



Wisdom Courage Respect



Newsletter 1
5th September 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

A huge welcome back to school to you all. A special welcome to our new starters across school. We are very excited to start the new school year! I hope you have all had a restful summer break and were able to take time to enjoy special family times together. I am sure many children will have new school clothes, shoes and coats. Please ensure all of these are named so that they can be returned if they are misplaced or lost.

We have been really impressed with how well the children have returned to school. They have enjoyed seeing their friends, teachers and having time in class finding out about their new class countries. They all seem to have been having a great time settling back in. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for some photographs. The return to school can sometimes be hard. If your child is finding the transition back into school life tricky, please speak to their class teacher in the first instance. They can then refer you to support from our SENDCO, Mrs Tomlinson, or our Mental Health Lead, Mr Kidd, if needed. To contact your child's class teacher, please email school on enquires@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk and we will ensure the email is forwarded on.

Welcome to new staff

We are pleased to offer a warm welcome to Miss Wilson, who is joining the Early Years Team as a Teaching Assistant having completed her training with us last year, and Mrs Walters, who will be teaching Year 1 until Miss Footitt returns from maternity leave.

Food in school

As you will know, we are always encouraging safe and healthy eating in school. Children in Reception and Key Stage One are provided with a fruit snack each day. All children across school are welcome to bring a small, healthy snack for morning break. Examples include fruit, vegetable batons, bread sticks, crackers and cheese, raisins, yogurt tubes etc. *Please note we have asked children not to bring chocolate, crisps or cakes for their morning snack.* To comply with health and safety regulations, younger children will eat their snack in the classroom before going out to playtime. Older children can take their snack outside but must be seated whilst eating. [Snack-tember 2025 | British Nutrition Foundation](#) – Further details about this initiative can be found here. We thank you for your support in this.

Class Newsletters

All class teachers will be sending home a short newsletter sharing details of the term ahead by the end of next week. These will include details of a 'Meet the Teacher' session after school within the next three weeks. This will allow children to share their new classrooms with their families and will be from 3:30 – 3:45pm. For families who are not able to make the date and time offered, we will look to accommodate this at another time, just let your child's class teacher know.

PE uniform

PE clothes should include a plain white top, plain dark shorts/joggers and trainers. Usual school jumpers or cardigans should be worn – not sports/football tops or hoodies please.

Gate times

The gate will be open each morning from 8.45 – 8.55 with lessons starting in all classes at 9am. After school the gate will be open from 3.25 and must close by 3:40 to ensure the site is safe for after school clubs.

Reminiscence Café – Do you have memories of Ancaster Primary School?

You may have seen posters around the village for 'The Ancaster Reminiscence Café' on Thursday 25th September from 14:15 to 16:00. If you have any memories, photos or items of interest linked to the history of the school we would love to hear from you. You are very welcome to join us on 25th September at the Village Hall or pop into school to arrange another time to speak to us. We are keen to build up a timeline of the school to preserve the history and share it with the next generation. Please do pop and speak to me if you wish to be involved.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lucy Jackson, Headteacher

Naming items

Please ensure all items coming into school are clearly named. This helps us return items to the correct owner quickly if they get misplaced. As we move into the colder months, this will include hats, scarves and gloves 😊.

Many thanks for your help in this.



Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone.

If you believe that a child may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty call Children's safeguarding - 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm). This is Lincolnshire Children's Services who will take the information and log any details you wish to share. The out of hours number is 01522782333 or email lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Parking

We ask all members of our school community to park with care and respect for our children and other road users.



Rule 243 of the Highway Code

This rule in the Highway Code makes it very clear that we **must not** park near a school entrance, anywhere that would prevent access for the Emergency Services or on a bend. Please take care and make sure you follow the Highway Code.

Park and Stride

The car parks at the playing field and social club are available for use for any parents to 'park and stride' each day. This may help with congestion and therefore help keep our children as safe as possible.

Online Gaming

The UK Safer Internet Centre has published a blog post about online chats in games, highlighting some of the risks to children and young people. The blog provides practical suggestions for keeping children safe when using online chats.

[My child is gaming with strangers – what should I do? - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Key Dates for Autumn Term 1

Week beginning 8th September

Meet the teacher sessions to begin.

Week beginning 15th September

Monday 15th – National Democracy Day
Friday 19th – First Key Stage 2 Star of the Week

Week beginning 22nd September

Thursday 25th Reminiscence Café 14:15
Friday 26th – First Key Stage One Star of the Week

Week beginning 29th September

Week beginning 6th October

Friday 10th – World Mental Health Day

Week beginning 13th October

Black History Week
Thursday 16th – Harvest Festival at Church (KS2 9:15, KS1 and EY 10:15)
Friday 17th – Open Morning for potential new starters for September 2026

Week beginning 20th October

Tuesday 21st – Flu vaccinations
Thursday 23rd – End of Term 1.

Term dates can be found here –

[School term times – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

Useful Contacts

Childline: 0800 1111

Lincolnshire Prevent Team: 0207 340 7264

Young Carers Helpline: 01522 553275

NSPCC Whistle Blowing Helpline: 08088 005000

Domestic Violence: 0808 2000 247

Samaritans: 01522 528282

Lincolnshire Social Services: 01522 872111

Anxiety UK: 08444 775774

Healthy Minds Lincolnshire is a children and young people's emotional wellbeing service. For further information, please visit their website

www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people

If you are wishing to contact Healthy Minds regarding suitability for a referral into the service of a child or young person in your care, please contact the Here4You line on: 0800 234 6342

If you wish to contact school for additional support, our Mental Health Lead is Mr Kidd and our SENDCO is Mrs Tomlinson. Both can be contacted via enquiries@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk.

Fancy a trip down
memory lane?
Then why not
come along to...

The Ancaster Reminiscence Cafe

All
welcome



Please come along if
you would like to
engage in easy-going
conversations.
Free refreshments will
be available.

An opportunity to learn together about the
history of Ancaster School. Do you have your
own memories or stories to share about the
school? Or are you interested to find out more
and maybe make new connections?
If so, please join us on
Thursday 25th September 2025
from 2.15 - 4pm
at Ancaster Village Hall

A community
project in
collaboration with

St Martin's Church



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