



Isham CofE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

18th September 2026

Message from the Head...

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school over the past two weeks. The children have settled into their new classes so well, and it has been wonderful to see them enjoying their learning and spending time with their friends.

A big welcome to our new Reception children and families.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, friendship and exciting opportunities. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support.

Lydia Meek





Well Done to...

Honourable Mentions for....

Reception

Savannah – for being kind and helpful to others.

Sophia – for good listening and being ready to learn.

Eira – for being a super-duper helper and tidy-upper!

Year 1 & 2

Myla - for coming into school and being very brave everyday.

Ethan - for coming back to school with a fantastic attitude towards his learning.

Orla - for trying super hard with her handwriting this week.

Gabriella - for giving new things a good try.

Tilly - for being a great role model to her peers.

Year 3 & 4

Krue - Well done, you have been a super kind and hardworking member of our class.

Poppy - Well done, you have worked so hard in all subjects.

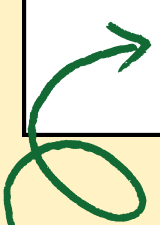
Amari - for her fantastic swimming this week! Miss Burgess and Mrs Odell were so proud on Tuesday.

Harlow - for being a brilliant year 3 member - she's always extremely helpful!

Year 5 & 6

Max and Olivia - for settling in quickly and working hard- especially on presentation.

Elisia and AJ who represent all the children with a growth mindset from the residential trip this week.





School Drop-Off and Pick-Up Reminder



A reminder that our voluntary one-way system operates around the village between 8.30–8.45am and 3.10–3.25pm. Please travel down the road with the school on your left and exit the village via the other side with the church on your right. Please do not drop off children on the yellow lines outside of the school as this causes delays to other drivers and can be unsafe for the children.

Please also be considerate when parking, ensuring that driveways, junctions and access for residents are not blocked. Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe and happy.



Arbor

Arbor Photo Permissions

Please log in to the Arbor app and check and update the photo permissions for your child/ren. We currently have a large number of children for whom this has not yet been completed. Thank you for taking a moment to check your permissions and ensure they are up to date.





Year 6 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes

Our Year 6 children have had an amazing time at Whitemoor Lakes this week! They enjoyed a fantastic range of activities, including stand-up paddleboarding, zip-lining, climbing and UV games, as well as meeting some exotic creatures. A huge thank you to Mr Bailey and Miss T for giving up their time to make the residential such a memorable experience for the children.





Y5/6 Gardening



Our Year 5 and 6 children have been busy working with Carol from Millie's Garden Design to tidy and improve our school planters. We are very grateful to Carol for giving her time to work with the children, and to our pupils for taking such pride in our school grounds.





Value of the Term - Love



Our value of the term is Love. We will be exploring how we can show love and kindness to others through our words, actions and choices, following the example of Jesus. We have already learnt stories from the Bible of The Good Samaritan, Jesus healing a Paralysed Man and the friendship of Jonathan and David.

Home Challenge

Discussion question:

What does love look like in our family? How can we show love to someone this week through our words or actions?

Challenge:

Do one thoughtful act to show someone that you care about them – without being asked!

A Reminder About Age-Appropriate Games and Films



We have recently noticed some children talking about games they have played at home and films they have watched that are rated **15 or 18**, as well as playing inappropriate and scary games during playtimes, including references to Five Nights at Freddy's. We appreciate that some children may be hearing about these games or films through older siblings, or accessing material independently through curiosity on their tablets.

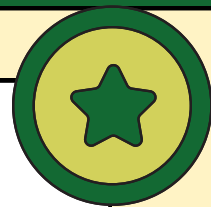
Please can we ask you to check the age ratings of films, games and online content that children are accessing. For example, the Five Nights at Freddy's film is rated **15** in the UK due to strong threat, violence and horror. Please also monitor children's use of tablets and other devices and check parental controls and settings to help filter inappropriate content and ensure that what they are accessing is suitable for their age.

We appreciate that children may hear about content that they have not seen themselves, but please talk to your child about what is age-appropriate and remind them that scary or inappropriate games should not be played or acted out in school. Thank you for your support in helping us to keep playtimes safe and enjoyable for everyone.





Our Learning Environment



We have been working hard over the summer to update our learning environment and create exciting new spaces for our children to learn, explore and enjoy. We are delighted with the changes and have loved seeing the children make the most of them since returning to school. Our library has been transformed into a welcoming, inviting space, with cosy seating, child-height shelving and plenty of opportunities to discover new books. We are pleased to have a library that is now truly fit for purpose, encouraging our children to develop a love of reading. The Willows area has also been developed to support outdoor learning, with a dedicated performance area where children can share their creativity and talents. Our new outdoor gym equipment is helping to promote strength, fitness and healthy lifestyles, while encouraging children to challenge themselves and enjoy being active. It has been wonderful to see the children using and enjoying these new spaces already. We look forward to seeing how they continue to support learning, creativity, wellbeing and play throughout the year!





LIBRARY





Dates for your Diary...

- **Friday 25th September** - Whole School Football Coaching - PE kit
- **Monday 28th September** - **9am** FOIS AGM in school - All Welcome
- **5th - 7th October** - Year 4 Residential Trip to Grafham Water
- **Thursday 15th October** - **am** Whole School Photos (individual & sibling)
- **Thursday 15th October** - **2pm** Harvest Church Service at St Peter's Church, Isham - All Welcome
- **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



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



FRIENDS OF ISHAM SCHOOL

AGM INVITATION

Monday 28th September
9 am

STAFF ROOM

≡ Everyone Welcome! ≡



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



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

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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

**WE ACCEPT
CHILDCARE
VOUCHERS
& TAX FREE
CHILDCARE!**



OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY SPORTS CLUBS

26TH - 30TH OCTOBER

REDWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

**9AM - 4PM
£29 PER DAY**

MULTISPORTS & GYMNASTICS

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



SCAN ME



BURTON LATIMER ANCIENT PARISH CHARITY

(262676)

Do you live in *Burton Latimer?*

Did you know you can apply for
FINANCIAL HELP
with Education Costs?



APPLY NOW

— ALL APPLICATIONS TO BE IN
NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 10TH 2026



Burton Latimer Educational Foundation

is a local charity open to residents of Burton Latimer.

It is to promote education (including social and physical training) for young people under the age of 25 and who are in need of financial assistance.



The Burton Latimer Ancient Parish Charity

is an amalgamation of several charities that go back over **400 years** and is administered by trustees drawn from institutions and organisations within the town.



PICK UP A FORM FROM
BURTON LATIMER COMMUNITY HUB & LIBRARY

OR

BY CONTACTING **Steve Bowyer**



07812 790164

Supporting young people. Strengthening our community. Investing in the future.



Drama sessions for young people aged 8 – 21 years,
Tuesday evenings at the Melton Community Centre, Kettering.

Mini Ensemble (Years 4, 5 & 6) 5-6pm

Midi Ensemble (Years 7, 8 & 9) 6-7pm

Mega Ensemble (Year 10+) 7-8.30pm

For more information visit www.elsinoreyouththeatre.co.uk
or email info@elsinoreyouththeatre.co.uk

OPEN AUDITIONS

JOSEPH AND THE **AMAZING Technicolor® DREAMCOAT** Youth group Production

LYRICS BY
TIM RICE

MUSIC BY
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

MONDAY 28TH SEPT

KETTERING LEISURE VILLAGE,
THURSTON DRIVE, NN15 6PB

5.00-6.00pm 7-12yrs old
6.00-7.00pm 13-18yrs old

SATURDAY 3RD OCT

KETTERING LEISURE VILLAGE,
THURSTON DRIVE, NN15 6PB

2.00-3.30pm 7-12yrs old
3.30-5.00pm 13-18yrs old

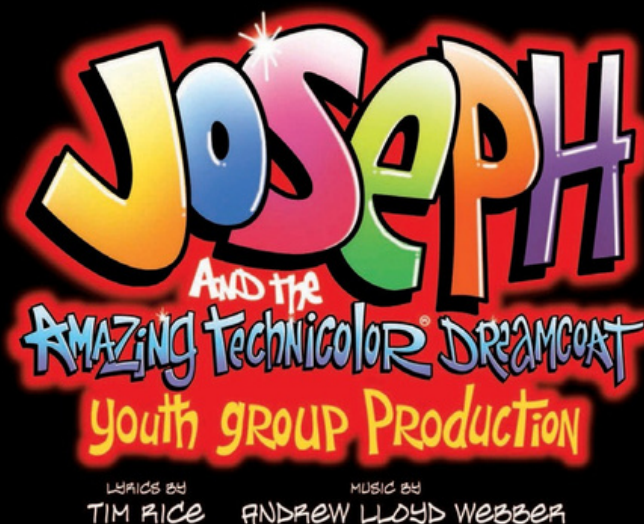
You only need to attend one audition
All auditionees must be 8 years old by the time of the show

To be Performed at THE LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE 11th - 13th FEBRUARY 2027

NOTHING TO PREPARE

JUST Arrive, book in and audition

A show fee is payable by all successful applicants



AUDITIONS details

Noneed to book a slot just turn up on one of our open audition days and fill in a registration form.

Once you begin the audition it will take approximately thirty minutes to complete and will involve singing acting and dancing in groups of around fifteen people. We try to make the audition as fun and relaxed as possible.

Auditionees are notified by post within two weeks of the final audition date. Unfortunately not everyone who auditions is accepted into a RARE Productions show but all who audition will be contacted whether successful or not.

REHEARSALS

Eachsuccessfulauditionee will take part in ten weeks of rehearsals leading upto the show and will be taught by a qualified show team.

Cast members can look forward to being in at least five ensemble songs plus any associated acting scenes.

All Cast members will receive a lyric book and and any teaching resources required.

SHOW WEEK

During show week all cast members will take part in at least one dress rehearsal and two full-scale performances of the show. These will take place in a professional theatre with a full team of technical staff, licenced chaperones and wardrobe personnel to support their performance.

All costumes, set and props are provided by RARE Productions.

At the end of their final performance each cast member receive a signed certificate of participation.

Benefits Of Rare Productions

Performing in professional theatres

Building self confidence

Making new friends and Improving social skills

Develop discipline and focus

Working in a team, across mixed age groups.

A great form of exercise

Testimonials

"My daughter has just finished her second production with Rare. She

absolutely loved performing in them and the organisation of rehearsals through to final production are absolutely brilliant and the quality of the shows are brilliant. She can't wait for her next performances in April and we can't wait to watch it."

MARSHA TANG

"Rare Productions are fantastic! I've watched my daughter Marley in Peter Pan last night and it was a great show. Captain Hook and Smee absolutely stole the show. Thoroughly recommend xxx"

NAOMI O CALLAGHAN

"I'd liketosay

thankyoufor

giving my daughter a fantastic experience in Bugsy Malone in Aylesbury. It's her first time with RARE and she loved

NICOLAS YOUNG



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