

Wisdom Courage Respect

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

How wonderful it has been to see some sunshine this week! The children have loved being back on the field again during breaktimes and lunchtimes. We have had a really positive start to the new term and are so proud of the children for getting straight back into their work and exploring their new topics.

You may have noticed that a tree at the front of school has been taken down and some others have been cut back extensively. This is in preparation for work to begin on the new building. We are still waiting for a start date but are expecting this to be within the next few weeks. We will share further details with you when we can.

WOW – Challenge



Yesterday, we welcomed Mr Robert Atkin to school to deliver an assembly about the importance to our health, well-being and the environment of walking to school. We will shortly be launching our new campaign around this and the children are as excited as we are about it. Further details are available at the end of this newsletter but please be assured that this is an inclusive initiative where all children will have the chance to achieve and be involved. Children will have the chance to earn a monthly badge by walking or wheeling to school at least once a week – including by parking further away from school and then

walking or wheeling the last few minutes.

School Uniform and Footwear

A gentle reminder that children should be wearing suitable school shoes in plain black. Trainers should only be worn on PE days. May we also remind parents that jewellery is not permitted unless it is worn for religious reasons. We thank you for your support in this.

Clubs

Clubs start again next week and I am sure you will join me in thanking the staff who give up their time after school to run these. If your child has been assigned a place in a club and can no longer attend or has changed their mind, please let us know so we can offer this to someone else.

World Book Day

Next Thursday, 5th March, all children are invited to dress up as a book character (or wear comfortable clothes) as we celebrate World Book Day. This is always a wonderful day in school and we are looking forward to sharing our love of stories together on this day 😊.

Driving and Parking

We are grateful to all parents and carers who park and drive sensibly around school. Please do not park, or drop children off, on the yellow zigzags. This helps keep the entrance to school clear and safe for children and their families.



Please ensure the school car park, which is primarily for staff and visitors, is only used if absolutely necessary and you are a blue badge holder. Please ensure this badge is on display to avoid being challenge by staff.

If friends and family members drop off or pick up your children, please remind them of the expectations for parking by sharing this newsletter with them.

We thank you all for helping to keep our children safe on their journeys to and from school.

Mrs Lucy Jackson, Headteacher

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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 warmer months, this will include sun hats and sun cream 😊 .

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.

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.

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.

Key Dates for the Spring

Week beginning 2nd March

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

Week beginning 9th March – Science Week

Friday 13th – Dental check for 5-year-olds

Week beginning 16th March

Thursday 19th – Road Safety Workshops for Year 2 and Year 4

Friday 20th – Non-uniform day for Comic Relief

Week beginning 23rd March

Monday 23rd – Theatre company visit, 'The Railway Children'

Tuesday 24th – Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

Thursday 26th - Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

Week beginning 30th March

Wednesday 1st April – Church Services at St Martin's 9:15 for KS2 and 10:00 for KS1

Thursday 2nd April – Last day of term 4

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

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.



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Dear parent/carer,

Your child's school has chosen to be part of an exciting initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. **WOW – the walk to school challenge** is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking or wheeling to school.

The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot, 'Park and Stride' or hop off) at least once a week, for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that simple!

What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive at school refreshed and ready to learn
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates

What if we can't walk to school?

If driving, 'Park and Stride' to help your child earn their WOW badges. Park **at least ten minutes away** from the school and walk or wheel the remaining journey.

If using public transport, hop off **at least ten minutes away** and walk the rest of the way (recorded as 'other' on the WOW Travel Tracker).

Where walking to school isn't an option, we work with schools to establish a bespoke approach to WOW that works best for their pupils' needs. If you have any questions on the adaptability of WOW or have suggestions of how we can improve, we would love to hear your thoughts. Please email walktoschool@livingstreets.org.uk.

Tell us about your experiences of travelling to school and you could win a £200 shopping voucher: www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentEmailAll.

What is a WOW badge?

There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2025 – July 2026. Each badge has been designed by a pupil as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition. A new badge can be earned every month if pupils walk/wheel, cycle, scoot, 'Park and Stride' or hop off at least once a week.

WOW 2025/26 encourages pupils to **Walk with Joy**, with badges depicting everything from jumping in puddles to painting. The badges are made in Cornwall from material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts. For more information, visit: livingstreets.org.uk/recycling.

Last year, around 2,100 schools and over 540,000 pupils across the UK enjoyed the benefits of walking to school with WOW. Will you join us?

