



Isham CofE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

16th October 2026

Message from the Head...

Dear Families,

Welcome to our final newsletter of what has been a busy first half-term of the year. The children have settled into their new routines and are flourishing through so many exciting learning experiences, including visitors, residentials and sporting events. It was lovely to see so many parents at the church this week to celebrate Harvest with us. We are deeply touched by the kindness of our families who donated items for the local food bank this harvest. Thank you for showing such incredible support—these most generous contributions will go a long way in helping those in need around us.

Thank you all for your continued partnership and support, and I wish you a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Lydia Meek





Well Done to...

Honourable Mentions for....

Reception

Ari – amazing thoughtful contributions at group time.

Kaylia – taking the time to make your own books, decorating the front covers and making a barcode for each one!

Brew – for a fantastic pig drawing from our story of The Three Little Pigs.

George J – for persevering to form your new sounds correctly. You are really careful, taking your time.

Year 1 & 2

Alex - for being a great member of the football team last week.

Myla - for always being a great role model.

Faith - for always being a great role model.

Orla - for always reading at home.

Romy - for identifying fact families in Maths this week.

Olivia - for always showing our school value of love.

Everleigh - for working hard with her sounding out in Phonics and English.

Year 3 & 4

Sophie - for working extremely hard, for always being helpful and always being kind to others.

Monty U - for being a Maths whizz this week with his times tables.

Alice - for her beautiful writing using prepositional phrases to describe the adventure of a water dragon.

Charlie - for always showing our school values and for being a brilliant member of the class!

Sophia - for working really hard and listening to adult feedback to improve.

Evie - for consistently giving everything 100% and producing beautiful work.

Year 5 & 6

Sofia A. & Grace - for being fantastic role models.

Enya - for working hard in all lessons.

Penelope - for asking how to improve her handwriting.



A Brief Note on Primary Times

We would like to apologise to any families offended or concerned by the Halloween party advertisement featured in the recent issue of *Primary Times* that was distributed. As a Christian school, we respect that not all families celebrate Halloween and the reasons behind this. Please note that *Primary Times* is an independent publication and its advertising content is not managed or endorsed by the school. It was an oversight on our part that it was distributed on this occasion given the advertising content.



ISHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL PE UNIFORM



Black Isham PE
T Shirt



Green Isham PE
Hoodie



Black tracksuit bottoms
or skort / shorts



Trainers



PE kit should be worn to school on PE days. | No jewellery should be worn on PE days.



ISHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL UNIFORM



White polo shirt



Isham School
bottle green
cardigan or jumper



Grey skirt
or trousers



White or black
socks



Black shoes

School Uniform Policy & Named Items

As we head towards the end of term, please may we remind parents and carers to ensure children arrive in **correct** school uniform each day. Additionally, our lost property box is growing! Please take a moment to clearly label **all** garments, coats, and accessories with your child's name so any misplaced items can be promptly returned to them.



Year 1 & 2 Football Competition

Well done to our Year 1 and 2 football team for taking home 2nd and 3rd place last week! Despite having very little prior match experience, the children stepped up with huge enthusiasm, gave it their absolute all, and proved to be wonderful team players. Brilliant work, everyone!





Year 3 & 4 Football Competition

On Monday, a group of our Year 3 and 4 children travelled to KLV to compete in an exciting football tournament. Both of our teams—Isham United and Isham FC—played exceptionally well, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, determination, and brilliant sportsmanship throughout the morning. After some highly competitive matches, Isham United secured an impressive 4th place finish, while Isham FC played their way to **1st** place victory!

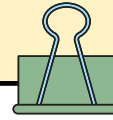
A huge congratulations goes to Noah, who was awarded the prestigious Rainbow Award as the player of the tournament. Noah's outstanding goalkeeping was a highlight of the morning, as he conceded just two goals across the entire competition.

Well done to everyone involved!





Residential



Year 4 had a fantastic time at Grafham Water last week, taking part in a range of activities such as climbing, canoeing, and kayaking. For many of them, it was their first experience of being away from home without family, and they showed great resilience to engage so enthusiastically with all that was on offer.

We want to extend a huge thank you to our staff, who frequently give up their personal time and go above and beyond to organise and lead trips and residentials. As a small school, running these enriched experiences often means staff giving their time for free and other staff members step in to cover classes or accompany groups so that they can go ahead. Without the team's goodwill and dedication, we simply would not be able to offer these valuable opportunities for our children. We appreciate your understanding, patience, and continued support as we work together to give all our pupils the best possible learning experiences.

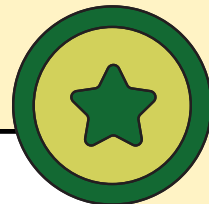




Cross Country

Fourteen Key Stage 2 children took part in a cross-country competition this week competing against many other schools in the area. They showed great grit and determination to complete the course, and we were very proud of them all. Three children have even progressed through to the county finals, which will be held later in the year. Well done!





Dates for your Diary...

- **Friday 23rd October** - Last day of term
- **Monday 2nd November** - **Teacher Training Day** (School Closed to pupils).
- **Tuesday 3rd November** - School re-opens - **Start of Term**
- **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** – 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 16th December** - Christmas Church Service at 2pm St Peter's Church - All Welcome
- **Wednesday 16th December** - Christmas Fair at school - (after Church service)



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-primariesite.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





North
Northamptonshire
Council

Is your child currently in Year 6?



**Apply for
a Year 7 place
at secondary
school for
September
2027**

Application closing date: 31 October 2026
www.northnorthants.gov.uk/parent-portal



North
Northamptonshire
Council

**Is your child's 4th birthday on
or before 31 August 2027?**



**It's time to
apply for a
Reception
place for
September
2027**

Application closing date: 15 January 2027
www.northnorthants.gov.uk/parent-portal



Free School Meals

From September 2026, there will be three types of free school meals entitlement

Since April 2018, around 25,000 children and young people across Northamptonshire have had free school meals protected under transitional protection.

This has meant children have continued to be able to enjoy free school meals (and additional support), even if family circumstances have changed. This transitional protection will cease at the end of the current academic year (July 2026).

From September 2026, some children may no longer be entitled to free school meals. Some may have a different entitlement, whilst some families may become eligible for free school meals for the first time.

The 3 Types of free school meals

1

Free School Meals (TFSM)

Equivalent to current benefits related free school meals (FSM)

Who Qualifies:

- Children and young people in families receiving Universal Credit with annual household income under £7,400 (£616.67 a month)
- Families with 'No Recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) - subject to separate criteria

This gives access to:

- ✓ Free school meals at school during term-time
- ✓ The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)
- ✓ Other support that may be available at school
- ✓ Parent allowance for costs such as uniform, trips and books

Funding:

- Schools will receive Government funding for these meals
- Schools receive Pupil Premium funding for these recipients

Eligibility checks:

- Eligibility will be checked in line with Government guidance
- Applicants confirmed as eligible remain eligible for the full academic year

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Free School Meals (EFSM)

New criteria from September 2026

Who Qualifies:

- Children and young people in families receiving Universal Credit
- No limit on annual household income

This gives access to:

- ✓ Free school meals at school during term-time

This doesn't give access to:

- ✗ The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) for the 26/27 academic year
- ✗ Other support that may be available at school
- ✗ Parent allowance for costs such as uniform, trips and books

Funding:

- Schools do not receive specific funding for these meals*
- Schools will not receive Pupil Premium funding for these recipients

Eligibility checks:

- Eligibility will be checked in line with Government guidance
- Applicants confirmed as eligible remain eligible for the full academic year

*Government funding will be paid to schools between 2026 and 2029 towards the cost of increased FSM recipients

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Free School Meals (UIFSM)

Been in place since September 2014

Who Qualifies:

All children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 attending school, regardless of family circumstances

This gives access to:

- ✓ Free school meals at school during term-time

This doesn't give access to:

- ✗ The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) for the 26/27 academic year
- ✗ Other support that may be available at school
- ✗ Parent allowance for costs such as uniform, trips and books

Funding:

- Schools receive Government funding towards the cost of these meals (based on average uptake)
- Schools will not receive Pupil Premium funding for these recipients, unless eligible for TFMS)

Eligibility checks:

- Eligibility checks are not required for UIFSM, just contact your school
- If unsure about TFMS or EFSM then you should still check your eligibility via the local authority checker

Design your city here.
What you need to do next -
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If you haven't already you can check your updated eligibility via your local authority's FSM checking service via either:

- North Northamptonshire Portal: <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/parent-portal>
- West Northamptonshire Portal: <https://forms.westnorthants.gov.uk/xfp/form/839>

If you have any questions please contact your local authority or child's school.





WRAPAROUND PROVISION

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

Wednesday

Dodgeball

Thursday

Cricket

Friday

Gymnastics

We Accept:

Klarna

Tax-Free Childcare

Childcare Vouchers

07:30-
08:45
£4.00

08:00-
08:45
£3.50



CLUB HUB

TOP
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CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITY PROVIDER

2026



After School Club

3rd Sept - 18th Dec

Monday

Football

Tuesday

Dodgeball

Wednesday

Basketball

Thursday

Nerf Mayhem

Friday

Gymnastics

15:15-
16:15
£4.00

15:15-
17:00
£5.25

15:15-
17:30
£6.00

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 wraparound club where your children will be fed a snack.

Before and
After School



To Book:

Visit www.superstarsport.co.uk

Go to "Book Now" & select your club

AUTUMN

2026

ISHAM CEVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL



PIANO LESSONS 30 MINS 1:1

With Carol from Millie's
Music: BA Hons, Music 1st
Class; Dip ALCM piano.

Piano lessons available at Isham Primary School and 12 Church Street from
8th September 2025. Available to children and adults ; all levels.

£20- per lesson invoiced in advance of each half term.

CSINNES29@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

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OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY SPORTS CLUBS

26TH - 30TH OCTOBER

REDWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

**9AM - 4PM
£29 PER DAY**

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Wellingborough. NN8 5LQ

ABINGTON PDC

**9AM - 4PM
£29 PER DAY**

MULTISPORTS & GYMNASTICS

Northampton. NN1 5JS

SPRATTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

**9AM - 4PM
£29 PER DAY**

MULTISPORTS & GYMNASTICS

Northampton. NN6 8HY

HALL MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

**9AM - 4PM
£29 PER DAY**

MULTISPORTS & GYMNASTICS

Kettering. NN15 7RP

Book online at:

WWW.PACESETTERONLINE.CO.UK/HOLIDAY



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GAMES



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& DANCE



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& MORE

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HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HAF
FUNDED
SPACES



WHEN

MONDAY 26TH – FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER



FUNDED HOURS

9:00AM – 3:00PM



AGES

4 – 11

4-year-olds: funded place
9:00am – 1:00pm only.



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Safe, high-quality childcare you can trust.

EcoCoach at Hawthorn is officially Ofsted
registered as childcare on non-domestic
premises/out-of-school day care.

BOOK YOUR HAF PLACE TODAY

To book, families must register via:



eequ.org/book/ecocoach-holiday-club-hawthorn-primary-with-ecocoach-cic-22028

Bookings will show as 'Pending' until approved
by EcoCoach and confirmed by Northamptonshire Sport.

There are no vouchers or codes – bookings are made
directly through the system, and eligibility is checked
after submission.

Need help booking?

Step-by-step guide: help.eequ.org/en/articles/220821

HAF questions: HAF@northamptonshiresport.org

EEQU support: hello@eequ.org or live chat at www.eequ.org



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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) REGISTER INTEREST

Be You Be Great Be Kind

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HAF & PAID PLACES AVAILABLE AT:



Weavers Academy
Weavers Rd, Wellingborough
NN8 3JQ



The Ferrers School
Queensway, Higham Ferrers,
Rushden NN10 8LF



Wellingborough Old Grammarians
Sywell Rd, Wellingborough
NN8 6BS



Stewart & Lloyds RFC
Cannock Rd, Corby NN17 1EH

Register interest for your child this winter holiday

Join us for a wide range of inclusive multi-sports and creative activities this upcoming holiday period. There's something for everyone, whether you love being active, expressing your creative side or wanting to try something completely new!



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NOW**



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