



# Ropsley Church of England Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

## Welcome back

### Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful half term and managed to enjoy some lovely, sunny time together. We have now begun our final term of the school year, and it is already clear that it will be a very full and special few weeks.

There is a lot to look forward to, with sports events, trips, transition activities, statutory checks, reports and end-of-year celebrations all taking place before the summer holidays. The final term is always busy, but it is also full of lovely moments where we see just how much the children have grown over the year.

### Statutory checks

Over the next couple of weeks, some of our children will be taking part in national statutory checks. Year 4 children will complete the Multiplication Tables Check, and Year 1 children, along with any Year 2 children who need to retake it, will complete the Phonics Screening Check.

These are gentle, routine assessments which help us to understand how well children are progressing and where they may need any further support. The children are well prepared, and we will make sure they feel calm, confident and cared for throughout.

### Sports Day — Tuesday 16th June 2026

We are very much looking forward to welcoming families to our Sports Day on **Tuesday 16th June**. The races will begin at **1.15pm**, and parents and carers are warmly invited to come along and cheer the children on.

Families are also welcome to join us a little earlier for a picnic lunch with the children. The gates will open at **12 noon**. Please bring your own sandwiches if you would like to join us for the picnic.

All hot school meals ordered for this day have been converted to packed lunches. These will be the packed lunch options listed on the Willoughby Foods website for that day. You are very welcome to send in a few extra items to add to your child's packed lunch, but please do not send fizzy drinks.

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle, sun hat and sun lotion in school.

### PTA news

Our wonderful PTA will be selling ice creams after school every Friday during this term, weather permitting. This is always a lovely end-of-week treat for the children and a helpful way to raise funds for our school.

On Sports Day, the PTA will also be selling strawberries and cream for parents to enjoy. The PTA will also kindly provide the children with an ice lolly during the break.

The PTA are also preparing for the Leavers' Disco on **Friday 10th July**. Children in KS1 will go straight to the disco at **3.30pm** and will need collecting at **4.30pm**. Children in KS2 will stay in class until **4.30pm**, where they will have a drink and snack, before going into the disco from **4.30pm to 5.30pm**. KS2 children will need to be collected at **5.30pm**.

Further details and consent forms will be sent to parents shortly.



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### **Trips, visits and special events this term**

We have a lovely range of trips, visits and special events planned during this busy final term.

Our **Year 3 and 4 children** will be taking part in the **Mini Olympics** on **Thursday 11th June**, followed by the **Year 4 Farm Trip** on **Friday 12th June**. These are both wonderful opportunities for the children to enjoy learning beyond the classroom, build confidence, and take part in memorable shared experiences with their friends.

Later in the term, some children will also be representing school at **Small School Athletics** on **Thursday 25th June**. We are always proud of the way our children encourage one another and show our school values when taking part in events with other schools.

On **Wednesday 1st July**, we will be welcoming **Seaside Punch and Judy** into school. This should be a joyful experience for the children and a lovely way to bring a little seaside fun into the school day.

On **Friday 3rd July**, children will also take part in **Online Safety Workshops**, run by the **Stay Safe Partnership**. These sessions will support pupils with a range of important topics linked to staying safe online, helping them to think carefully about how they use technology and what to do if something worries them.

Our **Year 5 and 6 residential** begins on **Friday 3rd July**. Residential visits are such an important opportunity for children to develop independence, resilience and friendship, and we know this will be a very special experience for them.

There are also a number of transition visits for our older pupils as they prepare for the move to secondary school. **Kings and Priory Taster Day** will take place on **Tuesday 7th July**, and **Sir William Robertson Academy Taster Day** will take place on **Monday 13th July**. These visits are designed to help children feel more familiar with their new schools and more confident about the exciting changes ahead.

Please note a change to the original date of the **Leavers' Play**, this will now take place on **Wednesday 15th July** with the usual 1.30pm and 5.30pm performance.

Finally, our **Year 6 children will be visiting PGL** on **Friday 17th July**, giving them another opportunity to enjoy time together and make special memories before the end of their primary school journey.

### **Transition Week**

During the week beginning **Monday 6th July**, the children will take part in Transition Week. Across the week, we will allocate lessons and activities where children spend time getting to know their next class and, where appropriate, their new classroom routines.

We know that moving up can feel exciting for some children and a little worrying for others, so we will build transition activities carefully across the week. Our aim is to help children feel reassured, familiar with what comes next, and ready for September with as much confidence as possible.

A photograph of Ropsley Church of England Primary School, a brick building with a gabled roof and a small steeple. The text 'Ropsley Church of England Primary School' and 'NEWSLETTER' is overlaid in a large, dark blue font.

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### **A gentle reminder about the start and end of the school day**

Please could we remind all families that school starts at **8.50am**. This is the beginning of the school day, not a settling-in window before learning begins at 9.00am. As soon as the children enter the classroom, they begin their morning jobs and learning routines, which help them settle calmly and make a positive start to the day.

We are currently seeing a number of children arriving late, and even a few minutes can make the start of the day feel unsettled for them. Thank you for helping us by making sure children are in school on time and ready to begin at 8.50am.

We are also noticing an increase in children being collected early from school for regular activities, such as swimming lessons. We completely understand the value of these opportunities and know families are trying to support their children in many different ways. However, the end of the school day is still an important part of learning. For example, in some classes, the end-of-day story is carefully chosen to support English learning the following day. When children miss this regularly, it can make the next lesson harder for them and also creates additional challenges for staff.

Wherever possible, please arrange activities and appointments outside the school day so that children can benefit from the full learning experience, right through to home time.

### **Attendance and time out of school**

We are also seeing a number of requests for children to be taken out of school during term time. Please could we gently remind families that, as Headteacher, I am unable to authorise family holidays during term time unless there are truly exceptional circumstances.

Regular absence, including holidays or repeated time out of school, can quickly add up and means children miss important learning and routines. Parents should also be aware that where a child has more than **8 half sessions of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period**, this is likely to result in a fine.

We know family circumstances can sometimes be complicated, and we will always listen with care. However, our priority must be to support children to be in school, on time, every day, so that they can make the most of their learning and feel fully part of school life.

Thank you, as always, for your support in helping the children make the very most of their time in school.



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### Key dates for your diary

**Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June** — Multiplication Tables Check window

**Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June** Phonics Screening Check week

**Thursday 11th June** — Year 3/4 Mini Olympics

**Friday 12th June** — Year 4 Farm Trip

**Tuesday 16th June** — Sports Day

**Wednesday 17th June** — EYFS Father's Day event, 2.00pm

**Thursday 18th June** — Reserve Sports Day

**Friday 19th June** — Residential Meeting 3.30pm

**Thursday 25th June** — Small School Athletics

**Wednesday 1st July** — EYFS Seaside day Punch and Judy

**Friday 3rd July** — Online Safety Workshops

**Friday 3rd July** — Year 5/6 Residential begins

**Week beginning Monday 6th July** — Transition Week

**Tuesday 7th July** — Kings / Priory Taster Day

**Wednesday 8th July** — EYFS New Starters, 9.30–11.30am

**Thursday 9th July** — EYFS New Starters, 9.30–11.30am

**Friday 10th July** — Rascals Closed

**Friday 10th July** — Leavers' Disco

**Monday 13th July** — Sir William Robertson Academy Taster Day

**Wednesday 15th July**—Leavers' play 1.30pm and 5.30pm

**Friday 17th July** — Year 6 at PGL

**Friday 17th July** — Reports out

**Monday 20th July** — Book Look followed by an opportunity to visit new teachers

**Tuesday 21st July** — Bible Service for Year 6

**Wednesday 22nd July** — End of term service for Year 6 parents.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to sharing these last few weeks with the children and making them as happy, calm and memorable as possible