Isham CofE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

20th November 2026

Message from the Head...

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to see so many of you this week at Parents' Evenings and to share your children's many successes with you. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Mr Horwood thoroughly enjoyed spending his first day with us this week in preparation for joining the team in January. He was particularly struck by how confident and welcoming the children were when he chatted with them on the playground. He was very impressed with everything Isham has to offer and is looking forward to building on this when he officially takes over.

This week has been especially challenging for our Reception staff and children following the flood in their classroom last weekend. A huge thank you to the staff and well done to everyone in Reception for showing such resilience and adapting so smoothly to the disruption.

Lydia Meek

Well Done to...

Honourable Mentions for....

Reception

George – for fantastic work in phonics using the magnetic boards to spell words.
Tobias – for making a brilliant firework rocket with recyclable materials. You added lots of detail.
All of Reception - for being resilient and patient moving our classroom into the hall. They have been superstars at carrying on with their learning.

Year 1 & 2

Mila - for working really hard on using a variety of adjectives to describe 'The Nutcracker'.
Cleo - for trying really hard always in Phonics.
George C - for always practicing his spellings at home.
Olivia - for being a great friend and helping during phonics.

Year 3 & 4

Hallie - for trying exceptionally hard to improve her handwriting.
Natalia - for working hard across all curriculum areas and for always showing our school values.
Charlie T - for his excellent Maths skills this week when reading and writing roman numerals.
Ashley - for being a wonderful person. He is a delight to teach and always shows our school values.

Year 5 & 6

AJ and James - for their work and dedication to the Poppy Appeal.
Chloe - for hard work and dedication in all areas of the curriculum.
Albie - for fantastic ability and sportsmanship during the hockey tournament.

Site Security

A reminder please not to leave the gate open, the lock pulled across so that it doesn't close or to let anyone unknown onto site, particularly when collecting children from after school club. Thank you.

Rotary Concert

The choir made me so proud this week at their performance at The Castle Theatre. I will use the words of the compere 'They may be small in numbers, but wow, didn't they have a big impact!' Their singing was beautiful and their behaviour and representation of the school was exemplary. Well done choir!



The Choir of

ISHAM C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

sang in

The Rotary Club of Wellingborough's

SEASONAL CONCERTS

at the Castle Theatre, Wellingborough

November 2026



Julian Glover

President of the Rotary Club of Wellingborough 2026









Hockey Competitions

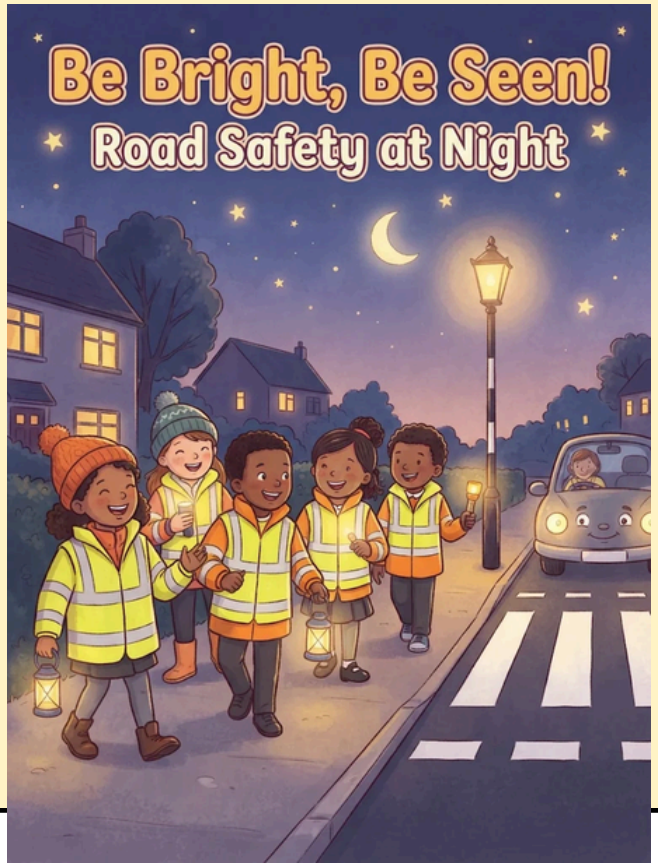
Over the last couple of weeks, children across Years 1–6 have represented the school in hockey competitions, demonstrating our usual Isham team spirit and sportsmanship. Our teams achieved fantastic results across all age groups:

- Years 1 & 2: Finished in 1st and 3rd places and also earned Player of the Tournament.
- Years 3 & 4: Finished in 2nd and 7th places.
- Years 5 & 6: Finished in 3rd and 4th places.

A huge well done to everyone who took part!







Keeping Your Child Safe: Road Safety Tips

As the evenings get darker, it's a vital time to reinforce road safety habits with your children. Here are a few simple steps you can take to ensure they stay safe and seen:

- **Be Bright, Be Seen:** Ensure your child wears bright or fluorescent clothing during the day and reflective items (like high-vis jackets, bands, or bag tags) when walking at dusk or in the dark. Even small reflective strips make a big difference to drivers.
- **Lead by Example:** When walking with your child, always use designated crossing points (like zebra or pelican crossings) whenever possible. Talk them through your decision-making process—why you are crossing where you are and why you are waiting.
- **Stop, Look, and Listen:** Make a habit of practising the Green Cross Code with your child every time you cross the road. Encourage them to **Stop** at the kerb, **Look** both ways for traffic, and **Listen** carefully before deciding it is safe to cross.
- **Focus on the Road:** Remind your child to put away phones and take off headphones when crossing or walking near roads so they can give their full attention to traffic.
- **Plan the Safest Route:** Whenever possible, walk the route to school with your child to identify the safest places to cross and discuss potential hazards.

St Peter's Church Isham

Christmas Eve Crib Service at 3pm

Join us for our traditional Crib Service where children hear the Nativity story, help to make the Nativity scene in the stable and sing some favourite carols. Grown-ups welcome too!





St. Mary's Burton Latimer

Christmas festival weekend

Friday evening 11th Dec - contemporary candlelit carols, with drinks available.

Saturday 12th Dec - Christmas Fare 10.00 to 16.00 with all sorts of Christmas type things going on, including hopefully Boppa's home cooked Turkey joint in rolls, available to purchase from lunchtime.

Sunday 13th Dec - Carol service with nine lessons starting at 18.00.





Christmas Jumpers!

With the festive season fast approaching, we know how quickly children grow out of their festive clothes—and how a Christmas jumper often only gets worn once or twice before it's outgrown!

To help everyone get the absolute maximum wear out of their festive clothes, we are inviting all children to wear a Christmas Jumper or t-shirt every Wednesday throughout December!

- **Wednesday, 2nd December**
- **Wednesday, 9th December (Panto Trip)**
- **Wednesday, 16th December (Christmas Church Service and Christmas Fair)**

Whether it's a festive jumper, t-shirt, or simply something sparkly, we look forward to seeing the children light up the school in their festive gear each week!

(Note: Standard school trousers/skirts/shoes should still be worn as usual on these days.)





Dates for your Diary...

- **Monday 30th November -** 9am Music Assembly
- **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 9th December -** Whole School Panto Trip
- **Wednesday 9th December -** Christmas Jumper Day
- **Friday 11th December -** Mufti Day for FOIS Christmas Tombola (info to follow)
- **Friday 11th December -** Christmas Lunch - book online via The Pantry
- **Wednesday 16th December -** Christmas Church Service at 2pm St Peter's Church - All Welcome
- **Wednesday 16th December -** Christmas Fair at school - (after Church service)
- **Friday 18th December -** LAST DAY OF TERM
- **Monday 4th January -** Teacher Training Day (School Closed)
- **Tuesday 5th January -** Start of Term - School Re-opens to pupils



Anti-Bullying Week: Break the Silence

This week (16–20 November), we have been marking Anti-Bullying Week with the theme "Break the Silence," encouraging children and adults to listen, speak up, and create a school community where everyone feels heard and supported. Thank you to everyone who joined in by celebrating what makes us all unique—including with Odd Socks Day—and for helping your children talk openly about kindness, friendship, and telling a trusted adult if something isn't right. If you ever have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or friendships, please do speak with their class teacher

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://www.ishamprimary.org.uk/SafeguardingMain/

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**

WRAPAROUND PROVISION

SUPER STAR SPORT



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

07:30-08:45 £4.00

Wednesday
Dodgeball

Thursday
Cricket

08:00-08:45 £3.50

Friday
Gymnastics



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After School Club

3rd Sept - 18th Dec

Monday
Football

15:15-16:15 £4.00

Tuesday
Dodgeball

Wednesday
Basketball

15:15-17:00 £5.25

Thursday
Nerf Mayhem

15:15-17:30 £6.00

Friday
Gymnastics

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 wraparaound club where your children will be fed a snack.

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2026

Before and After School

To Book:

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Family Learning

Understanding Challenging Behaviour



Course Information

Are you looking for positive ways to respond to your child's behaviour? This family learning course for parents and careers, explores practical strategies to understand behaviour, improve communication, and manage challenges with confidence.
There is no child care provision on site, this course is adults only.



Times & Location

Thursday 26th November
10:00am - 12:00pm (3 weeks)
Wellingborough Family Hub, Penrith Dr, NN8 3XL

Scan QR code to book your place

adultlearning@northnorthants.gov.uk

www.northantsadultlearning.ac.uk

North Northamptonshire Council

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Adult Learning Northamptonshire

Best Start Family Hubs North Northants

WINTER

HOLIDAY CLUB

Dodgeball, Basketball & Multi Sports

21st & 22nd December
Irthlingborough Junior School
23rd December,
Stanwick Village Hall
29th & 30th December
St Marys Primary School
10am - 3pm

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WWW.PACESETTERONLINE.CO.UK/HOLIDAY

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KETTERING FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE

AT: SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL,LEWISROAD, NN15 6HE
STARTING: SUNDAY10TH JANUARY 2027
SUNDAYS:

Group 1: School Years Reception,Year 1 & 2.....9.00am-10.00am
Group 2: School Years 3 ,4, 5, 6 &7……....10.00am-11.00am

Dear Parents,
I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last few years, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in January 2027. The Development course will run for approximately 15 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 14.
About our Course
• The course is run by **F.A qualified coaches**, who are **DBS checked**, and hold an **advanced premier skills qualification**, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
• Children will be fully supervised at all times
• Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
• It is an indoor course held in the sports hall, therefore children may wear trainers and sportswear.
• On the final week of the course, we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
• Children also have a chance to win many other **special individual awards and trophies for various skills**, including **'premier league'** and **'penalty shoot out'** competitions.
• Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.
The cost of the course is £9 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £36 due on week 1. Please Note: With a high response expected and limited places available, bookings will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis.

Matei Vasilica (course co-ordinator) *website.beacons.ai/m31_football_coaching*
Instagram: M31_football_coaching
Email: M31FootballCoaching@gmail.com

TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:
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