



Ropsley Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Welcome back

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a restful half-term break and were able to enjoy some brighter moments after what has been a particularly wet and wintry start to the year. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school for the start of Spring Term 2 — and to the hopeful arrival of a little sunshine (fingers firmly crossed).

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day with a whole day dedicated to reading and sharing stories. Pyjamas were advertised in our September dates, and children are very welcome to come to school in their pyjamas (as long as these are warm enough for breaktime). However, a few children have already let us know that they have a book character costume they are absolutely bursting to wear, so we are also happy for children to come dressed in a costume if they wish. To keep everyone comfortable and safe, we kindly ask that no onesies or face paints are worn. The children will enjoy a lovely day full of reading activities — and, of course, some hot chocolate to keep us all cosy.

Sports Friday 6th and Sunday 8th March

Please note that there will be no usual swimming session on Friday 6th March, as this coincides with the Swimming Gala. We wish our team the very best of luck and know they will represent the school brilliantly. The Gymnastics Competition takes place on Sunday 8th March, and we would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Hubbard, along with all the parents and pupils who are giving up a Sunday to take part. Your enthusiasm and commitment are greatly appreciated — we hope you all have a fantastic day and enjoy every moment.

EYFS Mother's Day Celebration – Friday 13th March

Reception parents are warmly invited to join us in school at **9.00am** for a special Mothering Sunday celebration. This will be a relaxed and happy occasion for children to spend time with their grown-ups and celebrate the important people in their lives.

Parents' Afternoons – Monday 16th March and Wednesday 18th March

Parents' Afternoons will take place on Monday 16th March and Wednesday 18th March. These consultation events provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and next steps with their class teacher. We will be offering both face-to-face and online appointments. Please keep an eye out for further details and booking information.

PTA Quiz Night – Friday 20th March

The PTA are holding another of their fabulous quiz nights at the village hall on Friday 20th March. These evenings are always great fun and a brilliant way to support the work of the PTA, while enjoying time together as a school community. Sharpen those general knowledge skills and pop in and get a ticket!

Red Nose Day

We will also be supporting Red Nose Day this half term. This year's theme focuses on having fun, spreading kindness, and helping others, while raising money for those in need. More information about how we will be marking the day in school will be shared shortly.



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KS1 Cake Stall – Friday 27th March

There will be a KS1 cake stall at the end of the school day on Friday 27th March. Thank you in advance for your support — and your willpower. Further details, including prices and arrangements, will follow.

Book Look – Monday 30th March

Parents and carers are invited into school at **3.00pm** on Monday 30th March for our Book Look afternoon. This is a lovely opportunity to sit with your child, look through their work, and celebrate their learning together.

End of Term Easter Service – Thursday 2nd April

Our End of Term Easter Service will take place at church on the final day of term. This will be a special opportunity for the children to reflect on the Easter story and to come together as a school community. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us, and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

A few gentle reminders

We would like to remind parents and carers that the school day begins at 8.50am. We have noticed that a small number of pupils are arriving closer to 9.00am, and we wanted to ensure that our start time is clear. We completely understand how tempting it can be to snatch an extra minute or two in bed; however, those minutes do add up and can amount to almost an hour of missed learning over the course of a week.

Finally, a reminder that we have a selection of pre-loved school uniform available in school. If this would be helpful to your family, please do get in touch — we are always happy to help.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to a happy, productive, and positive Spring Term 2.

Key dates for your diary

- **Thursday 5th March** – World Book Day
- **Friday 6th March** – Swimming Gala (no usual swimming session)
- **Sunday 8th March** – Gymnastics Competition
- **Friday 13th March** – EYFS Mother's Day Celebration (9.00am)
- **Monday 16th March** – Parents' Afternoon
- **Tuesday 17th March** - WRATES photographers
- **Wednesday 18th March** – Parents' Afternoon
- **Friday 20th March** – PTA Quiz Night (Village Hall)
- **Friday 27th March** – KS1 Cake Stall
- **Monday 30th March** – Book Look (3.00pm)
- **Thursday 2nd April** – End of Term Easter Service

Children return to school after the Easter break on Tuesday 21st of April