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## News & Updates

Welcome back to the second part of the autumn term! I hope everyone had a lovely half term break and is feeling refreshed and ready for what promises to be a very exciting run up to Christmas. This is always a magical time in school, and we're looking forward to a busy few weeks filled with learning, creativity, and festive fun. This term ends on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of December**.

We've had a wonderful start to the autumn term, with our focus value of Happiness shining through in everything the children do. Year 3 enjoyed an inspiring day exploring life in Ancient Greece - dressing up, tasting traditional foods, and even acting out the different jobs people had in those times. Our KS2 boys represented the school brilliantly at a football competition at Louth Academy, showing great teamwork and sportsmanship. Children in Years 2 and 6 also took part in a very informative Fire Safety Workshop with the local fire brigade, learning valuable lessons about keeping safe.

A huge thank you to everyone who sent in such fantastic entries for our FrOGS Pumpkin Carving Competition. We were so impressed by the children's creativity and effort! It was lovely to see their imaginative designs and the pride they took in their work.

Finally, if you still have any sponsorship money from the FrOGS Scavenger Hunt that

took place on the last day of term, there's still time to bring it into school. Although the weather prevented us from heading out around Grimoldby and Manby, the children had a brilliant time solving clues all around school and were delighted with their special prizes.

Our FrOGS team plays a crucial role in raising funds that help our school offer enriching opportunities for the children. Since September, they have already donated money to support the cost of buses for school visits. We have a new chair of the committee – Amanda Johnson. I would like to thank Amanda and her team for doing so much already to support our school in being the best that we can be...

Don't forget to follow **@grimoldbyschool** and your child's class **X** page. It's such a great way to ensure everyone knows what's going on in school. Our school website also contains lots of information about our curriculum and school in general.

## 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>



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In line with this statutory document and the Local Authority, the governing body has agreed to our updated Attendance Policy 2025 - 2026. You can find a copy of this 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:

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.



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## Anti-Bullying Week

We will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of November. The theme this year is *Power for Good*. The Anti Bullying Alliance says: "Every year, bullying impacts the lives of countless young people and silence helps it grow. That's why, this Anti-Bullying Week, we're empowering young people to use their Power for Good to safely speak up and raise awareness when they see bullying, face to face or online. Lasting change needs all of us. From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones - we all have a part to play. Together, we can use our Power for Good to end bullying - for good."

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we will continue to remind all children that kindness and respect are at the heart of our school community. Please encourage your child to speak to a member of staff if they are ever feeling unhappy about how someone has spoken to them or treated them, either in school or online. We are always here to listen, to help, and to make sure every child feels safe and supported. Bullying of any kind is never tolerated at our school.

## Children in Need and FrOGS Glow Disco

Children in Need is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November and this year we have decided to incorporate the event with an exciting Glow Disco organised by our wonderful team of FrOGS.

Tickets for the Glow Disco will be on sale in the shelter located in the main playground, at drop off time every morning from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. There will also be a stall selling 'Glow' merchandise and 50% of all sales will be donated to Children in Need.

Please can all children attending the disco bring a change of clothes to school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November? The disco will begin for our Reception and KS1 children at 2.15pm and parents will need to collect their child at their normal home time of 3.10pm.

For children in KS2, the disco will begin at the end of the school day, and collection will be at 4.30pm from the main playground. There will also be a tuck shop meaning children in KS2 can bring some money if they would like to buy any snacks.

We are looking forward to glowing the afternoon away whilst raising money for our school and for Children and Need!

## Nativity and Christmas Service

This year, Reception and Nursery will be performing *Whoops A Daisy Angel* and parents will be able to watch the performance on either Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.

We're delighted to announce that our Christmas Service will take place on **Thursday 18th December at 2:00pm**. This special celebration will feature Year 2 performing the Nativity and Year



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6 narrating the story, with the whole school joining together in song to share some wonderful Christmas favourites. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate this joyful time of year.

This year, we'll be doing things a little differently. Unfortunately, we're no longer able to use St Edith's Church, as it can no longer safely accommodate us all. Instead, we'd like to invite you to join us in the school playground (weather permitting), where we'll be joined by Reverend Julie Oddy Bates to help lead our festive gathering. We look forward to celebrating together as a school community.

### **Christmas Celebration Day and Christmas Jumper Day**

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December we would like to invite everyone to put their Christmas jumpers on for a top-secret celebration day! Mrs Hayley Thomas, our School Business Manager, has been secretly working very hard to put together some very exciting activities for all our children on the last day of term. All will be revealed on the day!

### **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:

Mondays	Nerf Club JB Sports
Tuesdays	Lego Club JB Sports
	KS2 Young Voices

Wednesdays	Twist and Flip Gymnastics
	KS2 Recorder Club
Thursdays	Invasion Sports 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.

### **Safeguarding**

Please can I remind you that the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) for our school are: Antonia Coy, Becky Taylor, Sophie Waters and Caroline Jaines?

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you are concerned about any child or family please call Lincolnshire Children's Services on 01522 782111 or talk to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads. You can also call the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000

Updated information about how to keep your child safe online can be found on our website (<https://www.grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk/online-safety>). Please take the time to read this information. There is a lot of useful information on there regarding popular apps and online games.

The Wellbeing section of our website can be found at <https://www.grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk/wellbeing/>. We are lucky to have a variety



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of staff members trained in different aspects of wellbeing, including Mrs Antonia Coy (Senior Mental Health Lead), Mrs Becky Taylor (Senior Mental Health Lead), Mrs Caroline Jaines (Family Support Worker) Mrs Rebecca Fisher and Mrs Pippa Lammin (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant), and Mrs Sophie Waters (SENDCo). These members of staff are able to support children in small groups or on a one-to-one basis.

If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing or would like some advice or support, please do get in touch with us via [enquiries@grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk) or call 01507 327393. We are always here to help.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

10 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Tickets on sale for Glow Disco
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Parent Reading Share at 2.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Parent Reading Share at 2.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> November	World Kindness Day
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
14 <sup>th</sup> November	FrOGS Glow Disco
19 <sup>th</sup> November	FrOGS meeting at 2.15pm
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 New Age Curling Competition
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations
25 <sup>th</sup> November	FrOGS Preloved Uniform Sale
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Y1 visit The Deep
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Y2 visit Hull Streetlife Museum
1 <sup>st</sup> December	KS2 Parent Drop-In 3.15 – 3.45pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	FrOGS Christmas Bingo at 3.15pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and KS1 Parent Drop-In 3.15 – 3.45pm
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day to order Christmas Lunch
10 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity at 2pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity at 2pm
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service at 2pm
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
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	First day of term
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last day of term
21 <sup>st</sup> April	First day of term
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