



NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2026



National Nurturing
School Award
2026



As we head into the final fortnight of this academic year, it has been another incredibly busy week, with some reprieve from the heat of a week ago! Please familiarise yourself with the dates ahead too!

Transition Week: A huge well done to all of our children who have enjoyed their transition and 'move up' days this week. It has been lovely to welcome our new Reception children ahead of joining us in September, and we are already looking forward to them becoming part of our school family. We would also like to congratulate our Year 6 children, who have spent time at their new secondary schools this week. We are incredibly proud of them, and we are sure they have all done themselves proud as they begin this exciting next chapter.

National Nurture Schools Award: Lead by Mrs Jesson, with the support of our staff, children and members of our community, we have been granted the prestigious accolade of being recognised with the Nurture School's Award. Please read more details overleaf – we are very proud that what goes on day to day, week to week and over time is recognised with this.

New Lunch Provider, September 2026: Earlier this week, families received a letter introducing **The Pantry**, our new school lunch provider from September 2026. Please take a few moments to read through the information provided. Further details around menus and ordering will be sent as soon as we have them.

Year 4 – Just Sing! On Thursday, our Year 4 children took part in the PDET **Just Sing** event alongside pupils from across the Trust. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and support them. Performing as part of such a large event is a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, develop performance skills and create lasting memories.

School Disco: A big thank you to everyone who attended this week's school disco and to FORA for organising another fantastic event. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying the evening and helping to make it such a success.

Warm Weather Reminder: The weather forecast suggests another warm week ahead. While temperatures are not currently expected to reach the levels we experienced a fortnight ago, we would still like to remind families to ensure children arrive at school with sun cream already applied, a named water bottle and, where appropriate, a sun hat. We are also incredibly grateful to those families who previously offered fans to help keep classrooms comfortable. If anyone is able to lend a fan for some or all of next week, we would be very appreciative. Thank you once again for your kindness and support.

Wraparound Care Reminder: A gentle reminder that all Breakfast Club and After School Club sessions must be booked in advance. We carefully plan staffing ratios based on bookings and, whilst we are proud to offer one of the most flexible wraparound care services locally, we are unable to prepare appropriately if children have not been booked beforehand. Unfortunately, this may mean we are unable to accommodate children without a prior booking.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Mr Reed ☺

Dates for your diary

- 7th July – Rec & Y4 Nene Park Trip
- 8th July – Y6 Warning Zone Trip
- 9th July – FORA AGM @ 2.45pm in school
- 10th July – FORA Ice Lolly Friday @ 330pm
- 11th July – Ryhall Village Fete
- 15th July – Y6 Leavers Service @ St John's Church
- 16th July – Y6 Gala Dinner
- 17th July – Y6 Leavers Assembly
- 17th July – End of Term
- 1st September – INSET day
- 2nd September – Start of Autumn Term 1



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MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Families,

Free School Meals Eligibility Check – changes are being made to eligibility criteria. ***If you currently receive this support, you will need to complete a new check to continue from September.*** As the government have updated the criteria, some families who were not previously eligible may now qualify. We are seeing lots more families qualifying for free school meals under the new criteria so it is worth filling in to double check your eligibility. Please use [this link](#) so that Rutland County Council can assess your application. They will inform the school of the outcome, and we will contact you in due course.

Holiday Clubs and Local Events – We have created a separate online newsletter which will have information on any holiday clubs and events. Please click [here](#) to view. We will advertise any village based events in the main newsletter.

Y6 Gala dinner – please complete your bookings on Arbor by Sunday. You will need to access the trips section and give consent with an optional donation for the meal. You also need to book tickets in the school shop area, selecting one or two attendees. Please remember this invitation is for adults only, school age siblings cannot attend.

Mrs Garwood and Mrs Pacitti



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NURTURE SCHOOLS AWARD



National Nurturing School Award 2026

Celebrating Our Nurturing School Success

We are delighted to share the outcome of our recent National Nurturing Schools Programme assessment, which recognises the exceptional work taking place across Ryhall CE Academy. Mrs Jesson has been working hard at demonstrating all that we do as a school to help support the achievement of this award.

The report highlights that ***“nurture is not an ‘add-on’, but the foundation upon which the life of the school is built.”*** This is a powerful reflection of our shared commitment to ensuring every child feels safe, valued, and ready to thrive.

Inspectors praised the strong relationships at the heart of our school, noting that staff *“know pupils well and create opportunities for them to thrive.”* From warm daily welcomes at the gate to thoughtful classroom practices and safe spaces, our nurturing approach is woven into everyday life.

Our pupils themselves described the school as ***“a happy place”*** where they feel ***“safe and respected,”*** while parents shared that staff are ***“very loving and caring”*** and that the school consistently provides ***“a supportive way”*** of addressing children’s needs.

We are equally proud of our dedicated staff team, who create what one colleague described as *“a really supportive and caring environment for staff and children,”* and of our strong links with the local community, where children are encouraged to make a meaningful difference.

The report recommends Ryhall CE Academy for the **National Nurturing Schools Award**—a fantastic achievement that reflects the collective effort of our entire school community.

As one member of staff beautifully summed up: *“We’re a community, an extended family.”*

Thank you to everyone (staff, pupils, families, and community partners) who makes Ryhall such a special place to learn and grow.



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ATTENDANCE

Class – Top 3	Weekly %
Belton	100
Tolethorpe	98.3
Belvoir	97.8

Our overall school attendance last week was 97.2% 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. This includes the last two weeks for some classes, certificates awarded today.



Belvoir	Elsie
Belton	Freya
Rockingham	Jane & Abigail
Burghley	Theo
Woolsthorpe	Poppy, Ethan & Whole Class
Tolethorpe	Joseph
Hambleton	Maya & Whole Class



FRIENDS OF RYHALL ACADEMY (FORA)

FORA are delighted to have been selected by Waitrose to receive charity tokens in their Stamford store. At the end of the collecting period we will be awarded a sum of money according to the amount of tokens collected. If you are shopping in Waitrose please support us and spread the word.



FORA

AGM

**GET INVOLVED
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!**

**STRONGER TOGETHER
BRIGHTER FUTURE**

**AGM DATE:**
09 JULY 2026

TIME:
2.45PM

**LOCATION:**
SCHOOL

**COME ALONG,
HAVE YOUR SAY
AND HELP MAKE
A DIFFERENCE!**

WE ARE ELECTING THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR:

Is this something you would be interested in?

You will be supported in your new role for next academic year.
You will receive guidance and assistance from the current FORA team
to help you settle in and make a difference.



CHAIR

Leads FORA,
chairs meetings,
sets the agenda
and ensures
everything runs
smoothly.



SECRETARY

Takes meeting
minutes, handles
correspondence
and keeps
everyone
informed.



TREASURER

Manages the
FORA finances,
keeps records
and reports on
income and
expenditure.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Support events,
bring new ideas,
help with planning
and fundraising
activities.



FORA MEMBERS

Friends of the
Association –
support our
events and help
raise vital funds.

WHAT YOU WILL GET OUT OF IT:

- ✓ Build confidence
- ✓ Develop new skills
- ✓ Work as part of a great team
- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Play an active role in your child's school
- ✓ See the positive impact of your efforts!

WHAT FORA DOES

We organise fun activities for children and parents/carers whilst raising much-needed funds to support our school.

OUR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ★ Discos
- ★ Christmas Fair
- ★ Film Nights
- ★ Fun Days
- ★ May Day Festival
- ★ And many more!

RECENTLY FUNDED:

- ✓ Pantomime
- ✓ New trike for Reception
- ✓ Cyberwise
- ✓ Chromebooks for our children

**WE ARE CURRENTLY RAISING FUNDS
TOWARDS IMPROVING THE KS2 PLAYGROUND**



TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE!

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, SPEAK TO ANY MEMBER OF THE FORA TEAM!

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SUPPORT WITH SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION

Mental Health Support
Teams **in Schools**

NHS
Leicestershire Partnership
NHS Trust

Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

45 minute parent webinar



Join our free online parent webinar to help you feel confident and prepared for this important milestone in supporting your child with moving to secondary school.



This is the same session running twice. Scan the QR code or click the date you wish to register for.

Wednesday 22 July – 9.00am

Thursday 6 August – 3.00pm



Join this helpful session to learn:

- How to prepare your child for secondary school
- How to support emotional wellbeing during transition
- Practical tips for a successful start



This session will be delivered by the
Mental Health Support Teams in Schools -
Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust.



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VILLAGE FETE

The 2026 Annual Ryhall Village Fete will be held at Ryhall Playing Fields on 11th July 12-4pm. This popular summer event celebrates village life, bringing together residents, visitors, volunteers and local performers for an afternoon filled with entertainment, fundraising and traditional summer fun.

Held at the village playing fields (PE9 4ER), the Fete has become one of the most anticipated events in the local calendar. We look forward to gathering families and friends from across the area to enjoy classic attractions including a bar, craft stalls, homemade cakes, games, live music, raffle, classic cars, community displays and a variety of food vendors.

Highlights for this year will include entertainment by The Vintage Singers, The Songbirds Choir, local lounge singer Anna Taylor and local indie band, Irreverence. The popular dog show is set for a return and there's our pirate treasure hunt and a free magic show to keep the children entertained. There's also opportunities to try out local activities including Bowls and Lindy Hop dancing.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fete but if you are unable to attend you can help us by:

- Purchasing some Raffle Tickets (available in the pubs and village shop)
There's a chance to win an incredible set of prizes, many donated by our fabulous local businesses, and including £200 cash and afternoon tea at the George Hotel
- Donating a Bottle to our bottle tombola or good quality surplus household items for the bric a brac stall (collections will be held in the village square on 27th June and 4th July 10am-2pm)
- Baking a cake for the cake stall/tea room
- Encouraging local small businesses to take a stall
- Volunteering on the day in the tea room, helping to run village stalls & games and helping with parking/set up etc

If you are interested in becoming involved please email:
ryhallvillagefete@gmail.com.



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HOLIDAY CLUBS

FOR
PRIMARY-
AGED
CHILDREN
(AGES 5-11)

COME ALONG
AND ENJOY
THE FUN!

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

JOIN US FOR A TIME EXPLORING THE THEME OF

'SUPERHEROES'

AT RYHALL METHODIST CHURCH

ARTS & CRAFTS

DRAMA & STORIES

FUN & GAMES

LUNCH
(FRUIT & DRINKS
THROUGHOUT)

SONGS,
ACTIONS,
PRAYERS

LITTER-
PICKING
WALK

OUR HOLIDAY CLUB IS FREE,
but we rely on your kind donations to fund
the materials and lunch.

A £3 DONATION PER DAY

would be hugely appreciated if you are able –
whether in cash on the day or via BACS.

ALL
AGES
WELCOME!

FAMILIES ARE ALSO INVITED TO JOIN US
FOR OUR

SUPERHERO-THEMED

SUNDAY WORSHIP

ON 2ND AUGUST FROM 10:30AM

WITH ACTIVITIES SUITED TO ALL AGES.

BOOK ONLINE:

<https://tinyurl.com/RyhallSuper>

LIMITED
SPACES –
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OR DIRECT ANY QUERIES TO CHARLOTTE:
ryhallprayers@gmail.com or 0797 606 4410

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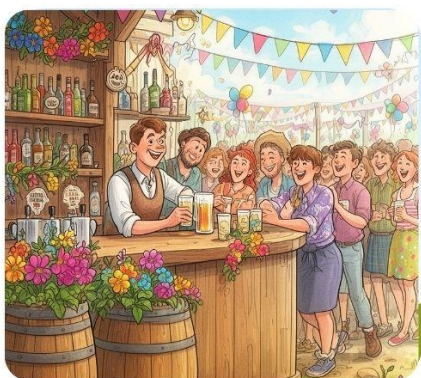
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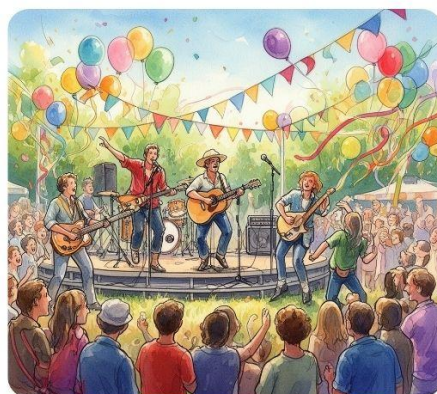


Ryhall Village Fete - 11th July 2026 12-4pm Ryhall Playing Fields - PE9 4ER

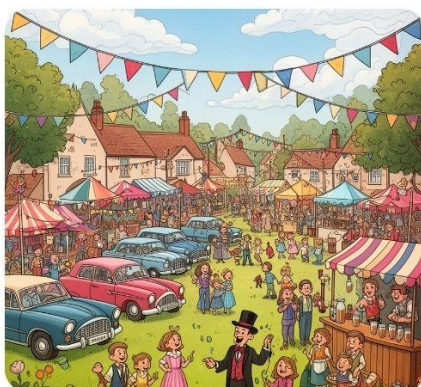
Licensed Bar, Tea Room
& Food including
Nanny's Fish and Chips,
Griff's Pizza and
Smashing it Burgers



Live Music - The Vintage
Singers, Anna Taylor and
the Songbirds Jazz Choir



Activities for all ages -
Classic Cars, Dog Show,
Magic Show, Lindy Hop
Demo, Vintage Games



Shop til you drop! -
Raffle, Tombola, Cake
Stall and much more



Let's Celebrate Together!



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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



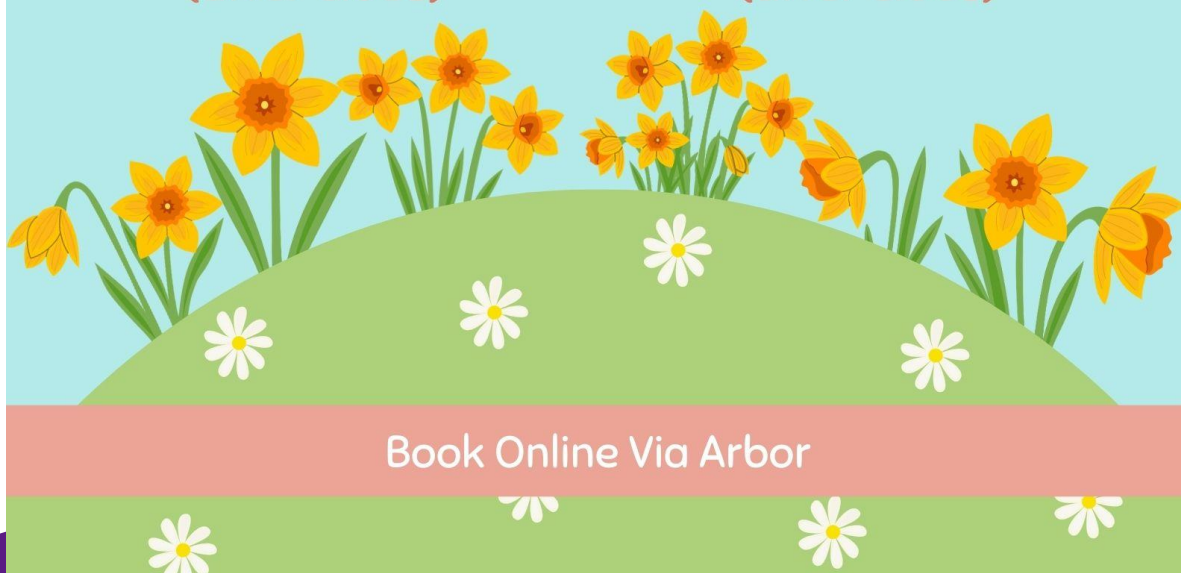
3:30pm – 6:00pm:
£11 per child



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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