Ryhall CE Academy

'Living life in all its fullness, making memories and building futures.'

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NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2026

National Nurturing School Award 2026

School Games Gold 2025/26

Eco-Schools

Dear Families,

The colder weather has certainly arrived! Please make sure children come to school with warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves so they can enjoy the outdoors whatever the weather. Please also take time to read this newsletter carefully, as there is lots of information and plenty coming up over the next few weeks.

Road Safety Week: Next week the children will be learning about staying safe on the roads, including how to cross safely. We would also kindly ask parents and carers to be mindful of parking around school and their speed when travelling through the village. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe

Anti-Bullying Week: next week the children will be taking part in anti-bullying week which reminds us to choose kindness, respect and inclusion. On Monday, we will be celebrating **Odd Socks Day**, wearing odd socks to show that everyone is unique and differences should be celebrated.

Bag2School Thursday 19th November: Our next Bag2School collection takes place on Thursday 19th November. Please leave any donations under the willow tree outside the car park gates. Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 9th December: Our Christmas dinner will take place on Wednesday 9th December, which is also Christmas Jumper Day! Children are welcome to wear their favourite festive jumper. The menu is included with this newsletter.

Children in Need: A big thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need today. We really appreciate your generosity and support! A special thank you to Mrs Jill Simms who has made a Pudsey cushion as a prize for each year group.

Advent windows: please see the attached information regarding taking part in this village initiative in the run up to Christmas.

Start of the day: A reminder that classroom doors open at **8:50am**. We will now be opening the school gates at **8:45am** to give families time to get children into school and ready for the day. The gates will close promptly at **9:00am**. Thank you for your support in ensuring children arrive on time and don't miss those important first few minutes of learning.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend, keep warm and enjoy some family time. We look forward to another busy and enjoyable week in school next week!

Best wishes,
Mr Reed ☺

Dates for your diary

16th November – Odd Socks for Anti-bullying week

19th November – FORA Bag2School collection

27th November – Non-Uniform Day details will follow

27th November – FORA Wreath Making

2nd December – FORA Christmas Fair

9th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch

15th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity - afternoon start time to be confirmed

16th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity – 6pm

18th December – End of Autumn Term 2



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MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Families,

Holiday Clubs and Local Events – We have created a separate online newsletter which will have information on any holiday clubs and events. Please click here to view. We will advertise any village based events in the main newsletter.

Be Safe, Be Seen Competition
The children have brought home a colouring sheet that they may colour and decorate. If they would like to be in with a chance of winning a small prize from the Road Safety Team of Rutland County Council, please name the picture and return it to the class teacher or office by the morning of Thursday 19th November.



Mrs Garwood and Mrs Pacitti

ATTENDANCE

Class – Top 3	Weekly %
Burghley	99.6
Hambleton	98.7
Belvoir	97.1

Our overall school attendance last week was 96.4% which is above the national average. Please do get in touch if you need any support with attendance.

Well done to Burghley Class who won the Attendance Trophy with 99.6% attendance for all.

Thank you for the continued communication and co-operation with the different procedures in place.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the children awarded Star of the Week in our Celebration Assembly. This includes the last two weeks for some classes, certificates awarded today.



Belvoir	Margot
Belton	Hamish
Rockingham	Oscar
Burghley	Theo
Woolsthorpe	Indy
Tolethorpe	Robyn
Hambleton	Sophie

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS



A free live webinar hosted by Neuly for parents and carers

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From Busy Gatherings to Bedtime: Supporting Your Child Through the Festive Season

Delivered by Dr Barney Gilbert, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist

Thursday 19 November 8pm to 9pm

The festive season brings changes to routine, busy social plans and new sensory demands. These can feel particularly challenging for neurodivergent children and young people, and for the parents supporting them. Through answering your pre-submitted questions, Dr Gilbert will share insights and practical strategies to help you support your child this season and beyond.

What we'll cover:

- Understanding what the build-up to festive events and changes to routine can mean for your child
- Preparing your child for transitions, from term time to the school holidays
- Responding to sensory needs and navigating social expectations at performances, gatherings and meals
- Protecting sleep when late evenings and busy days disrupt bedtime routines
- Recognising early signs of overwhelm and supporting emotional regulation

Sign up here to secure your place

CHRISTMAS DINNER



VILLAGE ADVENT WINDOWS



EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE



FORA

Friends of Ryhall Academy

Christmas Wreath Making Class



Venue:
Ryhall CE Academy Hall

Price:
£35

When:
Friday 27th November 2026

Time:
7.30pm - 9.30pm

Come and enjoy a night off, getting creative with friends! Arrive to a glass of bubbles or warming **mulled** wine and settle down with nibbles and further drinks available by optional donation. All materials and guidance is provided for you to create a stunning wreath to take home and hang on the front door this year, whilst having a fun night out!

Follow the link to secure your ticket

https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/fora-christmas-wreath-workshop

Scan to book

Please bring your own secateurs if you can and any extra decorations like baubles, sparkly extras or ribbons.

We look forward to seeing you all.

WRAP AROUND CARE



IMPORTANT INFORMATION & REMINDERS

We are a nut free school as we have children who are allergic to nuts. Please remember this when preparing packed lunches or snacks and avoid food containing nuts such as chocolate spread and pesto.

If you need to drive to drop off or collect your child, please park with consideration of resident's drives, garages or access to roads. Please remember that parking on zig-zag lines at any time of the day is prohibited to ensure the safety of the children during the busier periods of the day.

A reminder to families to not use the staff car park when either dropping children to school or collecting them – this is purely for the safety of the children and staff. This does apply to drop off and pick up from Wrap Around Care and clubs.

Village Hall Car Park – we have an agreement with the village hall that parents can use their car park when the hall is not in use. If they have put cones around the space it means that an event is taking place and you cannot park there. Please park considerately, bearing this in mind.

Contact details for music teachers
Piano – Julia Lamb - jklamb@hotmail.co.uk
Flute – Julie Dearden - jules.swallowhill@gmail.com
Guitar – Jack Parkinson - jackparkinsonmusic@gmail.com
Drums – Rory Hill - rory@noisetuition.com

Worried About A Child?

Should you have any concerns about a child, please speak to any member of school staff who can, where required, direct you to the relevant people.

Our staff trained to deal with potential safeguarding concerns and worries are:

- Mr A Reed (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs D Jesson (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs C Hicks (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs E Jagger (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs L Garwood (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)