Isham CofE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

6th November 2026

Message from the Head...

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break with your families. The days may be growing cooler but we have a wonderfully warm and busy term ahead, filled with exciting learning opportunities and festive school events, starting in just a couple of weeks with our choir performing in the Wellingborough Rotary Christmas concert at The Castle theatre. Christmas is just around the corner!

Lydia Meek

A few notes:

- **Oak** values family mufti day is on Wednesday 11th November
- Reminder - please book your parents evening slot via Arbor

Well Done to...

Honourable Mentions for....

Reception

Mya – for fantastic phonics – beautiful sounding writing and great making of simple words using our sound tiles.
Rocco – for making a beautiful pig using recycleble materials
Ezra – for being kind and sharing with others.
Ophelia & Noah – for great movements in out PE lesson showing good control.
Brew - for getting stuck in and trying new activities.

Year 1 & 2

Mila & Mya - for being great role models to the younger children in our class.
Cleo & Noah - for some great phonics.
Ethan - for being kind to all of the children in our class.

Year 3 & 4

Edward - for his confidence with swimming this term. We are so proud of how far you have come and you should be too!
Lily - for her much improved spellings and handwriting. She has been working so hard and it's really paying off!
Florence - for her hard work, focus and determination in all lessons. Keep it up. We are very proud!
Blue - for his brilliant, accurate work in maths when comparing and ordering numbers.

Year 5 & 6

Maisie and Hugh - for fantastic effort and hard work in all areas of the curriculum.
Grace - for fantastic home learning.
Harsha - for showing lots of maturity over the last half term.

Sports Awards

A big well done to our Sporting Superstars this term:

Reception: Tobias – for listening carefully to instructions in our PE lessons and for moving his body in imaginative ways.

Year 1: Fred - for some great work in our football and basketball lessons this term.

Year 2: Tion - for some great work in our football and basketball lessons this term.

Year 3: Oliver - for giving every football lesson 100% and working incredibly hard for his team.

Year 4: Charlie - for consistently being an excellent sportsman and member of any team.

Year 5: Matilda - for improving her skills in football.

Year 6: Luna - for her ballroom dancing improvement.





Value of the term - Respect

First, a huge thank you for your incredible support with our previous value, Love. We were completely overwhelmed by the wonderful love tasks returned to school! This term, our focus turns to Respect.

We will be exploring respect in all its forms—understanding how to show respect for ourselves, for others, for differing opinions and cultures, and for the environment around us. We want our children to appreciate that while everyone is unique, every single person deserves to be treated with dignity, kindness, and fairness. They will learn the 'Golden Rule;'



Our Values Heroes

To help bring this value to life, the children will be learning about three inspirational Values Heroes who demonstrated and/or promoted extraordinary respect throughout their lives:

- **Martin Luther King Jr.**: Showing respect through equality, standing up for civil rights, and treating every person with justice and fairness regardless of their background.
- **Benjamin Zephaniah**: Showing respect through self-expression, honoring different voices and cultures through poetry, and advocating for unity and social justice.
- **Walter Tull**: Showing respect through courage and breaking barriers, earning honor as one of the UK's first Black professional football players and a pioneering Army officer.

Please don't forget the challenges in the Values Passport for this term! Whether it's helping out without being asked, listening carefully to others, or showing care for their local area, we can't wait to see how the children put respect into action.













Year 3 & 4 Stone Age Day

In Year 3 and 4 we launched our new History learning theme with a day centred around the stone age. We spent the day learning practically about aspects of stone age life. We learnt about their diet by analysing some stone age poo and making a fruit stew. We learnt about Stonehenge and had a go at building our own versions. We learnt about stone age animals and told stories around the 'fire.' We worked in caves to create some cave art and we played some stone age charades. A great day was had by all with lots of practical learning and it was wonderful to see so many brilliant outfits, the children all looked amazing!









Sandplay toys and figurines

Are you having a pre-Christmas clear-out? Please consider donating unwanted toys and figurines to the school for Sandplay therapeutic interventions.

I would be grateful for:

·People: superheroes; nurses, police officers, farmers, soldiers and other professionals; families; fictional characters etc.

·Animals: dinosaurs; farm animals; wild animals; mythical creatures etc.

·Structures and landscape: blocks (not Lego); buildings; caves; mountains; trees; stones and shells etc.

·Transport: cars; tractors; spaceships; ice cream vans; fire engines; tanks etc.

Toys need to be in good condition. No Lego, please! Not too big – roughly hand-sized.

Please leave donations in the box inside the reception area.

Many thanks,
Mrs Tattersdale







Christmas Jumpers!

With the festive season fast approaching, we know how quickly children grow out of their festive clothes—and how a Christmas jumper often only gets worn once or twice before it's outgrown!

To help everyone get the absolute maximum wear out of their festive clothes, we are inviting all children to wear a Christmas Jumper or t-shirt every Wednesday throughout December!

- **Wednesday, 2nd December**
- **Wednesday, 9th December (Panto Trip)**
- **Wednesday, 16th December (Christmas Church Service and Christmas Fair)**

Whether it's a festive jumper, t-shirt, or simply something sparkly, we look forward to seeing the children light up the school in their festive gear each week!

(Note: Standard school trousers/skirts/shoes should still be worn as usual on these days.)





Dates for your Diary...

- **Friday 13th November -** BBC Children in Need
- **Monday 16th November -** Odd Socks Day for anti-bullying week
- **Mon 16th - Thurs 19th November -** Book Fair Week
- **Wednesday 18th November -** Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7pm
- **Thursday 19th November -** Parents Evening 3:30pm - 5.30pm
- **Monday 30th November -** 9am Music Assembly
- **Monday 30th November –** EYFS/KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal at 2.00pm, for Grandparents only
- **Tuesday 1st December –** EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance for Parents: 2.00pm and 5.30pm
- **Wednesday 9th December -** Whole School Panto Trip
- **Wednesday 9th December -** Christmas Jumper Day
- **Friday 11th December -** Mufti Day for FOIS Christmas Tombola (info to follow)
- **Friday 11th December -** Christmas Dinner Day - book online via The Pantry
- **Wednesday 16th December -** Christmas Church Service at 2pm St Peter's Church - All Welcome
- **Wednesday 16th December -** Christmas Fair at school - (after Church service)
- **Friday 18th December -** LAST DAY OF TERM
- **Monday 4th January -** Teacher Training Day (School Closed)
- **Tuesday 5th January -** Start of Term - School Re-opens to pupils

Online safety is about more than technology

It is an important part of keeping children safe, happy and healthy. As children spend more time online to learn, socialise and explore, it is important that they have the knowledge, skills and support to use the internet confidently and safely.

Creating safety online is not about making children afraid of the digital world. It is about building open conversations, encouraging positive choices and helping them know where to go for support when something doesn't feel right. By taking an interest in children's online lives and talking regularly about their experiences, we can help them enjoy the benefits of technology while staying safe.

This short video helps to highlight how easily children can be exposed to risk and what parents and carers can do to help safeguard them. Please watch this with children to help start the conversation: https://youtu.be/Jk-sD2zYzmk?si=CdQmlyoMLSwHqaSx

For more information and practical advice, visit: Keeping Children Safe Online | NSPCC

Safeguarding

Child Protection Lead + Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Lydia Meek
Deputy Safeguarding Leads
Mr Philip Bailey & Mrs Amy Johnson
Visit our School Safeguarding webpages: https://isham-cofe-primary-school.secure-primarysite.net/safeguarding-1/

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
If there is no immediate danger or if you need advice, contact the Northamptonshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub: Telephone: **0300 126 7000 (option 1);**
Email: **MASH@nctrust.co.uk**

WRAPAROUND PROVISION

SUPER STAR SPORT



Isham C of E Primary School

18 Church Street, Isham, Kettering, NN14 1HD

Morning Club

3rd Sept - 18th Dec

Monday
Lego

Tuesday
Arts and Crafts

07:30-08:45 £4.00

Wednesday
Dodgeball

Thursday
Cricket

08:00-08:45 £3.50

Friday
Gymnastics



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After School Club

3rd Sept - 18th Dec

Monday
Football

15:15-16:15 £4.00

Tuesday
Dodgeball

Wednesday
Basketball

15:15-17:00 £5.25

Thursday
Nerf Mayhem

15:15-17:30 £6.00

Friday
Gymnastics

15:15-18:00 £8.00

Activities will run for the first hour of the provision and then our club will turn into a fun and exciting wraparaound club where your children will be fed a snack.

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19th December | **12-2pm**

Barton Seagrave Village Hall
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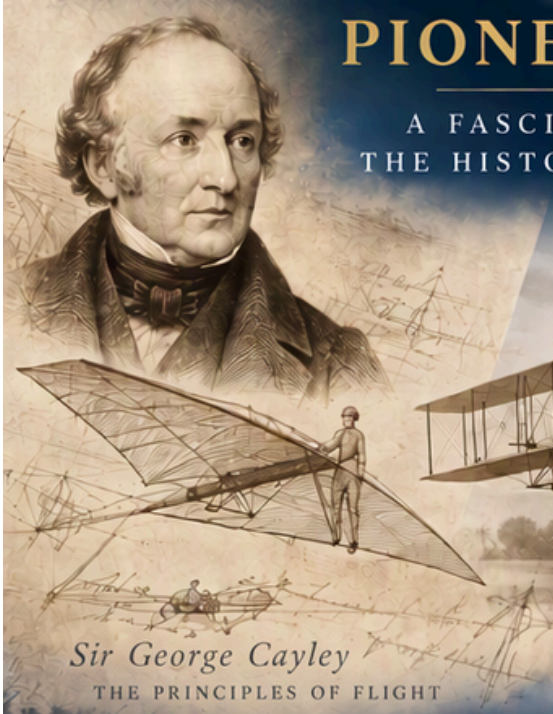

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A FASCINATING JOURNEY THROUGH
THE HISTORY OF AVIATION INNOVATION

PEOPLE
IDEAS
DISCOVERIES
INNOVATION
A HIGHER TOMORROW



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SIR GEORGE CAYLEY
and his groundbreaking work establishing the scientific principles of flight

KEY INNOVATIONS
A journey through time exploring pioneering discoveries

DEMONSTRATION
of laminar airflow and its importance in flight

BERNOULLI'S PRINCIPLE
explored through active audience participation

WEDNESDAY
18 NOVEMBER

7.15pm - 8.00pm

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open LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

Curiosity today.
A brighter tomorrow.

book wrapt
retreat. relax. read

FAMILY BOOK EVENT

CELEBRATING

JÓLABÓKAFLÓÐ

The Icelandic tradition of giving books on Christmas Eve

SUNDAY
29TH NOVEMBER

1 – 4 PM

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