

## NEWSLETTER

15th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a wonderful start to the new academic year. Our children have settled in well and have been getting used to our new Academy expectations which we have been practicing daily.

Our READY expectations of Respect, Empathy, Attitude, Do the right thing and You can succeed all interlink with our school values of 'Kindness First, Effort Always'. We want our children to demonstrate our expectations day in and day out. These have been developed to help everyone in our academy understand what we stand for and the high standards we expect for ourselves and one another.

As part of our expectations, we have also introduced the chance to earn 5 Dojo's a day. One for attendance, one for wearing full school uniform, one for a good morning, one for a good lunch and one for a good afternoon. Then there is the chance to earn more during the week for great work. If your child earns 40 Dojo's in a week, they go to a member of SLT for a reward out of the 'Golden box'.

We would like to share more information about our behaviour expectations of 'READY' with you and would like to invite parents and carers to our Parent Forum on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:40am. This time around we will focus on our new school values and behaviour expectations and explain how these will support our continued journey as an Academy.

Your opinions, ideas and feedback are incredibly important to us. I firmly believe that strong partnerships between school and home are essential in helping our children thrive and to provide the best education and experiences for all pupils.

### New Staff

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to the Skegby Junior Academy team this year.

Mr Webb joins us as an Early Career Teacher (ECT) and will be teaching our Year 3 class. He is covering a maternity leave post for the academic year and is incredibly excited to begin his

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teaching journey with our pupils. Mr Webb has already shown great enthusiasm and is looking forward to creating a positive, engaging learning environment where every child can thrive.

Mrs Walls also joins our team and will be teaching across the school while providing PPA cover. She brings a wealth of teaching experience and expertise, and we are delighted to have her supporting learning across all year groups. Her extensive knowledge and passion for education will be a valuable addition to our school community.

We are thrilled to have both Mr Webb and Mrs Walls joining us and know that they will make a fantastic contribution to the life of the school.

### Breakfast Club

We offer a breakfast club that starts at 7:45am. It is free and in addition to breakfast, the children get the opportunity to play games and socialise with their friends. The close of register for children attending breakfast club is 8:10am. You can sign up for breakfast club by contacting the school office.

### Ordering Lunches

Please remember to your child's lunch on ParentPay two weeks in advance. Unfortunately, if these are not booked, you will have to provide your child with a packed lunch as the catering team order in the food based on the number of meals pre-ordered. If you are experiencing any difficulties in ordering the lunches, a member of our Office Team will be happy to help.

### Parking

We appreciate your attention to safety around our school. To ensure the well-being of all students and maintain smooth traffic flow, we kindly ask that all vehicles be parked responsibly in the parent car park and outside the school gates. Your cooperation in this matter helps create a safer environment for everyone in our school and the wider community

### Assembly

During assembly this week we have spoken with the children about the horse in the neighbouring field and would appreciate your support in reminding the children that the horse is on a special diet for health reasons. Please remind your child/ren that they should not be feeding the horse because of this.

### Uniform

Our children are looking very smart in their uniform's. However, we already have some pupils who have lost uniform. Please remember to label uniform with your child's name. One jumper looks just like another and if it doesn't have a name in it, we don't know who it belongs to, but if it is labelled, we can return it.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs C Bennett  
Principal

## Diary Dates

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|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 16&17/09/2026 | Life Education Bus (PHSE)                                                            |
| 22/09/2026    | Aspirations Day                                                                      |
| 01/10/2026    | Dad's Network                                                                        |
| 14&15/10/2026 | Parents Evening for Silver Birch, Beech, Willow, Oak, Cedar, Maple and Hazel Classes |
| 13&14/10/2026 | Parents Evening for Ash Class only                                                   |
| 16/10/2026    | Brazilian Carnival Day (Topic) Years 5&6                                             |
| 02/11/2026    | Inset Day                                                                            |
| 03/11/2026    | Twycross Zoo                                                                         |
| 13/11/2026    | Children in Need                                                                     |
| 26/11/2026    | Mansfield Palace Theatre Pantomime – Whole School                                    |
| 09/12/2026    | Cresswell Craggs Years 4                                                             |
| 15/12/2026    | Cresswell Craggs Years 3                                                             |