



*Wisdom      Courage      Respect*



*Newsletter 9*  
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Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

**AI and Your Child: What Parent's Should Know**

Artificial Intelligence is shaping the way children learn, play, and interact online. As parents, understanding both the opportunities and the risks is key. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for further details about some upcoming training provided by the Stay Safe Partnership in Lincolnshire.

Join the FREE webinar **"AI: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly"** to explore:

- ✔ Positive uses of AI for learning and creativity
- ⚠ Risks like chatbots, filtering, and misinformation
- 💡 Practical tips for family conversations and parental controls

**Date: 10th February**

**Time: 6:00–7:00 PM**

**Location: Online**

**Register here:** <https://buytickets.at/staysafepartnership/2024139>

**Anxiety in Children – Lumi Nova App**

Just like adults, many children suffer with worries and anxieties at times and this is completely normal. Sometimes though, this can start to impact their day to day life and you may feel further support is needed. The Lumi Nova App is a therapeutic game that supports children aged 7-12 years to self-manage worries and build their resilience. It is fully funded for pupils in Lincolnshire and we have received positive feedback from families in school who have used it. You can find out more details here - [Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage](#)

**Healthy snacks and water bottles**

Please remember that children should bring a healthy snack for break time. No chocolate or crisps please. We also ask that all children bring a water bottle to school each day 😊.

**Contacting the school office**

If you need to contact the school office during the day, please email [enquiries@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk). This email inbox is monitored throughout the day. You can use this email address to report a pupil absence, notify us of a change in who is collecting your child and to notify us of a known pupil absence (such as a medical appointment). This will help to keep the phone lines clear and hopefully reduce the queues at the office at the beginning and end of each day.

**The Royal Academy of Arts – Art Competition**

Are you a budding young artist? Would you like your artwork on display? The Royal Academy of Arts 'Young Artists' Summer Show' are looking for as many children as possible to enter their annual competition. The competition is now in its eighth year. It is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–18 studying in the UK.

Artwork is judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Each student can submit one piece of artwork and there is no theme. When you enter, The Young Artists' Summer Show will ask for an image of the artwork and some additional information including the title and size. There is also an opportunity to add some text by the artist which can include why they created the work and what it means to them.

Take a look at the 2025 exhibition - <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibitions/2025>

Registration and submission is open now until 4 March 2026.

Please follow the link for further details - <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

If you do decide to enter, please let us know and send a picture of your submission for us to see. Good luck to all who enter 😊.



*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 Spring**

#### **Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Stay Safe Partnership Workshops for Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> – Open the Book Collective Worship

#### **Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

National Storytelling Week

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – Inspire+ Legacy Tour

#### **Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **Children's Mental Health Week**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Term 3

**Half term is from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

#### **Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – First Day of Term 4

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Class Identity Day (DT theme)

#### **Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (Children are welcome to dress up or wear non-uniform)

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](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).

# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE... THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY - PARENT WEBINAR



Lincolnshire  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
*Working for a better future*

**Stay Safe Team**



**Safer Internet Day Parent Event**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**  
**6pm-7pm**  
**Microsoft Teams event**

★ **Curious about AI and your child's world?**

Artificial Intelligence is part of everyday life—from homework helpers to fun creative tools. But how can parents make sure it's used safely and wisely?

**Join our free webinar "AI: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly" to learn:**

- ✓ How AI can support learning and creativity
- 😬 What to watch out for, like chatbots and misinformation
- 💡 Simple tips for family conversations and using parental controls

**Empower yourself** to guide your family confidently in the age of AI!



**<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2024139>**