.

We will use child-friendly, everyday examples to help explain why this might be needed. For instance, we occasionally have a deer come into the field, which requires us to stay safely inside the building for a short time. This helps children understand the idea in a reassuring and relatable way.

All staff have received training to ensure a consistent, calm and supportive approach across the school. We have worked hard to develop a plan that meets legal requirements while remaining appropriate and sensitive for children.

As with fire drills, we will not go into unnecessary detail about possible scenarios, and we will not do anything that might cause alarm. We kindly ask that you take a similar approach at home, keeping conversations simple and reassuring if they arise.



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We will use the terms “**inside drill**” and “**outside drill**” consistently with pupils. In line with requirements, we will carry out an inside drill once each term, beginning next half term in addition to the existing outside drills.

Our children are already excellent at responding to outside drills, and we are confident they will approach this new routine in the same way.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Workout Wednesday

We really appreciate Emily running these sessions for us each week. Unfortunately, she is unable to run sessions on the following dates:
3rd June, 10th June, 1st July, 8th July.

Gold Mark P.E

We are incredibly proud to announce that we have been awarded the GOLD SCHOOL GAMES MARK! Congratulations to all that have worked to make this possible, in particular Miss Saunders.

Padlets

You may have found two exciting padlets within our website already. If not, I have included the links below for you to have a browse. They are a wonderful resource of advice and different things on offer to support parents with SEND or anything Safeguarding related. You do not have to come through school for many of them so for example: if you had an anxious child you may be able to find resources to support within the padlets. This does not replace the existing support that we offer in school. Please give us any feedback as we are always looking at the best ways to support our families.

Please also find attached an information sheet introducing Sam Bloomfield, our Parent Support Advisor.

[Reepham Primary School | Synergy Multi-Academy Trust - Parental Support](#)

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Reading Café dates 2-3pm

Year 2- June 5th
 Year 5- TBC
 Year 6- May 22nd

Suncream and sunhat

Please remember as the weather gets warmer, please ensure you apply suncream to your child before school and provide a sun hat.

SATs Week for Year 6

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who approached their SATs with bucket loads of positivity and determination. They had such a fun week, and we are proud of the team/ families who supported them during this time to make it a fun, relaxing week. This attitude will serve all the children well as they tackle future exams/ challenges in their life. Thank you, Year 6 team and families.

Stars of the month for May

Class	Inspire	Challenge	Succeed together
Nightingales	Max	Eden and Harry	Locksley
Kingfishers	Olivia	Toby	Lissie
Puffins	Jasper M and Kitty	Coco	Violet
Goldfinches	Fred	Teddy	Sidney G
Wrens	Arthur	George	Penny
Barn Owls	All of the Owls	All of the Owls	All of the Owls
Tawny Owls	All of the Owls	All of the Owls	All of the Owls

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

June

1st Japan week
 1st -12th Multiplication check for Year 4
 8th Phonics screening week
 11th Y1 Trip to Wroxham Barns
 18th Y2 Trip to Sandringham
 19th Celebration Assembly
 19th Summer Fete
 22nd Sports week

Don't forget, if you don't get a copy of our monthly newsletter you can access it via our website at www.reephamprimary.org.uk
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23rd Sports day- AM Years 3-6. PM Years N,R,1 and 2.
24th Yr 6 to Norfolk Show
25/26th INSET Days – School closed to pupils

July

10th Celebration Assembly
15th Play y5/6 6pm
16th Play y5/6 6pm
16th Yr 6 Sheringham Beach Celebration
17th Leavers assembly 10:30am- Year 6 parents welcome
17th School closed at 1:15pm