



Scalford School Newsletter 31st October 2025

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Welcome to our Newsletter 31st October 2025

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. Although it's been a short week for the children there is still lots of news to share.

On Wednesday we held the first Messy Fiesta of the school year. For those of you that don't know Messy Fiesta is when we spend the whole day learning about one of our Christian value words. The children work in their house groups with children from all year groups and take part in activities in school and the church to help us learn about and dig deeper into the chosen value word. This time the word was Hope. We started the day with a bible story in together in worship where we heard about the rainbow as a symbol of hope and a new start after the floods. In their houses the children talked and wrote about their aspirations, hopes and dreams of what they want to be when they grow up; heard a story, learnt a song, had a discussion about hope; created a collage of hope; and made Christmas decorations out of old bits of craft material to create something beautiful out of bits and bobs. The decorations will be displayed on our Christmas Tree of Hope during the tree festival in church in December and will then come home for you to hang on your own tree. The collage is on display in the church. Messy Fiesta is a wonderful way to start the new half term and what better way to start than with Hope.

On that note we hope you all had a restful and fun half term break with your families.

The year 6 children have been very busy this week following their successful Tenner Challenge event on the last Friday of term. Thank you to everyone who came along. The totals are in and the raffle has been drawn, see the report below for more details.

I am sure there are lots of excited children today thinking about crafts, sweets and dressing up. We wish you all a fun Friday night and a restful weekend.

Mrs Wrightam

Tenner Challenge - WINNERS!

Congratulations to Elaina who won Jack's very popular raffle and goes home with a huge basket of goodies! It'll come as no surprise that Jack was our champion fundraiser, making a whopping £54 profit! Congratulations to Billy, who has won Ellis's teddy after correctly guessing that its name was Richard. Congratulations to Mrs Riley, whose guess was closest to the correct number of jelly beans in Thomas's jar. Congratulations to Dave Cave, who won Harvey's raffle prize. Lastly, a huge well done to the Y6 children who managed to raise £220!





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

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

JANUARY

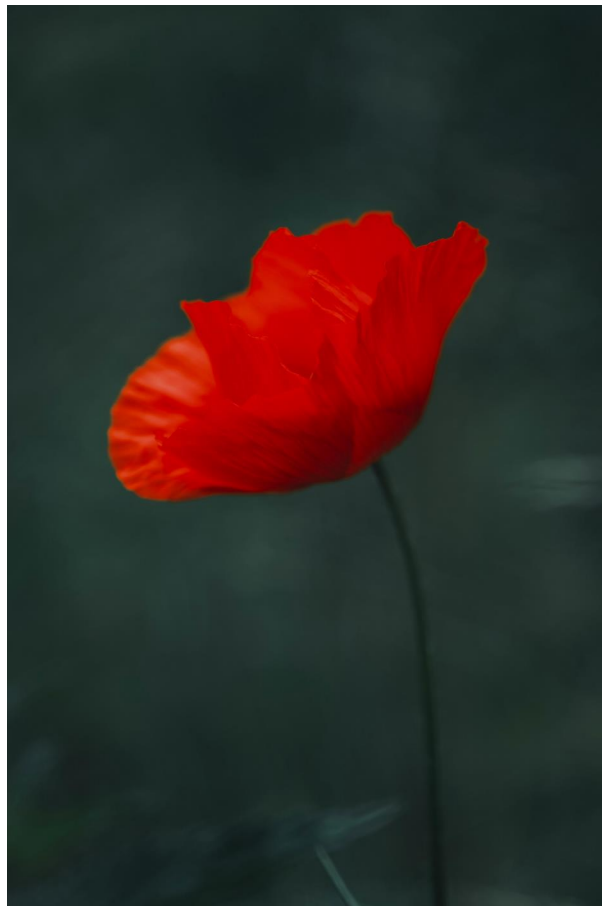
Mon 5th School opens for Spring Term

Poppy Appeal

The Year 6 children will be selling poppys 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 to school next week.

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.



Long Field Cross Country

Apologies for the delay in including this in the newsletter:

Our cross country participants on Saturday 4th October at Long Field Spencer Academy were AMAZING with both parents, family & children battling the strong winds!

For 2 of our children, it was their first ever cross country race & they both did fantastically well with Valentina coming a brilliant 13th place in the Y3/4 girls race & Poppy getting a medal in the Y1/2 fun run.

William ran a super Y3/4 boys race gaining a superb 12th place!

Emrys' Y5/6 boys race had some tough competitors & a lot of children taking part but, as always, he ran the entire race with the biggest smile on his face coming in with a very respectable 40th place.

In the Y5/6 girls race, Fleur ran well & is very proud of finishing in 7th place.

Thank you to all the children & their parents for the wonderful support & team spirit that they showed today towards each other - they were an absolute credit to the school.

Attendance

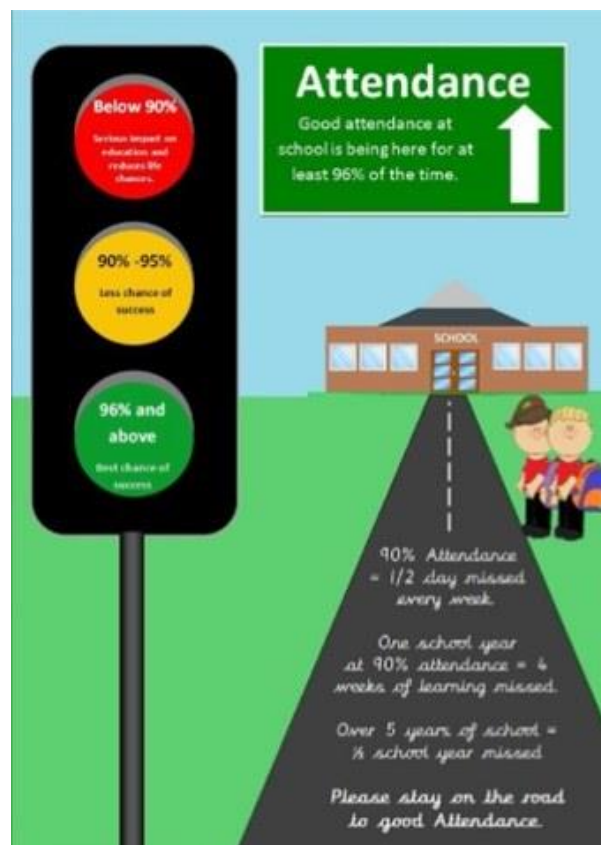
A reminder of how important regular attendance in school is for children's attainment but also their social and emotional well being.

This is useful link to a page with some good statistics showing the link between good attendance and attainment. <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/09/02/back-to-school-week-everything-you-need-to-know-about-school-attendance/>

When a child's attendance is below 90% they are classed as persistently absent and we are required to report on this as a school. Check your arbor app for your child's current attendance percentage.

We practise a support first policy at Scalford School and I would like to think that conversations and support happens before a child's attendance dips as low as 90%. We also recognise that there are many reasons why a child might need to be absent from school.

If you are struggling and need some support please do come and have a chat.



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

Rotary Club Competitions

After the success last year of Young Musician of the Year, The Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray are excited to be able to offer a wider variety of opportunities for the children in our local schools and the wider community. They are looking for children to enter the youth competitions over the course of this school year including;

Young Musician,

Young Photographer

Young Environmentalist (Can enter as a team)

Young Artist

Young Writer

Melton's Got Talent.

Please use the following links to Register:

[Entry form for The Rotary Young Musician of the Year 2025/26](#)

[Registration of interest for Rotary Young Artist Competition 2025](#)

[Registration of interest for Rotary Young Environmentalist Competition 2025](#)

[Registration of interest for Rotary Young Photographer Competition 2025](#)

[Registration of interest for Rotary Writer Competition 2025](#)

The deadline dates are on the right.

Rotary Melton Mowbray ROTARY YOUTH COMPETITIONS 2025 - 2026		
COMPETITION		DEADLINE
	YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR	15 th Nov 2025
	YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR	15 th Nov 2025
	YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALIST OF THE YEAR	01 st Dec 2025
	YOUNG ARTIST OF THE YEAR	01 st Feb 2026
	YOUNG WRITER OF THE YEAR	28 th Feb 2026
	MELTONS GOT TALENT	11 th Apr 2026

ALL WINNERS FROM EACH COMPETITION WILL BE PASSED
THROUGH TO THE DISTRICT FINALS DURING SPRING TERM

Rotary Stars Of The Year (ages 6 to 11 years)
Nominations can be submitted via your headteacher

For enquiries, contact:
rotarywibmelton@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

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

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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

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 with Mrs Wrightam

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.