



Newsletter 4

[A note from Mrs Case](#)

Welcome back, and a very Happy New Year to you all.

I hope that you and your families were able to enjoy some time together over the Christmas period. The final weeks of last term were filled with festive fun in school — from Christmas performances and celebrations to the whole school trip to the Kinema, crafts and shared moments of laughter. It was a pleasure to see the children so engaged and excited, and I would like to thank our staff, the PTFA, pupils and families for the part they played in making this such an enjoyable end to the term.

I would also like to offer my sincere apologies that there was no newsletter at the end of last term. This was due to a personal family bereavement, and I am very grateful for the understanding and kindness shown.

As we move into a new term, I am conscious that families within our school community are experiencing a range of circumstances. While there have been many moments of joy and celebration, there have also been sadness and challenges for some. Our school community continues to show care and consideration for one another, and this sense of support remains a real strength.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school. We look forward to the term ahead and to working together to ensure it is a positive and successful one for our children.

Warm regards,

Mrs Case

Festive Fun

EYFS & KS1 Nativity – Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th December

Our EYFS and Class 1 children delighted audiences with their magical Christmas performances. The children performed with confidence and enthusiasm, supported by staff who worked hard behind the scenes. Thank you to families for joining us and for your encouragement and support — the performances were a wonderful way to begin the festive celebrations.

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day – Thursday 11th December

The school was full of colour and festive spirit as children and staff arrived in their Christmas jumpers. Christmas dinner day was thoroughly enjoyed, with plenty of smiles and excitement as everyone came together to share a special seasonal meal.

Whole School Trip to The Kinema in the Woods – Friday 12th December

Our whole school trip to The Kinema in the Woods was a real highlight of the term. The children thoroughly enjoyed this special festive treat, and it was a pleasure to see them experiencing something so memorable together. Thank you to the PTFA who supported the trip financially and helped make it extra special with a little treat when they got back.

Gipsy Bridge Village Live Nativity – Wednesday 17th December

This heart-warming community event brought the Christmas story to life and was enjoyed by many of our families. It was wonderful to see our school community coming together with the wider village to celebrate this special tradition. A special thank you goes to our GBA Champions, who delivered the readings at each stop around the village. They read with

confidence and clarity, and we were extremely proud of the way they represented our school at the event.







Reminders...



- **Coats and Winter Clothing**

Please ensure that all children come to school with a coat each day. We aim to spend time outdoors whenever possible, provided the weather conditions allow.

- **Wellies**

We are hoping to begin using the field again soon now that the ground is becoming firmer. Please ensure that children have a pair of wellies in school at all times so they are able to take part in outdoor activities.

- **Clubs**

Information about the clubs available this term will be shared via ParentHub. Please note that clubs will begin in the second week of term.

- **Healthy Snacks at Break Time**

Please remember that children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to enjoy at break time. We kindly ask families to be mindful of high-sugar snacks and to choose options that will help sustain children’s energy and concentration throughout the morning. Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote healthy habits.

Attendance

Regular attendance plays an important role in supporting children’s learning, wellbeing and friendships. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please leave a message on the school answerphone by **9.00am**. Attendance letters will be sent out individually over the next few days, and meetings will be arranged where appropriate to offer support and guidance.

Please see the information below outlining action taken for each group of attendance category:

95% - 100%	Excellent – no action taken
90% - 94%	Close monitoring and invitation to a meeting. Medical evidence may also be required to authorise future absences – any absence not relating to illness will automatically be unauthorised
Below 90% - Persistent Absence (PA)	PN (penalty notice) warning (notice to improve) PN required to be submitted to ICC for prosecution

**Lates are monitored closely, and should your child attend late on a regular basis, you will be

invited to attend a meeting**

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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The Term ahead...

We are looking forward to a fun-filled term ahead. Below are the key dates. More information will be added to Parent Hub during the term.

Wednesday 14th January

EYFS September 2026 Open Day

Fire Safety Workshop

Thursday 15th January

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 11th February

Class 3 Young Voices

Friday 13th February

Red Heart Day

16th-22nd February Half Term

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Monday 9th-Friday 13th March

National Science Week

Friday 20th March

Odd Socks Day for Downs Syndrome

Tuesday 24th March

Spilsby Music Festival Rehearsal Day

Wed 25th March

Spilsby Music Festival

Thursday 26th March

Spilsby Music Festival

Friday 27th March

Easter Bingo (PTFA)

Thursday 2nd April

End of Term