



September 2025

Rowsley C of E Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year, it has been so great to see all the children back in school. They have all come back ready and raring to go.

A warm Rowsley welcome to all our new starters. We welcome 5 new Reception children and Samuel back into Year 4. We hope that you have all been made to feel welcome.

On to our staff, we welcome Mrs Barkley, who will be covering Miss Sutton's maternity leave. Mrs Barkley will be working in school Thursdays and Fridays. Thursday afternoons she will be working with Y3/4 and on Friday she will be working predominantly with Y5/6. She is a fabulous addition to our school.

Christian Values

Mrs. Wyer will centre her collective worships around our autumn term's Christian value – Thankfulness, focusing on the following themes: thanking God for people who help us (Philippians 1.3); praising God in creation (Psalm 148); remembering to say thank you (Ephesians 5.20); giving thanks even when times are difficult (Acts 16.16-end); counting your blessings (1 Thessalonians 5.16); living fruitful lives (Mark 4.3-9).

What is going on in school?

Our class names have changed. The classes have been named after literary courageous advocates. Please see your child's class page on the school website for up-to-date information.

The Julia Donaldson Class (EYFS, Y1 & Y2)

Welcome to the Julia Donaldson class. We hope you all have had a lovely and relaxing summer. We are especially delighted to welcome our new Reception class, who have settled in so well during their very first week at school. It has been wonderful to see the children making new friends, playing happily together, and beginning their learning journey with such enthusiasm. We have particularly enjoyed time at Forest School, exploring the outdoors and working together inside and outside of the classroom. We look forward to an exciting year ahead, full of learning, laughter, and new adventures!

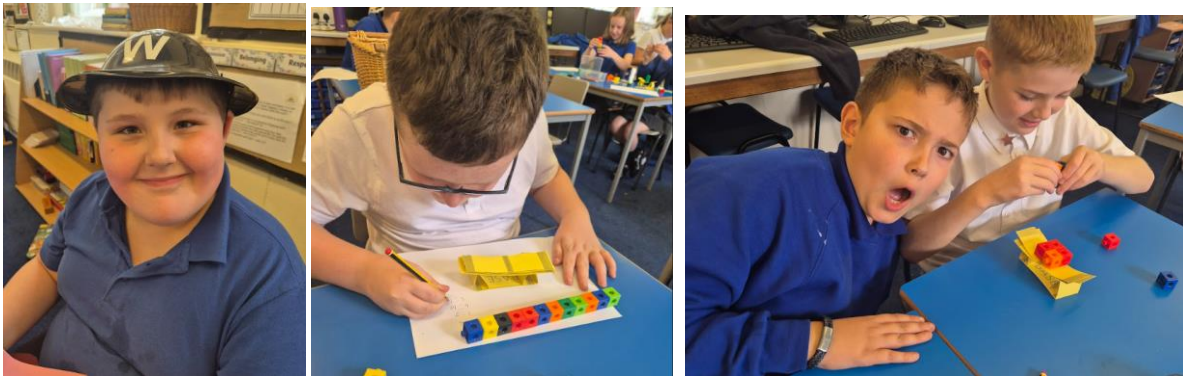
The Judith Kerr Class (Y3 & Y4)

Judith Kerr Class has had a wonderful start to the year. The children are already digestive system experts, able to recall lots of interesting facts about how food travels through our bodies. Their enthusiasm in these science lessons has been just brilliant! We are in the process of creating some art based on *The Connoisseur* by Norman Rockwell, which will soon be on display outside our classroom. This week the children also enjoyed trying out a new type of music lesson that we are trialling, doing some super playing on glockenspiels. It's been a busy start to what I'm sure is going to be a brilliant academic year.



The Joseph Coelho Class (Y5 & Y6)

I have been so impressed with how the children have started the year. They have all come back with a positive attitude and an eagerness to learn. This half term's topic is World War 2 and we will be holding a WW2 enrichment day on 21st October – a letter will be going out about this. They have also enjoyed the start of our DT unit on bridges, learning WW2 songs in Music and understanding binary code in Computing.



Forest School

Forest school plays a major part in the spirituality of our children. Through going to the woods every week, they learn the pleasures of nature and understand that they can learn from it. Through this, they can change their lives and appreciate that they are part of a bigger picture. Whilst being outdoors, our children learn many skills and emotions and learn their place in the world. Every session starts with a prayer, asking God to watch over them and thanking God for the world around them. They end every session with some reflection time.

Safeguarding at Rowsley CofE Primary

With the start of a new academic year, each class will be covering safeguarding online. This is where the children will learn everything from how not to share passwords through to keeping safe on social media. You can find information about this on <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please see one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads in school - Mrs Wyer and Mrs Hewitt. Alternatively, if you believe that any child is in danger, please ring Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190 choosing the option for urgent child protection calls at any time.

Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival will be held on Tuesday 30th September. This will be at St Katherine's Church at 2pm and, as always, you are all welcome to join us.

If you can spare any tinned or packaged goods - food or toiletries - these are very much welcome. All produce will be donated to the Jigsaw Food Bank.

[Governor Vacancy](#)

Could You Be a School Governor?

We are looking for members of our community to volunteer as a **Primary School Governor for the Peak Tor Federation** (Rowsley C of E and Stanton-in-Peak C of E Primary Schools).

A school governor plays a vital role in shaping the future of our schools. Governors work as part of a team to provide support and challenge to the school leadership, helping to ensure that every child has the best possible start in life.

We are seeking volunteers who are:

- Honest, fair, and have integrity
- Good listeners and clear communicators
- Committed to working as part of a team
- Passionate about making a positive difference for children

You don't need to have experience in education—just an interest in supporting our schools and a willingness to give a little time and energy to the role. Our school governors meet 7 times a year on a Wednesday evening.

If you'd like to find out more, please contact Mrs Wyer (a.wyer@peaktorfederation.co.uk) for more information or to register interest.

[PTFA](#)

Our fabulous PTFA is always looking for volunteers to help with events. The PTFA is set up to raise additional funds for our children – this could be subsidising coaches for school trips, buying extra equipment or putting on fairs/activities for the children to enjoy. If you would like any more information or think that you would like to join, please look out for Claire Harrison or speak to a member of staff. You don't need to be a parent to join, anyone in the school community who would like to be a friend to our school will be given a very warm welcome.

[Dates for your Diary](#)

Date	Event	Details
September		
Fri 19th Sept	Swimming starts for Years 3, 4, 5 and selected Year 6s	Earlier swim time this year, therefore please be in school with swim kit by 8.50am
Tues 23rd Sept	Phonics Workshop for parents	Aimed primarily at the parents of our new Reception starters, but all infant parents are welcome to come along, immediately after school.
Thurs 25 th Sept	Football Tournament	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y5 & Y6 – this will be held at Rowsley Rec. Please bring a warm layers and waterproof coat, water bottle, and shinpads/football boots if you have them.
Tues 30 th Sept	Harvest Festival	2pm St Katherine's Church, Rowsley All welcome. Please bring a donation of dried food or toiletries to school in the morning if you are able.
October		
Thurs 9 th Oct	Cross Country Event	Whole School event @ Bakewell Junior School
Tues 14 th Oct	Open Day for Reception starters in 2026	Please let everyone know about our open day, please see the flyer at the end

		of this letter. Everyone welcome 1.15pm – 3pm
Tues 21 st Oct	WW2 Day	Enrichment day in Y5/6 – children to come in costume and bring a rationed packed lunch, more details to follow
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Tag Rugby/Dodgeball Tournament	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 @ Great Longstone Primary
Fri 24 th Oct	Last day of term	School Closes
November		
Mon 3 rd Nov	Return to School	School Re-opens
Monday 3 rd Nov	Parent Consultations	Please look out for the letter with timings
Tues 4 th Nov	Parent Consultations	Please look out for the letter with timings
Wed 5 th Nov	Individual School Photos	Individuals and sibling groups where all the siblings attend Rowsley will be taken during the school day. However if you would like a photo that includes children not at Rowsley, please go to the Village Hall from 8.30am.
w/c Mon 10 th Nov	Breakfast Club assessment week	We are being assessed by the DfE again, where the numbers of children attending will determine future funding. If you can send your child to Breakfast Club this week to help ensure it can continue, please do so!
December – look out for more Christmas activities nearer the time		
Monday 1 st Dec	INSET DAY	School Closed
Tues 9 th Dec	Infant Nativity	At Rowsley Village Hall 1.30pm and 5.30pm, everyone welcome
Thurs 11 th Dec	Pantomime Trip	Whole School trip to Buxton Opera House to see Aladdin
Tues 16 th Dec	Christingle Service	2pm at St Katherine’s Church, everyone welcome
Thurs 18 th Dec	PJ and Book Day	Children to come in the PJs and bring their favourite book
Friday 19 th Dec	Last Day of Term	School Closes, return Monday 5 th January

And finally...

The school newsletter can be found on our school website and diary dates are on the school website calendar.

If you have any queries or questions, please do speak to us or arrange a meeting. You can email the school at info@rowsley.derbyshire.sch.uk or email myself at c.hewitt@peaktorfederation.co.uk

If you would like a paper copy of the newsletter, please let me know and this can be arranged.

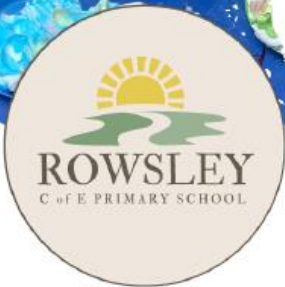
Live ‘life in all its fullness.’ (John 10:10b)

Claire Hewitt

Deputy Head Teacher

EYFS STARTERS 2026 OPEN DAY

Tuesday 14th
October



ROWSLEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Ofsted Outstanding in Personal Development 2024
- After School Club and FREE Breakfast Club
- Weekly Forest School Session for every child
- Small class sizes

TUESDAY
14TH
OCTOBER 1.15 - 3PM
2025

100% of parents
would
recommend
this school
Ofsted Parent Survey