



Ropsley Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Welcome back

Welcome

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. 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 come along to hear more about the year ahead.

School Timings and Supervision

Welcome back! Just a quick reminder that our school day starts at **8:50am**. Staff are on duty from **8:40am**, so we kindly ask that children are not left unsupervised before then. The school day finishes at **3:30pm** for all classes, with the exception of **Reception**, who finish a little earlier at **3:20pm**.

For families who need a little extra childcare, both **Breakfast Club** and **Rascals** (after-school care) are here to help. They provide a safe, supportive and fun environment for children outside of school hours.

School Office

To help us support your child in the best way possible, please let the school office know about any absences, medical appointments, or medication requirements. This ensures our records are accurate and that we can take good care of your child during the school day.

We are happy to administer prescribed medication, but a signed form is required—these are available from the school office. Thank you for helping us keep everything running smoothly.

Parking Considerations

We are very grateful for your continued support in keeping our school community safe and considerate. Please remember to park thoughtfully and avoid blocking our neighbours' driveways, so that we can maintain positive relationships within our local community.

Uniform

We love seeing our children looking smart and ready to learn! To help us return any misplaced items, please make sure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

A full list of the correct school uniform, including PE kit, along with details of how to order new items, can be found on our website: [Uniform Information](#).

If you have any questions or concerns about uniform, please don't hesitate to contact us—we're always here to help. From time to time, reminders will be sent home where children regularly attend school in non-uniform items such as trainers or clothing not in line with our policy.



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Forest School

We are so excited to be **growing our Forest School offer** this year, giving children even more chances to discover, explore and learn in our wonderful outdoor spaces. Forest School not only supports physical and mental well-being but also nurtures teamwork, resilience and a love of nature. Of course, as the seasons change and the weather becomes wetter, it's really important that children have **waterproof clothing and suitable footwear** in school. This ensures they can take part fully and comfortably in every adventure, whatever the weather may bring!

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.

Book Looks

We are delighted to let you know about an opportunity to celebrate your children's achievements with us. At the end of each half term, parents and carers will be invited into school for a Book Look—a special chance to spend time with your child, explore their books, and see the progress they have been making. These events are a wonderful way to share in your child's learning journey and to celebrate their hard work and successes together. Our first Book Look will take place on Monday 20th October, and we very much look forward to welcoming you into school for this occasion.

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.

Message from the PTA

Everyone is welcome at the PTA. Our first meeting is on Monday 15th September.



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Breakfast Club and Ropsley Rascals

We're pleased to remind parents and carers that booking and paying for after-school clubs via the Parent-Mail app is quick and straightforward.

- Simply open the app and head to Accounts, then select After School Club.
- You'll see available dates listed; choose the sessions you'd like to book and tap Pay Now to complete your booking.
- You may even repeat your selections weekly for added convenience, and your child's sessions will be reserved once payment is confirmed.

You can pay/subsidise your childcare by using Government Schemes and Vouchers. Full details can be found on the school website. [Website](#)

Term 1 dates for your diary

- Monday 15th September After School Clubs begin
- Monday 15th September PTA AGM 6pm
- Friday 3rd October 9.30 am at Church Harvest Festival Everyone Welcome
- Monday 13th and Wednesday and 15th October Parents' Afternoons
- Monday 20th October Book Look Afternoon
- Monday 20th - 23rd October Bikeability Y5
- Thursday 23rd October Last Day of Term



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Below is the full list of staff for the 2025-2026 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 Harrison

Teaching Assistant: Mrs C Handley

Class 1/2

Class Teacher: Mrs R Spenceley

1:1 Support: Mrs D Folmer, Mrs S Harrison

Class 3/4

Class Teacher: Mr A Mytton

Teaching Assistants: Mrs T Buckley (TA, 1:1)

Intervention Support: Mrs W Henderson

Class 5/6

Class Teacher: Miss H Hubbard

Teaching Assistant: Mrs C Vaccaro (1:1)

Intervention Support: Mrs W Henderson

PPA Teacher: Mr J Grossmith, Mrs J Jack (Forest School)

Caretaking Team

Marigold's Cleaners

Lunchtime Team

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

Wrap Around Care Team

Mrs T Buckley, Mrs C Handley, Miss E Ward