

# NEWSLETTER –SEPTEMBER 2025



## WELCOME BACK

It has been so lovely to see the children back at school and in their new uniform with their smart new shoes. It has been fantastic to hear them playing at playtime and lunchtime and enjoying themselves with their friends.

Class newsletters/knowledge organisers will be sent out by the end of this week. There will also be a time to meet the teacher over the next week which will give you the opportunity to look at what the children will be studying, what trips are on offer and how the year group works.

A huge thank you to everyone who has filled in the OV4 form via the link on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August. If you have not completed

it can I ask that you complete it as soon as possible as this gives us the information we require to take the children on trips.

I cannot wait to see the many exciting events the children will be undertaking throughout the term and I look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

*Mrs N Kelly*  
*Headteacher*

### DINNER MONEY / BREAKFAST CLUB / NURSERY FEES

Please remember that school meals, breakfast club and nursery fees must be paid for in advance. Children that have started in year 3 will now need to pay for their dinners. Dinners have now increased to £2.90 per meal and £2.65 per Nursery meal. Breakfast Club is £2.50.

### Contact details / Home School Agreement / Internet agreement

At the end of this newsletter you will find a copy of the home school agreement and internet agreement, please can you read these carefully. You will be able to agree to these by logging into Arbor and ticking the relevant boxes. Please also check that your contact details are up to date (We need at least 2 contacts on Arbor in case of an emergency).

### School Photographer...

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 13th October taking individual photographs of your child. This will take place in school time. If you would like the opportunity of sibling photographs this will take place after school at 3.15pm. This will take place in the KS1 hall. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

#### Special points of interest:

- Welcome Back
- Dinner Money / Breakfast Club
- Arbor updates - Homeschool Agreement and Internet Agreement
- School Photographer
- Building Works
- FSM Vouchers
- Important Attendance Procedures
- Procedures for dismissal at the end of the school day
- Allergies
- School Uniform Orders
- Parental Engagement
- Dates for your diary
- INSET Days
- Keeping Our Children Safe
- Internet Agreement
- Homeschool Agreement

## Building works

As you are probably aware the building work has started! We are currently in the process of having a part of the school reroofed and also having a new room built to support our children with SEN. Although we are slightly “upside down” there are still the main entrances to get into school and we hope it will cause minimum disruption. Please bear with us as we are aware things are a little different, particularly at the front of the school.

## Free Meal Vouchers

We would like to inform you that, due to a reduction in funding from the Household Support Fund (HSF) 2025/26, we are unfortunately no longer able to provide Free School Meal vouchers during school holiday periods.

We understand that this change may have a considerable impact on many households, especially during times when children are not in school and access to meals may be more limited. This decision has not been made lightly, and we recognise the challenges it may present for families who have previously relied on this support.

We encourage families to check with local community organisations and food support services, which may be able to offer help. Additionally there is further information regarding support available within Nottingham on our webpage -

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/benefits/household-support-vouchers/>

## **Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance** **Holidays in Term Time**

<b>Per Parent, Per Child</b>	<b>First Offence</b>
Penalty Notice fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. <u>For example:</u> 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.	The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave of irregular attendance the amount will be:  £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days  Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days
<b>Second Offence (Within 3 years)</b>	
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days	
<b>Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)</b>	
The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child	
Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parents future DBS certificate, due to a 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.	

**Please remember to check term dates before booking holidays.**



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## Procedures for dismissal at the end of the school day..

Please can you make sure that you contact school before 3pm if someone different is collecting your child. We will not allow children to leave school without the appropriate adult.

If you would like to speak to staff at the end of the school day please can I kindly ask that you wait until the children have been

dismissed. The class teacher will speak to you but it is important that the class teacher dismisses all the children before doing this. Thank you for your

### Nut And Pea Free School...

Please be aware that we have children in school with severe nut and pea allergies therefore, we ask that you please do not pack anything in your child's lunch box as we are a nut and pea free school.

### School Uniform

We now have limited availability of our branded school tops and jumpers in the Office. Orders are now online at [www.just-schoolwear.co.uk](http://www.just-schoolwear.co.uk)

## Parental Engagement..

Mrs Lamb writes...

The start of a new school year always feels really exciting! We have lots of opportunities for you to get involved in school life this year starting off with our first coffee morning. We will be holding this on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 9am. This is a great opportunity to meet new parents and find out what upcoming events we have on offer and to discuss your ideas of what you would like to see. We can't wait to see you there.

Our Feel Good Families workshop will start on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 1:15pm. This workshop is a free 8 week course to help you develop strategies to manage behaviour and communicate effectively with your children. If you are interested in enrolling in this course, please email your interest to [admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk) Please keep a look out for the flyer with more information.

We will be holding our annual Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 8:15am. We are always extremely grateful for the contributions and support from our families. It enables us to raise money for this worthwhile cause. If you are able to donate cakes or any raffle prizes for this event, please let me know. We look forward to you joining us on the day for coffee and cake!!

Thank you all so much for your support with buying and donating ice poles last term. We raised a massive £858. Some of the money has already been spent on some new sports equipment for the children. We will let you know what the rest of the money is spent on in due course.

If you require any support or would just like to pop in for a chat, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY....

4th September—Reception Parents "Meet the Teacher" 15.00pm  
 5th September— Reception Parents Coffee Morning 9.00am  
 8th September—Year 2 and 6 welcome meetings 15.30pm  
 9th September— Year 4 and 5 welcome meetings 15.30pm  
 10th September—Year 1 welcome meeting 15.30pm  
 11th September—Year 3 welcome meeting 15.30pm  
 15th September— Nurture Parents meeting 15.30pm  
 17th September—Year 6 WW2 Trip  
 26th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning 8.15am  
 13th October - Individual Photographs  
 14th October—Year 3 Stone age Trip  
 14th and 15th October - Parents Evening  
 17th October - Last Day of Term  
 4th November - School Re-opens



### INSET Days

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 1st June 2026

Friday 3rd July 2026

Friday 27th July 2026

# A Message From Councillor Linda Woodings

## Let's Keep Our Children Safe Outside School

Very sadly, over the last school year, we had three children injured after being knocked down by cars outside different Nottingham schools. Not by passers by, but by other parents who had dropped off their own children and were rushing to get away.



With the new year of students we are asking all parents and carers to...

**BE TIMELY** - Can people try to get to school in good time to be able to park away from the school gates, especially the zig-zag lines, and walk their children up to the school gates? This keeps the area clear from hazards, giving better visibility to everyone.

**BE CONSIDERATE** - Can parents/carers please park considerately; not blocking the pavement or residents driveways, and can they turn off their engines whilst waiting?

**BE PATIENT** - Can drivers be careful and patient as they drive away? This is when accidents have previously happened.

Rise Park Primary & Nursery School  
Agreement for the acceptable use of the internet, e-mails and computers

At Rise Park Primary & Nursery School, we understand the importance and benefits of using computers to help with children's learning and personal development. However, we also recognise that safeguards need to be put in place to ensure children are kept safe at all times.

Please could parents/carers read and discuss this policy with their child and then sign one copy and return to the school office, and keep the other one for reference.

- I will only use digital devices and digital technology in school for school purposes.
- I will only use my school e-mail address when e-mailing.
- I will only open e-mail attachments from people I know, or who my teacher has approved.
- I will not tell other people my password or allow them to access my account.
- I will only open my own files and never access other people's work.
- I will make sure that all digital contact with other children and adults is responsible, polite and sensible – as it would be if I were talking to the person face-to-face.
- I will not send anyone material using a digital device that could be considered to be threatening, bullying, offensive or illegal.
- I will not deliberately look for, save or send anything that could be unpleasant or nasty. If I accidentally find anything like this I will tell my teacher immediately.
- I will not give out my own personal details such as my name, phone number or home address to anyone online. I will not share the details of anyone I live with.
- I will not arrange to meet someone who has contacted me on a computer or digital device, and I will tell a grown-up if someone asks me to meet them.
- I will be responsible for my behaviour when using digital devices and digital technology because I know that these rules are to keep me safe.
- I will support the school approach to online safety and not deliberately upload or add any images, video, sounds or text that could upset any member of the school community.
- I know that **my use of digital devices in school can be checked** and that my parent or carer will be contacted if a member of school staff is concerned about my e-safety.
- Further to this, I understand that children **under the age of 13 years old should not have access to a social media account on any social media platform**, as the minimum age requirements for having an account on social media is 13 years old and above.
- I understand that if I choose to use social media, or in the case of parents, choose to let my children use social media, there are online safety risks which accompany this use, including online bullying and e-safety concerns. **Children at Rise Park will never have access to any kind of social media whilst on school premises, and should not reference the school or staff online if they have access to social media** as this could pose a safeguarding risk.



## **Rise Park Primary and Nursery School**

### **Home School Agreement**

The school will:	As parent/ carer, I/ we will:	As a pupil, I will
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a learning environment that is safe and caring.</li> <li>• Ensure equal opportunities, support and guidance to enable each pupil to attain their full potential.</li> <li>• Report regularly on each pupil's progress through meetings and reports.</li> <li>• Regularly inform and update parents on all aspects of school life, including newsletters, the web site, and the ROAs.</li> <li>• Encourage and celebrate pupils who show the <i>Rise Park values</i>.</li> <li>• Monitor and record progress, attendance and behaviour in accordance with the school's policies.</li> <li>• Inform parents/ carers of any concerns that may arise and be available, by prior agreement, to discuss any issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure my child arrives at school on time, with the correct equipment and in the correct school uniform.</li> <li>• Make sure my child attends school regularly, and notify the school promptly with reasons for lateness/ absence, (before 9:00 each day).</li> <li>• Make arrangements for my child's safe return home, at the appropriate time.</li> <li>• Support my child's learning, including the completion of any homework set.</li> <li>• Inform the school directly regarding concerns which may affect my child's work or behaviour, through the correct channels.</li> <li>• Attend parents' evenings as well as other meetings regarding my child's welfare/ progress.</li> <li>• Keep an open dialogue with staff and be respectful at all times.</li> <li>• Not post defamatory comments regarding the school/ staff on social media, including Facebook and Whatsapp.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show the <i>Rise Parker values</i> of: trust, perseverance, hard work, determination, challenging myself, and being friendly, supportive and helpful.</li> <li>• Come to school regularly and on time with the correct equipment, and in the correct school uniform.</li> <li>• Follow school and class rules.</li> <li>• Consistently give my best in all aspects of school life.</li> <li>• Complete set tasks, both at home and school to the best of my ability.</li> <li>• Treat others as I'd like to be treated myself both in school and on social media if I am allowed to use it.</li> </ul>