



NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2025

AUTUMN TERM 1 | WEEK 2

***Living life in all its fullness,*
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(John 10:10)***

What a wonderful first full week back!

Reception Children:

A very special welcome to our new Reception children who began their journey with us last week and have now completed their first full week in school. They have done a fantastic job settling in, and we hope parents are feeling as proud as we are of how brilliantly they've started.

Morning Routine:

The **school gates open just after 8:45** and classroom doors open at 8:50. Our aim is for lessons to begin promptly at 9:00 therefore we would appreciate **children arriving as close to opening as possible so they can be registered, school lunches sorted and any morning tasks sorted.** Having an extra couple of minutes really help children to get organised, feel calm, and ready to learn as soon as lessons begin giving them the best start to their learning each day. When children arrive on site for 9:00, it often takes longer for them to settle, which means their learning can be delayed. Thank you for your co-operation.

Walking to and from school:

Please read the collection policy which has been sent to your email regarding processes for ensuring parents have ensured staff are aware of who will collect children.

Online safety Newsletter:

please read the newsletter about online safety with some helpful information regarding AI, Roblox and the Online Safety Act.

Staff car park:

We kindly ask **parents and carers not to use the school car park** for drop-off or pick-up. The car park is reserved for staff and for essential access, and extra vehicles create risks for children walking into school. Please use the surrounding roads and walk onto the site safely with your child. A short walk not only helps reduce congestion but also gives children a calm, positive start to their day. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

Rutland County Council Support

Rutland County Council have recently adapted their offer for children requiring SEMH (Social, Emotional and Mental Health) support. Their support for schools is now generalised, rather than case-specific. As a school, we will continue to work closely with a range of local services to ensure we can access the right provision and support for children who need it.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week ☺

Dates for your diary

15th September – Parents Phonics Meeting EYFS & Reception (details to follow)

18th September – Y3 Trip to Grimsthorpe Castle

26th September – FORA Sweet Treat Friday (after school, info to follow)

30th September – Parent's Evening

2nd October – Individual School Photographs

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6th October – Cycle to School Week

13th October – Y5 Caythorpe Trip (return 17th October)

17th October – End of Autumn Term 1

3rd November – Start of Autumn Term 2



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ATTENDANCE

Class	YTD %
Belvoir	100
Belton	100
Rockingham	98
Burghley	98.3
Woolsthorpe	96.2
Tolethorpe	98
Hambleton	94.8

Our overall school attendance last week was 97.8% which is above the national average. Please do get in touch if you need any support with attendance.

Well done to Belvoir and Belton Class who won the Attendance Trophy with 100% attendance for all.

Thank you for the continued communication and co-operation with the different procedures in place.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the children awarded Star of the Week in our Celebration Assembly.



Belvoir	Whole Class
Belton	Aubree-Jane
Rockingham	Charlotte
Burghley	Henry
Woolsthorpe	Harriet
Tolethorpe	Malia
Hambleton	Holly



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MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL

Music Lessons in school

Would you like to learn to play a musical instrument?

We have music teachers who come into school to teach.

- Piano – Mrs Lamb – jklamb@hotmail.co.uk



- Flute – Julie Dearden – jules.swallowhill@gmail.com



- Guitar – Jack Parkinson – jack.parkinson@jackparkinsonmusic.com



- Drums – Rory Hill – rory@noisetuition.com



If your child is interested, please contact the music teachers directly.

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After School Clubs are listed below.

* Eco Club and Photography Club will be available to book on Arbor from **7pm on Friday 29th August**.

* One Touch Football is available to book now; the netball and mini movers will be bookable shortly.

* Dodgeball, Taekwondo and Musical Theatre can all be booked directly with the provider.

Club	Day	Year group available to	Time	Provider	Location	Cost	Min/Max Numbers	How to book
Football	Monday 1/9, 8/9, 15/9, 22/9, 29/9, 6/10, 13/10.	Year 1 to Year 6	3:30 – 4:30	One Touch	Field / MUGA, meet in Y3 classroom	Book direct with One Touch Football www.onetouchfootball.co.uk/after-school-clubs/ Please bring a PE kit for the sessions.		
Eco Club	Monday 8/9, 15/9, 22/9, 29/9, 6/10	Year 3 to Year 6	3:30 – 4:30	Mrs Want	School Grounds	£5 for the term	Max 12	FULL
Dodgeball	Tuesday 9/9, 16/9, 23/9, 30/9, 7/10, 14/10	Year 3 to Year 6	3.30-4.30	Rutland Dodgeball	Hall	Book direct with Rutland Dodgeball. Please email: rutlanddodgeball@gmail.com to book a place. Please bring a PE kit for the sessions.		
Netball	Tuesday 9/9, 16/9, 23/9, 30/9, 7/10, 14/10	Year 5 and Year 6	3.30-4.30	One Touch	KS2 Playground, meet in Y5 classroom	Book direct with One Touch Football www.onetouchfootball.co.uk/after-school-clubs/ Please bring a PE kit for the sessions.		
Taekwondo	Wednesday 3/9, 10/9, 17/9, 24/9, 1/10, 8/10, 15/10.	Year 1 to Year 6	3.30 – 4.30	Taekwondo Tigers	Hall	Please contact Master Annabel Murcott, 07714323995 to book a place. Please bring a PE kit for the sessions.		
Mini Movers	Wednesday 10/9, 17/9, 24/9, 1/10, 8/10, 15/10.	Reception Year 1 and Year 2	3.30 – 4.30	One Touch	Classroom / Playground (weather dependent)	Book direct with One Touch Football www.onetouchfootball.co.uk/after-school-clubs/ Please bring a PE kit for the sessions.		
Musical Theatre	Thursday 11/9, 18/9, 25/9, 2/10, 9/10, 16/10.	Year 1 to Year 6	3.30 – 4.30	LovetoDance	Hall	Book direct with Lovetodance https://lovetodance.classforkids.io/camp/34		
Photography Club	Thursday 11/9, 18/9, 25/9, 2/10, 9/10, 16/10.	Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4.	3.30 – 4.30	Mrs Eve	Year 2 Classroom	£5 for the term	Max. 15	FULL



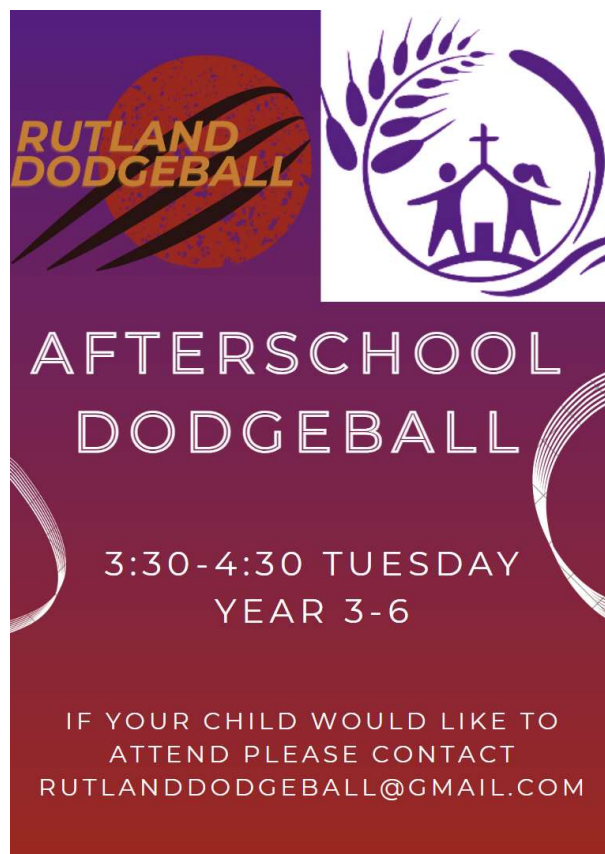
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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



TAE KWON DO

**Korean Karate - Kick Boxing
& Self-Defence**

8th Dan World Master & Multi World Champion

Annabel Murcott

Join our after school club Every Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm main hall
FIRST MONTH FREE / LAST FEW SPACES LEFT
Subs £29 per month, lost time or school holidays
Can be made up at another club no charge
Moving from another club, we asses to keep your grade so you don't start from a beginner..

To book or more info contact Annabel 07714323995
Email belltagb@aol.com www.annabelmurcott.co.uk

We now have an evening class available at the school every Thursday Night 6-7pm. Please ring for more details.



We look forward to welcoming you into one of our classes



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Coverstar

Coverstar say they are "the safe TikTok alternative." They state, "there is no specific age limitation...however, if you are under the age of 13, you must obtain parental consent." Users can post, comment and livestream.

Whilst Coverstar does not include private messaging, users can still interact via public comments. Coverstar does use moderation tools to scan all user-generated content. It is also important to be aware that Coverstar does allow in-app purchases ranging from £0.99 - £59.99.

If your child is using this app, ensure they know how to use the reporting tools. Bark provide a full review of Coverstar here, but they rate it as suitable for 10+:

<https://www.bark.us/app-reviews/apps/coverstar-app-review>.

Test your knowledge: Online Scams

Childnet have created a quiz for 9-13 year-olds that includes a range of potential online scams, as well as tips to help your child protect themselves online. Find out more here:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/test-your-knowledge-about-online-scams-with-our-quiz-for-9-13-year-olds/>

Online Safety Act

What is the Online Safety Act?

The Online Safety Act 2023 is a set of laws introduced to protect children and adults online. Ofcom is the regulator for online safety in the UK, responsible for ensuring companies follow the new rules. As part of this role, Ofcom have designed the Children Codes of practice, which came into force in July

2025. The codes outline what all online services likely to be accessed by children must do to protect children online, for example:

- Enforce age limits.
- Protect children from accessing harmful or age-inappropriate content. This includes content relating to self-harm and eating disorders.
- Ensure users can easily report harmful content.

Ofcom has the power to enforce the rules as well as issue fines if companies fail to comply. You can find out more here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/new-rules-for-a-safer-generation-of-children-online>

How will it help to protect my child?

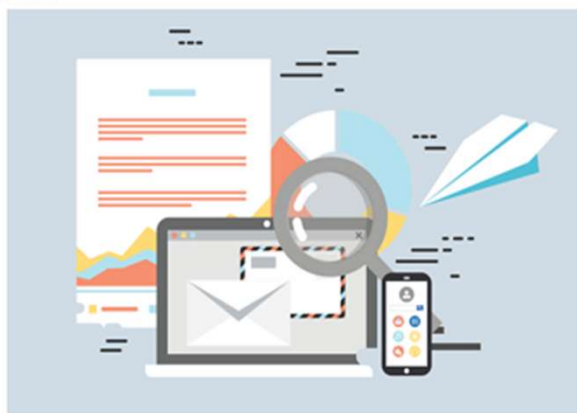
One of the main purposes of the Act is to protect children online. Ofcom has published information on how they are helping children to be safer online. The first link is a guide for parents, which also includes a section on what you can do as a parent. You can access this information here:

- <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/how-ofcom-is-helping-children-to-be-safer-online-a-guide-for-parents>
- <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/how-the-online-safety-act-will-help-to-protect-children>

Further information

Online Safety Act: explainer:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-safety-act-explainer/online-safety-act-explainer>



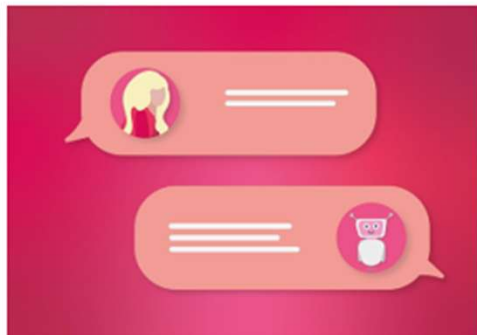
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Artificial Intelligence (AI)

What is AI?

AI is when a computer/machine can learn and perform tasks like a human. Its popularity continues to grow, and examples include:

- **Search engines** such as Google now include an AI-generated overview as part of their results.
- **Virtual assistants** like Alexa, Meta AI and Siri.
- **Chatbots** such as ChatGPT and My AI from Snapchat.



Opportunities

AI can be an effective tool when used correctly, for instance:

- **Homework** – children can use AI to support and assist their learning.
- **Advice** – AI can be used to provide information and suggestions on a variety of topics.

Risks and concerns

- **Misinformation** – ensure your child understands that AI can sometimes provide incorrect or misleading information.
- **Privacy issues** – read any privacy policies before using.
- **Chat apps** – a simple search of “AI Chat” within the App store highlights the number of apps already available that are not suitable for children as many are rated as 17+.
- **Image manipulation** – there are AI tools that can be used to digitally remove clothes from photos, which clearly raises serious safeguarding and privacy concerns.
- **Deepfakes** – there are also AI tools that create realistic, fake videos that can be used to spread misinformation or cause harm.

How can I protect my child?

To help keep your child safe online, it is important to:

- Check age ratings of any apps or websites that your child accesses.
- Develop your child’s digital literacy by highlighting the risks of AI and showing them how important it is to verify what they see online.
- Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices/ broadband.
- Chat to your child regularly and ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information

- Overview: <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/using-artificial-intelligence/what-is-ai-artificial-intelligence/>
- Should you worry if your child has an AI friend? <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/should-you-worry-if-your-child-has-ai-friend>

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Roblox: Grow a Garden

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Grow a Garden is one of the latest games available on Roblox and is extremely popular. The game is labelled as ‘minimal’ for content maturity, which Roblox define as “may contain occasional mild violence, light unrealistic blood, and/or occasional mild fear.” Roblox believe that the game play is suitable for everyone. However, as the game is on Roblox, it is important to be aware of the following:

- **Chat** – strangers can interact with your child.
- **In-game purchases** – this game does include in-game purchases.
- **Screentime** – set limits for how long your child is playing.

A lot of the content on Roblox is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing, ensure they know how to use any reporting tools and set up appropriate parental controls.

Further information

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428310121620-Parental-Controls-Overview>

Grooming online

Grooming is when somebody seeks to build a relationship with a child to exploit them or cause harm.

It is important that we teach our children how to recognise red flags. Childline have lots of useful information on their website, including where to get further support from:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/online-grooming/>

LOCAL CLUBS



**STAMFORD
GYMNASTICS
CLUB**

Spaces Available September 2025



TIME TABLE

**4-6 years - Monday -Thursday 4pm,
Friday 4pm and 5pm, Saturday 9am**

**7-9 years - Monday - Thursday 5pm,
Friday 6pm, Saturday 10am**

**10-12 years - Wednesday 6pm and
Saturday 11am**

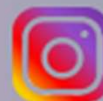
TEEN 13+ - Thursday 6pm



**Please contact us on
stamfordgymnasticsclub@gmail.com to book your
taster session.**



stamfordgymnasticsclub.co.uk



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**Providing a variety of fun,
entertaining activities!**

**Breakfast or a healthy snack
provided**

**BREAKFAST CLUB: 7:30 - 8:50
AFTERSCHOOL CLUB: 3:30 - 6:00
OR AFTER A SCHOOL CLUB FROM 4:30**

**Book online now via the Arbor
Parent Portal**



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION & REMINDERS

We are a nut free school as we have children who are allergic to nuts. Please remember this when preparing packed lunches or snacks and avoid food containing nuts such as chocolate spread and pesto.

If you need to drive to drop off or collect your child, please park with consideration of resident's drives, garages or access to roads. Please remember that parking on zig-zag lines at any time of the day is prohibited to ensure the safety of the children during the busier periods of the day.

A reminder to families to not use the staff car park when either dropping children to school or collecting them – this is purely for the safety of the children and staff. This does apply to drop off and pick up from Wrap Around Care and clubs.

If your child travels home on the bus don't forget to complete the **bus register on Arbor** before 9am on a Monday morning. Booking opens each week on a Friday afternoon.



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Worried About A Child?

Should you have any concerns about a child, please speak to any member of school staff who can, where required, direct you to the relevant people.

Our staff trained to deal with potential safeguarding concerns and worries are:

- Mr A Reed (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs D Jesson (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs C Hicks (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs E Jagger (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs L Garwood (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)



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