



REFFLEY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER October

October 2026

Message from Miss Fendley

We have had a busy and positive start to the new academic year. Classrooms are already buzzing with learning, and it has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm, resilience and positivity that our children have demonstrated during their first few weeks back at school. We have also been incredibly fortunate to enjoy some lovely weather. The sunshine has provided many opportunities for outdoor learning, play and physical activity, helping everyone make the most of the start of the term. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure every child feels happy, safe and inspired to achieve their very best.

Wellbeing Passports

We are excited to introduce our new **Wellbeing Passports** across the school. These passports are designed to help children develop positive wellbeing habits and encourage them to think about how they can look after themselves and others. Each week, our wellbeing focus will be explored during Wellbeing Assemblies, and teachers will award stickers to children who demonstrate the focus or complete related challenges.

Autumn 1 Wellbeing Challenge This half term, our challenge is all about **doing something kind for someone at home**. We would love parents and carers to support their child with this challenge. Once completed, please help your child record what they did in the space provided within their Wellbeing Passport. We also encourage families to discuss the weekly wellbeing focus at home. By working together, we can help our children develop kindness, resilience and positive wellbeing habits both in school and beyond.

Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE)

Changes to Our RSHE Curriculum

We are currently reviewing and updating our **Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) Curriculum** to ensure it continues to meet statutory requirements and supports the needs of our pupils. Parents and carers are invited to review the proposed changes and share any comments or feedback. The curriculum can be viewed via the RSHE section of our website. We value your views and encourage you to take the time to read the document and discuss any questions or comments you may have. **Please send any feedback to Miss Fendley by Thursday 9th October.**

Parking Around School

Please park respectfully around the school and be considerate of our neighbours at all times.

The safety of our children remains our highest priority, particularly during drop-off and collection times. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone in our school community.

★ Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts

At Reffley Academy, we know that regular attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential. Every lesson matters, and even a small amount of missed learning can make it more difficult for children to keep up with their classmates.

Children who attend school regularly:

- Build stronger friendships and feel more connected to school life.
- Develop confidence and positive learning habits.
- Make better academic progress.
- Gain important skills that prepare them for the future.

A child with **95% attendance** may appear to have good attendance, but this still equates to almost **10 days of learning missed** across the school year. Those missed days can have a significant impact on learning and progress.

We understand that children will sometimes become unwell. However, wherever possible, we ask families to prioritise attendance and ensure children arrive at school on time each day.

If you have concerns about your child's attendance or require support, please contact the school office. We are here to work in partnership with families to ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed.

Together, let's make every day count! ☀

🤝 Join Our PTA

We are looking to grow our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and would love to welcome new members.

The PTA plays an important role in supporting our school community by organising events, raising funds and creating exciting opportunities for our children.

Whether you can spare a little time or would like to become more actively involved, your support would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in joining the PTA or would like to find out more, please contact the school office. We would be delighted to hear from you.

📅 Important Dates

October

📅 **1st October** – Parent Drop-In Session, 2:30pm. An opportunity to visit classrooms and see children's learning.

📅 **2nd October** – Wear Your Pyjamas Day and bring an item for the local food bank.

📅 **8th October** – Mental Health Awareness Day (celebrated a day earlier than the national campaign). Wear something bright!

 **9th October** – Year 5 Visit to the Space Centre.

 **16th October** – Individual School Photographs.

 **19th & 20th October** – Parents' Evenings. Sign up forms will be in school office from Monday 5th October.

 **22nd October** – Last day of term for pupils.

November

 **2nd November** – Children return to school.

 **11th November** – Provisional date for Flu Vaccinations.

 **13th November** – Children in Need Non-Uniform Day.

Thank you for your continued support.