



*Wisdom      Courage      Respect*

## *Newsletter 5*

*14<sup>th</sup> November 2025*



Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

What a fabulous, and busy, start to our second term we have had. We are always so proud of the children for their amazing behaviour and attitudes to learning. We have recently been congratulated on this by two external sources, one being the Braiswick photographer who commented on the wonderful behaviour and attitude of our children and another from Grantham Arts Centre after their work with our Year 6 children on their poppies for the Remembrance installation in Grantham. Well done everyone!

### **Poppy Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in school and well done to the Castle Captains from Tattershall who coordinated this. We came together for a special Collective Worship and time for reflection on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and children showed their wisdom and respect during the two minutes silence. We reflected on the courage others have shown in the past and still show today.

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

The focus this year for Anti-Bullying Week is 'Power for Good'. All classes have spent time thinking about anti-bullying week and the importance of how we treat others. We have discussed ways to ask for help if we feel we are not being treated well by others and how we can use our power for good.

### **Cinderella**

The visit on Tuesday from M&M Theatre with their pantomime, Cinderella, was so well received by staff and children alike. Apologies that the initial technical difficulties meant a later finish than we were expecting. We would like to thank the PTFA for their kind donation towards this, meaning that the donation requested from parents was kept as low as possible.

### **Coats in School**

All children must have a coat in school every day, please. As the weather gets colder, children may wish to bring in hats, scarves and gloves. Please ensure these are named so they can be easily returned if needed.

### **Children in Need Cake Sale**

Today's cake sale will now take place after school in Year 5 due to the weather. All cakes will be 50p. Thank you and well done to the Castle Captains from Lincoln for organising this event and please do support them after school.

### **Starting school in September 2026**

Applications open on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Please do get in touch if you, or someone you know, would like a tour of the school or any support with the application process.

[Apply for a school – Applying to primary or junior schools - Lincolnshire County Council](#)

### **Reminder - 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> November. Please ensure entries are clearly noted on the back with your child's name and year group.

### **Christmas is coming**

Please note that the dates section on the second page of the newsletter now goes up to the end of term and includes key dates for the festive period.

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](mailto: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 Safety**

Internetmatters.org is a great place to start if you are looking for ways to support your children in on line safety. You can get advice by age group and support in how to set controls on devices.

[Keep Children Safe Online: Information, advice, support - Internet Matters](#)

## **Key Dates for the Autumn Term**

### **Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Carer Meetings  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Parent/carers Meetings

### **Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Flu vaccines mop up  
PTFA Wreath Making (18:00 – 19:30)

### **Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – PTFA Tea with Santa after school

### **Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – PTFA 'Elfridges after school  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Nativity 2pm  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Nativity 2pm and PTFA 'Elfridges after school  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Online Safety Sessions Years 2 to 6, Christmas craft sale after school

### **Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Church Service for KS2 at 9:15  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Class Parties  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term

Term dates can be found here –

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

**Children return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

## **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](http://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](mailto:enquiries@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk).