



# Rauceby Reporter

## Friday 10 April



## Nursery Grant Success

We have some huge news to share with you!

We're thrilled to announce that our school has been awarded a £150,000 grant to support us in building a purpose-built nursery — a 26-place setting for 3–4 year-old children — planned to be up and running by September 2027. We're proud to be one of only 6 Lincolnshire primaries chosen from over 700 applicants nationwide to receive this funding.

Here's what we're planning:

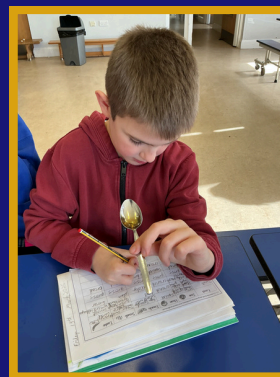
- £150,000 grant to help deliver a new purpose-built nursery
- 26 places for 3–4 year-old children
- Target opening: April - September 2027
- Proposed term-time hours: 7:45am – 6:00pm to support working families
- Longer-term ambition: expand to holiday care for nursery children and older children

There's a lot to do before this becomes reality — planning, design and recruitment — and we'll keep you updated every step of the way. We can't wait to offer this extra support to our local community and widen the use of our fantastic outdoor space here at Rauceby to incorporate nursery provision and holiday care!



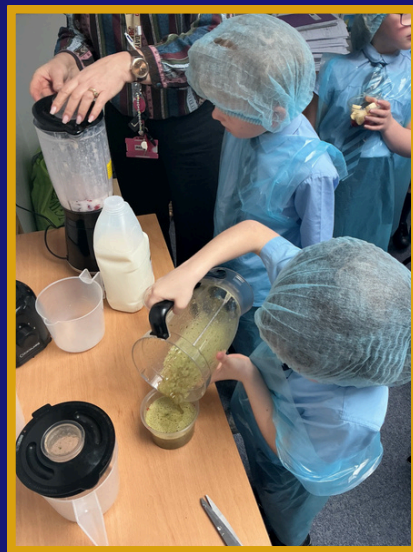
## Y4's Taste Challenge

Year 4 had an exciting morning at the end of term during their Taste Ed session! Using their senses of sight, sound, touch, smell, and taste, the children explored a variety of ingredients to create their own Mayan super salads. They showed brilliant resilience trying new flavours and confidently shared their discoveries with each other. It was a wonderful experience of curiosity and adventurous tasting!



# Y4's Family Assembly

We're so proud of our Year 4 explorers at Rauceby Primary School! Our super Year 4s shared their amazing learning journey with the whole school and their parents in their family assembly. From noble knights and Robin Hood's tales, to the mysteries of the Amazon rainforest, the towering Himalayan mountains, and the wonders of the ancient Maya civilisation – our Year 4 children presented with such confidence and enthusiasm. Their passion and dedication truly inspired us all! Thank you to all our Rauceby families who came along!



# Y2 Smoothies

What a brilliant DT project from our Year 2s at Rauceby Primary School! Every child designed and made their own healthy smoothie – choosing ingredients, measuring, blending and tasting. It was lovely to see their confidence grow and their curiosity about food and nutrition spark.

- Skills they practised: planning, measuring, food hygiene, safe use of equipment and teamwork.
- Favourite flavours included banana & strawberry and kiwi & apple – lots of healthy combos!

Well done Year 2!

# Y1 Maths

This term Year 1 has spent time measuring the length and height of different objects and even used a trundle wheel to measure the playground perimeter – hands-on learning at its best!

- Skills they practised: estimating, comparing lengths/heights, recording results and working as a team
- Favourite part: seeing how a trundle wheel makes measuring the playground feel like an adventure!



## Y6 ❤️ Science

Our Year 6 class had an exciting, hands-on science lesson this term exploring the structure of the heart through a supervised pig heart dissection. The children identified the heart's chambers, valves and major vessels, linking anatomy to circulation. The activity encouraged careful observation, scientific vocabulary and respectful teamwork.

We're so proud of the curiosity and maturity shown by our Year 6 children — they asked thoughtful questions and supported each other brilliantly!



## Y5 Crest Awards

Our Year 5s have been loving their science explorations this term. They have been working towards their Crest Awards and have been investigating, problem solving and working as a team on a number of challenging scientific investigations! Find out more about the Crest Awards here: <https://www.crestawards.org/primary-early-years/>



## Chocolate Bingo

A huge thank you to our marvellous PTFA who ran a super event just before the holidays. Families had a great evening at our very first Chocolate Bingo. There were amazing prizes to be won - some families heading home with a couple of baskets laden with chocolate. We hope you'll be sharing them!! All proceeds of the event will be ploughed into PTFA funds which go towards funding projects in school to benefit all our Rauceby children!



## Rauceby In Bloom

We are incredibly fortunate to have such wonderful outdoor areas surrounding our school. However, over the winter months these spaces have become a little neglected and are now in need of some TLC. We would be very grateful for any donations of seeds, plants or flowers to help us revitalise the front garden area and create a welcoming haven for minibeasts, bees and butterflies. Our School Challenge Club are busy this term creating a garden environment to attract bees in particular and their project will be taken to the Lincolnshire Show this year in June!

We are also looking for volunteers who may be able to help us clear the pond area — a task our resident ducks would very much appreciate!  
Thank you for your continued support in helping us care for our beautiful school grounds.

## Rauceby Reporters



Our Rauceby Reporters from Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be joining me in reporting on this newsletter and future newsletter. Check out their reports on this page!

## Crest Awards

*TSince British Science Week we've been thinking about Science more deeply. We've had so much fun doing experiments and recording observations. We were all given special passports that we fill with stickers to win a badge. Here are some of the experiments we have done in Y5:*

### **Toast Experiment**

*We had to change different variables to see if the toast would fall butter side down. Most times it fell butter side up! So be careful not to drop your toast!*

### **Bridge Blunder**

*We had to make bridges to hold weight and not to collapse!*

### **Crafty Rafts**

*We had to make rafts that could float on water and hold the most weight - although we could only use one sheet of paper!*

*We have had so much fun and we hope to carry on being inspired by science!*

**Reported by Flo and Annie (Y5)**

## Spring at Rauceby

Spring has definitely sprung at Rauceby! In the last few days of term our children have loved being outside at playtime on the field — the tyres were perfect hiding spots and we even had three little mice who wanted to join the fun! It's lovely to see how outdoor play boosts confidence, curiosity and friendship for every child here at Rauceby!



## Red Nose Joke Competition

*This year we've celebrated Red Nose Day. We usually do a charity activity but this year we chose to do a joke competition. The school council are currently deciding on who are the winners of the joke competition (I hope it's me!) School Council set up a joke competition table and children from the whole school participated. Some jokes were hilarious although some were not as funny (mine was the best!). There were jokes about policemen's underwear, turkeys, the ocean, Elsa, cows ... and of course chickens (and apparently there was one about me eating fingers?!)*

*Prizes include Red Nose Day whizzers, badges, and other red nose goodies. It's going to be a hard job for school council to decide which joke breaks the chuckle-o-meter!*

**Reported by Henry D (Y4)**

## Mrs Wilkinson says Goodbye to Rauceby

*Mrs Wilkinson is a great teacher known for her healthy mile running, tasty chocolate finger Friday and a kind soul. It was hard saying goodbye to her since she is a big character. Let's look at Mrs Wilkinson's charisma in all its forms!*

*Mrs Wilkinson didn't just heal the hearts of her fellow friends and students but started a big health club all about running. She made us run once a week first thing in the morning - even if it was freezing outside, she made sure you became warm and fit!*

*Chocolate finger Friday was probably the most memorable thing about her (apart from her kindness). As well as this, Mrs Wilkinson would buy them herself with her own money! She would eat them with the kids and even hide them in her drawer. Everybody knew they were in there! Mrs Wilkinson was the definition of kindness with her idea of running a mile each Friday, chocolate finger Friday and her off the scale kindness was off the chart.*

*We said a huge goodbye to her by singing a song all about her in assembly.*

**Reported by Francesca (Y6)**

# Spring Rocksteady Concert

Fantastic work from our Rocksteady bands at the Spring Concert this term – we're so proud of the children's progress! Huge thanks to Ollie from Rocksteady for supporting us in championing music at Rauceby. Dolly Parton's Jolene was an absolute standout! Thank you to all our families who came along to support their children's musical talent!



## Lambs Visit

On the last day of term our Year 2 and Year 5 children enjoyed a wonderful spring walk to Rauceby Hall to see the lambs – what a fantastic, hopeful end to term. We're so lucky to have nature on our doorstep here at Rauceby, giving the children hands-on moments to wonder and learn. What a joy watching their excitement and curiosity!



## Easter Service

What a lovely Easter Service at St Peter's Church on the last day of term! Our Year 6 children led a beautiful service on the themes of forgiveness and hope – we couldn't be prouder. It was so special to share this part of our Church school calendar with so many Rauceby families. The thoughtful readings from Year 6, reflective hymns and warm community support led us nicely into the Easter break! A huge thank you to our clergy, staff and families for making the service so meaningful.

# Wrap Around Care

We have been working hard behind the scenes in extending and developing our Wrap Around Care Offer to you. As from the start of Term 5, our After School Club provision will be open until 6.00pm for those of you who need extended childcare hours.

We are also pleased to inform you that from the start of the new term, we will be launching our new menus for both Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club. As always, food is optional and children are not expected to join us for food if they choose not to. These menus have been carefully developed with the support of a Programme Officer at Lincolnshire County Council. We are pleased to confirm that they have been fully approved and meet the new School Food Standards compliance requirements.

Our aim is to provide a variety of healthy, balanced, and enjoyable options for all children, supporting their wellbeing and energy throughout the day.

Breakfast will be served **until 8:20am** to allow time to clean away and prepare for the start of the school day. Please ensure your child has eaten breakfast if they are joining us after this time.

Our Afterschool Club will provide tea between **4:45pm and 5:15pm**. Please indicate if you do not wish your child to eat at Afterschool Club.

At the moment, these changes and extension to our provision are of no extra cost to you!

Take a look at our new menus below!

## Breakfast Menu a



### Available every day

Cereals  
Weetabix • Cornflakes • Rice Krispies  
Wholemeal toast  
Fresh Fruit  
Milk and/or Water

### Daily Specials

**Monday** : Crumpets  
**Tuesday**: Porridge with fruit  
**Wednesday**: Ham & Cheese Bites  
(Vegetarian option available)  
**Thursday**: Bagels with soft cheese & tinned fruit  
**Friday**: Boiled Egg



## Breakfast Menu b



### Available every day

Cereals  
Weetabix • Cornflakes • Rice Krispies  
Wholemeal toast  
Fresh Fruit  
Milk and/or Water

### Daily Specials

**Monday** : Breakfast trifle  
**Tuesday**: Ham & Cheese Bites  
(Vegetarian option available)  
**Wednesday**: Crumpets  
**Thursday**: Porridge with fruit  
**Friday**: Scrambled egg or beans



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB menu week 1

### Monday

Bagel topped with cream cheese and ham, hummus, vegetable sticks and cherry tomatoes.

### Tuesday

A small jacket potato with a choice of cheese, tuna or ham, served with lettuce, sweetcorn and homemade coleslaw and a selection of vegetable sticks

### Wednesday

Veggie chilli and wrap served with lettuce, sweetcorn and homemade coleslaw and a selection of vegetable sticks

### Thursday

Filled pitta bread with choice of cheese, tuna or ham served with lettuce, sweetcorn and homemade coleslaw and a selection of vegetable sticks

### Friday

Homemade pizza slice served with a selection of vegetable sticks and hummus

### Always available

Wholemeal bread, fresh fruit and water

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB menu week 2

### Monday

Filled pitta bread with choice of cheese, tuna or ham served with lettuce, sweetcorn and homemade coleslaw and a selection of vegetable sticks

### Tuesday

Traffic light bagel served with mushrooms and a selection of vegetable sticks

### Wednesday

Mushroom and cheese omelette bites served with beans and a selection of vegetable sticks with hummus

### Thursday

Ploughmans - boiled egg, slice of ham, bread roll, served with lettuce, sliced apple, homemade coleslaw and a selection of vegetable sticks

### Friday

Homemade pizza slice served with a selection of vegetable sticks and hummus

### Always available

Wholemeal bread, fresh fruit and water

# Parent Support/Community News

## Ready for Reception 2026

We know that starting school is a big step for your child and for you as a family and it can be an exciting but also a daunting time. You may have questions or you may just not know where to begin, don't worry we are here to help. We wanted to invite you to some exciting opportunities to help you and your child to get ready for school.


Please check out the poster with dates for the sessions which will be online live events for parents/carers on starting school. Please choose the session with a time that suits you. You can access the sessions through these links below:

Thursday 23rd April 6.00-7.00pm [Join the meeting now](#)

Wednesday 29th April 1.30-2.30pm [Join the meeting now](#)

Your local Children's Centre/Family Hub also has all sorts of sessions available which will help with socialisation, turn taking, sharing and communication skills. Your local Children's Centre/Family Hub timetable is available on this link [Find a children's centre – Lincolnshire County Council](#) Click here for useful information on Starting Reception - [Home - Starting Reception](#)

The Early Years Team @ Lincolnshire County Council



### Ready Steady go to School

This is a short free online session aimed at Parents/Carers of children who will be starting school in September 2026. Come along and meet one of our Early Years Team to explore practical activities and top tips to help your little one on their journey to school

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 7.00-8.00pm  
 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 1.30-2.30pm  
 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 6.00-7.00pm  
 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 1.30-2.30pm

Please use the link in the email to join your preferred session.

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## Your Village Hall Needs You

The Heart of Our Village Needs Your Help

For over 70 years, Raucoby Village Hall has been the centre of village life – a place for celebrations, meetings, and events that bring our community together.

**The Challenge**  
 To keep the hall safe and welcoming, we urgently need essential repairs.  
 Roof: Significant work is required to stop water ingress and protect the building.  
 Floor: Repairs and improved ventilation are needed to ensure a safe space for all users.

**Why Your Support Matters**  
 As a volunteer run charity (No. 1210555), we rely on hitting income and fundraising. While we are applying for grants, we cannot meet these costs alone. Without action, the hall risks falling into disrepair.

**How You Can Help**  
 Every donation goes directly toward the materials and professional labour needed to secure the roof and restore the floor.

**BANK TRANSFER**  
 Account Name: Raucoby Village Hall  
 Sort Code: 30-54-66 Account Number: 25142358  
 Reference: RVH Donation

**CHEQUE**  
 Made payable to Raucoby Village Hall  
 Post to: The Village Hall, Main Street,  
 South Raucoby, Stamford, NG34 8DQ

**JUSTINOVING**  
 Donate online by scanning the QR code or visiting  
[www.jungleking.com/raucobyvillagehall](http://www.jungleking.com/raucobyvillagehall)



## RAUCOBY VILLAGE HALL

SAVE THE DATE

20 JUNE 2026

7.30 PM

HOE-DOWN LINE DANCING



## SPRING FAYRE

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026 10am - 2pm  
 Raucoby Village Hall

**Pop-up Scone Café**  
 Tea & Coffee - Scones - when they're scone, they're scone!  
 Cash only please. Bottomless refills of tea & coffee.

**Selection of Local Bespoke Craft Stalls**  
 to include Woodcraft, Cards, Jewellery etc.

**OTHER STALLS:**  
 Raffle, Tombola, WI Cake Stall, Plant Sale

Raffle tickets from £1.00. Fabulous prizes include: Shearwell Lamb for 2, Vouchers for Leasingham Manor Farm Shop & Tenells. Many prizes worth £10+!

Over 100 Tombola prizes to be won

**TAKE THEM HOME!** Superb selection of homemade cakes & mazes on the WI Cake Stall

Plants from 50p  
 wide selection - flowers, plants, herbs, veg - all locally grown

A fun way to spend a Sunday morning for a good cause whilst having a chance of winning some lovely prizes, chit-chatting over a cuppa with a delicious scone and buying a few plants or craft items

**PLEASE COME ALONG - ALL PROCEEDS TO RAUCOBY VILLAGE HALL - RAISE THE ROOF CHALLENGE**



## COUNTRYSIDE LINCS

SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

10AM - 4PM

Join in a fun-filled family day out focused on food, farming and the countryside.

CELEBRATE 10 AMAZING YEARS WITH US!

£12.50 ADULT  
 £6.50 CHILD (2-16 years)  
 UNDER 2'S GO FREE

£36 FAMILY (2 adults & up to 3 children)

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# Maths Challenge Success

We're bursting with pride at Rauceby Primary School! Our fantastic young mathematicians took first place out of thirteen schools at the Maths Challenge event held last term at Sir William Robertson Academy. A huge thank you to the school for hosting such an inspiring competition! Our children showed incredible teamwork, problem-solving skills, and determination throughout the day! An amazing result!

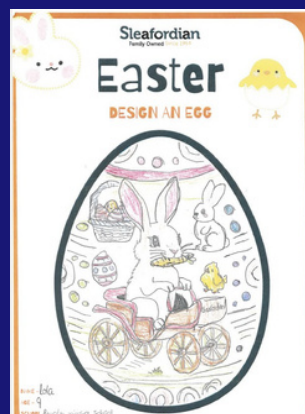


# County Netball Winners

Our amazing netball team have wowed us this year, coming first in our local schools netball league. A resounding win in the finals at the end sealed the deal for this accomplished team of Y6 children. We are so proud of them all!

# Easter Egg Competition Winners

A huge well done to Lola, Henry Y and Isla W who were winners in the Sleafordian Coaches Easter Egg Competition this term!



# Staffing Update

This term we have said goodbye to Mrs Wilkinson - a very special member of staff who has worked at Rauceby for the last 17 years! She is leaving her one day a week post to work full time in her gardening business, but she has promised to pop back to advise us on our school allotment and Lincolnshire Show project! We wish her all the very best!

Miss Forth will be returning to work on a four day contract towards the end of April following parental leave. We look forward to welcoming her back - she will be working in Y1 for the majority of the week and YR for one day a week whilst Mrs Singleton works on her Assistant Headteacher duties. Mr Thaxter will be staying on with us to aid continuity in Y1 and will be teaching in Y1 for the remaining 2 days a week until the end of the summer term.

We also hope to see a slow phased return to work for Ms McClintock who will be returning following a period of sick leave. We are looking forward to seeing her again!





# Achievements

## Star of the Week

In Reception, Jamie for his enthusiastic discussions about the church and why we might visit a church and Amelia T for her amazing independent codes in drawing club.

In Y1, Austin who has been a superstar this week. He has really worked hard in everything he has done.

In Y2, George for fantastic work in science and Leonardo for being an excellent musician with the recorder.

In Y3, Winnie for flying through her fractions work this week and Arlo for taking such great care with his written responses, from using the correct technical language in maths, to giving full comprehension answers in reading.

In Y4, Oliver for his oracy skills and enthusiasm during food tasting and Isaac for always challenging himself and others to deepen his thinking

In Y5, Grace for her amazing hard work and dedication inside and outside of school and George for his amazing determination and fantastic writing in English!

In Y6, Flo for always being respectful, listening and eager to learn and Finlay C for focussing on bettering himself and making conscientious choices.



## Role Model of the Week

In Reception, Nellie for demonstrating our school value of kindness and Archie for aspiration

In Year 1, Mykofor demonstrating our school value of kindness and Ioann for aspiration

In Year 2, James and Raffa for demonstrating our school value of aspiration

In Year 3, Cayla for demonstrating our school value of kindness and Joshua for equality

In Year 4, Dylan for demonstrating our school value of equality and Annabel for kindness

Year 5, Oliver and Edith for demonstrating our school value of aspiration

In Year 6, Alfie and Lucy A for demonstrating our school value of aspiration



## Personal Achievements



## House Points



**Red Kite**  
**2002**



**Buzzard**  
**1794**



**Falcon**  
**2002**



**Kestrel**  
**1531**

# Dates for the Diary



## Term 5

20.4.26: Training Day (School closed to children)  
21.4.26: Term 5 begins  
**27.4.26: 16.15 - 18.30 Online Progress Meetings**  
**29.4.26: 15.45 - 17.30 In Person Progress Meetings**  
**4.5.25: BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED**  
5.5.26: Y3 trip to Cresswell Crags  
**7.5.26: 9.10 Y2 Family Assembly**  
**8.5.26: 14.00 Y4 #thisfamilycan event**  
11.5.26 - 14.5.26: Y6 SATs week  
19.5.26 - 22.5.26: Y5 Residential to Malham  
22.5.26: 15.30 End of Term 5

## Outdoor Fun with Y6!



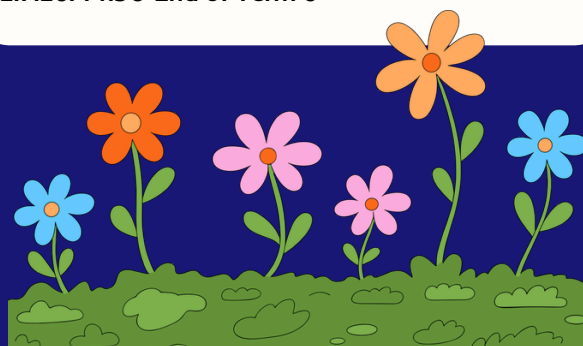
## Term 6

1.6.26: Term 6 begins  
1.6.26: Y4 Multiplication Test window opens  
3.6.26 - 5.6.26: Y3 to Rand Farm  
8.6.26: Y1 Phonics Screening begins  
9.6.26: Y4 Anglo Saxon experience day  
**10.6.26: 9.30 - 1.00 Sports Morning and Family Picnic**  
**11.6.26: 9.10 YR Family Assembly**  
**12.6.26: 14.00 Y5 #thisfamilycan event**  
**16.6.26: 9.10 Y3 Family Assembly**  
16.6.26: Y5 Taster Day at Carre's/High School  
**17.6.26: 14.00 Y1 #thisfamilycan event**  
17.6.26: School Challenge Club at Lincolnshire Show  
18.6.26: School Challenge Club at Lincolnshire Show  
**22.6.26 - 10.7.26: Swimming on site**  
23.6.26: Girls High induction evening (Y7)  
**25.6.26: Small Schools Football Tournament**  
30.6.26: Open Events at local secondary schools  
1.7.26: Open events at Carre's/KSHS  
**3.7.26: Y2 Forest School sleepover**  
**3.7.26: Y6 #thisfamilycan event**  
**8.7.26: 14.00 Y6 Production**  
**9.7.26: 18.30 Y6 Production**  
**13.7.25: End of Year Reports**  
**14.7.26: Reserve 9.30 - 1.00 Sports Morning/ Picnic**  
10.7.26: Safer internet workshops (Y2-Y6)  
15.7.26: Full Governors Meeting  
**17.7.26: PM - evening School Summer Fair**  
**22.7.26: Y6 Leavers event and Y6 Leavers Assembly**  
**22.7.26: 14.30 End of Term 6**

## Dates Added/Changed Recently

**10.6.26: 9.30 - 1.00 Sports Morning and Family Picnic**  
**11.6.26: 14.00 Y1 #thisfamilycan event**  
11.6.26: School Challenge Club at Lincolnshire Show  
18.6.26: School Challenge Club at Lincolnshire Show  
**11.6.26: 14.00 Y1 #thisfamilycan event**  
**14.7.26: 9.30 - 1.00 Sports Morning and Family Picnic reserve date**

Please take note of our Sports Day change due to the dates of the Lincolnshire Show where we have staff and children now attending.



## Diary Dates Explained

- School diary dates
- Parent Events
- Sports Events

Please do check diary dates as there may well be unavoidable changes and additions to planned dates as we slot in sport fixtures and other school events.