



# Newsletter October 2025



## Rossington St Michael's C of E Primary

*All are Welcome, All are Accepted, All Achieve, All are Loved.*

### Hello and Welcome to October's newsletter!

I am delighted to share the latest news from school as we head into October (where did September go?!). The atmosphere around school is really fantastic – children are working hard in every class, showing great focus and enthusiasm for their learning. We have shown a number of prospective parents around school recently and they have all commented on how beautifully our children are learning – it makes me very proud! It's wonderful to see such positive attitudes across school, with pupils supporting one another and giving their best every day.

We look forward to another busy and successful month ahead, with lots of exciting opportunities and experiences planned for our children.

Warmest wishes,  
Miss Birks 😊

## Upcoming Events

### Key Dates this October

1st October	October Newsletter Out
2nd October	Census Day – special menu for lunch
2nd October	Y3/4 Doncaster DSAT Competition – Football @
St Michael's	
8th October	Harvest services in Church – donations welcome
8th October	Board Game Café Family Event @ 3:15pm
10th October	'Tuck Shop Fridays' starts - PTA
12th October	Harvest Festival in Church (Sunday)
10th October	Y5/6 '500 Word Story' Competition starts
13th October	Y3 Trip to Austerfield Centre – Stone Age
13th October	Parents' Evening 3:30 – 4:30pm
15th October	Parents' Evening 3:30 – 6:30pm
16th October	'With Me In Mind' Parent Workshops – 3:15 and 4pm
20th October	Y1 'Safe Touch' lessons with school nurse
23rd October	Y5/6 '500 Word Story' Competition deadline
23rd October	Y2 Sponsored Danceathon Event – 2pm
23rd October	Disco (FS2 and KS1 3:15-4:15pm, KS2 4:30-5:30pm)
24th October	Last day of term for children

### IMPORTANT – PARENT PAY

We are no longer using Parent Pay so please do not add any money to this system. All payments for clubs / trips should now be made through Arbor. Many thanks.

### My Happy Mind

This half term we've launched 'My Happy Mind' across school. This is a school wide scheme from Nursery all the way to Year 6 which helps children to develop an understanding of how their brilliant brains work and what jobs they do to support us being mentally well and emotionally regulated. We've been so impressed with how the children have started to talk about their brains and implement 'Happy Breathing' to support themselves. We're even more excited to launch the parent app for My Happy Mind in October. The app will have lots of strategies for you to use that we will have practiced with the children at school – watch this space!



## Don't forget's!

- ✓ **Make sure your child is in school for Census Day** on Thursday 2nd October – and please order a dinner!
- ✓ **Send your child in with a food donation** for our Harvest Festival on 8th October.
- ✓ **Attend Parent's Evening** on 15th October, 3:30pm – 6:30pm.
- ✓ **Come along to the With Me In Mind workshop** on 16th October, 3:15pm or 4pm.

## We See Your Attendance...

Our whole school attendance is currently....

**95.5%**

Please keep sending your children EVERY day!

### Census Day – Thursday 2nd October

Please ensure that your children are in school on Thursday 2nd October – this is our Census day that determines our funding, based on how many children we have present in school on that day. We have a special menu of burger, chips and corn-on-the-cob too – as the more meals ordered, the more funding we get too! Please support us 😊

### Harvest Festivals

On 8th October, all year groups will be going over to Church to take part in special Harvest services. Children are warmly invited to take across a food donation for the collection, which will be given to Food Train Rossington for local families in need. Please send in tinned / dry goods – nothing fresh or perishable!

### Board Game Café Family Event

Our termly family event is a board game café, held on 8th October at 3:15pm in the New Hall. Board games will be available to play as a family, with drinks and refreshments available to purchase. Please come along – it's a great way of keeping our community strong!

### Y5/6 '500 Word Story' Competition

All Y5/6 children are invited to

## October News

Here is more detail about October's events, along with any other key messages to be shared.

show off their writing creativity – by writing a 500 word story to enter into a DSAT competition against our other Doncaster schools! We will introduce the task on 10th October, and they have until 23rd October to write their story. They can also be entered into the BBC competition too!

### Parents' Evenings

On 15th October, we will have our parents' evenings held in the new hall for parents to meet with teachers, discuss your child's progress and find out their targets. Bookings can be made through Arbor, available from 6pm on 6th October. There will also be timeslots available on 13th October, for those parents unable to attend the main one.

### With Me In Mind

We are thrilled to be working with 'With Me In Mind' as a school, to support children with mental health concerns and provide intervention to support. Mike, our lead, will be leading 2 parents workshops on 16th October to share the support available and be able to ask any questions you have. We will look after children in school so that parents can attend.

### Discos – 23rd October

Our PTA will be holding our

discos on 23rd October - FS2 and KS1 3:15-4:15pm; KS2 4:30-5:30pm. Tickets are £3 each and include a drink and snack. Dancing shoes ready!

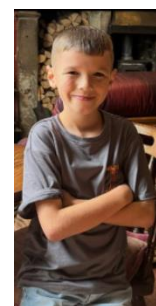
## We See You...

This is where we celebrate key achievements of our children. If you'd like something including, please email (and a picture if able) to:

[weseeyou@smp.dsat.education](mailto:weseeyou@smp.dsat.education)

Congratulations to **Seb Ross**, in Y5P, for not just passing, but smashing his piano Grade 1 exam, achieving a Distinction with a mark of 145/150. Hard word pays off – well done!

A big 'well done' to **Jack Smith**, in Y3W, for completing a sponsored walk up Mam Tor with his football team 'Rossington Blues', raising over £100 towards new equipment for his team – a great achievement!



**Oliver Finnegan**, in Y5S, has been elected as 'Junior Mayor Ambassador' for Doncaster! This is a huge opportunity and responsibility – very well done, Oliver!

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" Romans 15:13*