










# Our Weekly Bulletin

## Friday 1st May 2026

### **“Courage When Life Feels Scary”**

 <b>Honeybee</b>	 <b>Carpenter Bee</b>	 <b>Nectar</b>
<p><i>Gwen and Ted for your super writing. You included all of the features I was looking for and you remembered to check your sentences as you wrote. Well done!</i></p> <p><i>Oliver for working so hard in maths this week. You have been showing me your excellent focus during independent tasks. Well done!</i></p>	<p><i>Flissy for always being the best she can be, Throughout the year, she has taken on feedback to improve her learning and has shown courage to not give up even when she has found something difficult.</i></p> <p><i>Niamh and Freddie for writing fabulous openings to their sequels of me and you. They have understood the idea of quality over quantity which has meant the accuracy of their writing has improved hugely. Well done both of you!</i></p>	<p><i>Laily and Ralph for putting an incredible amount of effort into their handwriting. They are always working with focus, determination and a clear commitment to improve (which is not always easy) Well done.</i></p> <p><i>Georgie, for her thoughtful contributions in Geography this term. Georgie regularly adds to class discussion and often brings wider links. Well done Georgie!</i></p>
 <b>Honeycomb</b>	 <b>Pollinator</b>	 <b>BeeKeeper</b>
<p><i>April and Ted DH for thoughtful and insightful influences in reading lessons this week. You really enhanced our class discussions.</i></p> <p><i>Freddie J for improved focus and listening skills recently. You have acted on advice regarding how to listen actively and with your whole body. Keep up the outstanding learning.</i></p>	<p><i>Josh for his statistics work, reading information from tables – well done.</i></p> <p><i>Finn C, Etta and Marcus for insightful reading of poetry, well done.</i></p>	<p><i>Elijah, Samuel, Aoife, Emilia, Ziva, Alba and Alfred for their fantastic mood boards in art. They thought carefully about the brief they had been given and considered different options and styles.</i></p> <p><i>Scott for his excellent work in Fractions this week – he is really pushed himself and managed to complete all of the tasks set</i></p>
 <b>Bumblebee</b>		
<p><i>Amelia for showing great determination this week when learning how to skip with a rope. She kept practising and didn't give up, managing to skip three times in a row independently. Well done!</i></p> <p><i>Mabel and Evelyn for excellent progress with their throwing and catching skills in PE. Well Done!</i></p>		

## Relationship and Sex Education

Our current Relationships, Sex and Health Education policy and curriculum is undergoing its periodic review. The relationship and health elements of the curriculum are statutory for all children. The 'sex' elements are referred to as 'My body and me'. On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 3.30-5.30pm, the resources and lesson plans will be available if anyone would like to see them.

Following this, the school's policy will be reviewed at the end of May ready for the 'My body and me' lessons to be taught in June/July this year. A letter will be sent nearer the time as parents can request children to be removed from the non-statutory elements.

## Curriculum workshops

We are holding a variety of workshops this term for parents. Our first set of workshops are around the school's curriculum. Book a slot to find out more about what your child is learning in the wider curriculum and how you can best support them at home. Please see the poster at the back of this bulletin.

## SEND update

There has been a lot in the news at present regarding the proposed changes to the SEND system for schools and colleges. We are holding a short information session on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm to outline what is currently known and how we as a school will continue to support. The session is suitable for parents with children currently on the SEND register but also those parents who feel their child might have a need which is currently not identified.

## Swimming Helpers

We will very shortly be opening up the swimming pool! Further details for this will be sent shortly but, in advance of this, could you please let us know if you can commit to any of the following every week for 7 weeks:

Tuesday 09.00am to 3pm	Monday Fun Swim 3.15-4.45pm
Thursday 09.00am to 3pm	Tuesday Fun Swim 3.15-4.45pm
Wednesday Fun Swim 3.15-4.45pm	Thursday Fun Swim 3.15-4.45pm
Friday Fun Swim 3.15-4.45pm	Saturday Morning Quiet Swims

Any parent who volunteers to be a weekly helper will automatically have their children in both of the swimming sessions on the day.

## Colour Run!

We're excited to announce that Ropley will be hosting our second Colour Run to raise funds for our wonderful school. Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

Tickets can be purchased on class list [ClassList](#)

The Colour Run is a unique, non-competitive and fun event which we hope the kids will enjoy. It is about colours, having fun and staying fit. The kids will run along parts of the school grounds and as they pass colour stations, they will have special colour powder thrown at them by parent and teacher volunteers.

Tickets will be £8 per child, £14 for 2 children and £18 for 3 or more children in the same family for the run and a stamp will be provided to take part. Please bring your child's swimming goggles or a pair of glasses to the event. The Tichborne Arms will also be selling delicious food - perfect for kids tea + adults! On the day, please collect your child as normal and take them to the school field where the colour run will take place. With kind thanks to Hillary Groundworks and Tichborne Arms for sponsoring our colour run.



## **Support with your Tesco shop!**

We have been successful in being selected to take part in the Tesco Grants Programme! From Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April until the end of July, parents, families and friends will have the opportunity to support our school simply by voting in store at Tesco. The project that receives the highest number of votes across the region will be awarded £1,500.

**How to vote:** Make a purchase in one of the Tesco stores listed below (any value counts). You will receive one blue token per transaction. Place your token in the Ropley Primary School slot in the token box. Every token makes a difference- please encourage friends and family to vote for us too.

- The following Tesco's stores will be participating: -
- Kings Worthy Express, SO23 7ND
- Winchester Extra, SO23 7RS
- Harestock Express, SO22 6JN
- High Street Winchester Express, SO23 9AS
- Alresford Express, SO24 9AQ
- Market Winchester Express, SO23 7BT

## **Holiday Club**

You may recall from a previous bulletin that Soccer Schools are no longer based at Ropley for their holiday clubs. This was a great shame for the local families but the provision had grown too big for the school with the hall not large enough to facilitate the numbers. We are delighted to confirm we have a new holiday club who will be based at the school starting this half term: JC Sports. Please find attached the poster at the end of this bulletin for further details.

***WHILST THE WEBSITE SAYS FOOTBALL CLUB, IT IS FAR MORE THAN THIS!***



# 2026 Diary Dates

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R trip to Birdworld Coffee & Curriculum Parent W/Shop at 9am (St Peter's) SEND Parent Talk at St. Peter's Church at 2pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Cake & Curriculum Parent Workshop at 2pm (St Peter's) Curriculum Parent Workshop at 6pm (St Peter's Church)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photographs
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Choir Performing at Amery Hill: Night at the Musicals
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	End of Summer 1 Half Term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	PRAM RACE – Ropley Recreational Ground
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Inset Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-School Uniform Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (9.15am to 12pm) Picnic lunch on rec)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Trip to Watercress Line Colour Run Fundraiser
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 2 Trip to Southsea
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Trip to Longleat Safari
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year R Trip to New House Farm Year 6 Leavers' Service, Winchester Cathedral (children only)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Trip to Isle of Wight
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Trip to Paultons Park
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Piano and Violin Music Recital (St. Peter's Church) 2-3pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Drums, Guitar and Ukelele Music Recital (St. Peter's) 2-3pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	ROPFEST from 3.30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Service at 10am
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of Academic Year 2025/26 (Finish 1.05pm)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Inset Day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Inset Day

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# EGGAR'S SCHOOL OPEN MORNING CURRICULUM SHOWCASE



## Saturday 11 July

09:00-12:00



**SCAN HERE TO BOOK NOW:**

Or visit: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/eggars-school>



JCSPORTS

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DAY

Save up to 20%. With multi-session booking

MAY HALF TERM

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26<sup>TH</sup> MAY - 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY

8:30AM TO 4:30PM DAILY

AGES 4-12

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RANGE OF SPORTS

CHILDCARE

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# Our school pool needs you!

We are looking for generous local businesses to sponsor our wonderful school swimming pool for the 2026 season!

- \*Your business name on an all-weather A1 poster attached to the inside of the swimming pool fence with an active qr code to your website.
- \*Logo present on all pool marketing/ future fundraising and emails.
- \*Potential for further advertising opportunities at fundraising events.
- \*Discount on pool hire opportunities.
- \*No ongoing obligation or commitment.

£495 per business

Help keep this amazing resource going!

**Please email [ropleytadpoles@gmail.com](mailto:ropleytadpoles@gmail.com)**



## Coffee, Cake and Curriculum

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 9am

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm

at St. Peter's Church

We warmly invite you to our information evening where you can find out more detail about our wider curriculum for children in Years 1-6. During the session you can find out what your children learn in subjects such as History, Science, Art & Design, Design & Technology and Geography.

Come and join us for coffee and cake to find out more about the school's curriculum here at Ropley Church of England Primary School.

Click [HERE](#) to book



# BRAMDEAN FETE

Saturday 9th May


2pm-4.30pm

**Bramdean  
House Gardens  
SO24 0JU**  
Assistance dogs  
only.

**£2.50 entry**  
Cash preferred  
(under 16s free)

Plants, Toys,  
Home Produce,  
Magpie, Gifts,  
Books, Bar, Teas,  
Ab Fab - nearly  
new clothes,

Bottle Stall,  
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and much more!  
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welcome)



For all inquiries, please contact Alex Hardie on  
01962 771354 or email: [family.hardie@gmail.com](mailto:family.hardie@gmail.com)

# THE SWELLING HILL POND DIG

**1-4 May (Fri-Mon) 2026**  
**Swelling Hill Pond, Four Marks**  
SO24 0DA what3words: bumpy.sparkles.enacts

One of the most picturesque, yet mysterious ponds in Hampshire holds **12,000 years** worth of secrets; including **Stone Age settlements**, Roman rituals, Tudor tile kilns, **Civil War skirmishes**, Victorian villages and much more. Now an archaeological excavation has been organised by the Ropley History Network & Archive to shine light on what has taken place at this idyllic pond over the millennia.

Please come along to visit:

**Friday: 1pm-3pm**

**Saturday & Sunday: 11am-3pm**

**Monday: 12pm-2pm**

Refreshments for sale on site.

No registration needed



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# Ropley Horticultural Society



Summer Show

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2026

## Grow for the Show

**Any Vegetable plant grown from seed** - max. pot size 17cm (6½ inches) internal.

Two age categories

- 6 years and under
- 7 to 12 years



## Plant seeds in May

See our website for more details, and other classes that children can enter.

[www.ropleyhs.org.uk](http://www.ropleyhs.org.uk)



Suggested plants – cherry tomato, French beans, chili pepper, bell pepper, or any other vegetable plant of your choice.