



Scalford School Newsletter 7th November 2025

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Welcome to our Newsletter 7th November 2025

I am not sure where to start when saying goodbye to the best place I have ever worked with the best team of people I have ever worked with.

Firstly I am truly sorry to be leaving, and although it is the right decision for me and I am looking forward to being a SENCO at another school in the trust, it is not a decision I took lightly.

I have so many happy memories of my time here. Laughing with the staff, trips with the children to PGL, little Dalby, Bradgate park, chess competitions, swimming; teaching in Base1 (which is where I started), and teaching in Base 2 and Base 3. It has been an absolute pleasure working with your lovely children over the past 9 years and getting to know you as families. I think one of my fondest memories will be the church services, they follow the rhythm of the seasons, lead the school year and underpin everything we do at Scaford.

This week has been very challenging and I have really appreciated the messages and chats and the warmth from you all. I have been at Scaford for 9 years, 3 years as headteacher and longer as SENCO, and it will be a very difficult day saying goodbye at Thrussington and Scaford.

I gave a collective worship today explaining to the children in a simple way what will be changing and what will stay the same. The staff team at Scaford and the governing body truly have the children's best interests at heart and it's that consistent team that will remain and be the steadying force that ensures the school will thrive. I am simply a cog in a very well oiled, fantastic team. I have worked hard with Mr Vella Blake and the governing body to create a secure and ambitious school development plan for this year. Ambitious targets have been set for all pupils to make sure all children make expected progress from their

starting point at the beginning of the year. A training programme to deliver the school improvements is in place drawing on training from the trust and other platforms, and fabulous enrichment trips and the work of the fabulous FOSS will all continue. All of these things will remain and continue next week and beyond, and I am sure Mr Tremarco, his assistant head teacher, the staff team and the governors will find more opportunities for development and improvement. Most importantly for your children, the fantastic teaching, nurture and care will continue in all classrooms led by the amazing staff team.

I will forever be grateful for having the opportunity to work at Scalford, making such wonderful friends and teaching such fabulous children. Thank you.

Mrs Wrightam

Dates for your diary

NOVEMBER

Tues 11th Remembrance Service in church all welcome 2.30pm

Fri 14th FOSS School disco 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Village Hall. See details below.

Fri 14th Children in Need. See details below.

Fri 21st Christingle Service in church 2.30pm all welcome

DECEMBER

Tues 9th Nativity in church 2pm

Wed 10th Nativity in church 6pm

Fri 19th Christmas service in church 2.30pm all welcome

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

JANUARY

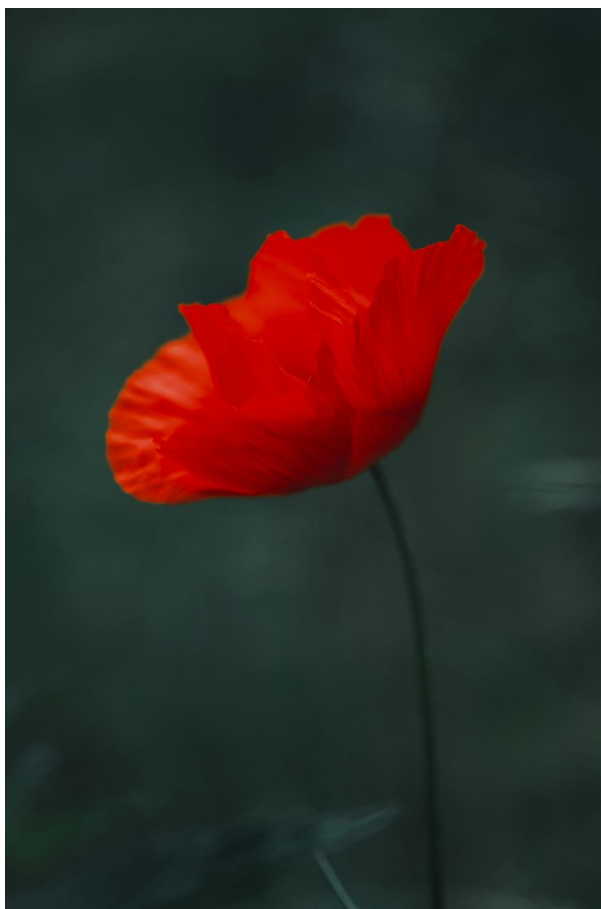
Mon 5th School opens for Spring Term

Poppy Appeal

The Year 6 children are still selling poppies and other items from the Royal British Legion at the beginning and end of each day.

If you'd like a poppy or something else from the Remembrance box, bring some change in to school.

There are no fixed prices, but if you're not sure, we suggest a donation of 50p per item.



FOSS School Disco

When: Friday 14th November, 5:30–7:00pm

Where: Scalford Village Hall

Cost: £3 per child (includes a hotdog and drink)

Get ready for an evening of **fun, games, and dancing** with our fantastic DJ! There will also be a **tuck shop** and **temporary tattoos** available for a small extra cost.

Please note: this event is **for Scalford pupils only** — we're sorry, but siblings and parents cannot attend.

To secure your place, please complete and return the attendance form to the school by Wednesday 12th November.



Children in Need

On Friday 14 November it is 'Children in Need' day. The School Council have decided what they would like to do to raise money. So, for a small donation, children may:

- come in non-uniform
- draw spots on their face
- bring a teddy

Children can do all these things, or choose just one or two. Lastly, School Council will be baking cupcakes to give one to every child in school. All dietary requirements will be catered for.



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

Let's Get Moving Melton Awards

The Let's Get Moving Melton Awards are back for the third consecutive year. Celebrating excellence and participation in sport, physical activity, and wellbeing, the 2025 awards aim to shine a light on individuals, teams, schools, and organisations who make a positive impact across the Melton Borough.

We have three awards focussed around school achievements and a four young people awards (awards criteria attached), so would welcome appropriate Headteachers/PE staff/Heads of Year/Teachers/parents to nominate pupils, school teams or school staff who deserve to be recognised. Nominations are crucial to showcase the amazing achievements of young people across the Melton Borough. We also have adult awards (awards criteria attached).

Nominations for the awards are now open, and will close on **Sunday 16th November 2025**. You can visit our website to nominate: www.melton.gov.uk/lgmawards

You can also read the Let's Get Moving Melton Awards Criteria here: [lets-get-moving-melton-awards-criteria.pdf](#).

The awards will take place on **Friday 23 January 2026, 6pm-10pm at the Banqueting Suite, Melton Mowbray**.

We would be grateful if you could help us to spread the word and encourage your colleagues/parents to nominate.

Kind Regards

Jake Betts

Strategic Lead - Healthy & Active Communities

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

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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
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St John's Church Christmas Wreath Festival

Hi Everyone at Salford 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

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<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



NHS Help Fast

This is a reminder that the NHS in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland is making it easier for people to get help quickly when they need it, and we are asking for your help to promote our messages to your service users and networks if possible.

We are promoting widely across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and are keen to share throughout your communities if possible. We have **information business cards, posters, reference guides, questionnaires and pull up banners** available. If you would be happy to receive any of these items for display, please do let me know. You can also see all of our

tools available by visiting <https://leicesterleicestershireandrutlandhwp.uk/partner-toolkit/need-help-fast-toolkit/> We also have pre-written messaging in our toolkit for any content you may need. If you would like any printed materials, please contact us at: llr.beinvolved@nhs.net

Getting NHS Help Fast

Since the pandemic, demand for services, including those at GP practices, has increased. We need to do things differently to address this demand and join services together to make it easier for patients to access care. We also need to increase care and services that prevent people being admitted to hospital and help people leave hospital faster.

The NHS in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland is also making it easier for people to get help quickly when they need it. We would therefore like to invite you to share your views and current experiences, to help improve services further.

For situations when your condition isn't life threatening, there are two simple steps you can take to get you the right care based on your specific symptoms.

- **Step 1:** You should try to manage the problem yourself or get help from a local pharmacy, NHS 111 online, or the NHS App.
- **Step 2:** If that doesn't work or the condition is more serious, you should contact your GP practice or NHS 111 (when your GP is closed). They will help book you the right appointment at the right place for your needs.

If you need to be seen on the same day, you might be offered an appointment at:

- Your own GP practice
- A pharmacy (through the Pharmacy First scheme)
- An urgent treatment centre
- An urgent care centre, or another GP practice or health centre (during evenings, weekends and bank holidays).

Other services

This information is about getting NHS help fast. You can visit www.leicesterleicestershireandrutland.icb.nhs.uk/need-help-fast for information on our other health services.

Have your say

To help us continue improving these services so they meet the needs of local people, we want to hear 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.

You can:

- Complete the questionnaire online.
<https://leicesterleicestershireandrutland.icb.nhs.uk/be-involved/need-help-fast-engagement/>
- Email 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.
- Write 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
- Follow our social channels: @NHS_LLRL.

Further information is available on our website.

www.leicesterleicestershireandrutland.icb.nhs.uk/need-help-fast

What happens next?

The feedback we receive will be independently analysed and will be used to help the ICB decide on any changes that are needed to same-day services and to improve how you get NHS services quickly when you need them.

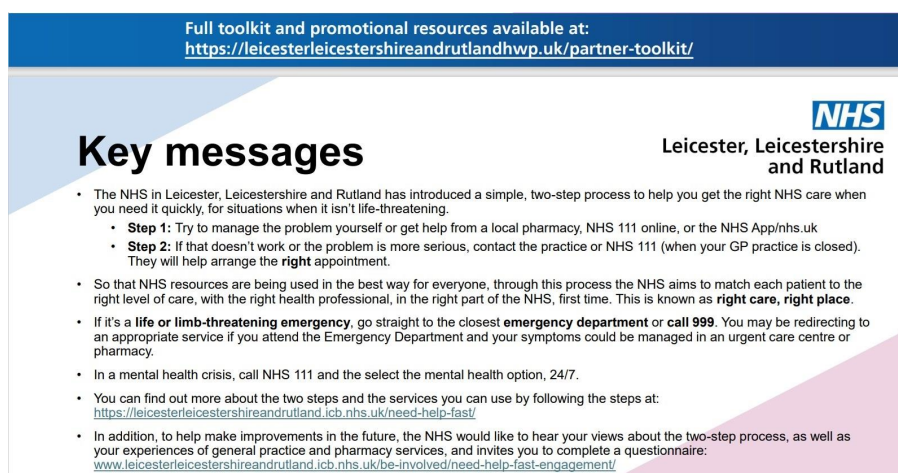
A report of findings will be published early next year setting out the main themes from the feedback and if any changes are made, a further report will detail how we have used the information to inform our decisions.

Any other feedback we receive will help inform and influence future services.

Many thanks for your help,

Kind regards

Engagement and Insights Team NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board

A poster titled 'Key messages' from NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. It provides information on how to access NHS services and how to get help. The poster includes a blue header with a link to the full toolkit and promotional resources. The main content is in a white box with a blue border. The NHS logo is in the top right corner. The text is in a clear, sans-serif font. The background of the poster is a light blue and white geometric pattern.

Full toolkit and promotional resources available at:
<https://leicesterleicestershireandrutlandhwp.uk/partner-toolkit/>

Key messages

NHS
Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

- The NHS in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland has introduced a simple, two-step process to help you get the right NHS care when you need it quickly, for situations when it isn't life-threatening.
 - Step 1:** Try to manage the problem yourself or get help from a local pharmacy, NHS 111 online, or the NHS App/nhs.uk
 - Step 2:** If that doesn't work or the problem is more serious, contact the practice or NHS 111 (when your GP practice is closed). They will help arrange the **right** appointment.
- So that NHS resources are being used in the best way for everyone, through this process the NHS aims to match each patient to the right level of care, with the right health professional, in the right part of the NHS, first time. This is known as **right care, right place**.
- If it's a **life or limb-threatening emergency**, go straight to the closest **emergency department** or **call 999**. You may be redirected to an appropriate service if you attend the Emergency Department and your symptoms could be managed in an urgent care centre or pharmacy.
- In a mental health crisis, call NHS 111 and select the mental health option, 24/7.
- You can find out more about the two steps and the services you can use by following the steps at:
<https://leicesterleicestershireandrutland.icb.nhs.uk/need-help-fast/>
- In addition, to help make improvements in the future, the NHS would like to hear your views about the two-step process, as well as your experiences of general practice and pharmacy services, and invites you to complete a questionnaire:
www.leicesterleicestershireandrutland.icb.nhs.uk/be-involved/need-help-fast-engagement/

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.