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## News & Updates

As we come to the end of a brilliant term, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our parents and carers for your continued support. It has been an exciting and busy run-up to Christmas, filled with wonderful events and opportunities to celebrate learning together. Your attendance at our class drop-ins, Christmas Bingo, and of course, our Reception and Nursery nativity, Whoops-a-Daisy Angel, has meant so much to the children and staff.

We are incredibly proud of our youngest children for working so hard and performing such a beautiful nativity. The children have truly made Christmas for us all this year! A huge thank you also goes to our amazing EYFS staff, whose dedication, creativity, and hard work ensured the nativity was a magical experience for our families and a memorable highlight of the term.

As a reminder, term finishes on Friday 19th December, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 6th January. School will be open to staff only on Monday 5th January for a training day, where we will be preparing for the new spring term and the exciting year ahead.

We are also incredibly proud to share some fantastic news: after becoming the first school in Lincolnshire to achieve the Gold Lincolnshire Reading Pledge, we are now the first school in the county to be reaccredited with the Gold Award. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the strong reading culture we have built

together. Thank you to all our parents for making reading such a priority at home. Your support makes a real difference.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the festive break, when it comes, with your families, and we look forward to seeing everyone in January.

Please also remember to get in touch with us if you have any questions about your child's learning or anything else related to their education. You can reach us at [enquiries@grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk) or call the main office on 01507 327393.

## Attendance

Attendance is monitored very closely every month, and you will be contacted if we are concerned about your child's attendance. In August 2024 the Department for Education published the following guidance, which is statutory and all schools have to follow <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

In line with this statutory document and the Local Authority you can find a copy of our Attendance Policy 2025 - 2026 on our school website:

<https://www.grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk/policies/>. Please do take the time to read this policy so you understand the changes and the system for Fixed Penalty Notices.

The Local Authority has produced the following attendance descriptions:



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#### School Attendance - boundaries and description

Boundary	Description
95-100%	As expected
91-94%	At risk of persistent absence
80-90%	Persistent absence
51-79%	At risk of severe absence
<=50%	Severe absence

**At our school, we expect 96% attendance from all our children.**

We will write to you after our monthly attendance monitoring if your child's attendance is below this expectation. This is to inform you and also so that we can work together to improve your child's attendance. We also appreciate every child is unique and there can be many reasons why attendance isn't where it should be. If you are asked to attend an attendance panel meeting, this is so we can work together to support you to make an improvement.

Please can I remind all parents that term time holidays will not be approved? All children need to be in school: parents will receive a fixed penalty notice warning letter in conjunction with the Local Authority if a term-time holiday is taken.

Parents wishing to apply for a leave of absence during term time must apply in writing to Antonia Coy at least a month before the planned leave. A 'Leave of Absence Request Form' can be collected from our school office.

#### What To Do If Your Child Is Unwell

The best advice we can give you is to check the NHS website about poorly children attending school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you're still unsure, contact us and we will help however we can. We know it's difficult to decide if your child is too poorly for school, but please do not keep them off with a minor cough or cold.

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please contact the school office as soon as possible to let us know, including details of your child's symptoms. In line with our Safeguarding Policy, it's important that we know where every child is each day they are absent from school.

If we haven't heard from you by **9:30am**, a member of staff will contact you. If we're unable to reach you, we will continue to try your emergency contacts until we can confirm that your child is safe. In some cases, if we cannot make contact by phone, a home visit may be carried out to ensure everything is okay.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all our children safe and accounted for each day.

#### Christmas Jumper Day and Party Day

We would love Children (and parents) to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper instead of their usual blue school jumper on the last day of term, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of December.

We are also having an exciting party day too. All the children will spend some time in the hall with some exciting Christmas



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activities organised by Mrs Thomas our Business Manager.

We're really looking forward to a day full of fun on the last day of term and celebrating another year of everyone always, *'Being the best that we can be...'*

### Christmas Cards

Our Christmas Post-box is in place outside our Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms. If children wish to send any Christmas cards, they can bring them in, post them in our post-box and our Year 6 Delivery Team will deliver them to each class! Please, please remember to make sure each envelope has a first name and surname on the envelope, as well as the child's year group.

Please note that we are not able to provide class lists of pupils' names for data protection purposes.

### Christmas Service

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 2.30pm, our whole school will be taking part in *A Candlelit Christmas at Grimoldby* on our playground. Children in Year 6 will be telling the story of the Nativity, and we also have a special job for our Year 2 children. Reverend Julie Oddy Bates will also be joining us to give our school community a special Christmas message.

Parents are very welcome to join us in our playground from 2.10pm. FrOGS will be providing some Christmas refreshments so please do come along and join us in singing

some carols and spreading some festive cheer!

### After School Clubs and Music Tuition

We host a wide range of clubs afterschool for children in Year 1 – Year 6 until 4.15pm each day. Please do get in touch if you would like your child to attend any of the following clubs in January:

Mondays	Clubbercise Dance JB Sports KS2 Lego League Challenge Coding Club
Tuesdays	Board Games JB Sports KS2 Young Voices
Wednesdays	Twist and Flip Gymnastics KS2 Recorder Club
Thursdays	Fitness Circuits JB Sports
Fridays	Y1-2 Superstrickers Football

We also offer a range of music tuition including strings, woodwind, singing and piano in school. Please get in touch with us if you are interested in your child taking part in a club or learning to play an instrument.

### Parent Share

In the spring term we would like to invite parents and carers to join us in school for a Maths Parent Share. This is a great opportunity to take part in a lesson alongside your child and gain ideas to support learning at home.

We would also like to invite parents and carers with children in Nursery to one of two 'Stay and Play' sessions. Dates for these



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events can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

## Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Team consists of: Antonia Coy (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Becky Taylor (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead), Caroline Jaines (Family Support Worker) and Sophie Waters (SEND/CO).

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Please contact a member of our Safeguarding Team if you have a concern or you can call Lincolnshire Children's Services on 01522 782111 or 01522 782333 (out of hours).

You can also contact the NSPCC helpline by calling 0800 800 5000 or emailing [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk)

## Online Safety

There is a huge increase in sales of devices (13 million people receive smartphones for Christmas each year) and it's important to ensure that you and your child are safe when playing with new technology. Here are some top tips to help keep children safe:

- No tech in bedrooms (or tech with door open). Keeping technology from behind closed doors reduces the likelihood children will search for inappropriate content. It is also safer to charge devices downstairs in terms of home fire safety too.
- Watch and learn about apps together. Learn about the apps and games

children are interested in to better understand how they can be used positively but also to understand the risks and how they manage them.

- Periodically check what children are watching. YouTube and Netflix will show you what has been recently watched. Social media can be a little more difficult to check but encourage them to show you themselves.
- Discuss together and agree boundaries. Keep talking about the good and the bad of being online and explain why rules are necessary sometimes so they understand it's about their safety not spoiling their fun.

For more information on setting up parental controls, screen time limits, filter controls and online risks at Christmas, please check: [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service at 2.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper and Party Day
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
6 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Nursery Stay and Play 11 – 11.30am
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Nursery Stay and Play 2.30 – 3.00pm
21 <sup>st</sup> January	FrOGS Meeting 2.15pm
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 Maths Parent Share 2.30pm
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 Maths Parent Share 2.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 Maths Parent Share 2.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y5 Maths Parent Share 2.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 Maths Parent Share 2.30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Number Day
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 Maths Parent Share 2.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Maths Parent Share 2.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Young Voices Concert
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	First day of term
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Author Visit to school
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Art Workshops
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2-Y6 Online Safety Workshops
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last day of term
21 <sup>st</sup> April	First day of term
4 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last day of term
1 <sup>st</sup> June	First day of term
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Check
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term