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RIDGEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A Message from Mr Power

As we reach the end of my first half term as Headteacher at Ridgeway, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone for the warm welcome and support I have received. It has been a brilliant start.

I am really proud of how much progress we have made in such a short time and excited about what we can achieve together over the rest of the year.

A special thank you goes to our incredible staff team. They have worked so hard this term, transforming our school environment and helping to create the positive, vibrant atmosphere that we see every day.

Our two showcase events were a real highlight and a fantastic reminder of just how amazing our children are. It was lovely to see so many families join us and celebrate their achievements.



In the background, we also have some exciting staffing news. Mr Marsh will be taking on the role of KS2 Leader and Miss Evans will be our new KS1 Leader. I am delighted to welcome them both to the Senior Leadership Team and know they will do a fantastic job supporting our children, staff and families.

Next term is another busy one, so please keep an eye out for key dates and upcoming events. As always, if you have any questions or would just like a chat, please do come and see me.

Have a wonderful half-term break!

Mr Power

A Message from the School Champions (formerly Govenors)

As School Champions, we are delighted to see so many positive things happening at Ridgeway. It has been wonderful to hear about the work taking place to support children's emotional wellbeing and to see the confidence, kindness and resilience they demonstrate every day.

We have also noticed the many improvements around the school environment, which have helped to create bright, welcoming spaces for our children to learn and thrive in. It is clear that staff, pupils and families all play an important part in making Ridgeway such a special community.

As we head into the half-term break, we would like to thank everyone for their support and encourage all families to continue helping us keep our children safe by parking considerately around the school site.



We wish you all a happy and restful half term!

School Calendar

Thank you so much for your patience while we've been getting this year's school calendar sorted!

We're working on having a live calendar available on the school website, which will make it much easier for parents and carers to keep up to date with upcoming events. We're just awaiting some specialist IT support to get everything up and running.

In the meantime, we've updated the website with a downloadable copy of the school calendar, which you can find **here**.

Thank you for bearing with us!



A Message from the Friends of Ridgeway Primary School PTA

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Dress-up and and bought Spooky Sweets! We raised just over £250 which is incredible!

A little reminder on our upcoming Christmas Hampers:

Each year group has been allocated a colour, and we'd love donations of items matching their theme:

- **Reception - Silver**
- **Year 1 - Pink**
- **Year 2 - Green**
- **Year 3 - Gold**
- **Year 4 - Orange**
- **Year 5 - Red**
- **Year 6 - Purple**

Please send any donations into school by Friday 20th November. We'll be putting the hampers together on Sunday 22nd November and would love some extra helping hands! If you can spare some time, please contact us at Rpspta@learneratrust.org.

We held our Annual General Meeting (AGM), and we thought it would be nice to share some of what we've achieved over the past 12 months!

From school discos and fundraising events to helping fund school trips, equipment, treats and projects, we've been busy! 🎉
Take a look at our graphic to see just some of the things we've been able to do, all thanks to the support of our wonderful school community.



Friends of Ridgeway Primary School

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A look ahead at upcoming Friends of Ridgeway events and ways to get involved!

OCTOBER 2026

Dress Up Day

Wednesday 21st

- £1 suggested donation
- Spooky sweets available to
- Details to be confirmed

Do you have anything you might be able to donate?

Perhaps old Halloween outfits that are too small?

NOVEMBER 2026

Christmas Hampers

Announcement coming soon!

Friday 20th
Hamper donations deadline

Monday 23rd
9am to 1pm
Making Christmas hampers
Please let us know if you'd like to volunteer!

DECEMBER 2026

Monday 14th
Christmas hamper raffle draw in the yard at pick-up

Sweet stall at nativity



JANUARY 2027

New Year Disco

Date TBC



FEBRUARY 2027

Half Term Smartie Challenge

Date TBC



MARCH/APRIL 2027



Bunny Run

Date TBC



Disco

Date TBC

MAY 2027

Wonka Bars with Golden Tickets

Date TBC



JUNE 2027

Nothing planned yet

JULY 2027

Colour Run

Date TBC