

Working together to be the best we can possibly be.
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. *Philippians 4.13*

5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a super three days we have enjoyed with all pupils attending The Rackham. Our staff have worked hard to provide an organised and welcoming learning environment for the children.

Safeguarding – entry to the school site:

Please note that entry to the school site is controlled whilst children present.

Please do not enter the school site without making the office aware.

Parents and carers can alert the office via the intercom system when they wish to enter or exit. For Pre-School and Reception drop off and pick up at lunchtime, the gate will be opened by a staff member.

Wellbeing and Mental Health:



Uniform orders:

Uniform items for school and pre-school pupils are now available from Sigma. Clubs & Groups - Sigma Embroidery & Printing

Orders must be placed by parents and carers and will then be delivered to school and given to the children to bring home.

PE and Games days:

| | Indoor PE | Outdoor Games |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Rowan and Ash | Please see below | |
| Beech | Thursday | Monday |
| Larch | Wednesday | Monday |
| Chestnut | Friday | Tuesday |
| Elm | Tuesday | Wednesday |
| Hazel | Friday | Wednesday |
| Sycamore | Thursday | Wednesday |
| Cedar | Wednesday | Friday |
| Oak | Monday | Friday |
| Willow | Tuesday | Thursday |

Rowan class will have PE on a Thursday and Ash class on a Friday. These sessions will take place outside as much as possible so please ensure children are dressed for the weather.

Forest school: Will begin when the children are full-time. More information to follow.

Please can all children bring in a pair of wellies to keep at school as soon as possible, for use in the mud kitchen, sand pit and the forest when our sessions start.

Exiting school at the end of the day:

A reminder that KS1 and Reception exit through the red gate by the arched doorway. Year 3/4 exit through the double doors on the hall. Year 5/6 exit through the red gates by the office. If you have children in multiple year groups please collect your younger children first and then move to the appropriate door. Only children in year 6 with parental permission are able to leave the school site unaccompanied.

Meet the teacher:

We would like to invite you to our Meet the Teacher Open Mornings week commencing 8th September. Our usual booking system will apply and for these events there will be two tickets per child.

Unfortunately we are not able to accommodate younger siblings at this event.

The Meet the Teacher sessions will start in the hall with a cup of tea or coffee at 8.30am. Parents and carers will then be invited to join their child in the classroom from 9 – 9.30am. Departure of parents and carers from classrooms at 9.30am.

| Year Group | Date | Link to book places (2 per child) |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Year 1 and 2 | Tuesday 9 th September | |
| Year 3 and 4 | Wednesday 10 th September | |
| Year 5 and 6 | Friday 12 th September | |

FWR events:



FWR is running a prize draw
To win a hamper with goodies galore
So come take a look
and follow us on Facebook
each follow is an entry for sure...

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Witchford
Rackham

facebook.com/friendswitchfordrackham
(deadline for entry and winner announcement is 7pm,
Tuesday 16 September at the FWR AGM)

Scan for link

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QR code linking to the Facebook page.



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Get involved
Meet the PTA Team
Everyone is welcome
Share ideas
Glass of wine & refreshments provided

AGM
16th September @ 7pm
Rackham School Hall

Christmas Market
Save the Date
23 November 2025

Santa's Grotto
Reindeer Food
Stalls
and more...

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Prime Minister's letter to parents:

Please click [here](#) to read the Prime Minister's letter to parents.

Emergency alerts:

The government will be testing the [Emergency Alerts system](#) this Sunday, and your phone is likely to make a loud noise even if it's on silent. You can find more information about the test [here](#).

women's aid
until women & children are safe



An alert could put you at risk.

How to opt out of the emergency alert test

The national system for sending emergency alerts to mobile phones in the UK will be tested again on 7 September at 15:00 BST, the government has said.

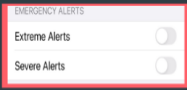
During the test, compatible phones will vibrate and make a siren sound for ten seconds while displaying a message. The alerts are intended for situations in which there is an imminent danger to life, such as extreme weather events or during a terror attack.

These alerts may put domestic abuse survivors at risk, if they are concealing devices from perpetrators. Survivors may hide devices because they use them to seek and receive support, or to seek employment to increase their financial independence.

Below is a step-by-step guide to opt out of the test on your phone:

For iPhone & Android users:

- 1 Go to your settings and search 'Emergency Alerts'
- 2 Scroll down and turn off both 'Emergency Alerts' & 'Severe Alerts'



For other mobile phones & tablets:

- 1 Go to 'Message' then 'Message Settings' then 'Wireless emergency Alerts' then 'Alert'
- Or
- 2 Go to 'Settings' then 'Advanced' then 'Emergency Broadcasts'

Then turn off both 'Emergency Alerts' & 'Severe Alerts'

Activities and Events:

FOR INFORMATION PACK, EMAIL revive.xtreme@gmail.com

COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAMS

COME AND JOIN US!

FROM SEPT
All teams every Wednesday

JOIN US!

We are still looking for members, come and join us at one of our sessions.

Everyone welcome. No experience needed.

Attend at the appropriate time depending on birth year

Term-time training ONLY.

U8
4.30-5.15pm

EMBER

Calling all kids ages 6-8! BIRTH YEARS 2017-2021

Get ready to jump, shout, and cheer with Ember, the most energetic cheer team around!

Little Sparks, ignite EMBER!

U12
5.15-6.30pm

FLAIR

Open to ages 9-12 BIRTH YEARS 2013-2018

Got energy? Got style? Bring your FLAIR and join the most spirited team in town!

Be bold. Be bright. Be FLAIR.

U14/16
6.30-8.00pm

ASH

Looking for passionate cheerleaders ages 13-16, BIRTH YEARS 2009-2012

Fuel your fire. Lead with passion.

Rise from the crowd. Burn brighter with ASH.

STRETHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, WOOD LANE, STRETHAM, CB6 3JN

FROM SEPTEMBER WEEKLY SESSIONS

with BIG H TUMBLE & REVIVE XTREME

ROBERT ARKENSTALL PRIMARY SCHOOL, CB6 3UA

BIG H TUMBLE

5-6pm THURS £6 pp

TUMBLE

All abilities, all genders welcome, age 3+

REVIVE XTREME

6-7pm THURS £6 pp

CHEER

All abilities, all genders welcome, age 5+ Just for fun!

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5-6pm FRI POA

1:1 SESSION

Ideal for those who don't like group sessions or want to work on specific skills

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BOOKINGS REQUIRED

bightumble@hotmail.com

Sutton Fire Station OPEN DAY

Attractions Include:

Dunk a Fire Fighter / Scout Leader
Teddy Bear Zip Line
Soft Axes
Fire Hose Targets
Nurf Range

Plus Many More
Activities & Stalls

Refreshments:
The Famous Scout BBA
Tea, Coffee & Cakes
Ice Creams

Come and meet
our firefighters!

Sunday 7th September
10am - 3pm

In aid of
Fire Fighters Charity
Scouts
Sutton

A Night of 50s and 60s Music

Join Dave & Steve
**Celebrate with them singing a
mix of 1950s and 1960s classics**

PRIZE FOR THE BEST DRESSED

Friday 19th September
St Andrews Hall Witchford

Tickets £10
Including Refreshments

Contact: 07761341325

**BRING YOUR
OWN BOOZE**

Attendance:

The Rackham has a policy on Attendance. Please follow this link to read the policy on the school website. [Policy Library | The Rackham C of E \(VC\) Primary School](#)

Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our drive for improved attendance. The Government has identified a child's attendance of 96% and above is the key figure to give best chance of academic progress. Please can we remind you that absence must be reported to the office by 9am on each day of absence.

This week's attendance: 95.2%

ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT - DON'T MISS OUT



Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Best wishes,
Miss Turner

Dates for your diary:

| Date | Scheduled events |
|---|--|
| 9 th September | Meet the Teacher KS1, from 8.30 - 9.30am Booking required |
| 10 th September | Meet the Teacher Y3/4, from 8.30 - 9.30am Booking required |
| 10 th September | Year 6 Horstead Catch Up evening |
| 12 th September | Meet the Teacher Y5/6, from 8.30 - 9.30am Booking required |
| 16 th September | FWR AGM 7pm All welcome |
| 17 th September | New intake evening for September 2026 at The Rackham 6pm |
| 18 th September | WVC Open evening for Year 6 |
| W/C 22 nd September | Baseline Assessment in Reception |
| 25 th September | Y4 MTC information evening 6pm online – booking required nearer the time |
| W/C 29 th September | Baseline Assessment in Reception continues |
| 2 nd October | Individual and sibling photos |
| 9 th - 10 th October | Scholastic Book Fair in the hall after school |
| 13 th – 14 th October | Scholastic Book Fair in the hall after school |
| 13 th – 17 th October | Year 6 Horstead residential |
| 16 th October | Year 5 Parent or carer school meal invitation – booking required nearer the time |
| W/C 20 th October | |
| W/C 27 th October | HALF TERM |