



# Ropsley Church of England Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

## Welcome back

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer break. We are thrilled to have the children back in school and have enjoyed seeing their enthusiasm as they settle into the new term—especially when they saw our new play equipment! A special welcome goes to our new families, whether you have joined us for the first time or are welcoming a younger sibling to school, we are so glad to have you as part of our community.

Many of you will have already attended our class welcome meetings. If you haven't had the chance yet, we encourage you to attend to hear more about the year ahead.

### School timings and supervision

As a reminder, school starts at **8:50am**. Staff are on duty from **8:40am**, so we kindly ask that you do not leave your children unattended on the playground before that time. The school day finishes at **3:30pm** for all classes, except for Reception, who finish a little earlier at **3:20pm**.

For those who require additional childcare, Breakfast Club and Rascals (after-school care) are available, providing a safe and fun environment for your children outside of school hours.

### Staffing updates

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Vaccaro to the team as a Teaching Assistant in Class 5/6 H.

Please also join us in congratulating Mrs Langley-Cook on her recent wedding. Finally, we are overjoyed to share the happy news that Mrs Hickey is expecting a baby in the Spring Term.

I have attached a full staffing list for your information.

### Updates based on your feedback

Last term, we conducted a parent consultation and are excited to share the changes requested by you:

**Parents' Afternoons:** We will now be offering a choice of how Parents' Afternoons are conducted—either online or face-to-face, depending on your preference. More details will be provided shortly.

**After-School Clubs:** We have listened to your feedback and are pleased to announce that our after-school clubs now cover a wide range of year groups, offering something for everyone. A full list of clubs has been sent out.

### School office

Please can we remind all parents that any **absences**, **medical appointments**, or **medication** requirements must be communicated directly through the school office. This ensures that we have accurate records and can properly support your child during the school day. Your co-operation in keeping the office informed is greatly appreciated.



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### Important reminders

**Parking considerations:** Please can we remind parents to park courteously, avoiding our neighbours' driveways to ensure we maintain good relationships with our local community.

**Uniform:** All uniform should be clearly named. It is extremely difficult to locate lost items otherwise, and we would love your help in ensuring everything is properly labelled.

There is a full list of correct uniform including PE kit on our website alongside details of how to order new uniform. <https://www.ropsley.lincs.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=18>

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the uniform guidelines, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Your partnership is vital in creating a positive and conducive learning environment for all our students.

We will send out reminders for PE days or where children regularly attend in clothing that is not our uniform. This includes wearing trainers which are not part of our uniform.

**Breaktime snacks:** Fruit is provided for children in Reception and Class 1/2 during morning break, and milk is available for children under 5. If your child is in Key Stage 2 (years 3, 4, 5, and 6), you are welcome to provide them with a piece of fruit to have at breaktime if you wish.

**Weather-appropriate clothing:** As the weather begins to cool, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school. We also ask that you leave a set of waterproof clothing and wellingtons in school. This allows us to continue outdoor activities, come rain or shine.

### Message from the PTA

**Everyone is welcome at the PTA. Our first meeting is on Tuesday 17th September.**

### Asda Rewards App

You may have seen the ASDA adverts on TV - if you shop at ASDA and have downloaded and use their ASDA Rewards App, you can help raise money for the school- at no extra cost to you! You will just need to select Ropsley School as your chosen school for the money to go to.

"Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. And that's not all — every time a customer chooses your primary school, Asda will donate £1 to your school's Cashpot, plus a further £50 when your first customer shops.



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### Early reading and phonics

Early reading is crucial for the development of our pupils, as it builds vocabulary, improves comprehension, and fosters a lifelong love for learning. Reading regularly at home, especially with parental support, reinforces these skills and helps children succeed in school. We kindly remind parents to read with their child at least three times a week and to sign their planner, which teachers check every Friday. This partnership between school and home ensures that students make steady progress and develop strong literacy foundations.

Children in Reception will also receive links to videos designed to support phonic development, which parents can use at home to reinforce their child's learning. These resources will help children build strong early reading skills and provide an insight into how we teach phonics at school.

We will shortly be advertising workshops to support parents with understanding phonics and another supporting pupils with reading at Key Stage 2.

There will also be a Book Fair in school in October.

## Key Dates and Information Term 1

- Friday 13th September Year 5/6 Swimming begins
- Tuesday 17th September PTA AGM
- Monday 18th September After School Clubs begin
- Monday 14th October Book Look Afternoon
- Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th October Parents' Afternoons
- Friday 18th October Last Day of Term

Further information and a full list of the main dates for the year is coming soon!

Term dates are already on our website and in your child's planner.





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Below is the full list of staff for the 2024-2025 school year:

**Headteacher:** Mrs A Cook

**Admin and Finance:** Mrs G Gardner, Mrs B Price

### **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Fletcher Class**

**Class Teacher:** Mrs R Spencer (SLT)

**Class Teacher:** Mrs S Hickey (SLT)

**Teaching Assistant:** Mrs C Handley

### **Class 1/2 Maria Class**

**Class Teacher:** Mrs R Spenceley

**RWI/Intervention Support:** Miss M Pepper

**1:1 Support:** Mrs G Rayson, Mrs S Harrison

### **Class 3/4 Walsh Class**

**Class Teacher:** Mrs C Langley-Cook

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs T Buckley (TA, 1:1), Miss L North (TA/Pastoral Leader)

**Intervention Support:** Mrs W Henderson

### **Class 5/6 B Armstrong Class**

**Class Teacher:** Miss L Bailey

**PPA Teacher:** Mrs J Wynne

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs D Folmer (TA, 1:1), Mrs S Parr (1:1)

**Intervention Support:** Mrs W Henderson

### **Class 5/6 H Stagg Class**

**Class Teacher:** Miss H Hubbard

**PPA Teacher:** Mrs J Wynne

**Teaching Assistant:** Mrs C Vaccaro (1:1)

**Intervention Support:** Mrs W Henderson

### **Caretaking Team**

**Cleaner:** Mr J Pursey

Marigold's Cleaners

### **Lunchtime Team**

Mrs T Buckley, Mrs D Folmer, Mrs E Ward, Mrs G Rayson, Mrs S Parr, Mrs G Gardner

### **Wrap Around Care Team**

Miss L North, Mrs T Buckley, Mrs C Handley, Miss E Ward