



NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2025



Dear Families,

It has been a busy and enjoyable final week of term, with lots of lovely experiences for the children as we head into the Christmas break.

Sleeps til Santa – Our Year 3 children had a very exciting opportunity this week when Rob Persani from Rutland and Stamford Sound visited school to record them singing "1 Sleep Until Santa!". Families can tune in at **7:30am and 8:30am on Christmas Eve** to hear the recording being played on air. Do keep your ears out as we're sure it will bring a smile to your morning!

Pantomime Visit: On Wednesday, we welcomed a pantomime (Peter Pan!) into school, which was a great festive treat for everyone. The children were fully engaged and clearly enjoyed every minute. Thank you to Friends of Ryhall Academy for funding the visit — it was very much appreciated.

Choir at the Village Hall: Our choir performed excellently at the Village Hall this week during a Christmas Lunch. The children represented the school brilliantly and sang with confidence – it was a great way to bring some Christmas Cheer! Thank you to the Village Hall for hosting us and making us feel so welcome. See you the same time next year!

Reception – Learn to Ride: Our Reception children have been taking part in *Learn to Ride* sessions using balance bikes. They have shown great determination and confidence, and it has been lovely to see how much progress they've made over a short time.

Christmas Carols in school: On Thursday, we came together in school instead of Church for Christmas carols. The heavy, continuous rainfall didn't put a dampener on things in the slightest and we had a great afternoon!

Back to School and Uniform Reminder: School reopens on **Tuesday 6th January**. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct [school uniform](#), including black school shoes.

Online Safety Newsletter: Please see the online safety newsletter with some apt reminders about online gaming in time for Christmas. 😊

Date for the Diary – Parent Presentation: *The Conversation* from Stamford will be visiting on 15 January to deliver a parent presentation at **2:30pm**. This will focus on mobile phones, online safety and practical tips to help families navigate the digital world. More information will be shared after the holidays.

We would like to wish all our children and families a very happy Christmas break. Thank you for your continued support this term — we look forward to seeing everyone again in 2026! **Mr Reed and the Ryhall Team** 😊

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(John 10:10)**

Dates for your diary

5th January – Inset Day

6th January – Start of Spring Term 1

13th January – Y2 trip to Oakham Museum

15th January – Cyberwise Day including parent workshop at 2.30pm

27th January – Y5 Magical Maths Day (details to follow, no cost)

28th January – Y6 Trip to London

5th February – FORA Disco

10th February – Young Voices

13th February – End of Spring Term 1

23rd February – Start of Spring Term 2



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ATTENDANCE



Class – Top 3	Weekly %
Belton	100
Belvoir	99.1
Tolethorpe	98.8

Our overall school attendance last week was 96% which is slightly above the national average. Please do get in touch if you need any support with attendance.

Well done to 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	Isaac
Belton	Kian
Rockingham	Caden
Burghley	Felicity
Woolsthorpe	Max
Tolethorpe	Sonny
Hambleton	Otis



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After School Clubs for Term 3 are listed below.

- Lego, Eco, Art/Drawing and Street Dance Club are all available to book on Arbor.
- Football, spotlight and mini movers are all bookable through One Touch Football.
- Dodgeball and Taekwondo can all be booked directly with the provider.

Please pay careful attention to the dates of each club as every club is different.

Club	Day	Year group available to	Time	Provider	Location	Cost	Min/Max Numbers	How to book
Lego Lunchtime Club	Monday 12/1, 19/1, 26/1, 2/2.	Reception and Year 1	1:00 – 1:30	Mrs Jagger Mrs See	Y1 Classroom	Free	Max 25	Arbor Parent Portal
Eco Club	Monday 19/1, 26/1, 2/2, 9/2.	Year 3 to Year 6	3:30 – 4:30	Mrs Want	Grounds	£1.00/session (£4.00 for this term)	Max 8	Arbor Parent Portal
Football	Monday 12/1, 19/1, 26/1, 2/2, 9/2.	Year 1 to Year 6	3:30 – 4:30	One Touch Football	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.		
Dodgeball	Tuesday 6/1, 13/1, 20/1, 27/1, 3/2, 10/2.	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.		
Art / Drawing Club	Tuesday 13/1, 20/1, 27/1, 3/2, 10/2.	Year 3 and Year 4	3.30 – 4.30	Mrs Eve	Y2 Classroom	£1.00/session (£5.00 for this term)	Max 15	Arbor Parent Portal
Spotlight Dance Club	Tuesday 13/1, 20/1, 27/1, 3/2, 10/2, 24/2, 3/3, 10/3, 17/3.	Year 4 to Year 6	3.30 – 4.30	One Touch Football	Hall	Book direct with One Touch Football www.onetouchfootball.co.uk/after-school-clubs/ Please bring a PE kit for the sessions.		
Please note this club will be learning a dance routine to perform at the Stamford Corn Exchange for the <u>Spotlight Dance Shows on the 25th and 26th March 2026.</u>								



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Taekwondo	Wednesday 7/1, 14/1, 21/1, 28/1, 4/2, 11/2.	Year 1 to Year 6	3.30 – 4.30	Taekwondo Tigers	Hall	Please contact Master Annabel Murcott, 07714323995 to book a place.			
Mini Movers	Wednesday 7/1, 14/1, 21/1, 28/1, 4/2, 11/2.	Reception Year 1 and Year 2	3.30 – 4.30	One Touch	Classroom / Playground (weather dependent)	<u>Book direct</u> with One Touch. https://onetouchfootball.co.uk/after-school-clubs/ Please bring a PE kit for the sessions.			
Street Dance	Thursday 15/1, 22/1, 29/1, 5/2, 12/2.	Year 3 to Year 6	1.00 – 1.30	Mrs Griffin	Y1 Classroom	Free	Max 12	Arbor Parent Portal	

ADHD SUPPORT FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Helping you support
your child to thrive



When you understand ADHD, you can better support your child to thrive. That's why Aiming High and ADHD Gold are working together to offer information, guidance and support for parents and carers. (You can access this service with or without a diagnosis for your child)

ADHD DROP IN GROUP



Family Hub



Second Wednesday of the month
(TERM TIME)



12:00-1:30pm.

This friendly, informal group is a great way to connect with other parents/carers facing similar experiences. Sessions are led by an ADHD Gold Family Practitioner.

ADHD 1-2-1 SUPPORT

We offer a limited number of free 30 minute face-to-face appointments where you can talk privately about your situation. Support is also available via Zoom or over the phone.

ADHD WORKSHOPS

Take part in free practical and information sessions on Understanding ADHD and Positive Parenting. Workshops are designed to equip you with strategies to support your child effectively.



HOW TO GET IN TOUCH:

Email: caroline@adhdgold.co.uk or
aiminghigh@rutland.gov.uk Website:

www.adhdgold.co.uk

Tel: 07445 374 113



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FORA NEWS

Your Parent Newsletter
DECEMBER 2025



WHAT A FANTASTIC YEAR

We wanted to thank all the families who attended the Christmas Fayre earlier in the month – as well as wholeheartedly thank the volunteers and staff for all their hard work. We simply cannot run these events without you. In particular, we wish to thank Kate Riddick, Sammie Reilly and Helen Kettle who meticulously planned the event and made everything run like clockwork behind the scenes.

This year we had the wrapping room, where children select and wrap a gift for a loved one, lots of fun games and activities, the raffle, hot drinks and cakes, stalls to buy Christmas presents, glitter tattoos, Santa in his grotto – and even Custard the reindeer horse! We hope the children had a lovely time getting into the Christmas spirit.

We are so delighted to say that we raised **almost £2,200** from the Christmas Fayre and raffle – a fantastic amount for the school. So thank you again for all your support. And a huge thank you to everyone who generously donated raffle prizes.



THIS WEEK... FLY TO NEVERLAND

FORA has funded a pantomime to come to Ryhall CE Academy on Wednesday 17th December to give the whole school a Christmas treat. We hope the children really enjoy finding their happy thoughts and joining **Peter Pan** in Neverland.



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Not all heroes wear capes – some wear hi-viz! **Wates** have very generously donated **£500** to the school! We want to thank Matt and Sammie Reilly for putting us forward for this donation.

We also want to thank Heidi Foot for nominating the school to receive **£211** from **CBR6**! We are so grateful for your support.

JANUARY

TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY
FORA MEETING (19:45 THE GREEN DRAGON)

FEBRUARY

THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY
WINTER DISCO

TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY
FORA MEETING (19:45 THE GREEN DRAGON)

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
BREAK THE RULES DAY

COMING UP...

MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS
CAKES AT BREAK
MAY FESTIVAL
FATHER'S DAY GIFTS
SUMMER DISCO
ICE LOLLY FRIDAYS



OUR EVENTS SO FAR...

In October, we hosted our KS1 and KS2 film nights. It was a great way for us to kick off the academic year and we raised **£320**!

In November, we also had Bags2School collections where we raised **£47**!

When we add the **£2,200** from the Christmas Fayre, we have made a great start this academic year! Thank you all so much.



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UNIFORM INFORMATION



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ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER



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Online Safety Newsletter

January 2026

Instagram Teen Accounts - update

You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account. Instagram is used to post photos and videos as well as send direct messages, make voice/video calls, and send disappearing messages.

Teen accounts are automatically set up for users aged 13 – 17. Instagram have announced that teens will now see content similar to content that they would see in a PG-13 movie.

Instagram have also updated their policies around content to include "hiding or not recommending posts with strong language, certain risky stunts, and additional content that could encourage potentially harmful behaviors"

Finally, for parents who would like to apply more stringent settings, Instagram are also introducing a new, stricter setting called 'Limited Content.' This setting will mean your child is not able to see, leave, or receive comments under posts as well.

You can read about the updates here: <https://about.instagram.com/blog/announcements/instagram-teen-content-safety-pg-13>



Playing games online

Does your child play games online? We have outlined some risks that you should consider:

Chatting to strangers / risk of inappropriate language

Some games will allow communication via text chat, direct messages or chatting. Some games do offer the ability to switch communication off and/or the option to restrict bad language, so make sure settings appropriate to your child are applied. If your child is playing online with strangers, then you need to be aware that there is a risk of grooming. Some games do allow you to restrict communication to 'friends only,' however you would need to monitor that their online friends are real life friends. It can be difficult to moderate online chat so ensure your child knows how to block and report other players.



Cyberbullying

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they would not if they were face to face. Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect. Other forms of cyberbullying whilst playing games could be excluding others, criticising the ability of other players and ganging up on others.

In app purchases

Many games include the option to purchase additional items/ subscriptions so ensure you do not have payment cards saved or set up restrictions/ a password to approve purchases.

What can I do?

- **Set up parental controls** - as well as setting up appropriate parental controls through the game's settings, ensure you have set them up on the console/device your child is playing on.
- **Check age ratings** - before buying the game, check that your child is old enough to play it. All games will either have a PEGI rating or be rated by the App Store/Google Play.
- **Chat to your child regularly** about the risks above so that they are aware of what can happen online and remind them to always talk to you or a trusted adult if they have any concerns

Further information

CEOP provides further guidance and support regarding this topic: <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>



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Snapchat

Snapchat is a popular social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. You must be 13+ to sign up. Users can send messages (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time, and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.

Key Concerns

There are potential risks such as:

- the risk of your child viewing content that is not appropriate for their age.
- location sharing (via Snap Map).
- cyberbullying.
- contact from strangers.
- excessive screen time – children may have a fear of missing out (FOMO) as well as pressure to maintain “streaks”.
- “disappearing” messages can lead to more risky behaviour and a “false sense of security.” These messages could be screenshot or another device used to take a photo, so they’re not actually deleted as the sender believes. The image could then be shared.
- in app purchases.



Parental Controls / Safety settings

Snapchat's Family Centre is a set of parental controls and includes tools such as allowing you to:

- see who your child is friends with.
- see who your child has sent messages (not the contents of conversations though), photos or videos to in the last week.
- view a list of group members for groups that your child has been active in.
- restrict content to limit access.
- report any accounts that you are concerned about.

You can learn more about Family Centre here:

<https://parents.snapchat.com/parental-controls?lang=en-GB>

If your child is using Snapchat, then make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up, including who can see their location and who can contact them. Also ensure your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary:

<https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-gb/articles/7012343074580-How-do-I-change-my-privacy-settings-on-Snapchat>

More information

For more detailed advice and information:

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/snapchat>
- <https://parents.snapchat.com/safeguards-for-teens>

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Family Smart Start

Family Smart Start is a free toolkit designed to help you and your child navigate the milestone of getting their first phone. The toolkit provides support on how to set up their new phone, how to talk to your child about digital safety and a template family agreement. Find out more here:

<https://familysmartstart.com/>

Cyber security

Cyber security is the process of protecting your information and data whilst online against scams and cyber-attacks. Cyber-attacks are the process of maliciously targeting individuals or organisations to disable networks or steal data for example.

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) have an area on their website with guidance to help protect you and your family. The guidance includes how to manage your digital footprint online, information about anti-virus software as well as top tips for staying online such as:

- Using a strong password
- Setting up 2step verification

You can find the resources here:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/advice-guidance/you-your-family>

The NCSC also provide advice on what you should do if you are the target of a scam or cyber-attack. Find out more here:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/respond-recover/you>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/january-2026-primary/>



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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/RyhallHNY

stamfordmethodistcircuit.org/church/ryhall/



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LOCAL CLUBS

Winter HAF Programme



RUTLAND
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD

MONDAY
22
DECEMBER

FAMILY DAYS OUT- RIVERSIDE HUB

12:00-16:30 FOR 5-16YRS

RHINO SPORTS ACADEMY HOLIDAY CAMP

09:00-16:00 FOR 4-12YRS

SUPER STAR SPORTS: GREETHAM MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

08:45-15:15 FOR 5-13YRS

TEEN TRIP: MEGAZONE LASER TAG & VR ESCAPE ROOM

11:00-15:00 FOR 13-16YRS

FOR CHILDREN 4-16 yrs IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS

TUESDAY
23
DECEMBER

ONE TOUCH FOOTBALL

09:00 FOR 5-12YRS

TAYPLAY: MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CAMP

09:30-16:30 FOR 5-11YRS

FAMILY DAYS OUT- NOTTINGHAM CHRISTMAS MARKET

10:00-18:30 FOR 5-16YRS

COOKING CATERPILLARS

11:00-15:00 FOR 6-11YRS

AIMING HIGH'S CHRISTMAS FUN

10:00-14:00 FOR 6-16YRS WITH SEND

TUESDAY
30
DECEMBER

YOUNG INNOVATORS: CODE & CREATE CAMP

10:00-16:00 FOR 5-12YRS

SUPER STAR SPORTS: GREETHAM MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

08:45-15:15 FOR 5-13YRS

COOKING CATERPILLARS

11:00-15:00 11-16YRS

OAK ACTIVITIES

09:00-16:00 FOR 5-13YRS

FRIDAY
02
JANUARY

ONE TOUCH FOOTBALL

09:00 FOR 5-12YRS

TAYPLAY: MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CAMP

09:30-16:30 FOR 5-11YRS

Bookings will go live on Monday 24th November at 12:00pm. Please see QR code below for FREE ACTIVITIES. Please note: Some activities may be subject to change.



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MON 22 DECEMBER

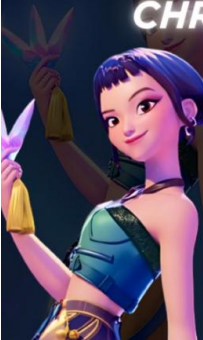
'GOLDEN GROOVE' WINTER PARTY

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.

Funded by



LOCAL CLUBS

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



Christmas Crafts For Children

Saturday 20th December
10am - 11:30am

Crafts, Quizzes and
Treasure Hunt

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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LOCAL EVENTS

Arts In Fusion presents a Relaxed Concert on

3pm Sunday 21st December



Ryhall Village Hall

Church Street, Ryhall, nr Stamford, PE9 4HR

Tickets £12, concessions £8
under 18s and Universal Credit £4, under 5s FREE

includes teas, coffees, herbal teas, juice and biscuits in the interval

Scan the QR code to book online

“The Christmas Tree Fairy”

A family oriented afternoon concert of wintery tales, carols and fairies.

Join soprano Kasia, guitarist Alan and harpist Eleanor for Christmas music from across the centuries. The concert will be in two halves of 30 minutes, with a 15 minute interval, and will be over by 4.30pm.



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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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