

Friday 25th April 2025

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APPRECIATION ♥ BELONGING ♥ COMPASSION

In Christ, we who are many are one body and each member belongs to one another

WELCOME BACK!

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to the summer term after a particularly glorious and warm Easter break; what a difference the sunshine makes! We hope you all enjoyed the time away and managed to relax and refresh.

This term there is, as always, lots happening at school. Please keep an eye on the diary dates page on the newsletter as this is updated as events are booked into the school diary. We are also updating the curriculum page with this half terms topic web. Do take a look so that you know what your child will be learning this half term.

Our older children took part in a river and water safety workshop today as a precursor to their visit to the River Arle over the coming weeks where the children will learn about river journeys from source to sea. Each class will observe and learn about the geography of the surrounding environment.

Children in years 1 to 4 also took part in a cricket festival this week. We welcomed back Steph from Shine Cricket who introduced the children to the game; they all really enjoyed their sessions! If your daughter would like to continue to play cricket, please see the poster on page 4 which has details of girls cricket sessions being offered at Ropley Rec.

Finally, we have had some building work completed over the Easter break and the Hive is now a dedicated classroom. Our **Extended Day** provision will operate from the hall moving forward so parents should drop off and collect children via the **main entrance**. Please ring the doorbell and one of the Extended Day staff will welcome your child.

GILBERT WHITE MUSEUM

Today the children in Years 1 and 2 have visited Gilbert White Museum in Selborne to launch this term's science topic of plants, habitats and lifecycles. They took part in workshops linked to this topic: Bugs and Birds, Roots, Shoots and Fruits, Skin and Bones and Hunting and Tracking and had a great time. A very big thank you to the additional adults who volunteered to accompany the children on the trip - **Mrs Wicks, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Moore, Mrs Upton, Mrs Irwin and Mrs Smith**. There will be lots of photos on our website next week so please keep an eye out for them.



POSTER COMPETITION

Our school was invited to enter a competition to design a flag for the new development in Alresford. Lots of children have been working really hard both in their lunch break and at home, to design some absolutely amazing posters! Before submitting them we will take photos for the website so that you can see how creative the children have been. The winning entry will be awarded a £50 voucher and we will let you know who that is as soon as we know! Well done to everyone who entered.



ROPLEY SCHOOL - COLOUR RUN

06.06.2025 - 3:30pm to 4:30pm - details to follow



BIG GARDEN SPRING CLEAN—REMINDER!

Calling on the help of Ropley parents, can we ask for a couple of hours of your time, **Saturday 26th April 1pm-3pm?**

Chair of Governors, Sarah Densham, and Mrs Howling will be at school, sweeping, pruning, tidying and clearing the endless grounds of the school site. We are looking for additional man power to help us in our quest! Are you able to help for a couple of hours? The more manpower we have the quicker the job gets done! If you are happy to bring your own gloves and tools, that would be helpful, including brooms, rakes, pruners and spades. Please just come along tomorrow afternoon!



CALLING ALL YOUNG MUSICIANS!

Hampshire music service offer an orchestra for young instrumentalists, who rehearse in our local area - the Alton Ensemble. They are a small and friendly group of players who come together from across the Alton area, ranging in age from 7 to 14. They rehearse in term time on a Tuesday, 4.30-5.30pm at Amery Hill School. The music they play is perfect for beginners up to grade 4 and we welcome all instruments (currently we have violins, brass and woodwind).

If your child plays an instrument and would like to come along, they would really like to welcome them to their:

****New Players Rehearsal on Tuesday 29th April, 4.30-5.30pm in Amery Hill School****

To sign up for this rehearsal, please complete the google form found here: <https://forms.gle/TegeucUf6KdVuFPs7>
If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact jessica.deal@hms.hants.gov.uk

Happy Birthday to all the children who have their birthday in this week:

William G

Thank you to Finn W who has bought a fantastic book for the library for his birthday. Mrs Howling will put a sticker in the front with his name on it.

If you would like to donate a book, or something else, for your child's birthday, the link to our wish list is:

<https://amzn.eu/bXvpSme>

In worship this week, the children were reminded of our school rules and how we all belong to the Ropley School Family. They thought about all the ways that we belong together, how we are the same and how we are different and what the expectations are in school. We all have a part to play in making every member of our school community feel safe and happy and that we all belong together.

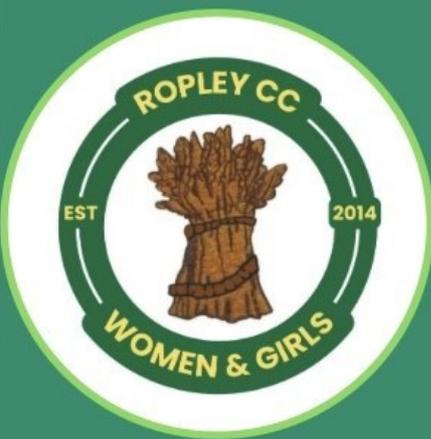


SUMMER TERM 2024/25

Sat 26th Apr	Spring Grounds Clear Up! Come along and help to clean up our grounds. 1pm to 3pm
Wed 30th Apr	School Nurses National Child Measurement Programme Summer Born Year R Honeycomb Class—River Arle Study
Thurs 1st May	Bumblebee Visit to Newhouse Farm, Alresford
Mon 5th May	Inclusion Hub, 8.45am-9.30am, Staff Room
Tues 6th May	Nectar Class—River Arle Study
Mon 12th May	SATs Week starts - Year 6
Mon 19th May	Beekeeper Class—River Arle Study
Wed 21st May	Full Governing Body, 6pm
Fri 23rd May	End of Summer Half Term 1
Mon 26th May	Ropley Pram Race, 10.30am to 12 noon at the Rec
Mon 2nd June	INSET Day
Tue 3rd June	Return to School for Summer 2
Fri 6th June	Colour Run, 3.30pm - Details to Follow!
Tue 10th June	School Nurses Vision Screening - Autumn and Spring Born Year R
Fri 13th June	Class Photos
Wed 18th June	Year 6 Winchester Cathedral Leavers Trip Years 3, 4 and 5 Trip to Marwell Zoo
Mon 23rd June	Inclusion Hub, 8.45am-9.30am, Staff Room
Fri 27th June	Sports Day - Full details will be sent out soon
Fri 4th July	Reserve Sports Day
Thur 10th July	Full Governing Body, 6pm
Tues 15th July	Year 5 Taster Day at Perins School Nurses Vision Screening - Summer Born Year R
Mon 21st July	Year 6 Leavers Party, 3.15pm
Tues 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers Service at St Peter's, 10.30am End of Summer Term 2024/25



FREE WOMEN'S AND GIRL'S CRICKET TASTER SESSION



Monday 28th April
18:00-19:00



Women

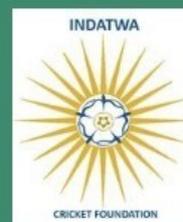
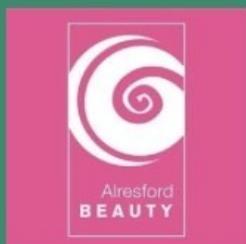
Years 4-11

All ages and level of experience welcome

U9 | U11 | U13 | U16 Women

Ropley Cricket Club, Vicarage Lane,

Ropley, SO24 0DU



The Ashes BBQ & The Ropley Sports Bar will be OPEN



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Autism Central is here to help!



South East Hub



Sometimes, talking to people who share similar experiences to yours means you're more likely to feel understood and get the support you need.

Request for Support by scanning the QR code or emailing visiting www.aspens.org.uk/autism-central-south-east-hub



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South East Hub



FREE Online Parent & Carer Workshops

April 2025 Timetable

- Touch Workshop, Online Workshop**
Tuesday 1st April, 10:00-11:00
- Need to Talk, Online Session**
Wednesday 2nd April, 13:00-13:45
- InfoZone Drop-in, Maidstone, Kent**
Friday 4th April, 12:00-13:30
- Sleep, Online Workshop**
Monday 7th April, 10:00-11:30
- ARFID, Online Workshop**
Tuesday 8th April, 11:00-12:30
- Need to Talk, Online Session**
Wednesday 9th April, 13:00-13:45
- Getting Extra Help at School, Online Workshop**
Tuesday 15th April, 13:00-14:30
- Need to Talk, Online Session**
Wednesday 16th April, 13:00-13:45
- Sensory - Touch, Online Workshop**
Thursday 17th April, 10:00-11:00
- Personal Budgets & Employing PAs, Online Workshop**
Tuesday 22nd April, 10:00-11:30
- Body Awareness, Online Workshop**
Wednesday 23rd April, 10:00-11:00
- Need to Talk, Online Session**
Wednesday 23rd April, 13:00-13:45
- Executive Functioning, Online Workshop**
Thursday 24th April, 10:00-11:30
- Understanding Autistic Overwhelm, Online Workshop**
Monday 28th April, 10:00-11:30
- Sips & Giggles Café Drop-in, Wick, Littlehampton**
Monday 28th April, 10:00-12:00
- Neurodiversity & Self-harm, Online Workshop**
Tuesday 29th April, 17:00-19:00
- Rocket's Sensory & Soft Play Drop-in, Teterden, Kent**
Wednesday 30th April, 10:00-11:30
- Need to Talk, Online Session**
Wednesday 30th April, 13:00-13:45

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**A happy school where every child can thrive,
be their best and achieve their best.**

2025 OPEN EVENTS

We invite you to come and experience all that our lovely school has to offer at our open events this summer. We look forward to giving you our warm Eggar's welcome.

THURSDAY 1 MAY

09:00 - 10:30

FRIDAY 11 JULY

09:00 - 10:30

SATURDAY 12 JULY

10:00 - 12:00

PLACES STILL AVAILABLE IN YEAR 7 FOR SEPTEMBER 2025



To book, scan the QR code or visit
www.ticketsource.co.uk/eggars-school



Scan here to view
our school film



POOL HELPERS NEEDED!

ROPLEY SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL



The Tadpole Team are looking to recruit a team of helpers to assist with Family Swimming Club sessions this summer!

- Duties include: Unlock the pool at 3pm, meet the lifeguard, take the pool cover off, put out the pool toys etc. Assist the lifeguard in keeping the session fun but safe.
- No experience needed.
- Training and support given.
- Your children automatically added to the swim list.

**Email the Tadpole Team if you are interested:
ropleytadpoles@gmail.com**



BRAMDEAN FETE

Saturday 10th 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,
Children's
Games & Races
and much more!
(All donations
welcome)



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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

On messaging apps, social media and online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they can be great for connecting with others, there are several risks posed by these tools.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

Teens are often trying to find their place in their social group. Unfortunately, group chats can sometimes lend themselves to unkind comments being shared freely, putting people down to make their peers laugh – often creating a vicious circle that encourages others to join in. Being bullied so publicly – in front of friends and acquaintances – can also amplify the hurt, embarrassment and anxiety that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: for instance, starting a new group, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one person doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss events that exclude them – for example, sharing photos from a day out that they didn't attend.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by a child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some apps have features that cause messages to disappear after they're viewed, so children may be unable to report something they've seen, as it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

Group chats can feel more private and protected, allowing children to share inside jokes and video calls with a smaller group of friends. It's important to remember that while the chat's content is private between those in the group, individual users can easily share material with others outside of the group, or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something a child intended as private becoming public is higher if there are strangers in the chat.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely for children to communicate with people they don't know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly towards everyone present. It's wise for young people to avoid sharing personal details and remember that they have no control over what others do with the material they send into the chat.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications they tend to generate. Every time someone sends a message, each member's device will be 'pinged' with an alert. This could result in hundreds of notifications a day. This is often highly distracting, and young people's fear of missing out (FOMO) can cause increased screen time as they try to keep up with the conversation.

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CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats can become an arena for young people to compete for social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse which could upset others. Help children consider how people might feel if they behave in this way. If the child does upset someone, encourage them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Group chats are an excellent way for children to connect and feel like they belong. However, remind them that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their feelings and empower them by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. You can also encourage children to speak up if they witness others being picked on.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If a child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block whoever sent the material, report that person to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could put a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise that it's OK for children to simply leave any group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Ensure children understand the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school, or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they can't be certain where it might end up and how it might be used.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their identity to gain a child's trust and serve their own ends – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure the child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and why they should never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a device bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be an irritating distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to children that they can still be part of the group chat while disabling notifications – and that it would be healthier for them to do so, avoiding a situation where they could feel pressured to respond.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Sources: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/113/lets-talk-about/socialising-online/group-chats/> | <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

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 INSET Day



PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

Every year, the Government allocates funding to schools to help address the national trend that disadvantaged students do not attain as highly as non-disadvantaged students. This valuable extra money is allocated to schools to provide additional or enhanced provision, so that no child is left behind in their education as a result of financial circumstances. This can include subsidising after school clubs and trips as well as providing additional learning support or resources in class, for example.

Eligibility criteria

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Parents and carers can check eligibility simply and easily by visiting:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/>

and clicking on 'New Application'. Once you have input your details it will return an instant result and notify the school office electronically of your eligibility. If you would prefer us to check on your behalf, please email Mrs Burr with YOUR name, YOUR date of birth and YOUR national insurance number. We would like to reassure you that all applications made are confidential and no child is identified as a Pupil Premium child in any way in their day to day school life. Equally being entitled to free school meals does not mean your child has to eat a meal every day!

Even if your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 and already entitled to Universal Free School Meals, if you think you might be entitled to this benefit please complete the form. This valuable extra funding ensures that we can offer many different types of support throughout the years your child is at our school and will ensure they continue to receive free school meals as they move into KS2.

**Just one day of qualifying entitlement = 6 years of funding!
Current funding = £1480 per child per academic year**