



Hunters Hall Primary School

Snippets

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November 2022

Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term

Monday 28th November – Year 5&6

Aspirations workshops

Tuesday 13th December – Year 4 Christmas singing performance 2:15pm

Thursday 15th December – Year 4 WWI workshop, Jolly Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 16th December – Christmas Coffee Morning

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas Community Carol Concert

Wednesday 21st December – Nursery finishes 11:30am / 3:15pm

Thursday 22nd December – Children finish for Christmas Holidays 1pm

Monday 9th January – INSET Day (no pupils)

Tuesday 10th January – Children return to school

Wednesday 11th January – 4B start swimming

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is the last full week of November and the weather has become colder and wetter after an extended period of dry and sunny days. Some of our children are arriving in school without a coat despite the rain and drop in temperature. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing as we enter winter so they arrive in school dry and warm. They should continue to wear their PE kits on the days their class does PE but should have warm clothing on top. They can wear their school uniform jogging bottoms, jumper and fleece. The important thing is for them to be warm and dry and able to be comfortable in winter weather.

Last week, we sent everyone a letter stating the importance of regular attendance. You will see from the attendance data below that only classes 5A and 4G have reached the school target this week with 1K and 1L being very close to it. We appreciate there are many coughs, fevers and illnesses around at the moment but ask you to ensure your child is in school when they are fit to do so. Sometimes we can be out of sorts but fit enough to attend school. Obviously, there are times when your child is unfit for school. On those occasions it is essential you report their absence. Please report your child's absence through the Reporting Absence on ParentHub. Instructions are in this edition of Snippets and on the attendance letter given to your child last week.

We wish you a happy, healthy weekend.

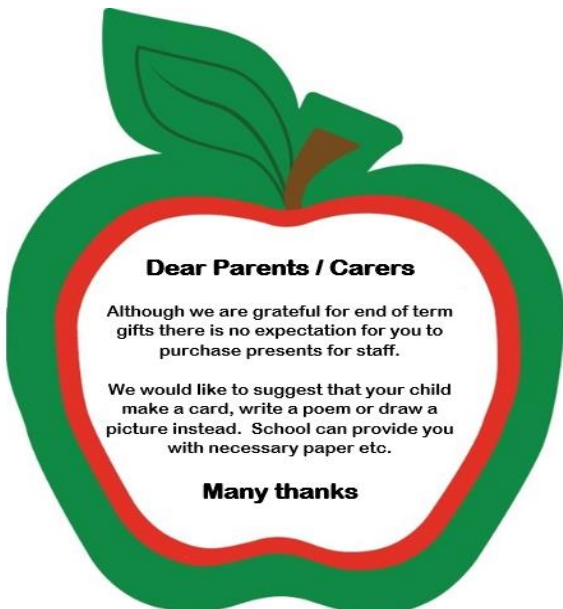
Best wishes,

Selina Frazer & Michael Kaitell,
Co-Headteachers

Thrive School of Excellence



Note to Parents/Carers



Attendance

Congratulations to 1K & 1L who both achieved 96.55% this week and to 5A in Key Stage 2 with 97.94%

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	80.95	2D	93.54	4R	96.39
RH	87.91	2K	88.60	5A	97.94
RR	92.28	3G	86.48	5D	94.07
1H	81.97	3T	89.85	5Y	92.74
1K	96.55	3TB	85.17	6E	91.76
1L	96.55	4B	92.48	6L	95.22
2A	95.74	4G	97.44	6N	87.06



School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased every Monday from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall.

Uniform can also be purchased online:

www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/

Or

Telephone: 01992 763679

Email: info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk



Parent Hub

We would like all parents/carers to join us on Parent Hub.

Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.



1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Add a School" and enter:

@HuntersHallIPS

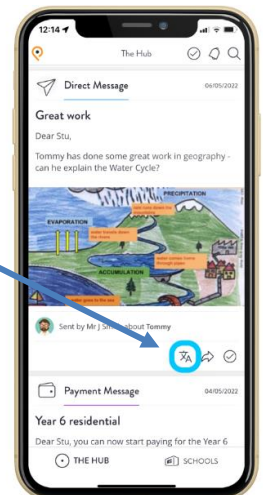
How to translate messages in the Parent Hub app (guidance for schools)

In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

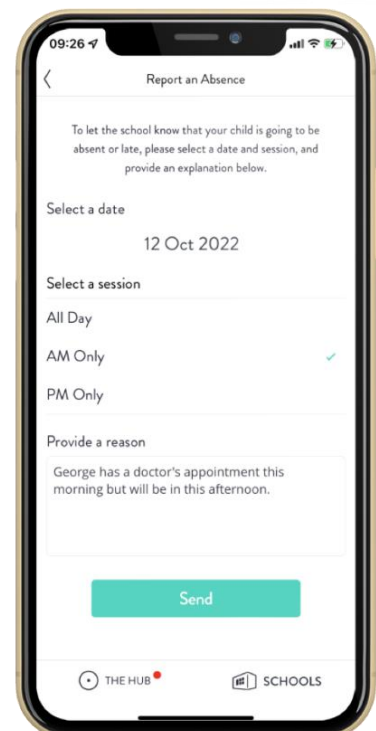
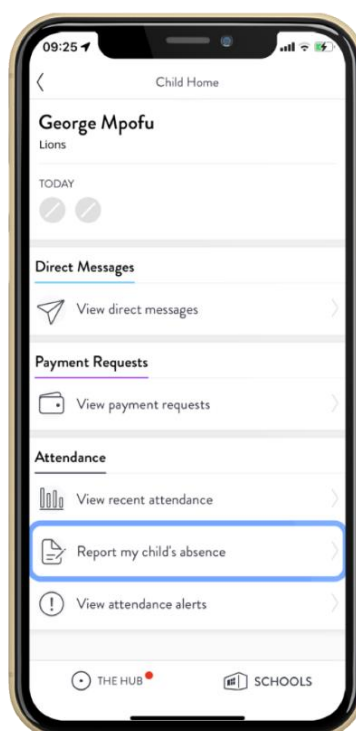
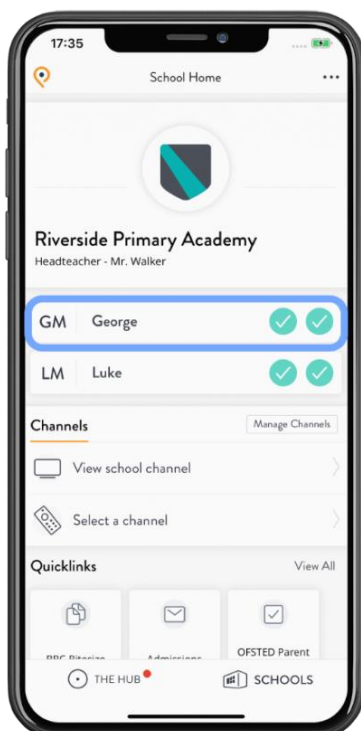
This applies to old messages, as well as new ones.

To find out more, click the link below for a useful guide.

<https://support.parenthub.co.uk/hc/en-us/articles/6172951020689-How-to-translate-messages-in-the-Parent-Hub-app>



Reporting absence





On Thursday 15th December, an all day workshop for Year 4 will be taking place here at the school

Please remember to pay the **£6.50** cost through your child's ParentPay account.

<https://www.parentpay.com/>

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>



Year 4 - Times Tables

Reminder for children in Year 4 to log onto the PiXL website and learn their times tables.



The children in each of the Year 4 classes were given the PiXL ID, individual usernames and passwords.

If parents need a reminder letter, please can they contact the class teacher at the end of the day so subsequent letters can be printed and distributed? The website can be found below.

'PiXL Times Tables' and 'PiXL Unlock' (vocabulary) apps

The children have free access to two apps: one to help them learn and practise their times tables and another to develop their vocabulary knowledge and understanding.

The apps can be downloaded via Apple or Android (please search for 'PiXL Unlock'), and the desktop versions can be found at these links: <https://timestable.pixl.org.uk> and <https://vocab.pixl.org.uk/>

Your child has been given a unique log-in, which works for both, and we would be pleased if you would download it to use straight away. Collaborating to support the children's learning both inside and outside of school has a greater impact and using these apps won't even seem like work to the children!

Many Thanks,

Year 4 Team

Multiplication Square

X	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

Kindness Advent

Why not make your own advent calendar?

1. Cut along the solid lines and fold along the dotted lines.

2. Glue each strip of covers to the calendar by sticking the red strips to the white strips with 'glue cover here' written on them. Now fold up or rip each flap off as another day passes to reveal the next one.



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Acts of Christmas Kindness

Feed some birds or ducks in a pond.	Compliment a friend or relative.	Make a card for an elderly neighbour.	Volunteer to help a neighbour with gardening or car washing.	Take cakes or cookies to your local homeless shelter.
Leave a kind note for someone you love.	Leave a bowl of sweets outside your house for people to help themselves.	Leave treats for the postal worker.	Give somebody a coupon for a hug.	Hold a door open for somebody.
Make a thank-you note for your teacher or someone who helps you a lot.	Donate some food to your local food bank.	Call a faraway friend to say hello.	Tell someone a silly joke to make them laugh.	Sit next to someone who is sitting alone at lunchtime or in the playground.
Smile and introduce yourself to someone who you see a lot but have never spoken to before.	Make a thank-you card for a soldier.	Make a goody bag for your friend.	Donate your unwanted toys to charity or a hospital.	Bake some cakes or cookies and share with your neighbours.
Offer to walk the dog or change your pet's bedding.	Help with preparing breakfast, lunch or dinner.	Tape a coin to a vending machine.	Take some supplies to the local animal shelter.	Say 'Merry Christmas!' to a stranger.

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Donation from APA Airlines

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to APA Airlines and their customers <https://apa-airlines-management.business.site/> for their very generous donation which will benefit every single child at our school.



Christmas Gift Appeal

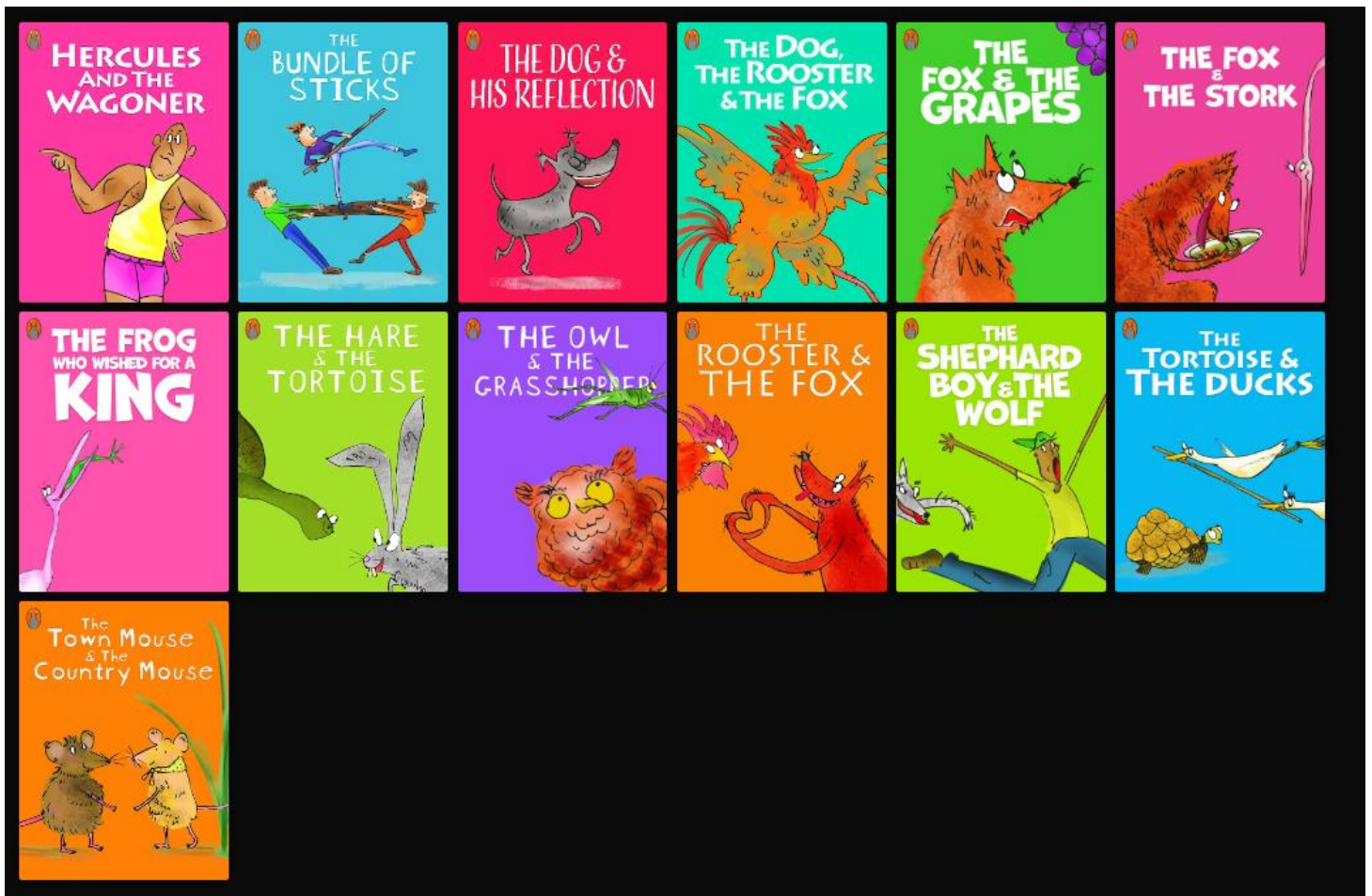


Free Online Stories

<https://sooperbooks.com/bedtime-stories/?msID=2c5fdce6-5d98-4aba-9704-9a37381cdb8f>



<https://sooperbooks.com/aesops-fables/?msID=6cd11fdd-978b-42fc-a482-7ff0e80cd9a7>



Reception Maths Workshop

Thank you to all the parents / carers who attended the Maths Workshop for counting and subitising with Miss Caisey.

Please see the link below to the workshop presentation.

<http://www.huntershallprimary.org.uk/workshops/194.html>



Year 4 - St George's Church Visit

During the autumn term, we have been learning about Christianity in our RE lessons. We have learnt about the Good Samaritan and the Ten Commandments. To deepen our understanding, we visited St George's church on Monday. Inside the building we saw a bible, a lectern, a font, stained glass windows, instruments and a table. Shona explained to us the importance of each of the objects within the church. We had the opportunity to look around and ask questions.

I learnt about things inside a church. I saw a font, a bible, small pieces of bread and wine.
– Waziha (4R)



Christmas Coffee Morning



Dear Parents/Carers

Come join me for a coffee/tea
and a chat.

on Friday 16th December 2022,
9:00-10:30am in the Dining Hall.

Looking forward to seeing as
many of you as possible.

Patrick Bellevue
Family Support Worker

This Winter

Get involved in **healthy and fun** activities

From **podcasting** and **football** to **arts and crafts**, there is something for everyone!

Open to children and young people aged **4 to 18** – **FREE** if they are eligible

EACH ACTIVITY INCLUDES A HEALTHY LUNCH

To find out more and to book a place, visit lbbd.gov.uk/free-holiday-activities

#HAF2022
This provision is free for children and young people who live or go to school in Barking and Dagenham and are eligible for benefits related free school meals.

Department for Education
Barking & Dagenham

Take part in a **Winter holiday** to remember in Barking and Dagenham

Location	Venue	Dates	Age Group
RM10 7HX	Ultimate Vision Sports at William Bellamy School	Wednesday 21 December to Friday 23 December	5 to 11 years
RM8 3EX	Ultimate Vision Sports at Grafton Primary School	Thursday 22 December to Friday 23 December	5 to 11 years
IG11 7JA	Ultimate Vision Sports at Gascoigne Primary School	Wednesday 21 December to Friday 23 December	5 to 11 years
IG11 7JA	Ultimate Vision Sports at Gascoigne Primary School	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	5 to 11 years
IG11 7FP	Ultimate Vision Sports at Ripple Primary School	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	5 to 11 years
IG11 7FP	Ultimate Vision Sports at Ripple Primary School	Wednesday 4 January to Friday 6 January	5 to 11 years
RM8 1DN	Ultimate Vision Sports at Robert Clack	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	12 to 16 years
RM8 1DN	Ultimate Vision Sports at Robert Clack	Wednesday 4 January to Friday 6 January	12 to 16 years
RM9 6UU	Inspire Minds Through Sports at St Peters RC School	Wednesday 21 December to Friday 23 December	5 to 11 years
RM9 6UU	Inspire Minds Through Sports at St Peters RC School	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	5 to 11 years
RM10 9JS	Inspire Minds Through Sports at William Ford Junior School	Wednesday 21 December to Friday 23 December	5 to 11 years
RM10 9JS	Inspire Minds Through Sports at William Ford Junior School	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	5 to 11 years
RM9 4UN	Malearn at Jo Richardson Community School	Friday 23 December, Thursday 29 December and Friday 30 December	4 to 11 years
RM8 3AR	Ballerz at Valence primary School	Thursday 22 December to Friday 23 December	5 to 11 years
IG11 8JA	Ballerz at Northbury Primary School	Tuesday 3 January to Thursday 5 January	5 to 11 years
RM6 5NJ	Dagenham Eagles at Marks Gate Community Hub	Wednesday 21 December to Thursday 22 December	5 to 11 years
RM10 7VP	DABO at Prembroke Gardens	Friday 23 December	5 to 18 years
RM10 7VP	DABO at Prembroke Gardens	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	5 to 18 years
RM10 7VP	DABO at Prembroke Gardens	Tuesday 3 January to Wednesday 4 January	5 to 18 years
RM10 8UR	Learning Hive at John Perry School	Monday 19 December to Thursday 22 December	5 to 11 years
RM8 3AR	Artbash at Valence Primary School	Thursday 29 December to Friday 30 December	5 to 11 years
RM10 7FH	Everyone Active at Becontree Leisure Centre	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	5 to 11 years
RM10 7FH	Everyone Active at Becontree Leisure Centre	Tuesday 3 January to Wednesday 4 January	5 to 11 years
IG11 7HW	Everyone Active at Abbey Leisure Centre	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	8 to 12 years
IG11 7HW	Everyone Active at Abbey Leisure Centre	Tuesday 3 January to Wednesday 4 January	8 to 12 years
RM10 9JS	Company Drinks at Outdoor Bowls Pavilion	Monday 19 December to Thursday 22 December	8 to 11 years
IG11 7JR	Studio 3 Arts at Galleon Centre	Friday 23 December	10 to 16 years
IG11 7JR	Studio 3 Arts at Galleon Centre	Wednesday 28 December to Friday 30 December	10 to 16 years
IG11 8HE	Silver Music Entertainment at Make It Centre	Tuesday 3 January	12 to 16 years
RM9 4UN	Silver Music Entertainment at Jo Richardson Community School	Wednesday 4 January	12 to 16 years

Free Winter Camp for Students Eligible for Free School Meals

Learning Hive

FREE WINTER CAMP

For students eligible for Free School Meals

National Tutoring Programme
Believe in children Barnardo's
Department for Education
HAF Holiday Activities & Food Programme
Department for Education

Awesome activities

Limited spaces First come, first serve basis!

- Basketball
- Dance Classes
- Competitions
- Drama Club
- Sports Activities
- Nutritional Education
- Games & Prizes
- Cooking Workshops

During the Christmas Holidays
19th - 28th December
Check the dates in your area!

How to register
It's simple, just click to get started!

Register

learninghive.co.uk
info@learninghive.co.uk
0207 112 8658

Use the link to register:
[Events \(learninghive.co.uk\)](http://Events.learninghive.co.uk)

BREAKFAST CLUB



Our breakfast club is open term time only Monday to Friday, 7:45 to 8:30am.

No booking is required, you can turn up on the day and pay.

The charge is **£3** per day, you are required to accompany your child into our breakfast club and stay with them until they have been marked in on our daily register.

You are required to have the correct money for payment.

Please note that payments in advance are non-refundable and non-transferable therefore if you choose to pay in advance and your child does not attend you lose that money.



WANTED

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

DONATIONS NEEDED

A big thank you to everyone who has previously donated. We always need more good quality second hand uniform items. Has your child grown out of theirs? Please donate to the school and come along to one of our sales for bargain replacements!

Winter coats and shoes also welcome.

Please bring any donations in a bag to the school office.



Thank you



DHP Scheme

Are you struggling to afford your rent payments?



Do you have rent arrears?

Do you need help with a deposit?

Help is available through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) scheme

Visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/discretionary-housing-payments-dhp>

To find out more and apply online

You must be in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit housing costs to qualify for a DHP



Barking & Dagenham

Household Support Fund

Are you struggling with the rising cost of living?



Do you have utility debts?

Help is available to support the rising cost of living for energy & utility costs, food and other emergency need through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Hardship schemes

Visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/hardship-payment-schemes/household-support-fund>

to find out more and apply online



Barking & Dagenham



MINI ROCKERS

FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 2

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. No experience or instrument required.



ROCK HEROES

FOR YEARS 3 AND 4

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 3 and 4. No experience or instrument required.



ROCK ICONS

FOR YEARS 5 AND 6

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 5 and 6. No experience or instrument required.

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents>

- ✓ **Learn to play in a band**
Learning an instrument should be fun. Your child can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals and enjoy playing in a happy, supportive environment with their friends.
- ✓ **Lead by real musicians**
Your child's music teacher should also be their role model. Which is why all Rocksteady Band Leaders are carefully chosen, extensively trained musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of playing music.
- ✓ **In school time**
Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place in school time with all instruments provided, making it hassle-free for parents.
- ✓ **From first notes to favourite songs**
The Rocksteady Programme is for all children aged 4-11 and is proven to progress musicianship, confidence and teamwork skills with no prior experience necessary.
- ✓ **With regular live performances**
Playing on stage is a huge confidence booster. With termly concerts at school assemblies, your child will be able to show off their progress to friends, teachers and parents with the rest of their band.
- ✓ **And happily affordable**
Rocksteady is one of the most hassle-free ways to learn an instrument on a rolling subscription that you can cancel at any time. It's risk free too – cancel in the first month and you'll get a full refund.

Call 0330 113 0330

Top tips on how to talk to your children about their feelings

It can be so tricky to bring up difficult topics, and talking about emotions with your children can sometimes feel more than a little daunting for parents and carers. You may worry about saying the wrong thing, making your child feel uncomfortable, and even worry about making them feel worse. But the fact you want to explore emotions with your child is enough, even if sometimes it doesn't go as you planned!

Here are some handy tips on how you could begin talking to your children about their feelings.

Ask them what they need

It can be tough to talk about how you feel, and when we want to talk about things as parents, children don't always want to or feel ready. Asking what a child needs from you can help them feel more in control, heard, and respected.

Children might also not know what they need, so suggesting a few options can be a good starting point. For example, do you need some space right now?

Name it

Sometimes it can be hard for children to identify their feelings. Naming what you observe can help them to do this. For example, when talking to a young child, you might say, 'You seem really angry today. I can see you are clenching your hands, and you don't have a happy face. I wonder if anything has made you angry or upset?'

Listen carefully

This sounds pretty straightforward, but sometimes, when we care, we may jump into problem-solving mode a little too hastily. And while it might come from a really good place, it's not always helpful.

Choose your timing wisely

Talking about feelings, or any difficult subject, can be quite sensitive. Choosing a time when you are both calm and relaxed can be more useful than choosing a time when there are any heightened emotions already at play.

Think about the setting

Talking about feelings can be really sensitive, so making sure the space is private, comfortable, and feels safe for your child can be key to a positive outcome.

Practice asking open questions (rather than closed ones)

Closed questions usually encourage yes or no type answers. Open questions, on the other hand, go a bit deeper and encourage more thinking and exploration. This simple difference in style might help your child consider their own thoughts and feelings a little more and encourage them to share more of their story or problem with you.

Think about whether your child feels ready to talk

Just because you want to talk doesn't mean they feel ready to. Look out for the things they say, and their body, too, for indicators on whether they really want to talk about their feelings.

Model it

Being more open and honest about how you yourself feel (in an age appropriate way, of course) can normalise the idea of talking about emotions. Children who see that adults also have big feelings, doubts, get scared or anxious, get frustrated with others at work, etc. might feel more comfortable opening up themselves.

Get creative

We might feel a pressure to have all the answers and say the right things, but sometimes, we just need to think a little differently. Helping our children express their feelings through play or using art materials can be just as important and useful, especially for much younger children whose natural language is often play.

Take away the intensity

It can be pretty daunting (on both sides) to sit down to talk about something as important as feelings. But decreasing some of the intensity can sometimes reduce the pressure and make things a little less stressful.

