



Scalford School Newsletter 28th November 2025

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Welcome to our Newsletter 28th November 2025

Dear Parents,

Thanks for coming along to our Christingle service last Friday. Well done to the Year 6 children who took part in group and individual solos. They were all amazing!

Our Base 1 and Base 2 children have been busy rehearsing for their nativity at church later in Advent, and we are very much looking forward to their upcoming performances.

This has been Miss Fripp and Miss Register's last week of their teacher training placements. They have been working in Base 2 and 3 since early October and we would like to thank them for all of their hard work and we wish them the very best for the future.

Just a quick reminder that the first of our Christmas Jumper Days starts on Friday 5th December.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Tremarco

Dates for your diary

DECEMBER

Fri 5th Christmas Jumper Day

Tues 9th Nativity in church 2pm

Weds 10th Nativity in church 6pm

Fri 12th Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 12th FOSS Elf on the Shelf

Weds 17th Christmas Lunch and Christmas Party

Fri 19th Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 19th Christmas service in church 2.30pm- all welcome

Fri 19th Last day of term- school closes for Christmas

JANUARY

Mon 5th School opens for Spring Term

Christmas is coming!

As it is December next week, the Christmas postbox will be out in school for anyone who wishes to send cards to their friends.

And remember that every Friday in December is Christmas Jumper Day!



Christingle Service

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christingle Service. This is a favourite with children and staff. The Year 6 children ran the entire service this year and what a good job they did. We particularly loved their singing. 27 days until Christmas!



Base 1 Design and Technology

Year 1 have been learning to chop. They designed and made fruit snacks for a class picnic.
Reception have been learning and practising scissor skills.









FOSS: Volunteers Required

FOSS are supporting Melton's Round Table Santa Sleigh fundraising efforts!

Each year, the team brings festive cheer to villages across the Melton Borough, spreading joy and raising money for local charities and community projects. It's a lovely tradition that brightens the season for so many.

FOSS has been invited to join in by providing some friendly volunteers—and in return, the Santa Sleigh team will donate to FOSS and the school. Even better, the more help we can offer, the larger the donation we receive!

We are targeting this upcoming Sunday to get involved.

Sunday 30th November – Asfordby Hill and Valley - 4pm Start

If you are interested please message Marc (Otis' Dad) on **07738 233 911** or email us at scalfordfoss@gmail.com

And we will provide you with more information for the event.

As always thank you for your support. FOSS.

FOSS: Chocolate Request

Foss are kindly asking for chocolate donations for the chocolate tombola which will be held in church during the Nativity performances. If you are able to donate a chocolate item, please hand it in to school no later than **Wednesday 3rd December**. Thank you on behalf of Foss for your continued support in raising money for school.



FOSS are kindly asking for chocolate donations for the Tombola which will be held in church during the Nativity performances.

If you are able to donate a chocolate item, please hand in to school or a FOSS member no later than Wednesday 3rd December.

Thank you on behalf of FOSS for your continued kindness & support in raising money for the school.

FOSS: Elf on the Shelf Reminder

A reminder that Elf on the Shelf slips need to be returned by next **Thursday, 4th December**.

Many thanks.

Scalford Governor Required!



**Scalford C of E
Primary School
needs your help!**

Can you spare a few hours a year?

Our village School is looking for
a person/people to be a Governor.
Interest in children's learning and
welfare needed but not previous
experience (training given).

Can you help?

Please email Kathryn Bloodworth, Chair of Governors,
to get more information and/or to register your
interest: kathyrnbloodworth1@gmail.com

St John's Church Christmas Wreath Festival

Hi Everyone at Scalford Primary school,

I am contacting you on behalf of Friends of St John's Church Melton Mowbray.

We run amongst other events, the Christmas Wreath Festival at St John's Church. Thorpe End (Opposite the museum). The event is on **29/30 November 10 to 4pm**.

We would like to invite you to enter a Christmas wreath into the Christmas Wreath competition (It's Free).

I have attached all the details for the Christmas Wreath Festival at St John's Church, Thorpe End.

For your convenience, if you prefer, we have an online entry form here:

<https://forms.gle/FJ3DFWGy2XJpxSPu6>

This year we have made it free to enter a Wreath into the competition.

The event is listed in the Melton What's on? Guide and we have support from Melton Bid.

We raise funds for the upkeep of the church and the community hall building project (being built next-door).

All proceeds from the sale of refreshments and cakes etc offered at the event go towards our charity which is the Friends of St. John's Church Melton Mowbray.

If you don't feel entering a Wreath is your thing, please still do come along and enjoy the festival of Christmas Wreaths as it's a free entry event.

Kind regards

John Smalley

Charity trustee Friends of St John's Church Melton Mowbray

Charity 1207977

07851281757

<https://friendsofstjohns.wixsite.com/historicchurch/fundraising>

<https://www.facebook.com/fosjmm>

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, THORPE END, MELTON MOWBRAY

CHRISTMAS WREATH FESTIVAL 2025



We all know about the marvellous Christmas Tree Festival which has been running for so many years in St. Mary's Church. It's a great event and many of you will have entered a tree. But did you know that there's another opportunity for you to showcase your talents and your business / community group / school, etc? Yes, for 8 years, there's also been a Festival of Home-Made Christmas Wreaths at St John's church, for the Melton Christmas weekend. This year it's **Saturday 29 November / Sunday 30 November, 10 am to 4 pm.**

The idea is to make a wreath out of any materials at all – as inventive and unusual as possible. We've had wreaths made of clothes pegs, a vinyl record, a bicycle wheel and nail varnish. The only limit is your ingenuity! It's a competition, with a visitors' vote for the winners, and prizes in four categories:

- Adults
- Businesses or Groups
- Children under 11 yrs
- Children 11-16 yrs

In previous years, there's been a small charge to enter the competition, but this year we wanted as many people as possible to have the fun of taking part, so we've decided to waive the charge, and it's **COMPLETELY FREE** to enter!! It's also **FREE** for visitors to come in and view the wreaths. So kids can bring the whole family to see their work displayed, and businesses and groups can be sure that the number of visitors will give you great exposure and advertising.

It's easy to enter the Christmas Wreath Festival. Wreaths are small, comparatively quick to make and easy to handle. We have volunteers who will hang your wreath for you, so all you have to do is drop it off and collect it at the end.

- Drop your wreath at the church on Saturday, 22 November between 12 and 2 pm. You'll need to give in your name on arrival.
- If you can't make that time, phone or text **07790 631635**
- If you wish to enter a large wreath, or several, phone the above number to discuss.
- You're welcome to use small battery lights, but please arrange to switch them on and off yourself on both days.
- You may include a label to advertise your business, group or school
- Wet wreaths cannot be displayed in the church.
- Collect your wreath at 4 pm on Sunday 30 November. The church is in use during the week.

St. John's Church is small, so due to the limited space we recommend you to book your wreath in early. Please complete and return the attached booking form as soon as possible. We do hope you will take part in this very unusual event – we know of no other like it, and it's great fun. It's **FREE** this year too, so what have you got to lose?

Looking forward to seeing you and your wreath,
Frances Levett

Friends of St John's Church Melton Mowbray. 07790 631635. franceslevett@gmail.com
Reg. Charity No:1207977



Diocese of Leicester Christmas Card Competition

A green poster with a holly leaf border. At the top left is the Diocese of Leicester Board of Education logo. The title '2025 CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION' is in large red letters. Below it, a paragraph explains the competition. The poster is divided into sections by horizontal lines: 'INSTRUCTIONS:', 'THE PRIZE:', and 'HOW TO ENTER:'. The 'HOW TO ENTER:' section includes contact details for Nina Hern and a deadline. A closing message 'Have fun! We can't wait to see your designs!' is on the right.

 Diocese of Leicester
Board of Education

2025 CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Christmas is now just around the corner and once again we are running our popular 'Design a Christmas Card Competition'. The winning design will be turned into our official Christmas card and sent out to all schools, DBE partners and friends!

INSTRUCTIONS:

With the child's name, year group and school on the back, the design can either be hand drawn, painted or electronically produced. The entry must be on A5 or A4 paper and can either be landscape or portrait.

THE PRIZE:

The winner will have their design featured on our website and turned into our official Christmas card, as well as receiving a £10 book voucher!

HOW TO ENTER:

Please send entries to Nina Hern by **Friday 5th December 2025**
Email: officedbe@leicesterdbbe.org
Or post to: Nina Hern,
St Martins House,
7 Peacock Lane,
Leicester, LE1 5PZ

Have fun! We can't wait to see your designs!

NHS Questionnaire

Share your views on getting NHS help fast in Leicestershire

Dear colleague,

We are entering the **final week** of our engagement on how **the local NHS is making it easier to get NHS help fast**, and we would greatly appreciate your support in promoting this to your service users within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and across your networks.

The **deadline** for sharing views is **Sunday 7 December 2025**.

Have your say

To help us continue improving these services so they meet the needs of local people, we invite them to share their feedback and experiences by [completing our questionnaire](#).

The questionnaire sections are:

- Getting the right NHS care in two simple steps
- Your GP practice
- Local pharmacies
- About you

Further questions will be asked to those who live in Leicester City. Anyone aged 16+ can take part. The questionnaire can also be completed in a professional capacity, supporting Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland residents.

Feedback and views can be shared by:

- Completing the questionnaire online:
<https://leicesterleicestershireandrutland.icb.nhs.uk/be-involved/need-help-fast-engagement/>
- Emailing your views to: llricb-llr.beinvolved@nhs.net
- Call **0116 295 7572** to receive a paper copy of the questionnaire or information in another format, such as large print or easy read
- Writing to us at: *Freepost Plus RUEE-ZAUY-BXEG Same Day Questionnaire NHS LLR ICB, Room G30, Pen Lloyd Building, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester, LE3 8TB*

Further information is available on our website:

<https://www.leicesterleicestershireandrutland.icb.nhs.uk/need-help-fast>

Why this matters

Since the pandemic, demand for services has increased. We need to do things differently to make it easier for patients to access care quickly and to join services together. Your help in sharing this message will ensure as many people as possible can have a chance to have their say.

Please feel free to use the promotional materials available in our toolkit, which includes posters, social media graphics, and pre-written messages to share:

<https://leicesterleicestershireandrutlandhwp.uk/partner-toolkit/need-help-fast-toolkit/>. If you would like printed materials, please contact us at llricb-llr.beinvolved@nhs.net

Thank you for your continued support in helping us reach communities across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Kind regards,

Engagement and Insights Team

NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board

Big Youth Christmas Sing



**Vocals
BIG YOUTH
CHRISTMAS SING**

**A FUN WORKSHOP AND
CONCERT OPEN TO
CHILDREN AGED 5 - 14**

Saturday 13 December
Nottingham Trent University
Clifton NG11 8NS

Sunday 14 December
Albert Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AA

More details on overleaf

Music
for everyone

Registered Charity No. 1153412
music-for-everyone.org

Supported by: **Bookwise**
NTU Nottingham Trent University

Christmas is Coming!

During the run up to Christmas, why not take a break and let your kids enjoy a fun-filled workshop on a Saturday afternoon, followed by a concert on Sunday for the whole family at the iconic Albert Hall in Nottingham.

Get into the Christmas spirit with lots of well-known Christmas songs including some familiar favourites from *The Snowman* & *Muppets Christmas Carol*! Young singers will be joined by other members of the MfE 'singing' family too on the concert day for this mega-Christmas extravaganza!

Singers will be divided into two age-group choirs:

Vocals 1 (school yrs 1 - 3)

Vocals 2 (school yrs 4 - 8)

Music packs, including lyrics and audio tracks, will be sent out approximately one month before the event, giving everyone the chance to learn the songs as best they can before the singing afternoon.

Saturday 13 December - Singing Afternoon
Nottingham Trent University
Clifton NG11 8NS
All Groups: 2.00 - 5.00pm

Sunday 14 December - Concert
Albert Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AA
Rehearsal: 12.30 - 2.45pm
Concert: 3.30 - 5.30pm

Workshop Fees: £25

Less 10% discount if 2+ children from the same family

MfE runs a subsidised scheme for all courses, more details from the MfE office 0115 9589312

How to book

- Scan the QR code to go straight to the booking page.
- Book over the phone Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm
- Ask us for a paper form to complete and post with a cheque payable to 'Music for Everyone'.

Contact

admin@music-for-everyone.org
Music for Everyone, 10 Goose Gate, Hockley,
Nottingham NG1 1FF
0115 958 9312
@MfENotts
@MfENotts



Young Farmers Drive in Nativity

Leicestershire Young Farmers Clubs present...

DRIVE IN LIVING NATIVITY

Sunday 14th December 2025
Melton Mowbray Market, LE13 1JY
4.30pm

Listen to the Christmas story, from the comfort of your car, and watch the nativity scene appear before your eyes with real people, animals and farm machinery

For tickets visit tinyurl.com/drive-in-nativity2 or use this QR code, suggested donation £10 per car

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Multi Activity Camp over Christmas Holidays at St Mary's School



SUPER STAR SPORT

WINTER CAMP

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL HALL, ST MARY'S C OF E SCHOOL,
BRAMPTON ROAD, MELTON MOWBRAY, LE13 0NA

22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th Dec & 2nd Jan

FOR AGES 5 TO 13:
08:45AM - 15:15PM
FULL DAY: £20
FULL WEEK: £90.00

FOR 4 YEAR OLDS ONLY:
08:45AM - 12:45PM
HALF DAY: £15
HALF DAY FULL WEEK: £70.00

EARLY DROP OFF - FROM 8:15AM

LATE PICK UP - 3:15PM TO 4:30PM

FREE spaces for children who are entitled to benefit related free school meals.
Text 07963 324 799 to book your place

SCAN HERE

TO BOOK:
Visit www.superstarsport.co.uk
Go to "Book Now" & select your club!



26th November 2025

FREE Winter Holiday Camp Place for Your Child!

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to inform you that if your child is eligible for benefit-related free school meals, they are entitled to **4 days completely free** at one of our exciting Super Star Sport Holiday Camps this Winter Holiday.

The closest camp to your school is held at:

St Mary's C of E Primary School
Brampton Road,
Melton Mowbray
LE13 0NA

Super Star Sport Multi Activity Camps include a wide range of sports, games & activities, with the aim to encourage children to lead an active & healthy lifestyle. Our camps provide a fantastic opportunity for children to stay active, have fun, and make new friends in a safe and engaging environment.

To book your child's FREE place, please text 07963 324799 with the following details:

- Your child's full name
- Their age
- The name of our school
- The date(s) you would like to book

Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to book as soon as possible to secure your child's place.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Super Star Sport Midlands

Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre Winter Holiday Programme

WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

3 DAYS WITH A 1 DAY HAMPER (MON 22ND/TUES 23RD/WED 24TH)

OR

4 HOURS FOR 4 DAYS (MON 29TH/TUES 30TH/WED 31ST/FRI 2ND)

#HAF2025

SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK NOW!



Leicester City Council

Department for Education

Children's Mental Health Survey

HELP US IMPROVE ACCESS TO CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

We're collecting feedback on how families find information about mental health services for children.
Your input will help us understand how to make things better.
The anonymous survey takes five minutes to complete

COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE
<https://forms.office.com/e/eOD9wMbsAX>

Somali <https://forms.office.com/e/CRKMEabTyE>
Sahanka
Waalidka/Daryeelaha

Gujarati <https://forms.office.com/e/MWmyGnyDhr>
માતા-પિતા/સંભાળદારો
માટેનો સર્વે

Polish <https://forms.office.com/e/LeZawPRNau>
Ankieta dla
rodziców/opiekunów

Urdu <https://forms.office.com/e/kDRcywMran>
وال دین/کینئر بس روے

NHS
Leicestershire Partnership
NHS Trust

Please email aisha.jagot@nhs.net to request paper copies of the survey
This survey is produced by Leicester Partnership NHS Trust

Bling Your Bike/Scooter Competition

Good afternoon, all!

Hope you are well.

We're excited to share a fun opportunity for your pupils – the **Bling Your Bike/Scooter Competition** running throughout the whole of December 2025.

What's involved?

Primary school children who cycle or scoot to school are invited to decorate their bikes or scooters in the brightest, most creative way possible. It's a great way to celebrate active travel, encourage sustainable journeys, and make the school run safer and fun!

Why take part?

- Promotes creativity and safety whilst actively travelling to school.
- Supports sustainability and reduces congestion around school gates.
- Helps improve air quality by encouraging fewer car journeys.

How to enter:

- Take a photo of the decorated bike or scooter.
- Send it to choosehowyoumove@leics.gov.uk OR post on social media and tag us:
 - **Facebook:** Choose How You Move Leicester & Leicestershire
 - **Instagram:** @choosehowyoumove_
 - **X (Twitter):** @CHYMLEics

Prizes:

Winners will be announced on 07/01/2026 and will receive a prize of a Halfords gift voucher from the Choose How You Move team.

Please share this with your schools and encourage them to get creative – the more colourful and imaginative, the better! We will share any data we receive with yourselves. 😊

Any questions, please let us know!

Kind regards,

Saskia Clarkson (*she/her*)

Belvoir Castle Christmas Info



**FAMILY SAVER
TICKET**
at
BELVOIR CASTLE

29th November - 30th December 2025

**THE MORE, THE MERRIER &
THE BIGGER THE DISCOUNT!**

 Celebrate Christmas together with the Family Saver Ticket at Belvoir Castle. Whether you're a family of two or ten, create your own offer and enjoy amazing savings, only at belvoircastle.com

@belvoircastle 📍 Belvoir Castle, Grantham NG32 1PE



BELVOIR CASTLE
**Santa's
Grotto**

29th November - 30th December 2025

**No Christmas experience
is complete without a visit
to Father Christmas!**

Step into a magical moment with Santa, nestled inside the heart of Belvoir Castle. Your family will be welcomed into Santa's grotto for a joyful meet-and-greet and a heart-warming photo opportunity in a beautifully dressed, festive setting.



Build your perfect day as you book online:
Select your entry tickets first, then add Santa's Grotto
To book your festive day out, please visit belvoircastle.com



Term Dates

Autumn Term

August Bank Holiday: Monday 25th August 2025

School opens: Tuesday 26th August 2025

Half term break: Monday 20th to Tuesday 28th October 2025

School closes: Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term

School opens: Monday 5th January 2026

Half term break: Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026

School closes: Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term

School opens: Monday 13th April 2026

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

Half term break: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

School closes: Thursday 9th July 2026

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

Breakfast Club Mondays - Thursdays

Contact the office to book a place or text Kaye. **£4.00** per session.

Breakfast club runs from: **Monday to Thursday: 7:30 - 8:45am.**

Little Springers Gymnastics

Every **Friday** morning from **7:50 - 8:45am**

£4.00 per session (contact the office for more details and to add your child/ren).

After school Clubs

Our after school clubs run from 3:30 - 4:30pm from Monday - Friday. Each session costs **£4.50**

Clubs Timetable:

Monday 3:30 to 4:30pm - Art and Craft club in school

Tuesday 3.30 to 4.30pm - Sports club with Jude in school

Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm - Basketball with the Leicester Riders and Mrs Riley at the village hall

Thursday 3.30 - 4.30pm - sports club with James in school

Friday 3.30 - 4.30pm - Pick n Mix with Mr Vella-Blake in school

Arbor Payments

If you are using childcare vouchers to pay for clubs

- Load your payment onto your childcare voucher account
- Email school and let us know the amount you have in childcare vouchers for each child
- When the money lands in the Learn-AT bank account school will transfer that credit to you Arbor account and you will be able to book and pay for clubs
- There might be a slight delay in funds arriving in the bank account so please make sure you top up well in advance

Contact us

Please contact us via email at: office@sps.learnat.uk

or via phone on: 01664 444 282.

We have useful information including school policies, curriculum information and much more on our website: www.scalford.leics.sch.uk.