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'Working together to be the best that we can be'

[Attendance Update](#)

Our current whole school attendance still stands at **94.1%**, just below the national average of 94.7%. **Well done everyone!**

A big congratulations to:

1D, our top class this term, with 95.8% attendance!

Joint 2nd Place: 3CW, 3M and 6BP all with 95.7%

3rd Place: 2H with 95%



Attendance badges for this Spring Term have now been given out! **72 children achieved their Gold Badge for 100% Attendance** and earned 100 housepoints; **202 children received their Silver Badge for between 94% and 99% attendance** and earned 50 housepoints; and **152 achieved their Bronze Badge for less than 94%**, receiving 20 housepoints each.

Congratulations everyone!

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Inspection Dates: April 8th -9th 2025

We are pleased to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, in which **Russells Hall Primary School was judged to be 'Good'** across all areas:

- **Quality of education – Good**
- **Behaviour and attitudes – Good**
- **Personal development – Good**
- **Leadership and management – Good**
- **Early years provision – Good**



Inspectors praised our **calm, orderly environment** and the positive relationships between staff and pupils. Our children **feel safe, behave well**, and are **proud** to be part of our school community.

Our **broad and ambitious curriculum**, especially in reading, writing and maths, is helping children make strong progress. Ofsted recognised our commitment to improving teaching and raising standards, and they noted the significant strides we have made.

Pupils enjoy rich learning experiences, from performing in rock bands to working with the local police. Leadership roles like the school parliament help develop their **confidence** and sense of **responsibility**.

While there is still work to do—such as improving attendance and ensuring pupils have time to secure key learning—inspectors recognised our dedication and the positive impact of recent changes.

We're proud of this report and remain committed to ensuring every child continues to thrive at Russells Hall.

Russells Hall Diving Experience

This half term we had a very exciting visit from Dan, a professional diver and instructor based at Sandwell Aquatics Centre. He has been visiting local schools looking to spot any 'up and coming' future Olympic divers. He started the day with a whole school assembly to inspire our pupils and show them what diving is all about. Click on this link to see one of their videos <https://www.slt-leisure.co.uk/divinglessons/>

He then worked with each of our Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 classes introducing them to some 'dry side' activities linked to diving. Every child who participated received a 'Certificate of Participation' and a free taster session at the centre to try out some of their 'dry side' and 'in pool' diving activities. Congratulations to our three star pupils, Kaia, Miah and Esme who, in Dan's words, "showed incredible strength, co-ordination and balance in the different challenges set". The three girls have been invited to a follow-up special 'Talent Spotted' session at the centre. We'll keep you informed of their progress.



Year 2 Visit Aisha Mosque

As part of our Religious Education curriculum, Year 2 recently had the enriching opportunity to visit the Aisha Mosque & Islamic Centre in Walsall. This visit aimed to deepen the children's understanding of Islam and foster respect for diverse religious practices.

Upon arrival, we were warmly welcomed by the mosque's community members, who guided us through the mosque's serene and beautifully decorated prayer hall. The children were fascinated by the intricate Islamic art and calligraphy adorning the walls, and they listened attentively as our hosts explained the significance of various features within the mosque.

The visit included a discussion about the Five Pillars of Islam, providing the children with insights into the core beliefs and practices of the Muslim faith. The children were particularly interested in learning about the daily prayers and the importance of Ramadan. They asked thoughtful questions and showed great curiosity throughout the session.

This educational trip not only complemented our classroom learning but also promoted cultural awareness and empathy among the children. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff and community at Aisha Mosque for their hospitality and for providing such a valuable learning experience.

We look forward to more opportunities that allow our children to explore and appreciate the rich tapestry of world religions.



Reception visit Little Owl Farm Park

Reception had an amazing trip to Little Owls Farm, filled with fun, learning, and lots of animals! The children absolutely loved meeting and interacting with the animals. Highlights included:

- Feeding the reindeer – a magical and gentle experience!
- Stroking fluffy rabbits, tiny chicks, guinea pigs and baby lambs – lots of cuddles and big smiles!

It was a fantastic hands-on day that brought our learning to life. The children showed great care and curiosity, asking thoughtful questions and treating all the animals with kindness.

We're so proud of how well they represented our school. A big thank you to the farm staff for making the day so special!





Junior PCSO Community Litter Pick

Our newest Junior PCSOs recently completed the community work element of the Junior PCSO scheme by taking part in a local litter-picking project. Dressed proudly in their Junior PCSO uniforms, they represented our school with great pride and responsibility. The children worked extremely hard, taking the task very seriously as they collected litter from the streets closest to our school and in the nearby park. Their efforts resulted in five big bags of rubbish being removed from the local area – a fantastic achievement! We are incredibly proud of their dedication to helping keep our community clean and tidy and look forward to seeing them graduate from the scheme next half.



Dates for your Diary

June 2nd, 3rd and 4th – Year 6 Residential

6th June – Coffee Morning

16th June – Mufti Day (Summer Fayre Donations) – more details to follow

20th June – Year 6 session with Reflexions (Preparing for Secondary School)

24th June – Reception Sports Day (2-3pm)

25th June – Year 1 and 2 Sports Day (9.30 – 11am)

26th June – Year 3 and 4 Sports Day (9.30 – 11am)

27th June – Year 5 and 6 Sports Day (9.30 – 11am)

2nd July – Kindness Quest Day with the Kindness Coach

2nd July – Summer Fayre (4 – 5.30pm)

4th July – Transition Letters home to parents (details of new teacher for September)

7th – 11th July – Transition Week

9th July – Jungle Book Performance in school am (Years 1 to 6)

14th July – Reports sent out to Parents

17th July – Year 6 Leavers Performance (2pm) and then Leavers Disco (6-8pm)

18th July – Term Ends

Parking Buddies

We're pleased to introduce, which I'm sure you've seen by now, our cheerful new **Parking Buddies**, stationed outside school to help promote safer and more thoughtful parking. These bright and friendly signs remind everyone to "**Think Before You Park**", "**Don't Drive – Walk**", and "**No Parking Here**". They're part of our ongoing effort to make the school environment safer for all children and families, particularly during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

Please help us by following their guidance and parking considerately to keep everyone safe.



'Cricket All Stars and Dynamo programme', will be running during the summer holidays.

Reflexions Low Mood webinars – information to sign up!



The graphic is split into two vertical panels. The left panel has a dark blue background with white stars and a yellow cricket bat. The right panel has a yellow background with blue and pink triangles. Both panels feature the text 'ALL STARS CRICKET' and 'DYNAMOS CRICKET' respectively.

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged between 5-8 years old. They will have 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills!

Dynamos Cricket provides a perfect introduction to Cricket for all 8-11 year olds! Dynamos is all about fun and provides children with a more social offer, focusing on the skills to play the game.

Find your nearest All Stars & Dynamos programme using the link below!

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Search>



The poster features the Reflexions logo at the top left and the NHS Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust logo at the top right. The main title 'Low Mood WEBINARS!' is in large, stylized orange and blue letters. Below the title, it says 'Join Reflexions online free webinars to learn more about low mood and how to recognise the symptoms in yourself or your child!'. The poster lists two sessions: Tuesday 27th May (Low Mood - Children 11+, 10:00am - 11:00am, Via MS Teams) and Wednesday 28th May (Recognising low mood in your child, 10:00am - 11:00am, Via MS Teams). It also lists two more sessions: Recognising low mood in your child (3:00pm - 4:00pm, Via MS Teams) and Low Mood - Children 11+ (3:00pm - 4:00pm, Via MS Teams). The aims of the sessions are listed below: To recognise what low mood symptoms look like, To recognise when someone/child is feeling low in mood, and To learn strategies to help you to manage/support symptoms related to low mood. At the bottom, it says 'For additional information or brief sign up form to register your attendance for these events, please email bchft.reflexions@nhs.net'.

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It's certainly been a busy few weeks, full of achievements, learning, and growth, and we're proud of everything our community has accomplished.

We hope everyone enjoys a restful and well-deserved break, and we look forward to welcoming you back with renewed energy for the next, and last half of the term of this academic year!

Much love,

Alison Harrison and all at RHPS