



NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 1ST MAY 2026

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(John 10:10)*

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Families,

Class Photographs – the photographers will be in school on Thursday morning (7th) to take class pictures. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing full school uniform, including a Ryhall jumper or cardigan. If your child's class usually have PE on a Thursday, they will take part in an alternative activity in their school uniform, so there is no need to send a PE kit on this day.

May Day Festival – a separate letter went out yesterday with full details of the day. Crowns for the competition are available to purchase on Arbor. Please **order by 3pm on Wednesday 6th May**, they will be sent home on Friday 8th May.

Ryhall Allotment Association – If you would like to visit Ryhall Allotments and see the school plot, the allotments are having an open afternoon. You can buy tickets for food and enter the planter competition or just turn up after 2pm on Saturday 6th June at the St Tibba Road entrance and have a look around. Please see the invitation on page 7.

Casterton College – a reminder that Carl Smith, principal, will be coming to school on Monday 18th May to talk to Year 4 and Year 5 parents about Casterton College. The talk will be after school in the hall. Please come to the office after you have collected your children. Children are welcome to attend.

Mrs Garwood and Mrs Pacitti

Dates for your diary

- 6th May – 6pm Music Concert
- 7th May – Class photographs
- 13th May – Y1/Y2 Trip to Hunstanton
- 14th May – Y2 Rand Farm Park Meeting
- 18th May – PDET Spotlight Y3
(Information to follow)
- 18th May – Casterton College talk to
Y4/5 Parents at 3.30pm
- 22nd May – May Festival
- 22nd May – End of Summer Term 1
- 1st June – Start of Summer Term 2
- 4th June – Y2/Y6 Trip to Peterborough
Mosque
- 16th June – Sports Day (Reserve 23rd
June)
- 24th June – Y5/6 Play – 2pm and 6pm



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FROM MR REED

Dear families,

It has been a busy and productive week across the school, with lots of learning taking place both in and out of the classroom. Our Eco Team have been busy, our children are showing a great attitude to learning, we've had chicks and caterpillars causing lots of excitement and the children do us proud in thinking of others! Here are some updates, and information, for the week ahead.

New Year 3 Residential:

We are delighted to share some exciting news about a new residential opportunity for our pupils. When children reach Year 3, they will now have the chance to take part in a wonderful residential visit to Rand Farm Park. This promises to be a fantastic experience, full of outdoor learning and memorable activities. A letter has already been sent to parents of current Year 2 pupils, inviting them to an open evening where further details will be shared. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Allotment Visits:

It has been a joy to see so many of our year groups visiting the Ryhall allotments in recent weeks. These visits, thoughtfully organised by Mrs Want, have provided a fantastic hands-on learning opportunity for our children. The excitement and enthusiasm following each visit have been wonderful to witness, with pupils eager to share what they have seen and learned.

School Uniform Reminder:

A gentle reminder to all families regarding school uniform expectations. Children should be wearing black school shoes as part of their uniform. We appreciate your support in maintaining a smart and consistent appearance across the school.

Annual Music Concert:

We are very much looking forward to our annual music concert taking place next week. This is always a highlight of the school calendar and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the progress our children have made in learning musical instruments. For those who have chosen to participate and those visiting, we hope you enjoy all that is showcased.

Year 6 SATs Preparation:

Our Year 6 pupils are continuing to work incredibly hard as they prepare for their upcoming SATs. With just two weeks to go, we are proud of their focus and determination. We wish them every success and will be supporting them every step of the way.

SEND Review Meetings:

We are currently finalising arrangements for upcoming SEND review meetings. Further information, including dates and times, will be shared with families next week. Thank you for your patience, and we look forward to these important conversations.

Have a great, long weekend.

Mr Reed



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ATTENDANCE

Class – Top 3	Weekly %
Belton	99.2
Rockingham	98.4
Belvoir	97.8

Our overall school attendance last week was 95.9% 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 99.2% 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	Rory
Belton	Lola
Rockingham	Eli
Burghley	Harry H
Woolsthorpe	Alice
Tolethorpe	Joseph
Hambleton	Not awarded



ECO UPDATE

We have been very busy with our Eco work so far this term.

The Eco Councillors have met and discussed our progress on our Green Flag Actions. All classes have now been out on litter picks, so we now have achieved three out of four of our targets. Our final action is for each class to grow fruit, veg or flowers in our raised beds, and planning for this is underway with each class thinking and voting about what they would like to grow. Do keep an eye out on our large, raised beds by the main gates into the playground for progress.

So far four out of our seven classes have visited the allotments and worked in our school area, as well as sewing Funky Veg seeds to grow at home, which were kindly donated to us by Ross Dyke.

Please send in photos (by Dojo) of any successes! All classes will have done this by half term. To help with our accreditation it would be great if any parent could share a comment with us about how our Eco focus (or Eco Club) has benefitted your child. Please email the office.

Eco Club (and Reception Class) have also been really busy replenishing our Wild Garden path with woodchip, as well as working in the Reception playground to make a Fairy Garden and Dinosaur Garden and filling the new bug hotel.

A big thank you for the seeds, tools, gloves and plants that have been donated to us.



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SEN INFORMATION

Specialist Teaching Team
Inclusion Service

Dyslexia Outreach

Is your child transferring from **Primary to Secondary** school in September 2026?

Would you like to find out more about how you can support your child to make this transfer as exciting and happy as possible?



Transition Workshop

Join us for a **free, online workshop**, sharing strategies for support and an opportunity to ask questions. Open to all parents and carers, regardless of which setting your child attends, or is transferring to.

Your child does not have to have a dyslexia diagnosis for this information to be relevant and useful!

Monday 11th May 2026 @ 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

To attend on this date, please register at with LPCF at: <https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/>
Once registered with the Forum, you can visit their Events page to sign up for this event.

Tuesday 9th June 2026 @ 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

If you would like to attend on this date, please email DyslexiaOutreach@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Please note, both sessions have the same content, so please sign up to the most convenient date for you.

If you are unable to attend either workshop but would like some advice about your child's learning or transition, you can contact us directly:

Jenny Murray:

jennymurray@lincolnshire.gov.uk

07825024084

Helena Shaman:

helena.shaman@lincolnshire.gov.uk

07789926106

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LOCAL EVENTS

GET YOUR KIDS STARTED IN TENNIS



Scan to buy your racket and ball set

Take advantage of our starter offer with everything you need to get your kids involved and discover their love for the game.



- A junior tennis racket
- A set of tennis balls
- Access to free taster tennis sessions
- An LTA Advantage membership



WALKING & CYCLING FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

RUTLAND ROUND:

WEEK 2:

Start	End	Date and Time	Event	Location and Details
Saturday 16/05: Oakham to Wardley (9.5 miles)				
Rutland County Council Offices, Catmos Street LE15 6HP	A47 northbound lay-by opposite Wardley Village LE15 9AB	Friday 22nd 10:00 - 11:00	Grow Together: Promoting physical development with balance bikes, yoga and obstacle course	Community Centre, Kendrew Barracks 0 - 5 yrs
Sunday 17/05: Wardley to Seaton (12.5 miles)				
St Botolph's Church, Main street, Wardley LE15 9AZ	Thompsons Lane, Seaton LE15 9HU	Tuesday 26th 09:30 - 10:30	Mini Explorers: Starting with sensory activities in the Family Hub and then a family buggy walk. New families welcome	Family Hub, Oakham 0 yrs- confident walkers
Monday 18/05: Seaton to Geeston (10.5 miles)				
Thompsons Lane, Seaton LE15 9HU	The Court House, Geeston PE9 3RH	Wednesday 27th 09:00 start	Viking Way Circular Route: 8-9 mile circular route celebrating the anniversary of the Viking Way	Junction of Church Street and Main street, Empingham. LE15 8NY
Tuesday 19/05: Geeston to Tickencote (10 miles)				
The Court House, Geeston PE9 3RH	OK Diner, Tickencote PE9 4AD	Wednesday 27th 13:30 - 15:30	MyBike Trade in and Giveaway: Donate old bikes or parts, and we will have bikes to giveaway while stocks last.	Rutland County Council Main Offices, Catmos Street, Oakham
Wednesday 20/05: Tickencote to Thistleton (12 miles)				
OK Diner, Tickencote PE9 4AD	Thistleton Road, Thistleton LE15 7RQ	Thursday 28th 09:00 - 11:00	Buggy Walk: Join our friendly antenatal and postnatal walk—bring a buggy or sling, meet others, and enjoy a stroll to the park and back (older siblings welcome; no dogs except service dogs).	Family Hub, Oakham LE15 6HW
Thursday 21/05: Thistleton to Oakham (11 miles)				
Thistleton Road, Thistleton LE15 7RQ	Westgate Car Park, Oakham LE15 6AZ	Thursday 28th 16:00 - 17:30	Scavenger Hunt: Join our youth scavenger hunt and team up to race through Oakham, explore hidden spots and snap your way to victory! School years 7+	Youth Space, Oakham (access through the Family Hub. LE15 6HW)
		Friday 29th 13:30 - 14:30	Social Child: Growing Together promoting physical development with balance bikes, yoga and obstacle courses	Family Hub, Oakham LE15 6HW

*Parking charges will apply

For more information and our booking link - follow the QR code



YOUTH SCAVENGER HUNT!

TEAM UP. EXPLORE. SNAP. WIN!



THURSDAY 28TH MAY



4PM - 5:30PM



SCHOOL YEARS 7+



OAKHAM YOUTH SPACE
Access through the Family Hub

Join our youth scavenger hunt and team up to race through Oakham, explore hidden spots and snap your way to victory!

CAN YOU FIND THEM ALL?

BOOK YOUR PLACE:



EXPLORE
DISCOVER
HAVE FUN



This event is part of Living Well Active's Walking & Cycling Festival



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LOCAL EVENTS



GIRLS 9+
HAVE YOU
THOUGHT ABOUT
RUGBY?

PRESIDENTS DAY

SUNDAY MAY 10TH | **FROM 11AM ONWARDS**

COME AND HAVE A GO AT OUR PRESIDENTS DAY

Whether you're new to rugby or already love the game, come along and give it a try in a fun, friendly and supportive environment!

EXCELLENT FACILITIES

- EXPERT COACHING
DBS CHECKED COACHES
- FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE
MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- FOCUS ON FUN
ENJOY THE GAME
- FOR ALL ABILITIES
ALL WELCOME

TO BE FOLLOWED BY GIRLS MATCHES THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

ALL WELCOME! NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

COME ALONG, GIVE IT A TRY AND SEE WHAT RUGBY IS ALL ABOUT!

SHOWGROUND WAY, OFF BURLEY PARK WAY, OAKHAM, RUTLAND, LE15 7TW | **OAKHAMRFC.COM** |  

Ryhall Allotment Association
Invites local residents and friends to:

An Open Afternoon at the Allotments
optional:

Best Decorated Container Competition
Any size of barrow/container or home-made!
Adult and child categories

Saturday June 6th 2026 from 2pm
Beef burger or Sausage in a roll
(vegetarian option available on request)
Teas/coffees and cakes also available
Raffle and 100 square
Adult: £5 Under 16: £3

Prizes and rosettes for the winners!
Judges: Taz and Julia from Ryhall Stores



Tickets from: ryhallallotmentcommittee@gmail.com
(Your planter should include a growing/plant element)



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HOLIDAY CLUBS



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MAY HALF TERM

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
26 MAY	27 MAY TRIP DAY! Trip to Barnwell Country Park	28 MAY	29 MAY

FUN, FRIENDS & ADVENTURE!
ACTIVITIES, GAMES, CREATIVITY
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COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

Email us at
childcare@castertoncollege.com

or book via
the Family App



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WRAP AROUND CARE



RYHALL ACADEMY Wrap Around Care

Breakfast Club:



7:30am – 8:50am: £5.85 per child

Afterschool Club:



3:30pm – 5:00pm:
£6.60 per child



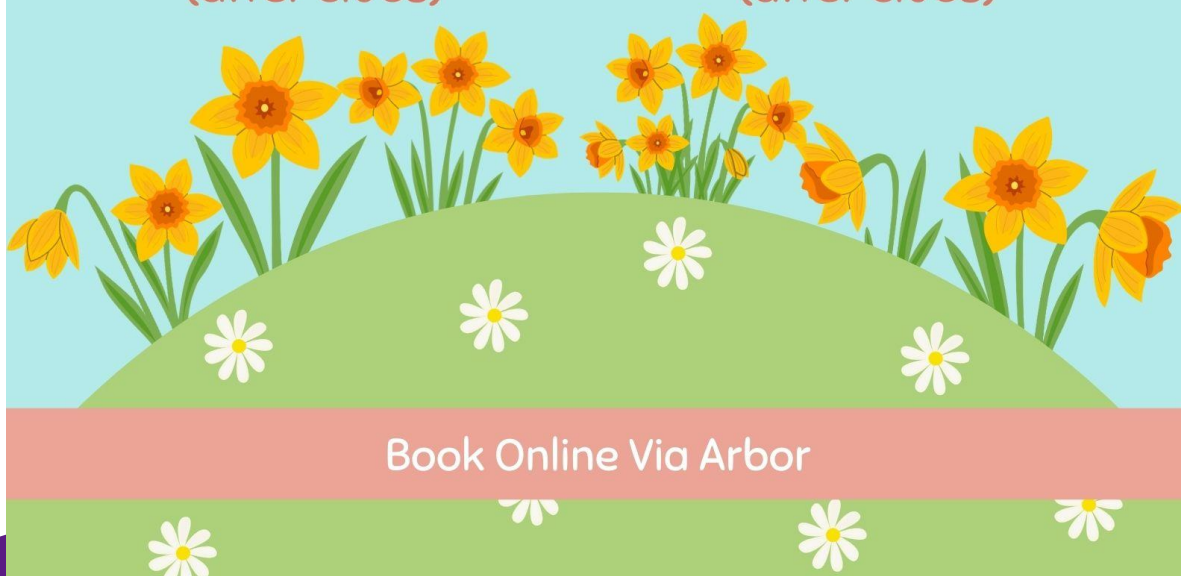
3:30pm – 6:00pm:
£11 per child



4.30pm – 5pm:
£2.20 per child
(after clubs)



4.30pm – 6pm:
£6.60 per child
(after clubs)



Book Online Via Arbor



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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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