



Ruardean C of E Primary School

Term 6: End of Year Newsletter

Love of Learning – Love of Life – Love of One Another
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Term 6 ends on Friday 18th July at 2.00pm

Term 1 starts on Wednesday 3rd September-Registration at 8.45am



Message from Mrs Haroun

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another vibrant and fulfilling school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey we've shared and to thank you for being such an integral part of our school community.

At the heart of everything we do is our school vision: **Love of Learning, Love of Life and Love of One Another**. This year, that vision has shone brightly in every classroom, on every playground, and throughout every experience we've shared.

We've seen our children grow not just in knowledge, but in confidence, kindness, and curiosity. Their **Love of Learning** has been evident in the way they've embraced new challenges, asked thoughtful questions, and supported one another in their growth. Our **Love of Life** has been celebrated through the many enriching experiences we've had beyond the classroom. Highlights of the year include our unforgettable trip to the **Houses of Parliament**, where pupils engaged with the heart of our democracy; and the adventurous days spent at **Viney Hill**, where they challenged themselves and built resilience. Most importantly, we've seen a deepening **Love of One Another**—in the friendships formed, the acts of kindness shared, and the inclusive, respectful environment we continue to nurture together.

None of this would be possible without the dedication, passion, and tireless efforts of our **amazing staff**. From teachers and teaching assistants to office staff, midday supervisors, and site managers—every member of our team plays a vital role in making our school the special place it is. I am deeply grateful for their unwavering commitment to our children's wellbeing and success.

To our Year 6 pupils and families who are moving on to new adventures, we send you off with pride and best wishes. You will always be part of our school family.

Thank you, parents and carers, for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. Together, we are building a community where every child can flourish.

Wishing you all a joyful, restful summer break.

With warmest regards,

Our value next term is:

Respect

Absences

If your child is unable to come to school for any reason, please let the school know the reason for absence **before 9:30am**.

Please do this by:

- * Leaving a message on the answerphone: Option 1
- * Emailing: admin@ruardean.gloucs.sch.uk

If your child is unwell please state the nature of the illness. Please do not say 'unwell'.

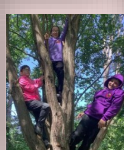
If we do not hear from you **by 9:30am**, regarding the absence, we will begin calling your contacts in the order you have supplied.

If we are unable to establish a reason for the absence then the next step will be to pay a home visit, followed by escalation to the Local Authority.

Click [HERE](#) to find out everything you need to know about school attendance .

Good Luck to all Our Leavers!!

We would like to give our best wishes to the Y6 children as they move on to their respective secondary schools. You have all had an amazing journey at Ruardean and it has been a real pleasure to watch you grow and flourish! Good luck with the next part of your school journey!

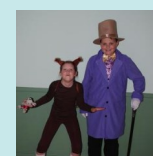


KS2 Musical Performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Huge congratulations to all the KS2 students who took part and entertained us in this year's musical production.



A selection of photo's of the performance can be viewed [HERE](#) or videos are linked [HERE](#)



Have you tried this...

NSPCC have a useful guide to help parents decide if their child is ready to stay at home alone. It has helpful questions for parents and children and is full of safety tips!



Click [HERE](#)

Important Reminder: Medication and Inhalers

Medication and inhalers will be sent home with students on the last day of term.

Please check expiry dates and return in September with any updates on your child's/children's health.



Uniform

All children are encouraged to wear school uniform. Uniform with the school logo is not compulsory, and items can be purchased from any retailer:

As a reminder we have listed the uniform expectations below;

- ⇒ Red jumper/sweatshirt
- ⇒ Grey/black skirt/pinafore dress
- ⇒ Grey/black trousers
- ⇒ Red fleeces if you wish
- ⇒ Black shoes (trainers are not suitable for everyday use)



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PE Kit—Plain black shorts/joggers, plain red or white T-shirt and black daps/trainers.

It's helpful that the children have a separate drawstring bag for their PE kit, which can be taken home for washing at regular intervals.

If your child is taking part in Forest School, please ensure the correct kit is supplied (see separate letters)

Uniform with the school logo on can be ordered via [My Clothing](#)—Earn 5% cash donation for school on all eligible orders.

Pets as Therapy (PAT)



A huge **THANK-YOU** to Glenn and his owner (Susan Lake) who have completed PAT reading support sessions with Beeches students this year.

Students have really enjoyed their sessions with Glenn.

We will keep regularly updating the PAT page on our website [HERE](#).

Meet the New Clerk to the Governors- Mrs Rebecca Keating



I've lived in Ruardean my whole life, minus a few years at university and a bit of city living at the start of my career. I went to Ruardean C of E as a child, and now it's amazing to see my own two kids attending the same school, with another one due to start at Acorns this September

I work as a Mammographer and Clinical Governance Assistant Practitioner with the NHS, which I absolutely love. My favourite part of my role is travelling around the county on our screening mobile units and getting to visit all the local community hospitals and people there. Before this, I worked in retail management and HR for the South West.

When I'm not at work, I'm usually outside, either reading, walking, or making memories with my family; whether it's a weekend adventure or just enjoying a quiet moment at home.

As the Clerk to Governors, if you ever want to chat or have any questions, feel free to approach me—I'm in the playground most Mondays and happy to have a conversation, or feel free to email me using the clerks email address on the website.

My HappyMind- Holiday Checklist

As we head into the holidays, we're excited to inform you of the brand-new Holiday Checklist on the **myHappyMind** Parent App.

It's a brilliant way to help children keep practising their myHappyMind habits during the holidays.

Please download the free Parent App [HERE](#) and get involved.

To find the checklist on the Parent App, simply:

1. Open the app
2. Click on Kids' Zone
3. Select myHappyMind Checklists
4. Choose the Holiday Checklist



Diary Dates:

14th /15th July: Y6 Bikeability—Cycle Training

15th July: End of Year Disco: KS1 from 4.15pm—KS2 from 5.30pm—£2.50 payable on the door.

16th/17th July: Y6 Residential—Viney Hill

18th July: Please join us for our End of Year/Leavers service at the church from 9.30am.

18th July: Last day of term —School finishes at 2pm.

Don't forget

Subscribe to our School Calendar

Subscribing to our website calendar will automatically pull through our events and term dates to your personal calendar, alongside any other existing calendars you may have. Click [here](#) to further details.

Please note: Although the calendar updates instantly, it may take up to 24 hours for new events to show up



[Subscribe to this calendar](#)

The Forest Foodbank



Extra food vouchers are available over the holiday period. If you need a voucher while the school is closed, you can contact the Salvation Army or St. James' Church. The contact details for these are on our website.

<https://theforest.foodbank.org.uk/>

Mental Health Support

On Your Mind Glos have a online support finder Visit: <https://www.onyourmindglos.nhs.uk/> to find out more.

Help for parents

Get advice and support if you're a parent of a child or young person with mental health difficulties:

[Advice from the NHS website](#)

You can also ask your GP or your child's school to refer you to a [parenting course from CAMHS](#).

Did you know?

Our term dates, lunch menus, uniform ordering and the school timetable can all be found on our useful information page on our website under the "Parents" tab.

<http://www.ruardeanofprimaryschool.com/useful-information/>

*****School Meals*****

Please click [HERE](#) for our menu which will be continuing in September

Please Note: The cost of a paid meal is £2.85



We do ask that you keep accounts in credit for **paid** school meals. **Please ensure any school meal arrears are cleared by the end of term.**

Click and Raise Funds for the School

Sign up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and raise money for the school every time you shop online (at participating stores)

Governor Zone - Governor Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for two **Co-opted governors**.

If you are interested in joining the board,

please contact: **Mrs Rebecca Keating (Clerk to the Governors)**.

E-mail: clerk@ruardean.gloucs.sch.uk

Please visit the [Governors](#) page on the school website to find out more!!



- We are always looking for new members, please contact: Friends@ruardean.gloucs.sch.uk
- Please like our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/friendsofuardeanschool>

School Contact Details

Tel: 01594 542461

E-mail: admin@ruardean.gloucs.sch.uk

Website:

www.ruardeanofprimaryschool.com

Don't forget to use our website for further useful information.

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Amazing App

LumiNova is our chosen amazing app for this newsletter edition. Aimed at 7-12 year olds it explores anxiety and ways to support this for children. Click below to find out more about it!

Click [HERE](#)



KIDS Summer HOLIDAY CLUBS

Open for children
5-11 Yrs old

Running this Summer in:

- Forest Of Dean
- Herefordshire • Ross
- Gloucester • Chepstow
- Cheltenham • Stroud



Join us for new themes EVERYWEEK:
• Schools out for Summer!
• Adventure Week
• Wet & Wild Week
• Prostars Sports Week
• Super Heroes
• Summer Carnival

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All policies are available upon request. Prostars are exempt from childcare registration.

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WRAP AROUND CLUBS

Breakfast and After School childcare provisions available on site during term-time, for students aged 4-11yrs.

Breakfast Club: 7.40am-8.40am
£5.50 per child, per session.

After School Club: Open-3.15pm-6pm
3.15pm-5.30pm: £9.50 per child, per session.

3.15pm-6.00pm: £10.50 per child, per session.

Please Note: Late charges will apply for collection after 6pm

We provide:

- ✓ Healthy Snacks
- ✓ Social Activities
- ✓ Fun and Games
- ✓ Supervised Play



More information:

01594 542461

E: admin@ruardean.gloucs.sch.uk
www.ruardean.cofeprimaryschool.com

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Via your ParentPay account

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Apply online for free school meals



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/

You can secure a tasty free meal for your child and save yourself up to £480 per year. Plus your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

If you receive a qualifying benefit, your child's school is entitled to extra funding. So even if you don't want your child to take a free meal, you should still apply to make sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled - helping them provide your child with the best education and support.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receiving an Universal Infant Free School Meal arranged by their school will still have to apply to enable their school to get any extra funding. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, speak to your child's school.

For further information, including a list of qualifying benefits, visit our website or speak to your child's school today.

Travel Assistance and Free School Meals Team
Education Planning & Infrastructure
Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall,
Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP



The Helpline is open Monday to Friday between 9-11 am

Tel: 07789 465127

Email: fodbabybank@gmail.com

Web: [The Forest of Dean Baby Bank - Home](http://TheForestofDeanBabyBank-Home)

- * For Baby Essentials including all kinds of baby related equipment
- * Formula and baby food
- * Clothes from 0-15 years
- * School Uniform from 4- 16 years
- * Bedding
- * Toiletries /Dental Hygiene

Term 1 starts on Wednesday 3rd September - Doors Open at 8.40am