



# Mears Ashby C of E Primary School Latest News—January 2025

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#### **Wrap-Around Care**

**Breakfast Club** - Our breakfast club is run between 8am –8.45am each morning in the hall to allow for children to be dropped off that bit early to allow parents to get into work on time or get to early appointments.

The children get to eat a breakfast of either cereals or toast/bagel and afterwards they play inside and outdoors before filtering off to their classrooms at 8.45am for registration. Breakfast Club can be booked 24 hours in advance on ParentPay and costs £4.00 per session.

**After School** - Our After School Club is currently provided by Athena Activities and sessions run from 3.30pm –4.30pm daily. There is an array of activities on offer including; Lego club, baking, arts and crafts, den building and football. Bookings can be made online at www. athenaactivities.co.uk and sessions start from £5.25 per hour.

There are also early bird booking discounts and Pupil Premium discounts available.

Visit www.athenaactivities.co.uk or email: enquiries@athenaactivities.co.uk or call: 07399595022. Also please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for the full timetable of activities. Athena also provide Holiday Club Activities.

We are currently looking to expand our after school club provision to provide extended wrap around care until 6pm. Discussions are taking place with <u>THE DROP OFF</u> to meet the needs of working families. Once we have a plan in place we will inform you of all the details.

#### Parking at Drop off and Pick Up times

Polite reminder to be considerate with parking in the village.

- Driveways and gardens should not be obstructed.
- Parking should be safe including on the corners.
- The school driveway is not accessible for parents to use as it is a foot path for pupils.

Thank you.

#### Average Attendance - 2024- 2025

Ladybirds: 93.1 % Otters: 92.3%

Hedgehogs: 94.2 % Dolphins: 93.9%





Being 15 minutes late a day is equivalent to your child missing almost two weeks of lessons a year.







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#### Stars of The Week -

17th - Freya, Connie, Louie and Theo J

24th - Felix, Leah, Arabella and Liam

31st - Myles, Anne SD, Harry D and Max G



#### WELLBEING

#### Family Mental Health Fayres in Half Term Week -

The 'Explore and Connect' events, have been organised in collaboration with libraries across the county are being held during Half Term Week. They will feature fun activities and support stalls focused on wellbeing. The aim of the events to encourage as many children, young people, and families as possible to attend, Timetables and Wellingborough Library posters attached for your information. **Please see the attachments to this newsletter.** 

#### Online safety!

Online bullying, or cyberbullying, is when someone uses digital platforms like messaging apps, social media, or gaming chats to tease, threaten, or hurt others repeatedly and intentionally. Even young children can encounter unkind messages or feel excluded online. To protect your child, it is important to encourage open conversations about their online activities, teach them to report and block negative behaviour, and remind them never to share personal information. Be sure to monitor their screen time and keep devices in shared spaces. Please see attached poster for more advice or visit trusted resources like <a href="Internet Matters">Internet</a> More information attached about Cyberbullying.

#### **Dates for The Diary**

<u>Parent Drop In</u>—14th February 2025 from 3pm

<u>Last Day of Term</u> - Friday 14th February 2025

<u>Teacher Training Day</u> - 24th February 2025

<u>First Day back</u> - Tuesday 25th February 2025

<u>Dolphins Residential – Pioneer Centre</u>

- Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th February 2025.





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Above: Our Year 5 & 6 football did really well at the Final of the Small Schools County Football Competition at Redwell Leisure Centre.



Above: Hedgehogs made full use of the outdoor classroom for an English lesson looking at their surroundings for their English description.



Above - Ladybirds spent a Muddy Monday in the school's new outdoor classroom.



Above - Otters working with magnets in science with a lesson provided by Wrenn School .

