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Headteachers Comment

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school for the start of Term 2. The children have returned settled, positive and ready to learn, and it has been lovely to see classrooms buzzing with enthusiasm from the very first day.

Pupils have quickly re-established our school routines and expectations, demonstrating our school values through their kindness, resilience and positive attitudes towards learning. We have particularly enjoyed hearing about the children's achievements and experiences over the half-term break and seeing them engage so enthusiastically with their new learning.

Attendance remains a key priority for our school, and I would like to thank families for their continued support in ensuring children arrive on time and attend school every day. Every lesson counts, and strong attendance plays a vital role in helping children achieve their full potential.

As the weather becomes colder, please ensure children come to school with appropriate outdoor clothing, including coats clearly labelled with their name. We also ask families to continue supporting children in developing their independence with belongings and routines.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to another exciting term filled with new learning opportunities, enrichment experiences and memorable moments for our children.



Value Term 2

Collaboration

- We work together to be better problem solvers
- We communicate more clearly when working as a team
- We become better listeners
- We are tolerant of others ideas and opinions
- We build a sense of ownership



Term Dates Term 2

Term 2 - Clubs Start
Singing - Wednesdays
Step by Step Art - Tuesdays

- 12 Nov - Film Night 4pm - 5.15pm
- 13 Nov Children in Need non Uniform
- 19 Nov - Yr 2 Bomber Command
- 20 Nov - Yr 1 Planetarium
- 30 Nov - Open Day
- 1 Dec - Buy Elf Store Tickets
- 9 Dec - Christmas Production
- 10 Dec - Christmas Party
- 11 Dec - Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner & Parents in for Christmas Crafts
- 14 Dec - Yr 1 & Y2 Christmas Panto
- 19 Dec - Break Up for Christmas Holidays

Student Spotlight

This week, our Child Spotlight shines on a wonderful member of Reception who has been working incredibly hard in phonics. They have shown fantastic determination, enthusiasm and confidence during phonics sessions, using their sounds brilliantly to read and write new words.

We are so proud of the amazing progress they have made and the positive attitude they bring to their learning every day. Keep up the fantastic work - you are a phonics superstar! 🌟📚👏



School News



Privacy Notice Reminder

A copy of our Privacy Notice for pupils and parents, which explains how we collect, use and store personal information, is available to view on our school website. We encourage all parents and carers to read this document to understand how your child's information is managed and protected.

🌱 Nursery Places Available – Enroll Now! 🌱

We're excited to announce that we currently have spaces available in our nursery! Our nurturing environment is designed to help your little ones learn, grow, and thrive.

✅ Safe and caring setting
✅ Experienced staff
✅ Engaging activities for early development

Don't miss out—places are limited!
📞 Contact us today to secure your child's spot.

Classroom Highlights

Maple Class Highlights

Maple Class recently visited the Birchwood War Memorial to lay a beautiful poppy wreath in remembrance of those who have served and sacrificed for our country. The children behaved respectfully throughout the visit, taking time to reflect on the importance of Remembrance Day and the values of gratitude, courage and respect. We were incredibly proud of the thoughtful and mature manner in which they represented our school during this special act of remembrance. 🌺



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Christmas Term Attendance

As we move into the Christmas term, we have an exciting few weeks ahead filled with festive activities, special events, and memorable learning opportunities for our children.

To ensure every child can enjoy and benefit from these experiences, regular attendance is more important than ever. Every day in school counts and helps children stay connected with their learning, friendships, and the many exciting, magical, opportunities planned throughout the term.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve the best possible attendance for all our pupils as we make this festive season a special one. 🎄✨





NUT ALLERGY

We are a nut free school due to allergies within school. Please ensure that nuts or nut-based products are NOT included in your child's lunchbox. If your child is found to have these, we will have to remove from their lunchbox. Thank you for your understanding.

Useful Numbers

Mind – mind.org.uk
0300 123 3393
Steps2change – Lincs.spa@nhs.net
0303 123 4000

Free Mental Health advice service.

Healthy Minds

Healthy Minds is a service that provide emotional wellbeing support for children and young people aged up to 19 years.

This service can help with:

- Exam Stress
- Low Body confidence
- Worries
- Coping with change
- Low Mood
- Self harm
- Low Self- esteem

Healthy Minds offer online workshops for children as well as Parents/Carers. Some examples of workshops they can offer are:

- Managing worries and feelings
- Managing angry feelings
- Building positive self-esteem.

Lots more offered online, go check them out!
www.lpft.nhs.uk
or
Call the Here4you line on 08002346342

Where to get urgent help for mental health

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, there is now a 24/7 dedicated line to call for urgent support.

A person's emotional or mental state can deteriorate quickly, and this can mean that they are experiencing a mental health crisis or a mental health emergency.

By calling 111 and selecting Option 2, you can reach the Lincolnshire 111 Mental Health Team. They can quickly assess people's needs and determine the best way to support.

The service is for all ages, including children, and is also open to those with neurodevelopmental needs.

The service is available to anyone facing a mental health crisis, which could include:

- Changes to your mood
- Withdrawing from people (close family, friends, or work colleagues)
- Not taking care of yourself like you usually would
- Having increased thoughts about your life not being worth living
- Excessive worry
- Feeling out of control or unable to cope
- Feeling anxious about leaving the house
- Hearing voices or seeing things that others can't
- Thinking about harming yourself.

If people have physically harmed themselves, or if their life is at risk, then they should continue to call 999 or go to A&E.

The line is managed by Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT).

The Big Future Survey

The Big Future is my final national survey of children and young people as Children's Commissioner for England. It is a vital opportunity for pupils to tell me what matters to them, what they want for their futures and what they believe needs to change.

The survey can be completed here: https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture/

With the deadline fast approaching, every school that takes part can make a real difference. I want to hear from children in every part of England, from every background and in every type of school. We cannot achieve that without your help.

Together we can make sure as many children as possible are heard.

Thank you for your support and for helping me ensure that children's voices are at the heart of decisions about their futures.

Yours sincerely,
Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Body safety matters

Helping your child understand boundaries and personal safety

Keeping children safe starts with conversation

Talking about body safety can feel uncomfortable – but it's one of the most powerful ways to protect children. Children who understand their bodies, boundaries and rights are more confident and better equipped to speak up if something feels wrong.

You don't need a big formal talk – short, everyday chats work best.

Here are some simple conversation starters you can use:

- "Do you know what parts of your body are private?"
- "If someone made you feel uncomfortable, who would you tell?"
- "Has anyone ever asked you to keep a secret that made you feel funny or unsure?"
- "You're allowed to say 'no' to hugs or kisses, even to family – how do you feel about that?"
- "What would you do if someone touched you in a way you didn't like?"

Use natural moments (e.g. bath time, getting dressed, bedtime stories, a walk in the park) to bring up the topic gently. Keep your tone calm and reassuring. The goal is to help children feel safe, heard and empowered.

Reassure them: *"You can always talk to me about anything – I'll always listen and help."*

Don't forget the online world

Even at primary age, many children play games or watch content online. It's important they know that body safety rules apply online too.

- Teach them never to share photos of their body, especially private parts.
- Make sure they know: if anyone asks them to do something that feels odd, secret or confusing online, they should tell you straight away.
- Talk about how some people online might pretend to be children when they're not.
- Use privacy settings and supervise young children during screen time.
- Remind them: "If something online makes you feel uncomfortable or unsure, it's never your fault. Just come and tell me."

How you can support at home

1) Use everyday moments to talk about safety.
2) Read books together on body safety.
3) Practice naming trusted adults they can go to if worried.
4) Reassure them: they will never be in trouble for telling the truth.



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