



Wisdom Courage Respect



Newsletter 4
22nd October 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

We have had a busy end of term in school, with the highlight being last week's Harvest Festival celebration at St Martin's Church. Thank you for all the kind donations for Grantham Foodbank and a huge well done to the children and staff for the excellent class performances! 😊

The last day of term is tomorrow, Thursday 23rd October.

Christmas Card Competition – St Martin's Church

St Martin's Church are running a Christmas Card competition in three age categories –

- Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2
- Year 3 and Year 4
- Year 5 and Year 6.

All entries will be displayed in the Church during their Christmas Fair on Saturday 29th November. The winning pictures will be used for the cards which are delivered to all homes in the village with details of the Church Services over Christmas. Cards will be A6 size but entries can be up to A4 size (they can be shrunk to fit). The theme is 'The Church at Christmas' and all entries can be handed in at the school office by Friday 21st November. Please ensure entries are clearly named on the back with your child's name and year group.

Maths Escape Room

Thursday 23rd October is our last day of term and we are looking forward to having a Maths Escape Room Experience on site all day. Children will work in teams to complete maths related puzzle and problem-solving tasks. Many thanks to the PTFA for funding what we are sure will be a great event.

Half Term activities

Lincoln Cathedral - Please find details at the end of the newsletter from Lincoln Cathedral about some half-term activities they have available.

The Reading Room, Grantham – Award-winning author of 'The Fossil Hunter' and 'The Cave', Kate Winter, will be at the book shop on Thursday 30th October. Children are welcome to join on the day, meet Kate and have their copies of the book signed.

Anger Management in Children - How parents/carers can help

The NSPCC have published this page which some parents may find useful if you are experiencing issues with your child's anger management - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/arguments-conflict-family-tension>.

Outreach Parent Carer Workshops Diary Dates 2025/26

Dyslexia Outreach Parent/ Carer Workshop, Supporting Your Child At Home, Monday 10th November 2025
7:00 – 8:00pm

This is a free on-line workshop for parents/carers delivered by Dyslexia Outreach. We will share ideas and strategies designed for parents/carers to support children at home with language, reading, spelling, maths, memory and personal organisation. This workshop is aimed primarily at parents/carers of children in KS2-3 but is open to all interested parents and carers.

Parent/Carer Online Safety Presentation from London Grid for Learning (LGfL)

LGfL have created this free resource that educational settings can use to support their work in addressing online safety issues with parents and carers- <https://lgfl.net/safeguarding/parent-online-safety?hsmi=381367292> LGfL are also hosting a free webinar to introduce the toolkit (spaces are likely to go quickly) on Tuesday 25th November from 4:00pm-4:45pm. Further information and booking is available here- <https://lgfl.bookinglive.com/book/add/p/222>.

Wishing you all a relaxing half term break. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 3rd November.

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 the Autumn Term

Week beginning 20th October

Tuesday 21st – Flu vaccinations
Thursday 23rd – Whole School Maths Escape Room Experience and end of Term 1.

Please note school is closed on Friday 24th October. Children return to school on Monday 3rd November.

Week beginning 3rd November

Monday 3rd – First day of Term 2
Thursday 6th – Individual photos

Week beginning 10th November

Anti-bullying Week
Tuesday 11th – Remembrance Day
Friday 14th – Odd Socks day. Non-Uniform Day and Cake Sale after school for Children in Need

Week beginning 17th November

Tuesday 18th – Parent/Carer Meetings
Thursday 20th – Parent/carers Meetings

Week beginning 24th November

Wednesday 26th – PTFA Wreath Making (18:00 – 19:30)

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.

MONDAY 27 OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER
10.15AM—12NOON & 12.30PM—3.30PM

**OCTOBER
HALF-TERM**

Family Activities



Make a range of percussion instruments to make music in our mini percussion orchestra and then take home your lovely artwork.

Our half-term activities are included in your Cathedral admission.

Children visit **FREE** with a paying adult and if you Gift Aid your admission you can return free of charge for 12 months.


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