

Wisdom Courage Respect

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

It is hard to believe that the end of term is almost here. We have had such a fabulous few weeks which have included so many great activities and special events. Most recently, the production of The Railway Children had all the children thoroughly enchanted!



Nut free school

Please remember we are a Nut Free School. No nuts, or products containing nuts, must be brought onto school site as we have children in school with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your cooperation.

Comic Relief

Thank you for the kind donations for Comic Relief last Friday. Our online fundraising page raised a fantastic total of £144 😊.

Easter Fair

We look forward to welcoming you all after school today to the PTFA's Easter Fair. The Spring Bake Off entries are amazing and all those delicious treats will be available to purchase at the Fair alongside a chocolate tombola and some stalls.

Easter Church Services

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to St Martin's Church next week on Wednesday, 1st April. Due to space in the Church being limited, we ask for a maximum of two adults per family. Please do not stand in the doorway as this space must be kept clear as it is a fire exit. The Key Stage Two service is at 9:15, followed by Early Years and Key Stage One at 10:00. The children have all been working hard in their classes to learn songs to perform during the morning and we are sure you will enjoy celebrating the end of term with us.

Summer is on the way

With warmer weather on the way, please remember that children need a refillable water bottle in school each day. Sun hats are recommended and children are welcome to bring a labelled suncream for use before outdoor play or activities. We suggest using a long-lasting suncream each morning too, to ensure as much sun protection as possible. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

Attendance and late arrivals

Attendance remains a top priority and our goal is that all children are in school every day. We continue to request that holidays are booked outside of school term times. The dates are available at the end of this newsletter along with a reminder of the fines that are issued where children have unauthorised absences in term time for holidays.

Whilst we appreciate sometimes things happen and children may be occasionally late for school, parents or carers bringing children into school late will be required to complete a 'Late Arrival' form to allow us to track this beginning 21/4/26. Where children are persistently late, an action plan for improvement may be put into place.

Meningitis and Septicemia

You will no doubt be aware of the awful outbreak of Meningitis in Kent. We are not aware of any rise in cases in this area but please find attached below a poster from the UK Health Security Agency with signs and symptoms to look out for.

Building Work

Some further work on preparing for our new building will take place during the Easter Break as we prepare for the demolition and rebuild of the White Building. We will lose access to the school car park at some point next term and will be in touch with further details when we know more.

Last Day of Term

We would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter Break, hopefully filled with warm and sunny days. Please note, we break up next week on Thursday 2nd April. We return to school on Tuesday 21st April ready for a fun packed Summer Term with lots to look forward to including school trips, WellFest (our annual Well-Being Festival), Sports Day and much more. Thank you all for your support over the past term.

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 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 Term

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

Easter Break – Friday 3rd April to Monday 20th April

Week beginning 20th April

Monday 20th – INSET (staff only, no pupils)

Tuesday 21st – First day on Term 5

Friday 24th – Armed Forces Day and Class Identity Day

Week beginning 27th April

Thursday 30th – Open the Book Worship

Week beginning 4th May

Monday 4th – Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May – Year 3 Positive Boundaries Workshop with LSCP

Week beginning 11th May – Year 6 SATS Week

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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Meningitis and septicaemia

Severe
headache

Dislike of
bright light

Stiff neck

Confusion and/
or irritability

Rapid
breathing

Vomiting/
diarrhoea

Seizures/
fits

Stomach
cramps

High
temperature

Rash/
bruising rash

Drowsy or
difficult to wake

Pale blotchy
skin

Cold hands
and feet

Joint or
muscle pain



**Meningitis can
kill in hours**

These are just some of
the warning signs. If you
are worried for yourself or
someone else get medical help
immediately. Call NHS 111.

Find out more:

Find out about the
MenACWY vaccine
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/
vaccinations/men-acwy-
vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/)



Signs and symptoms
of meningitis
and septicaemia

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/
meningitis/symptoms/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/symptoms/)



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COUNTRYSIDE LINCS

• SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2026 •

• 10AM - 4PM •

Join in a fun-filled family day
out focused on food, farming
and the countryside.

CELEBRATE 10
AMAZING YEARS
WITH US!

£12.50 ADULT

£6.50 CHILD
2 - 16 years

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£36 FAMILY
2 adults & up to 3 children

*Advanced tickets,
plus booking fee

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Attendance

Supporting you to understand the new rules



A National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absences, including unauthorised leave of absences in Term Time, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new government regulations will come into effect from **19th August 2024**.

What are these changes?

If a pupil has **10 unauthorised sessions**, which is equal to **5 school days**, within a **10 week period**, a penalty notice may be issued.

This will come under 3 categories: First, Second, and Third offence.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within **28 days**, reduced to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within **21 days**.

Second Offence

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within **28 days**. No reduced rate will be offered.

Third offence and any further offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

For any further inquiries about school attendance please visit:
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance

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