

NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd October

We were incredibly proud of the Key stage 2 children this week for their participation in the Cross Country event. They arrived back in school exhausted, excited and very proud of themselves. The children supported each other brilliantly and really did their best.

🏃🏃 Cross Country Success! 🏃🏃

This week, our pupils represented the school brilliantly at the Cross Country event. Every child showed tremendous determination and resilience as they completed their races, whilst also encouraging and supporting one another throughout the day.

Competing against approximately 50 runners in each race, our children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and perseverance. We are especially delighted to celebrate the achievements of those who have successfully qualified for the next round: Amy, Franklin, Willow, Ezra, Phoebe and Daniel. This is a fantastic accomplishment and a testament to their hard work and commitment.



We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part. Their positive attitudes, resilience and support for one another were a credit to the school. Well done, everyone, and good luck to those progressing to the next stage! 🙌🏆

ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance this year is **97%**.
This week our attendance was **96.7%**



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🦋 Exploring Light and Shadows 🦋

This week, Kingfishers have continued their exciting learning about light in Science. The children investigated shadows and explored how their size changes when an object is moved closer to or further away from a light source.

The class also enjoyed creating their own shadow puppets, which sparked some fantastic scientific discussions. As they experimented, the children discovered that simply drawing details such as eyes onto their puppets did not make them appear in the shadow. This led to some thoughtful exploration of how shadows are formed and what is needed to create visible detail.

It has been wonderful to see the children demonstrating such curiosity, enthusiasm and scientific thinking throughout their investigations.



Harvest Festival

Tuesday 13th October
Is open to all – 11am in the church

Outdoor shoes

As the weather starts to turn we will inevitably have more mud on the field – please can you make sure that children have outdoor shoes/wellies for playtime.

🚌 A Gentle Parking Reminder 🚌

Thank you to all of our families who are helping to keep School Lane safe by avoiding parking on the lane itself and in the church car park at drop-off and collection times. Your consideration and support are greatly appreciated and make a real difference to the safety of our children, families and local community.

We kindly ask everyone to continue parking thoughtfully and considerately, allowing clear access for pedestrians, residents and emergency vehicles. By working together, we can help ensure that arrival and departure times remain safe and pleasant for everyone.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation. ❤️

Dates for the Diary

We have identified events in **GREEN** that parents/carers are invited to
Events in **RED** have been recently added

Autumn Term 2026

October

- **Tuesday 13 October** – Harvest Festival (11am)
- **Friday 16 October** – FORMS Cake Sale
- **Monday 19th October – 30th October** – Half Term (Please be aware that the October half term 2026 will be two weeks long)

November

- **Monday 2nd November** – children return to school
- **Thursday 5 November** – Tempest Individual photos @ 1.15pm

December

- **Thursday 3 December** – Year 6 NCMP and Reception Vision & Hearing Screening
- **w/c 7 December** – Parents' Evenings
- **Thursday 10 December** – Maths Cafe
- **Friday 11 December** – Hippodrome Trip
- **Monday 14 December** – Nativity (afternoon)
- **Tuesday 15 December** – Evening Nativity
- **Wednesday 16 December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Wednesday 16 December** – Santa Dash
- **Wednesday 16 December** – Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 17 December** – Carol Service (10am)
- **Friday 18 December** – FORMS Cake Sale
- **Monday 21 December – 4th January** - Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 2027

January

- **Tuesday 5th January** – children return to school
- **w/c 18 January** – SEN Parent Meetings
- **Monday 18 January** – Crucial Crew Trip (Year 6)

February

- **Week of 1 February** – Children's Mental Health Week
- **Friday 12 February** – FORMS Cake Sale
- **Monday 15 - Friday 19 February** – Half Term
- **Monday 22nd February** – children return to school after half term

March

- **Thursday 4 March** – Reading Cafe for World Book Day
- **w/c 15 March** – Parents' Evenings
- **Friday 19 March** – Parent Forum
- **22– 24 March** – Y5 and 6 Residential
- **Friday 26 March – Friday 9th April 2027** – Easter Holiday

Summer Term 2027

April

- **Monday 12th April** – children return to school
- **w/c 26 April** – SEN Parent Meetings

July

- **Friday 2 July** – Parent Forum
- **Week of 12 July** – Reports sent home
- **Monday 19 July** – Year 6 Pleasurewood Hills Trip
- **Tuesday 20 July** – End of Year Party
- **Wednesday 21 July** – Leaving Service (11am)
- **Thursday 22nd July** – Final day of the Summer Term

ROCKLAND ST MARY SCARECROW TRAIL 2026 'DANGER THEMED'

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

We are back!

£5 Entry
£50 voucher of choice for the Best Scarecrow

**JOIN US FOR OUR 'DANGER' THEMED
ROCKLAND ST MARY SCARECROW TRAIL THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM
FROM SAT 24TH OCTOBER - SUN 1ST NOVEMBER.**

YOU CAN MAKE ANY SCARECROW AS LONG AS IT IS TO DO WITH 'DANGER'...

**'ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE FRIENDS OF ROCKLAND ST MARY SCHOOL'
ONCE WE RECEIVE YOUR APPLICATION AND ENTRANCE FEE, WE WILL SEND YOUR CONFIRMATION
AND AN ENTRY NUMBER TO DISPLAY ON YOUR SCARECROW.**

EMAIL FRIENDSOFRSMS@GMAIL.COM FOR ENTRY FORM OR SCAN QR CODE BELOW TO FILL OUT ENTRY FORM

SCARECROWS:

- * MUST BE VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD
- * MUST HAVE THEIR ENTRY NUMBER ON DISPLAY AT ALL TIMES
- * DO NOT HAVE TO BE MADE OF STRAW.
- * MUST BE VISIBLE FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE COMPETITION

ENTRIES MUST BE IN BY THE 12TH OCTOBER 2026 IN ORDER TO BE PUT ON THE MAP.

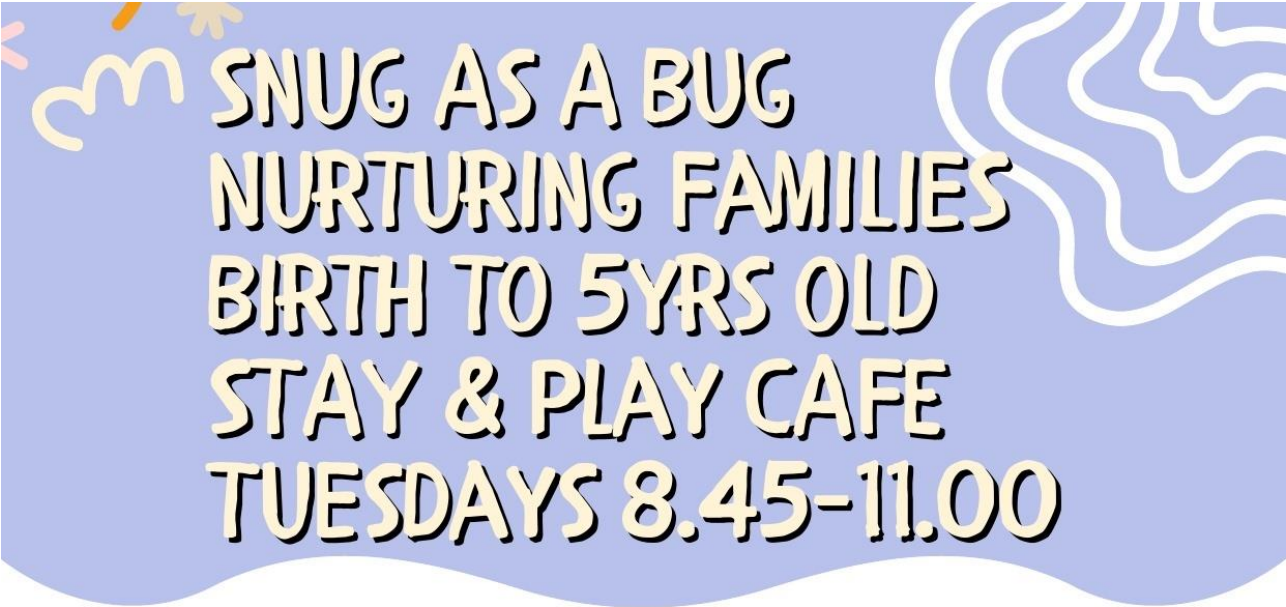
THE WINNING SCARECROW WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE AMOUNT OF 'LIKES' IT RECEIVES ON THE FORMS EVENTS PAGE BY SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2026 AT 8PM

**WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR AVAILABLE PLOTS FOR SCARECROWS
TO BE PLACED ON FOR PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO
ENTER THE COMPETITION BUT DO NOT LIVE IN THE VILLAGE.
PLEASE LET US KNOW BY EMAIL FRIENDSOFRSMS@GMAIL.COM**

LINK TO ENTRY FORM

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22/9/26

Peepo Here's a little baby 123

29/10/26

Autumn Days

6/10/26

Owl Babies

13/10/26

We're going on a bear hunt

20/10/26

Witches cats & potions

3/11/26

Zoom Fizz Whizz Bang

10/11/26

Diwali Festival of Light

17/11/26

Stick man

24/11/26

Follow the Star

1/12/26

That's not my Christmas Tree

8/12/26

The Nativity Story

15/12/26

North Pole Christmas Party



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