Issue: #1 Term: Autumn 1 Date: 23rd October 2026

Ruislip Gardens Primary School

Growing and Achieving Together

October 2026

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October - October Half Term
Monday 2nd November - INSET Day - Staff
Tuesday 3rd November - Pupil's return to School

November 2026

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Tuesday 3rd November - Pupil's return to School
Tuesday 3rd - Tuesday 10th November - Poppies being sold in the playground
Monday 9th - Thursday 12th November - Year 6 Mock SATs week
Tuesday 10th November - Year 3 Trip - St Paul's Church - Ruislip Manor
Wednesday 11th November -Armistice Day
Thursday 12th November - Michael Rosen Day
Wednesday 25th November - Parent Consultation Meetings

December 2026

Wednesday 2nd December - Parent Consultation Meetings
Monday 7th December - KS2 Carol Concert
Tuesday 8th December - KS1 Performance
Wednesday 9th December - EYFS Performance
Thursday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 11th December - Celebration Assembly (Invitation Only)
Tuesday 15th December- STaRs Christmas Shop
Friday 18th December - End of Term - School Closes at 1.30pm

Dates may occasionally be subject to change, please regularly check the school calendar. We will communicate any amendments.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well here we are with the first newsletter of the year. We have only been in school for 7 weeks, however we have a lot to celebrate.

We have new staff who have joined us:

- Mrs Ward – Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning
- Miss Short – Year 5 teacher
- Miss Patel – Year 6 teacher
- Mrs Namaly – Nursery Nurse in The Grove
- Mrs Robb – TA in The Grove
- Mrs Simon – TA in The Grove
- Mrs Hutchins – SMSA
- Mrs Morrissey has changed roles and is now a TA in The Grove.

I know you will join me in welcoming and congratualting everyone.

We still have our weekly bulletins this year which contain all the important information that you need to know. Please ensure you are reading these each week to keep on top of all the information.

A reminder to everyone that I sent a letter out in September with information about school uniform, water bottles and pencil cases. We still have a few children who are not following the school rules with these. Please look at the letter and the website to refresh your memory, so the children come back in November with everything correct.

There have also been changes to the PE kit, so please make sure you are up to date with these ready for next half term.

I am delighted to announce we had a successful EGM and we have a new PTA (previously STaRS). You will see further down in the newsletter they have already begun organising Christmas events. More information will come out after half term about the new committee, name change and events they have planned

It was lovely to see the children enjoying the disco on Thursday. I would like to personally thank Mr Patterson for being our resident DJ and ensuring the children had a great time.

A reminder school is closed next week for half term and we have an inset day on Monday 2nd November. I hope you have a lovely holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 3rd November

Miss Bulpett

Safeguarding

There is always a member of the safeguarding team in the playground in the morning, alternatively you may wish to ring them on 01895 632895 or email safeguarding@ruislipgardensschool.co.uk
All requests will remain strictly confidential.

Concerned about a child?

If you have any concerns about a child, please call 999 in the first instance if a child is in danger.
If you are concerned a child may be at risk, call the Stronger Families Hub on 01895 556 006.
You can also speak to a member of the safeguarding team or email safeguarding@ruislipgardensschool.co.uk

Do you need any help?

We are all aware that the cost-of-living crisis is impacting on many families. If you need help, advice, clothing, food etc., please approach the safeguarding team who may be able to assist or signpost you to someone who can help.











Information for parents



Please remember to park legally, making sure you are not on the zig-zags, blocking neighbours' driveways or double parking

We need to work together to ensure the safety of the children, staff, families and neighbours at drop off and collection times.

Thank you for your cooperation with this

REMINDER



Buggies and Pushchairs are **NOT** to be stored in any area of the school during the day or overnight. This includes the scooter and bike storage.

Please take them home with you.

Thank you for your assistance.



For the safety of all our children and adults, when picking up your child please ensure children **are not** riding their bikes or scooters in the playground, nor using the climbing frames or gym equipment.

Bikes/scooters must be in the pods and not leant against walls or blocking fire exits.

There is a bike/scooter storage pod at the front of the school by the gate 4 and as you walk round to the playground from gates 1 and 5. If any bikes or scooters are found outside a bike/scooter pod they will be removed and placed within one of the pods around the school.

Thank you for your consideration.

SMARTY'S NURSERY

Smarty's Nursery who run the Breakfast Club and After School Clubs have opened up their provision to Nursery pupils.

This is now available to:

- Children who have already turned 4 or will be 4 by the end of February.
- Children who are 4 by the end of March can start with us in April.

If you require further information, please contact Smarty's directly:

07511 812 324
or

ruislipgardens@smartysafterschool.co.uk

School Information



Pre-ordering School meals for the Autumn 2 Term

A new ordering form has been sent out for Autumn 2
Please order before we return back to school. The deadline for ordering is 9am on Monday 2nd November for when pupil's return to school on Tuesday 3rd November

Lunches are ordered half-termly using the half-termly lunch ordering form. We require all parents/carers to complete the Google form, even if a packed lunch is being provided from home.

The choices you make on the google form will be emailed to you; this will allow you to keep a copy. **Please note that once your choices have been made you will not be able to change them.**

If the deadline is missed for ordering lunches on the half term ordering form, you will either need to provide a packed lunch from home or your child/ren will have to wait till the end to be served.

The Mayor of London is funding Universal Free School Meals for children in Years 3 – 6 this academic year. Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 have access to free school meals via Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free School Meal Eligibility & Pupil Premium Funding

Although all children in school years R – 6 will receive a free school meal this school year, it's still really important to continue to check if you are eligible for Pupil Premium (the funding that grants Free School Meals).

Registering could provide up to £1515
for the school to help support your child's learning and improve the quality of their education

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, you may also qualify for the London Borough of Hillingdon **Holiday Activities and Food Programme**

Please use the eligibility checker below and let us know the result:

https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/

If you need any help or have any queries about Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility please contact the school office.

Your School Photograph is Ready!

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered, you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711, for class photos you will need the school number. For individual photographs you will need the pupil's admission number from the school database.

Regards,

Vancols Photographers

School Information

PE Kit Policy Update

An updated PE kit policy will be introduced after half term, requiring pupils to wear a plain black sweatshirt instead of school jumpers or cardigans during physical education.

Updated PE Kit Requirements

- **Top:** Plain black sweatshirt (crew neck or zip-neck; **no hoodies** are permitted)
- **T-Shirt:** Plain T-shirt in their assigned house colour
- **Bottoms:** Plain black joggers or shorts
- **Footwear:** Black trainers (plimsolls may be worn temporarily until outgrown, after which black trainers are mandatory)
- **Storage:** All items must be kept in the pupil's PE kit bag in school with all items and bag labelled with their name

Reason for the Change

During outdoor PE lessons, branded school jumpers and cardigans frequently become wet or soiled, which can cause discomfort and hygiene issues for the remainder of the school day. Transitioning to a washable, unbranded black sweatshirt helps maintain high standards of comfort and hygiene.

Suggested Sweatshirt Examples

- Tu Kids Crew Neck Sweatshirt
- Matalan 2 Pack Black Crew Neck School Sweatshirts
- M&S Goodmove Unisex School Sweatshirt
- Next Black Crew Neck School Sweater 2 Pack

Thank you for your continued cooperation, support, and understanding as we introduce this update to improve comfort and hygiene for the children

** **Earrings, religious artefacts, watches, hair slides etc. are not worn on PE days****





Ruislip Gardens Netball Club

Resilient Netball Performance Against Hillside

On **Wednesday, 14th October 2026**, selected members of our netball club proudly represented the school in a thrilling away fixture against **Hillside**.

Demonstrating outstanding determination and teamwork, the players fought back from an early 2-0 deficit to secure a well-earned **8-8 draw**. The closely contested, back-and-forth match kept spectators and parents on the edge of their seats throughout.

The team delivered an excellent collective performance. **Albie (Year 5)** and **Ilyana (Year 6)** led the scoring, netballing **4 fantastic goals each**. The squad was expertly led by captain **Zaki (Year 6)**, who truly epitomised the core values of **Ruislip Gardens School (RGS)** by ensuring his team demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship and respect toward their opponents.

Special recognition goes to **Ethan (Year 6)**, **Sapphire (Year 4)**, **Abigail (Year 3)**, **Klay (Year 3)**, and **Rafi (Year 3)**, who all made their competitive netball debuts. Our Year 3 and 4 players deserve immense praise for their resilience, as they competed brilliantly against older Year 5 and 6 opponents and never gave up.

Congratulations to the entire team—you did Ruislip Gardens incredibly proud!

Mrs. Mansfield



Harvest Collection

Thank you!

A huge thank you to all our wonderful families for your incredibly generous donations to the Hillingdon Foodbank as part of our Harvest Festival collections. Your kindness and generosity will make a real difference to local families in our community. We are so proud of the way our school community comes together to support others.



Hillingdon foodbank

Year 6 Reminder



Starting Secondary school September 2027

The deadline to submit your application is 31st October 2026

Applications received after this date, even by just one minute past midnight, will be classed as late and will not be processed until after National Offer Day on 1 March 2027.

Parents of children with EHCP's will need to submit applications via the SEN department, they can be contacted via email to SENsupport@hillingdon.gov.uk for further guidance.

• Schools placements and admissions – Hillingdon Council
School admissions brochure available on this webpage.

• September 2027 admissions | Starting secondary school | Hillingdon Council
Further information and guidance (including proof of address requirements), together with the link to access eAdmissions and submit an application.

• Home | eAdmissions
To submit an application online.

Children in Need Teddy Bear Sale



Please donate your teddy bears
to raise money for Children in Need!
Donated teddies will be sold on
Friday 13th November.

Please bring any donated teddies to your teacher.


Ruislip Gardens School
PTA
Parent Teacher Association
New PTA Launching!
Upcoming Christmas ACTIVITIES!
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
CONFIRMED DATE:
10th December
Get festive and wear your Christmas jumper!
CHRISTMAS PHOTOS
CONFIRMED DATE:
10th December
£3 EACH
CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP
CONFIRMED DATE:
15th December
£4 PER GIFT
3 GIFT LIMIT PER CHILD
If your child's Christmas jumper no longer fits?
Why not donate it!
Donate your jumper at the yellow box in the playground.
WE WANT
pre loved Christmas jumpers in by
13th November
We will have pre loved Christmas jumpers available to buy on Parents Evening.
More details to follow...
Thank you for your continued support!

Other information



ROYAL ALBERT HALL

RELAXED PERFORMANCE

Friendship Matinee: Matilda in Concert (PG)

Friday 30 October 2026, 2pm
All tickets are £5 (including booking fees).

Friendship Matinees offer a relaxed attitude to movement and sound in the auditorium, plus chill-out spaces around the building – you can move about, dance, sing or just listen! These relaxed performances welcome people of all ages who may engage with a charity or community group.



See the classic film, *Matilda*, like never before and experience the original motion picture projected on an HD screen, as David Newman conducts the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra, performing his enchanting score live-to-picture.

To book: Friendship Matinee: Matilda in Concert (PG)

METROPOLITAN POLICE Working together for a safer London
TERRITORIAL POLICING

Important information regarding Electric Scooters and Electric Bikes

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Metropolitan Police Service is increasingly dealing with incidents involving e-scooters and e-bikes being used in an anti-social and dangerous manner.

Many parents purchase these vehicles for their children without realising there are legal restrictions regarding where and how they can be used.
Please be aware:

- Privately owned e-scooters and some e-bikes cannot be used on public roads, pavements or public spaces.
- Modified or illegally adapted e-bikes may be treated as motor vehicles in law.
- Riders can be reported for offences including careless driving, dangerous driving, driving without insurance and riding in an anti-social manner.
- Police have powers to stop and seize vehicles being used unlawfully or anti-socially.
- A seized vehicle may not be returned and owners can face recovery fees, fines and court proceedings.

We have received reports of e-scooters and e-bikes being ridden dangerously near pedestrians, schools, parks and shopping areas. These behaviours place both riders and members of the public at risk of serious injury.

In addition, we are increasingly seeing individuals in possession of e-bikes and e-scooters becoming targets for theft and robberies.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to:

- Check whether any e-bike purchased complies with UK legislation.
- Supervise children using such vehicles and discuss personal safety.
- Discuss road safety and responsible behaviour.
- Ensure children understand that police can seize vehicles being used illegally.

Our aim is to educate young people and keep our communities safe. However, where offences occur, enforcement action will be taken.

Thank you for your support.
Yours faithfully,
Metropolitan Police Service

ADVICE FOR PUPILS, PARENTS AND CARERS

PHONE SAFE. PEOPLE FIRST.

Practical steps to reduce theft and get help when you need it.



01 On the way to school

• Keep your phone out of sight in a zipped pocket or bag. Put it away as soon as you finish using it.

• If you need to check a message or route, stop somewhere safe, away from the kerb. Look around before taking your phone out.

• Keep aware of people approaching, including on bikes or mopeds. Avoid distractions that stop you noticing your surroundings.

• Do not leave your phone on a table or hand it to someone you do not know. Follow your school's phone rules.

02 Set it up together

• Use a strong passcode, Face ID or fingerprint unlock, and a short automatic screen lock. Keep passcodes private.

• Turn on Find My and Stolen Device Protection on supported iPhones. On supported Android phones, enable theft protection and device finding.

• Hide lock-screen message previews, install updates and back up important information.

• Keep the IMEI and serial number somewhere separate. Dial ***#06#** to see the IMEI. Save a trusted adult's number somewhere other than the phone.

03 If someone threatens you

• **Your safety comes first.** Do not fight for a phone, chase someone or try to get it back yourself.

• Move to a safe, staffed place, such as a school office or shop, and ask for help. Tell a parent, carer or trusted member of school staff.

• If a tracker shows the phone's location, share it with police. Do not go there yourself.

04 Act quickly after a theft

• Use another device to mark the iPhone as lost at **icloud.com/find**, or use the manufacturer's Android locking service.

• Contact the network provider to block the SIM and handset. Tell your bank if payment apps or accounts may be at risk; secure your email and other accounts.

• **Do not remove a stolen iPhone from Find My.** Ignore messages claiming it has been found that ask for passwords, codes or removal from your account.

Parents and schools: agree a safe journey and a backup way to make contact. Reassure children: "Tell us straight away. We will help you." Reporting to school does not replace a police report.

REPORT IT. GET SUPPORT.

999 - if you are in danger, someone is injured, or the crime is happening or has only just happened. Use another phone or ask someone to call.

101 or met.police.uk - for a non-emergency report. Select "Report" then "Report a crime". Report threats and attempted thefts too, even if nothing was taken.

Help police: give the time, location, what happened, descriptions and direction of travel. Provide the IMEI and any tracking information. Keep messages and the crime reference number. Do not put yourself at risk to collect evidence.

Being targeted is never your fault. A phone can be replaced; you cannot.

Sources: Metropolitan Police - Protect your phone / Be Switched On; Apple Support - stolen iPhone (120837).
Further advice: met.police.uk/phonesnatch | support.apple.com/en-gb/120837 | Prepared 16 October 2026


Ruislip Rugby Club
Fireworks Display
Saturday 7th November
Gates Open at 17.30
Display from 19.30
No Pets Please • No Sparklers • No Parking on Site
Please respect residents and their property in the area
Entry:
In Advance
£10.00
+ booking fees
On the night
£12.00
Book Now!
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Barbeque & Food available
Bar Open from 6.00 p.m.
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