



NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025

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(John 10:10)*



Dear Families,

The trees are up, decorations in the hall and around school and it will be the 1st of December on Monday – I'm sure, like us, you're thinking 'How is it December already?' Here are a few things from us in the run up to the Christmas Season.

Poppy Appeal – we are delighted to share that our school raised an amazing £291.59 for this year's poppy appeal. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed and supported this important cause. Together with other local efforts, our area raised a fantastic total of £54,267.97!

Christmas Cards – If children would like to write Christmas cards for their friends, we have a special post-box in the school foyer that they can post their cards into and then these will be delivered to the classrooms every day.

Big battery hunt – Organised by our school Eco Councillors, we have been invited to join The Big Battery Hunt. This is where we collect used batteries that would then be collected for recycling. Each collection would give us an entry into a competition to win a recycling workshop to be held in school. If individual pupils go above and beyond in collecting batteries, we can submit their story, and they go in a draw to win Amazon vouchers.

Grant from Ryhall Fete Committee – Thank you to the Ryhall Fete Committee who have granted us £650 to buy some new litter pickers, garden tools, gardening gloves and soil for our raised beds at our allotment space. We are really looking forward to putting everything to good use!

Christmas Craft Day – today the children have designed Advent pictures to create our in-school advent calendar in the hall, along with decorations to go in the school hall. We're starting to get in the festive spirit!

Christmas Jumper Donations at the Christmas Fair

If you have any outgrown Christmas jumpers we are planning to do a stall at the Christmas Fair. Please bring any jumpers in on Monday or Tuesday next week. We will put them out at the fair for £1 each.

We hope you have a great weekend.

Mr Reed ☺

Dates for your diary

3rd December – Christmas Fair

9th December – Reception and KS1
Nativity @ 2pm

10th December – Reception and KS1
Nativity @ 6pm

11th December – Christmas Dinner and
Christmas Jumper Day

19th December – End of Autumn Term
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5th January – Inset Day

6th January – Return to school

13th January – Y2 trip to Oakham
Museum

28th January – Y6 Trip to London

5th February – FORA Disco

10th February – Young Voices



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ATTENDANCE

Class – Top 3	Weekly %
Belvoir	98.9
Tolethorpe	98.7
Burghley	98.3

Our overall school attendance last week was 94.77% which is slightly below the national average. Please do get in touch if you need any support with attendance.

Well done to Belvoir Class who won the Attendance Trophy with 98.9% 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	Edie
Belton	Felix
Rockingham	Emmie
Burghley	Jude
Woolsthorpe	Toby
Tolethorpe	Emily
Hambleton	Grace

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Please see the email sent on Wednesday explaining pick up arrangements for the fair.



JOIN US FOR THE 2025

CHRISTMAS FAIR

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2:30 - 4:30PM

Games | Christmas Activities | Stanta's Grotto | Pupil Stalls | Raffle | Refreshments

**WE WILL BE
ABLE TO TAKE
PAYMENTS
OVER £1 VIA SUMUP.
PLEASE FEEL FREE
TO BRING
CASH IF YOU
PREFER!**

Get ready for a fun-filled festive afternoon for the whole family! Join us for laughter, games, Christmas activities, treats – and plenty of Christmas cheer!

There will be a range of fantastic games such as 'Nerf the North Pole' and 'Brussel Sprout or Bouncy Ball', Biscuit Decorating, a visit from the big man himself in Stanta's Grotto, Christmas gifts made by the children, a Grand Raffle with fantastic prizes and of course all the yummy refreshments!

Our wonderful children have been busy crafting some extra-special Christmas gifts just for you! ✨ Each item is made with love, care, and a sprinkle of festive magic. We kindly ask for a donation to celebrate their hard work and creativity – all proceeds going directly to support our school! ❤️

Behind on your Christmas shopping? Browse wonderful local stalls full of handmade gifts, crafts, and seasonal goodies. Find something special for everyone on your list!

PRE-BUY YOUR GAME TOKENS ON ARBOR

WE'RE MAKING IT EASY TO PLAY! THIS YEAR, ALL GAMES WILL USE TOKEN CARDS. EACH GAME COSTS 1 TOKEN – AND YOU CAN CLAIM A SMALL GIFT AFTER PLAYING! **BOOK IN ADVANCE TO SKIP THE QUEUES AND GET EXTRA TOKENS!**

PRE-ORDER PRICE: £4 FOR 10 TOKENS (INCLUDES 2 FREE TOKENS!)
ON THE DAY: £5 FOR 10 TOKENS | £2.50 FOR 5 TOKENS

REFRESHMENTS

TAKE A BREAK FROM ALL THE EXCITEMENT AND **HEAD TO THE STAGE** ENJOY **TASTY TREATS**, AND **FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS** – HOT CHOCOLATE WITH WHIPPED CREAM AND MARSHMELLOWS, TEA & COFFEE, SQUASH, CAKE, SWEET TREATS AND MORE!



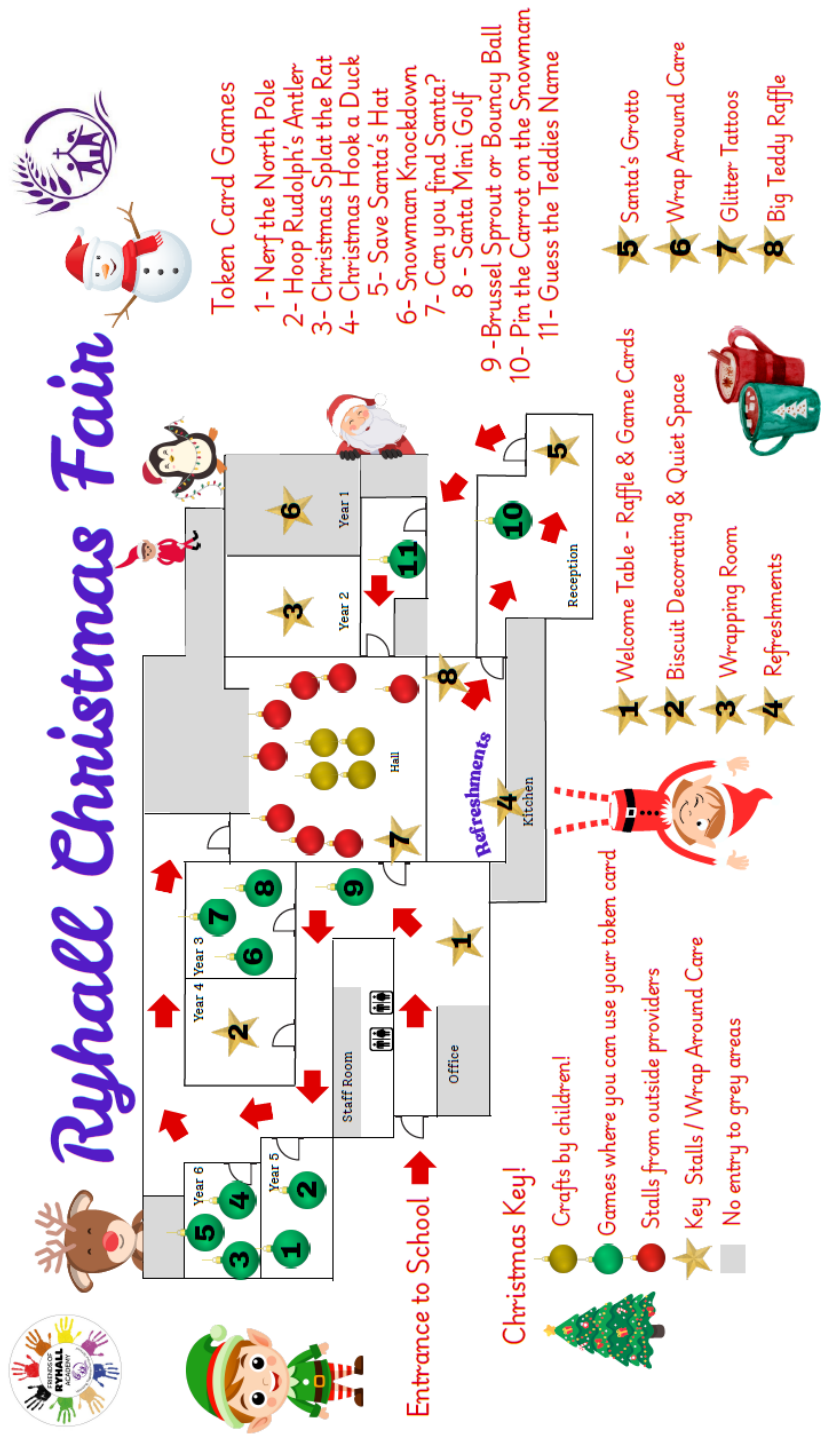
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CHRISTMAS FAIR MAP



CHRISTMAS DINNER

The deadline to order Christmas lunch is 10am on Thursday 4th December.



w.c 8.12.25 Menu including Christmas Dinner on 11th December

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2025 - 3 Hot	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Baked Beans (v)	Crispy Chicken Goujons with Rice, BBQ Dip, Peas and Sweetcorn	Pork Sausage in Gravy with Mashed Potato and Green Beans	Roast Turkey Slice in Gravy with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing Ball, Pork Cocktail Sausage, Peas and Carrot	Fish Fillet with Chips and Garden Peas, Tomato Ketchup (optional)
Vegetarian	Plant Power Sausage Roll with Baked Beans (vgn)	Crispy Vegetable Nuggets with Rice, BBQ Dip, Peas and Sweetcorn (vgn)	Tasty Quorn Sausage in Gravy with Mashed Potato and Green Beans (vgn)	Roast Quorn Fillet in Gravy with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing Ball, Quorn Sausage, Peas and Carrot (vgn) (v)	Cheese and Tomato Panini with Chips and Garden Peas, Tomato Ketchup (optional) (v)
Jacket Potato	Option A - with Grated Cheese, Carrot and Cucumber Sticks (v)	Option A - with Grated Cheese, Carrot and Cucumber Sticks (v)	Option A - with Grated Cheese, Carrot and Cucumber Sticks (v)		Option A - with Grated Cheese, Carrot and Cucumber Sticks (v)
	Option B - with Baked Beans, Carrot and Cucumber Sticks (vgn)	Option B - with Tuna Mayo, Carrot and Cucumber Sticks	Option B - with Baked Beans, Carrot and Cucumber Sticks (vgn)		Option B - with Baked Beans, Carrot and Cucumber Sticks (vgn)
*Free From	Vegetable Cottage Pie with Baked Beans (vgn)	Vegetable Chilli with Rice, Peas and Sweetcorn (vgn)	Chicken Fillet in Gravy with Mashed Potato and Green Beans	Roast Turkey Slice in Gravy with Roast Potatoes, Free From Stuffing Ball, Peas and Carrot	Chicken Goujons with Chips and Garden Peas, Tomato Ketchup (optional)
Packed Lunch	Option A - Soft White Cheese Roll (v) Raisins, Apple and Pudding of the day or Fruit	Option A - Wholemeal Cheese Sandwich (v) Raisins, Apple and Pudding of the day or Fruit	Option A - Soft White Cheese Roll (v) Raisins, Apple and Pudding of the day or Fruit		Option A - Soft White Cheese Roll (v) Raisins, Apple and Pudding of the day or Fruit
	Option B - Soft White Egg Mayo Roll (v) Raisins, Apple and Pudding of the day or Fruit	Option B - Wholemeal Ham Sandwich, Raisins, Apple and Pudding of the day or Fruit	Option B - Soft White Tuna Mayo Roll, Raisins, Apple and Pudding of the day or Fruit		Option B - Soft White Ham Roll, Raisins, Apple and Pudding of the day or Fruit
Pudding	Mini Blueberry Muffin (v) or Fruit (vgn)	Fruit Salad (vgn) or Fruit (vgn)	Belgian Waffle(v) or Fruit (vgn)	Festive Ice Cream	Jam and Coconut Cake (v) or Fruit (vgn)

(v) Vegetarian suitable

(vgn) Vegan suitable

*All Free From Meals are free from top 14 Allergens

Please see online for full information of ingredients/allergens contained in the meals and puddings



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Online Safety Newsletter

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AI Chatbots and companions

A simple search of "AI Chat" within the App store highlights the number of AI apps already available, many are rated as 18+ so it is important to speak to our children about them and the risks associated with them. Examples of AI chatbots that your child may have heard of are Character.AI (18+) and My AI from Snapchat (13+).

What are the risks?

- Over reliance on AI companions, for example they may replace 'real life' friendships or over reliance on using them for homework or problem solving.
- Exposure to inappropriate content.
- Privacy/data risks.
- Misinformation as not all information shared is correct and can be biased.

How can I protect my child?

- Check age ratings of any apps or websites that your child accesses.
- Discuss the risks of AI chatbots with them and have open conversations about why they may be using them.
- 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

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/newsroom/blogs/ai-chatbots-and-companions-risks-to-children-and-young-people>

New Technology

As some children may be receiving new technology or related games at Christmas, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.



Games/Consoles

- Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games. *Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements.*
- If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.
- On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for popular devices here:

Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>

PS5: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Nintendo Switch: <https://www.nintendo.com/en-gb/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-2-Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-2873385.html>

Tablets/Smart phones

Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Furthermore, remember to check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their age. Follow the links below to find out more:

iPhones/iPad: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121>

Android Device: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738>

Further information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

The Safety-First Smartphone

The Other phone is a new smartphone, which includes "SafetyMode" software. The software automatically blocks nudity, profanity, and bullying language in real time. You can find out more here: <https://otherphone.co.uk/>.

Smart Phone Free Childhood also list some alternatives that you could consider here: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives>.

Please note, that the inclusion of these models does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation. While these devices may provide a 'safer' alternative to traditional smartphones, there are still potential risks associated with children using any type of phone.





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RYHALL CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES



Advent & Christmas across Ryhall, Essendine & Carlby CofE, Churches



7th	9am Reflective Service, Carlby
7th	9.30am, Family Service, Essendine
7th	10.30am, Holy Communion, Ryhall
13th	6pm, Carols in the Square, Ryhall
14th	9.30am, Holy Communion, Essendine
14th	10.30am Christingle Service, Carlby
14th	10.30am, Morning Prayer, Ryhall
21st	3pm, Carols, Essendine
21st	4.30pm Carol Service, Carlby
21st	6pm, Carol Service, Ryhall
23rd	6pm, Christmas Calm, Carlby
24th	4pm, Christingle for all, Ryhall
24th	6pm All Age Communion Service, Carlby
25th	9.30am, Christmas Morning Communion, Essendine
25th	10.30am Christmas Morning Celebration, Carlby
28th	10.30 Favourite Carols Service, Carlby



Christmas, the reason for the season -
Happy Christmas everyone!



Christmas at Ryhall Methodist Church on Mill Street:

All-Age Carol Service

10:30am Sunday 21st December 2025

Christmas Day Service

10:30am Thursday 25th December 2025

Christmas Holiday Club

10am – 1pm Monday 29th

& Tuesday 30th December 2026

Book online: tinyurl.com/RyhallIHNY

stamfordmethodistcircuit.org/church/ryhall/



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LOCAL EVENTS

Happy New Year!

A Christmas Holidays Club for primary-aged children at 10am – 1pm on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th December 2025 at Ryhall Methodist Church

Join us for a fun two mornings of exploring the theme 'Happy New Year' including activities such as:

- ★ arts & crafts
- ★ fun challenges
- ★ drama & stories
- ★ songs, prayers, verses
- ★ active games
- ★ refreshments and lunch

Come along and enjoy lots of engaging activities, as well as learning about God's promises to us.

Our Holiday Club is free, but donations are welcome.

Book online: <https://tinyurl.com/RyhallHNY>

Request paper booking forms or direct any queries to Charlotte: ryhallprayers@gmail.com or 01780 897971



Ryhall & Belmesthorpe Advent Window Trail 2025

How to join in....

Decorate a street-facing window - Choose whatever you like - Traditional Christian theme, Seasonal such as 12 days of Christmas, Santa, Snowmen, Maybe a message of hope

Who can take part....

ANYONE... If you live in Ryhall or Belmesthorpe with a street-facing window, then join in the fun and help spread the cheer this Christmas

When & How....

Have your window decorated by Carols in the Square on December 13th right up until the St John's Christingle Service on December 24th

Share your photos....

Walk round the villages and spot as many windows as you can - When you see one take a picture and share/send your photos to the St John's Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/RyhallEssendineandCarlbyChurches/>



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LOCAL CLUBS



MON 22 DECEMBER

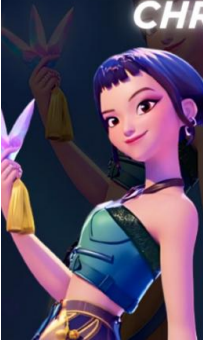
'GOLDEN GROOVE' WINTER PARTY

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS 2025

Welland Academy, Green Lane, Stamford

09:30am - 3:30pm. Age 5-12 years
8:30am/430pm extended day

Menu (food is included):
Lightstick Power Ups (fruity snacks)
HUNTR/X Golden Groove Noodles
The Honmoon Barrier Berries





TUE 23 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DINNER & PARTY

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS 2025

Welland Academy, Green Lane, Stamford

09:30am - 3:30pm Age 5-12 years
8:30am/430pm extended day

Menu (food is included):
Festive Fruit Feast
Jolly Reindeer Roast Dinner
Mistletoe & Moonlight Banana Custard







Holiday Activities and Food



An opportunity for your child to take part in **FREE** exciting activities and enjoy healthy meals over the holiday period.

Monday 22 December 2025 to Friday 2 January 2026 (excluding bank holidays).

Scan here



Book your place from Thursday 20th November.

Open to all school age children in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals.

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LOCAL CLUBS



CASTERTON HUB CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday, 22nd December
Tuesday, 23rd December

9.00-4.00 • £35

Additional hours • 8.00-9.00 &
16.00-17.00 • £7.00 an hour

Come and join us for
some Christmas fun!

To book your place
01780 754780
childcare@castertoncollege.com



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WRAP AROUND CARE



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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.

Contact details for music teachers

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

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

Guitar – Jack Parkinson - jackparkinsonmusic@gmail.com

Drums – Rory Hill - rory@noisetuition.com



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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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