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Pray with the Pope

This Easter, Pope Leo is asking us to pray for peace.

Click [here](#) to access a beautiful 5 minute video that you and your family can share.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Easter Break.



Eyes down for Binga 🐰





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This week in preschool, the children have been exploring 3D shapes, investigating which shapes are best for building and which are best for rolling. In RE, we have been learning about the Easter story, focusing on how Jesus died on the cross and how God gave him new life. We have enjoyed a range of Easter-themed activities throughout the week, including Easter bingo, egg rolling, and even a visit from the Easter Bunny!



Reception have been joyfully exploring the meaning of Easter through a range of creative and engaging activities. The children have listened to and discussed the Easter story, showing curiosity and thoughtful understanding. They have also had great fun decorating colourful Easter eggs, expressing their creativity with a variety of patterns and designs. In addition, the class has been making the most of our wonderful wooded area, where they have enjoyed playing together, building friendships, and developing their imagination through outdoor exploration. It has been a delightful and enriching experience for all!



Year 1 have had a wonderfully busy week! We've been learning all about Holy Week and exploring why the Easter story is so important — how Jesus died for our sins and rose again. The children have also produced some beautiful writing based on the story of the widow's mite.

We visited the prayer garden to spend some quiet time thanking Jesus during this special season. In art, we've been getting creative with lots of Easter crafts, including making our own collage bunnies.



Y2 have been learning about the Easter Vigil, a special church service, held on the Saturday evening before Easter Sunday. We have made our own Paschal Candles, to symbolise that Jesus is the light of our world and His love for us is never ending.

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In Music, Year 3 have been thoroughly enjoying learning to play the ukulele. They have been developing their skills in keeping a steady beat and understanding rhythm, showing great progress and enthusiasm. The class has been working on playing "Old Yellow Brick" by the Arctic Monkeys, and they sound brilliant.



This week in Year 4, we have been learning about the Paschal Candle and its significance during Easter. The children showed great interest in exploring the meaning behind the symbols and colours, and they thoroughly enjoyed creating their own candles, taking care to include these special features. We also took part in our Lent Walk for CAFOD, raising much-needed funds to support communities affected by flooding and the impact this has on crops and livelihoods. The children approached this with enthusiasm and a real sense of purpose. In addition, we held our parents' evening this week—**thank you** to everyone who attended. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to share the children's progress and celebrate their achievements together.



During Ukulele this week, Year 5 have been practising their new song, 'The Fate of Ophelia'. We followed along the tab to play the melody before progressing and having a go at playing the accompanying chords. The children played exceptionally well and have added a new song to their repertoire for this term!



Year Six started their Journey towards the Edmund Rice award this week. We were delighted to welcome Ann Nichols from Edmund Rice England to start our first module. The children enjoyed learning about the history of Edmund Rice and the journey he had taken towards helping people all around the world. We are excited to see what the future sessions involve as we progress towards our award day in the Summer Term.



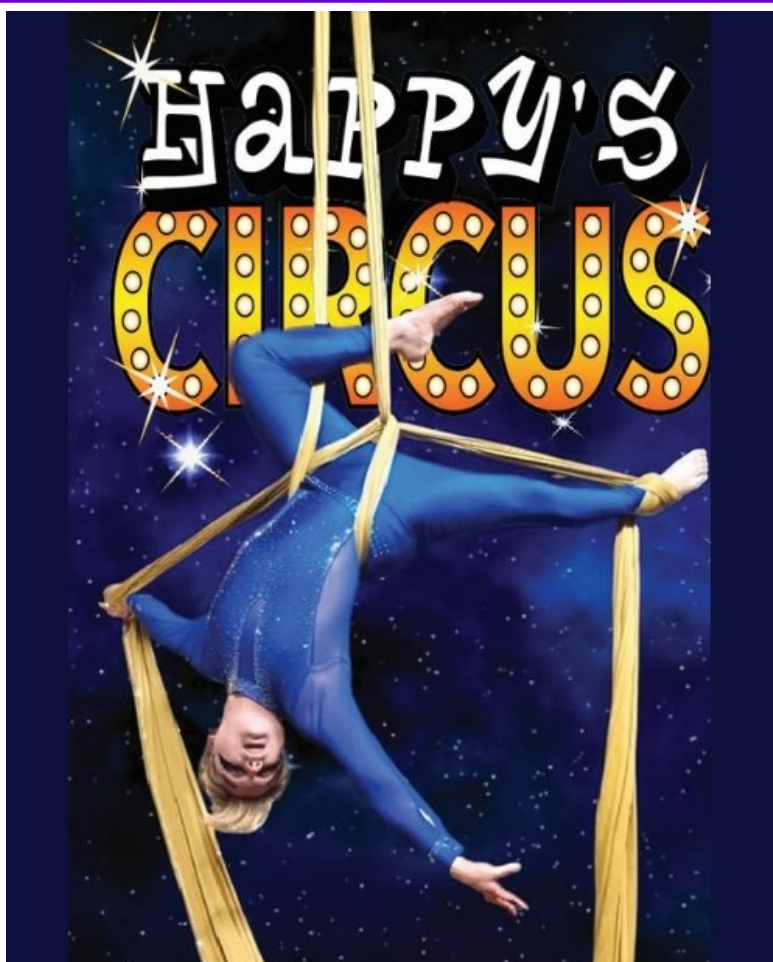
We were delighted to welcome so many parents and carers to our recent Parent/Carer Evening, which proved to be a truly positive and successful event for the whole school community. It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout and to feel the shared commitment to supporting every child's learning and development.

We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelmingly positive feedback we received. Your kind comments about the quality of education and the provision we offer at Runnymede mean a great deal to all of our staff. It is reassuring and rewarding to know that our efforts to provide a broad, balanced and engaging curriculum are recognised and appreciated.

A particular highlight of the evening was the role played by our Year 6 Ambassadors. They represented the school with maturity, confidence and pride, expertly guiding parents and carers around the building. Thank you for your generous feedback about their helpfulness and professionalism — we are extremely proud of them, and they truly embody the values we strive to develop in all of our pupils.

Events like this reflect the strong partnerships we continue to build between home and school. The emphasis on collaboration, pupil voice, personal development and high-quality education aligns closely with what we aim to achieve every day at Runnymede.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to working together to ensure the very best outcomes for all of our children. Miss Peaston



Last few remaining tickets!
Don't miss out!
Tickets must be purchased off Arbor.
All children over the age of 2 must have their own ticket or entry will be refused by Happy's Circus.

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Congratulations to our Swim Squad who came 2nd overall in the City Championships.

Well done everyone!

Please email Admin if your child swims outside of school and you would like them to be considered for our new swim squad team sessions.

Date and time to be confirmed!

Global Zoom!

Our Head Boy and Head Girl participated in an inspiring Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders Global Student Leaders' Dialogue today with 100 participants from across the globe including our fellow Edmund Rice schools in India, Kenya, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Australia, Ireland and here in the UK. We heard from Brother David Silva from the Christian Leadership Team in Rome who talked about how Blessed Edmund was present. They listened to and heard the message of God, how he saw with his heart those in need and responded in faith with action and he gave of himself, serving others with compassion and courage. Our enthusiastic participants shared their responses to Br David's inspiring words and also shared with their global family what is special about their own Edmund Rice school and what it means to be a leader in the Edmund Rice tradition. Noah said 'In our School a good role model is someone who takes responsibility and makes sure no one is left out who they are. In our School we are all a Christian family growing together.' Alice said 'When people are at their lowest, we make sure they are ok and try to lead by example.'



Jointly facilitated by Ann Nichols from Edmund Rice England, she was so proud to see our English schools participating on the call and speaking so eloquently. Today was a great example of leaning about each other and sharing our experiences as one Edmund Rice global family.

EREBB (Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders) is a global network of over 280 Catholic schools in 20 + countries, educating almost 200,000 young people from many different faiths and cultures.



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- RB:** Romolo G for kindness and great listening and Ella S for great knowledge and recall in R.E.
- RP:** Delilah S for excellent all round behaviour and Rua F being really helpful around class
- 1S:** Walter M for wonderful focus and pride in his handwriting, resulting in lovely work and Luca P for fantastic confidence counting in tens in Maths.
- 1W:** Calla O for fantastic artwork and Reuben Mc for excellent R.E work.
- 2H:** Carter B for fabulous independent writing and River O'D for being an excellent role model.
- 2W:** Erin C for helping others and Isabelle R for excellent listening.
- 3D:** Felicity Mc for lovely descriptive sentences in English and Kaira E for fantastic ukulele playing.
- 3Mc:** George Mc for working really hard and joining in class discussions with confidence and Rudi M for working hard completing tasks independently, great to see you building confidence working alone.
- 4D:** Teddy B for great ideas when creating a twisted narrative and Jesse K for always looking for ways to improve his work.
- 4Mc:** Joseph B C for helpful and polite around the classroom, showing kindness and respect to others and Dorothy R for producing a wonderful twisted narrative, demonstrating creativity and excellent storytelling skills.
- 5N:** Mason L for showing great commitment and effort to master his cursive handwriting and Harrison D for demonstrating a more mature attitude in decision-making.
- 5T:** Florence S for completing a very interesting narrative in English and Jessica K for excellent work on perimeter.
- 6D:** Alice M for always being a sensational role model for the school community and Cody B for working everyday to be the best he can be.



Attendance—Our target is 97%

Monday 23rd March until Friday
27th March 2026

is as follows:

95.89%

Every day in school is a step towards success—
thank you for helping your child be here, ready to
shine!

*Happy birthday to all children who have had a birthday
this week and those due to celebrate over Easter!*

Ariella L, Will Mc, Rosie K, Polly Mc, Mikey F, Oliver T H,
Henry T, Eliza H, Bodhi C, Ethan R, Jocelyn B, Eadie A,
Walter M, Zachary H, Matilda P, Oliver A, Jennifer P,
Esmee K, Raife D, Ada J, Hattie B, Lawrence C &
Arabella R



Week commencing 13th April

Children return to school in their Summer Uniform.

- Monday** **Y4 trip to Barnstondale**
Y1, Y3, & Y5 PE
- Tuesday** Y2, Y4 & Y6 PE
- Wednesday** Ukulele with Mr Tallant
Y4 return from Barnstondale approx.
- 2pm**
- Thursday:** REC PE
- Friday** KS2 Swimming

RB:	1S:	2H:	3D:	4D:	5N:	6D:
97.98%	92.5%	93.5%	99%	94.74%	98.25%	97%
RP:	1W:	2W:	3Mc:	4Mc:	5T:	
92.5%	98.25%	95.5%	93.75%	96%	96.15%	