



ASFFORDBY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Wow Awards

The children have worked exceptionally hard on using their rainbow skills. It has been a delight to see how many children are using these skills throughout the curriculum but also around school. On Fridays, two children from each class are rewarded in our Celebration Assembly with a WOW certificate and a gold star badge to wear in class the following week. Congratulations to you all- you deserve a WOW!



A positive and proud start to 2026!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2026! And what a year it has been so far in school.

Our recent Ofsted inspection has been a significant moment for our school community. Over two days, we welcomed three inspectors on the first day and two on the second, who carefully evaluated all areas of our school life. The inspection was challenging, but we are pleased to report it was conducted fairly and thoroughly. All judgements are currently provisional and will undergo rigorous quality assurance. We will send out the official report to you as soon as we receive it. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible support during this time. Your smiles of encouragement and kind enquiries about our well-being meant so much to us and provided tremendous motivation. The final (provisional) results truly reflect the wonderful children and brilliant staff we are fortunate to have. We have big smiles!

We're also excited to celebrate our pupils' recent achievements. Our cross country team had an excellent showing at the Ratcliffe event, with strong participation demonstrating the spirit and determination of our pupils. Well done all.

In our Friday celebration assemblies, we proudly awarded reading certificates. We are delighted to recognise those children achieving bronze and silver awards - keep reading!

Looking ahead, we will be holding an upcoming parents' evening. More details about the date and booking arrangements have been communicated via Arbor.

Finally, we would like to share the news that a valued and much-loved member of the AHPS community will be retiring on 1st May. Miss Webb has been part of our school for 27 years, contributing in a variety of roles, and as many of you will know, is one of the key cogs in our AHPS 'family'. Her dedication and hard work have helped make our school the welcoming and supportive place it is today. We wish her all the very best in the next phase of her life.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in our pupils' education.

Mrs Millward and Mrs Bailey
Co-Headteachers



PE Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rowan	Holly			Chestnuts
Holly	Rowan	Willow	Beech	Sycamore
Willow	Oak	Beech	Sycamore	Oak

Team Points

Week ending	AIR	EARTH	FIRE	WATER
9th January	115	141	121	128
16th January	184	170	182	189
23rd January	137	134	167	162
30th January	142	144	96	139

School Council

During our last school council meeting, our School Council representatives discussed the school assemblies and shared what children across the school enjoyed, as well as ideas for improvement.

★ What We Like About Assemblies

Pupils shared lots of positive comments about what they enjoy most: Taking part in assemblies and being involved. Quizzes and interactive activities.

WOW Awards – especially seeing friends receive them and feeling proud of their achievements.

Learning about our community and what makes it special.

Partner talk time, giving everyone a chance to share ideas.

Learning new things about different religions, countries, and cultures.

Singing assemblies and learning new songs together.

No Outsiders books, which teach important messages about inclusion and being welcome. Pupils enjoy the class stories and discussions that go with them.

★ Suggested Changes

Children also had thoughtful ideas about how we can make assemblies even better:

Ensuring all classes regularly use their No Outsiders books and have time to discuss the themes.

Learning even more about other countries around the world.

Watching short film clips linked to different religious celebrations, such as Diwali and Hanukkah.

Next Steps

Our next School Council meeting will take place on Monday 9th February 2026 at 12:00.

Before then, councillors will be asking their classes:

“WHAT IDEAS CAN YOU COME UP WITH TO IMPROVE OR SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AT LUNCH TIMES ?”

Look what we have been up to!



Sycamore graffiti workshop



Visit by our local police officers in Year 5 and 6



Whole school Mindfulness Afternoon



Our first themed dinner day of 2026- Wild West!



Year 5 and 6 basketball event



What an incredible Saturday morning for our Cross Country team! 🏃♂️🏃♀️

Our runners showed an amazing effort today at Ratcliffe College, taking on a very muddy course with determination and huge smiles!

We were so proud to see them using our school Rainbow Skills throughout the event – optimism, perseverance, and enthusiasm shone through from start to finish.

Every single one of the children represented our school brilliantly. We are so proud.

Well done, everyone!



You said...

*Can we have more choice
and healthier options for
hot school dinners?*



...we listened!



We completely understand how important it is for children to have nutritious, varied, and appealing meals each day. After extensive discussions about improving our menu choices—and following visits to other schools to see successful catering models in action—we carried out a full review of alternative meal providers.

With the support of the Governing Body, we have now commissioned Innovate Foods as our new catering service. We are pleased to share that, three weeks in, the change has already had a very positive impact. The new menus offer a much wider range of healthy, balanced choices, and the introduction of the salad bar has been especially popular with the children.

We will continue to monitor feedback and work closely with Innovate Foods to ensure the meals remain nutritious, enjoyable, and varied.



MENU WEEK 1

SERVED W/C: 19th Jan | 9th Feb | 2nd Mar | 23rd Mar | 13th Apr

Innovate IFG

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL	OPTION 1 Cheese & Bean Lasagne	Margherita Pizza & Wedges	Vegan Lentil & Stuffing Paisley Roll	Vegetable Bolognese with Penne Pasta	Vegetable Nuggeli & Chips
	OPTION 2 Ham & Cheese Pasta	Traditional Creamy Beef Lasagne	Roast Gammon & Gravy	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice	MSC Approved Fish Fingers & Chips
VEGGIES	Carrots & Peas	Broccoli	Roasted Carrots & Parsnips	Peas	Baked Beans
PASTA	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Creamy Pesto

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket potatoes with cheese, beans, tuna mayo or cheese and beans

SWEET TREATS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Blueberry Cookie Bar	Chocolate & Banana Brownie	Strawberry Yoghurt & Strawberry Sauce	Apple & Cocoa Sponge	Raspberry Jelly

Desserts available every day - a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt

KEY Nutritionist's Choice
 Vegetarian Vegan Added Wholewheat

MENU WEEK 2

SERVED W/C: 5th Jan | 26th Jan | 16th Feb | 9th Mar | 30th Mar | 20th Apr

Innovate IFG

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL	OPTION 1 Margherita Pizza & Wedges	Vegan Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Vegan Cottage Pie & Gravy	Cheesy Cauliflower Pasta Bake	Tex-Mex Vegetable Fajita Wrap
	OPTION 2 MSC Approved Salmon Pasta Bake	Pork & Beef Sausage, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken Curry & Carrot Rice	MSC Approved Fish & Chips
VEGGIES	Garden Peas	Carrot & Peas	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Carrot & Mixed Salad	Baked Beans
PASTA	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Creamy Pesto

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SWEET TREATS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Strawberry Mousse	Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard	Original Flapjack	Chocolate & Carrot Muffin	Raspberry Jelly & Mandarins

Desserts available every day - a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt

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 Vegetarian Vegan Added Wholewheat

MENU WEEK 3

SERVED W/C: 12th Jan | 2nd Feb | 23rd Feb | 16th Mar | 6th Apr

Innovate IFG

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL	OPTION 1 Mixed Vegetable & Bean Fajita & Oven Baked Wedges	Vegetarian Chilli Nacho Bake & Rice	Vegan Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Baked Creamy Mac 'N' Cheese	Vegan Sausage Roll & Chips
	OPTION 2 Quorn Dippers with Oven Baked Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	Mild Beef Chilli & Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Creamy Chicken Curry & Carrot Rice	MSC Approved Fish Fingers & Chips
VEGGIES	Peas & Carrots	Sweetcorn	Broccoli & Peas	Carrot & Mixed Salad	Baked Beans
PASTA	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Creamy Pesto

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	Strawberry Yoghurt & Strawberry Sauce	Mixed Berry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Orange Jelly & Mandarins	Gingerbread Squares with Custard	Garden Brownie

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Friends of Asfordby Hill (FOAH)



Dates for Your Diary

- Friday 6th February – Quiz Night
- Friday 20th March – Easter Fundraising Afternoon

Keep an eye out for more details!

Next FOAH Meeting Dates

- Wednesday 4th February
- Tuesday 10th March

If you'd like to join us at a meeting or help out with future events, please don't hesitate to contact us via our Facebook page – we'd love to hear from you!

FOAH

Community Support

Leicestershire Local Offer Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Roadshow

Wednesday 4th February
10.00 am - 13.00 pm
Parkside Civic Suite, Station Approach,
Burton Street, Melton Mowbray. LE13 1GH

Come along and find out about Local SEND services and support

The Roadshow brings together information and services which support families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) all in one place. A chance to meet and chat with representatives from Leicestershire County Council and its partners.

Please book your FREE tickets via leicestershire.gov.uk/local-offer-roadshows

To find out more about the SEND Local Offer in Leicestershire please visit www.leics.gov.uk/send

Leicestershire SEND

Melton Mowbray Rotary Club

Calling all young artists! ✨🎨
Entries for the Rotary Young Artist Awards close 1st February – don't miss out!

Drop your original artwork into Kick Up The Arts Melton and send a digital copy to RotaryWIBMelton@gmail.com.

All the entry requirements are waiting for you below 📌

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VpulfYjd3oiijEYdpOizD2D5xP8blANL/view?usp=drivesdk>

Get creative, get it in, and good luck! 🌟

ROTARY YOUTH COMPETITIONS
2025 - 2026

COMPETITION	DEADLINE
YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR	15 th Nov 2025
YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR	15 th Nov 2025
YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALIST OF THE YEAR	01 st Dec 2025
YOUNG ARTIST OF THE YEAR	01 st Feb 2026
YOUNG WRITER OF THE YEAR	28 th Feb 2026

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Term Dates 2025-2026



Autumn Term

Teacher Days
(School closed to Children) Thursday 21st August 2025
Friday 22nd August 2025

August Bank Holiday: School Closed Monday 25th August 2025

Schools open: Tuesday 26th August 2025

Half term break: Monday 20th to Friday 24th October 2025

Schools close: Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term

Schools open: Monday 5th January 2026

Half term break: Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026

Schools close: Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term

Schools open: Monday 13th April 2026

May Day Bank Holiday: School Closed Monday 4th May 2026

Teacher Day
(School closed to Children) Friday 22nd May 2026

Half term break: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

Schools close: Wednesday 8th July 2026

Teacher Days
(School closed to Children) Thursday 9th July 2026
Friday 10th July 2026

February 2026

Thursday 5th February: Year 5 handball (more info to follow)

Friday 6th February: Parallel Sports- children involved have been contacted.

Friday 6th February: Quiz Night

Monday 9th February: Parents Evening

Tuesday 10th February: Parents Evening

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February: HALF TERM school closed.

Monday 23rd February: School Open

Monday 23rd February: Chestnut Class workshop in school (Travelling Toy Box)

Wednesday 25th February: Skye Theatre Dance Competition at Melton Theatre



Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term

Teacher Days
(School closed to Children) Thursday 20th August 2026
Friday 21st August 2026

School opens: Monday 24th August 2026

August Bank Holiday: School Closed Monday 31st August 2026

Half term break: Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October 2026

School closes: Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term

School opens: Monday 4th January 2027

Half term break: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2027

School closes: Friday 19th March 2027

Summer Term

School opens: Monday 5th April 2027

May Day Bank Holiday: School Closed Monday 3rd May 2027

Teacher Day
(School closed to Children) Friday 28th May 2027

Half term break: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

School closes: Wednesday 7th July 2027

Teacher Days
(School closed to Children) Thursday 8th July 2027
Friday 9th July 2027