

Young Carers Action Day – schools working together

Noremarsh Junior School and Royal Wootton Bassett Academy are celebrating Young Carers Action Day today (11/03/26) as schools which offer extra support to those children who are carers.

This annual day, organised by the Carers Trust charity, is designed to raise awareness of young carers and what they do. These children often balance day-to-day caring at home with the demands of school.

Noremarsh and the Royal Wootton Bassett Academy (RWBA), which are both part of the Ascend Learning Trust, offer ongoing emotional support for young carers along with extra help with homework and a chance to attend fun and supportive events for respite.

As both schools are in the same Academy Trust any young carer transitioning at the end of year 6 from Noremarsh to RWBA will continue to be supported on their educational journey. The Trust looks after these young people right from the point they choose to be identified as a carer to the time they leave education with Ascend.

Hilary MacMeekin, Headteacher at Noremarsh, said: “We want to give every child the very best opportunities whatever their circumstances and that means supporting those young carers in our school daily.

“Every child is important to us, so it’s always vital for us to be told if a child is a young carer so we can offer them extra help at the times that they may need it.”



Headteacher Hilary MacMeekin

Kerry Heaphy, Assistant Headteacher at RWBA, said: “We are incredibly proud of the outstanding commitment everyone makes to supporting our young carers.

“Their dedication, resilience and kindness are recognised throughout our school community—and we are honoured to have received a Young Carers Award in recognition of the high-quality provision we offer.

This Academy is proud to be a part of the Ascend Learning Trust.

“We are also incredibly proud of our young carers and the strength they show every day. At RWBA, we remain committed to providing an environment where they can thrive—academically, socially, and emotionally.”



Assistant Headteacher Kerry Heaphy

If you believe your child may be a young carer or you'd like more information about the support offered, please contact either Noremarsh or RWBA. They are here to help.

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