

NEWSLETTER

September 2026



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Mrs Cook

Headteacher

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We would particularly like to welcome all of our new Reception children and families, together with those children who have joined us in other year groups. We hope you quickly feel very much part of the Ropsley school family.

The children have made an excellent start to the new term. Classrooms are already busy, routines are settling into place and it has been lovely to see the children reconnecting with their friends and getting to know their new teachers.

Lovely News

I am delighted to share the lovely news that Mrs Spencely welcomed a beautiful baby girl last week.

She has chosen the gorgeous name Eliza, and both mum and baby are doing well. I'm sure you will all join us in sending Mrs Spencely and her family our warmest congratulations and very best wishes as they enjoy this very special time together.

SCHOOL TIMINGS AND WRAPAROUND CARE

The school day begins at 8.50am. Staff are on duty from 8.40am, so please ensure children are not left unsupervised before this time.

The school day finishes at 3.30pm, with Reception finishing at 3.20pm.

Breakfast Club and Ropsley Rascals continue to provide wraparound care for families who need childcare before and after school.

SCHOOL OFFICE

Please remember to inform the school office of any absence, medical appointment or change in medication. This helps us keep our records accurate and ensures staff have the information needed to care for your child safely. There is a voicemail facility to make this easier.

We are able to administer prescribed medication where necessary, but parents must complete the appropriate consent form, available from the school office.

Please also let us know promptly if any contact details change during the year.

We will shortly be sending out an MS Form to refresh the information we have about allergies and intolerances. Please look out for the email.

PARKING

Thank you for continuing to park carefully and considerately around school.

As a small village school, parking at busy times can be difficult. Please take particular care not to block driveways or restrict access for our neighbours and help us keep the roads immediately around school as safe as possible for children arriving and leaving.

UNIFORM

The children look incredibly smart at the beginning of the new school year and we are very grateful for your support with school uniform.

Please make sure every item of clothing is clearly named - jumpers, cardigans and coats can look remarkably similar once they are in a pile!

Details of our uniform and PE kit are on the school website. Where children regularly wear items which are not part of our agreed uniform, we will contact families with a gentle reminder.

Learning & Dates

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School continues to be an important part of our curriculum and gives children valuable opportunities to learn outdoors, develop independence, work collaboratively and enjoy our wonderful school grounds.

As we move into autumn, please ensure children have suitable waterproof clothing and appropriate footwear available on Forest School days. A little rain rarely stops Forest School - but the right clothing makes it much more enjoyable!

BREAKTIME SNACKS

Fruit continues to be provided for children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 during morning break, and milk is available for eligible younger children. Children in Key Stage 2 may bring a piece of fruit from home to eat at morning break if they wish.

READING AT HOME

Reading remains one of the most important things families can do to support children's learning.

We encourage every child to read regularly at home. For our younger children in particular, frequent short reading sessions make a huge difference to fluency, confidence and vocabulary.

Please remember to record home reading in your child's reading record or planner so teachers can celebrate and build upon the reading taking place at home.

Reception families will also receive information and resources linked to our phonics teaching so that home approaches complement those used in school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 11 September

Year 1/2 swimming begins

Monday 14 September

After-school clubs begin

Friday 9 October, 9.30am

Harvest Festival at church

12 & 14 October

Parents' Afternoons

Monday 19 October, 3.00pm

Book Look

Monday 19 October

Individual school photographs

Friday 23 October

Last day of term

School Life & Looking Ahead

BOOK LOOKS

We will continue our popular Book Look sessions this year. These provide an informal opportunity for parents and carers to come into school with their child, look through their books and celebrate the learning and progress they have made.

Our first Book Look of the year will be on Monday 19 October at 3.00pm.

WORKING TOGETHER

One of Ropsley's great strengths is the relationship between school and our families.

If something is worrying you, please speak to us. Small concerns are usually much easier to resolve when we know about them early. Class teachers are normally the best first point of contact for matters relating to your child's learning or day-to-day school experience, with senior leaders available where further support is needed.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND OPSLEY RASCALS

Breakfast Club and Ropsley Rascals continue to provide childcare before and after school.

Sessions should be booked and paid for through ParentMail. Childcare costs can also be supported through eligible Government childcare schemes and vouchers.

Please book sessions as early as possible so that we can ensure appropriate staffing.

There are more details on the school website but please feel free to pop in and ask if you need any support.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Our programme of after-school clubs begins on Monday 14 September.

Information about the clubs available and how to book will be sent to families separately.

A BUSY YEAR AHEAD

There is already lots to look forward to this year - class learning, Forest School, swimming, performances, church celebrations, sporting events, trips and the many other opportunities that make school life at Ropsley so special.

Further dates will inevitably be added as the year progresses, particularly for class trips, sporting fixtures and events involving other schools. We will continue to keep families updated through ParentMail and revised calendars where necessary.

Thank you, as always, for your support. We are looking forward to another happy and successful year together.

