Grimoldby Primary School

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News & Updates

What a fantastic start to the new academic year we have had! It has been wonderful to see our children settling back into school so positively and showing us, from day one, that they are *'Being the best that we can be..."*. Our focus school value this term is respect, and we have already been so proud to see our children showing respect for themselves, each other, our staff and our school. A special mention must go to our new Reception children, who have settled into school life brilliantly and have already become such a happy and important part of our Grimoldby family. We are incredibly proud of all of them!

Across school we have a subject spotlight on Geography throughout the autumn term. You should have already received a Curriculum Catcher for your child so you know everything they will be learning in school this term across all the subject areas. They're also on our school website or you can ask the school office to print you out a copy.

Please be aware that autumn term one ends on Friday 23rd of October and school will reopen on Monday 2nd of November.

Our school website contains lots of information about our curriculum and school in general. Please do have a look at www.grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk if you haven't already.

Attendance

Attendance is monitored very closely every day, week and month, and you will be contacted if we are concerned about your child's attendance. In July 2026 the Department for Education published updated, statutory guidance, which all schools must follow and has been designed to help schools and local authorities maintain high levels of attendance. Please click on the link below to read the statutory document, Working Together to Improve School Attendance:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6a4f9ec6a6586e258d371bd0/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_2026.pdf

The Local Authority has produced the following attendance descriptions:

School Attendance - boundaries and description

Bounday	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 do 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 meeting, this is so we

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can work together to support you to make an improvement.

Please can I kindly 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 guidance if a term-time holiday is taken.

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 poorly to attend school, please contact the school office as soon as possible because we need to know where they are for safeguarding purposes. If we do not hear from you by 09:30 each morning, we will contact you.

One-Way System for Drop Off and Collection
To help keep everyone safe and to prevent congestion at busy times, please continue to follow our one-way system when dropping off and collecting children on the main playground. Families should enter through the Village Hall gates and leave through the small gate next to the main entrance. This helps reduce crowding as our gates are narrow and ensures a smoother flow onto the main playground. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Coats and Uniform
All children spend time outside at break, lunch and to take part in the Daily Mile. Please ensure your child has a coat with them every day at school, even if it's sunny in the morning. It is now autumn, and the weather can be very unpredictable.

We understand how financially difficult the current climate is for all our families. Please do get in touch with our school office or Abby Clark (Family Support Worker) if you need any help with providing uniform for your child.

Please can we kindly remind parents that children should not bring fidget tools or toys into school from home. As well as being distracting during learning, some fidget tools purchased online or imported from abroad may not meet UK safety standards and can pose health and safety risks, particularly if they contain small parts or are easily broken. We have fidget tools available in school where they are needed to support children with their learning and regulation.

Finally, please ensure that your child's water bottle (for in the classroom) contains only water. Children fill these up during the day, whenever they need to.

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Parents Evening

We will be holding Parents Evenings (Reception – Year 6) on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th of October from 3.30 – 5.30pm. You will be able to book an appointment via our online booking system, and we will let you know when this is open.

Appointments will be for 5 minutes but, as we always say, you are welcome to email or call us at any time if you have any concerns or questions, and we will get back to you as soon as we possibly can. Please do not feel as though you must wait for a Parents Evening to discuss how your child is getting on.

Our Nursery staff will arrange Parent Consultations for parents with children in Nursery after the October half term break.

Parent Drop-In

You will also be able to view your child's work and classroom by attending one of our after-school Drop-Ins:

Monday 28th September – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Tuesday 29th September – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

Parent Share

Parent Shares are a lovely opportunity for you to come into school and spend some time learning alongside your child. This term, our Parent Shares will focus on phonics and reading, giving you the chance to see how we teach these important skills and support your child with their learning at home. The dates for each class are included in the Dates for the Diary section on the final page of this newsletter. All Parent Shares begin at 2.30pm and will finish in time for the end of the school day. Parents and extended family members are very welcome to attend. We would love for you to join us and enjoy some special learning time with your child.

Harvest

As we do every year, we would like to work together as a community to support those in need in our local area. This year, we would like to support Louth Community Larder Food Bank, which operates from The Trinity Centre, Louth. Please bring in donations of any tinned or packet produce or toiletries on Wednesday 7th October.

FrOGS

If it wasn't for Friends Of Grimoldby School (FrOGS), we wouldn't have some of the great facilities that we have. Our amazing team of parent volunteers are always looking for new members to help out with events or even parents who can just volunteer to help out – even if their availability is limited.

Please contact the school office if you'd like to volunteer your time and become a FrOG!

The first meeting, this year, is on Wednesday 23rd of September at 2.15pm in the school's Meeting Room.

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Safeguarding

Our updated policy for Safeguarding and Child Protection can be found under the policies section of our website. Please can I remind you the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) for our school are: Antonia Coy, Becky Taylor, Abby Clark and Sophie Waters?

Online Safety

You will find updated information about how to keep your child safe online 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.

Misinformation is becoming increasingly difficult to recognise, particularly as AI makes convincing images, videos and other content much easier to create.

How good are you and your children at spotting misinformation?

Internet Matters' free Find the Fake activity is designed for families to try together. It's a simple way to start conversations about whether something online can be trusted and what children can do before believing or sharing it.

Why not try it together and see who gets the highest score?

Link: Find the Fake – Internet Matters

Wellbeing

The Wellbeing section of our website can be found at https://www.grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk/wellbeing/. We are lucky to have a variety of staff members trained in different aspects of wellbeing, including Mrs Sophie Waters (SENDCo), Miss Abby Clark (Family Support Worker), Mrs Becky Taylor (Wellbeing, PSHE Leader and Senior Mental Health Leader), Mrs Becky Fisher and Mrs Pippa Lammin (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) and Mrs Antonia Coy (Senior Mental Health Leader). These members of staff are able to support children in small groups or a one-to-one basis.

This year we also continue to have the support of Kitty and James – NHS Education Mental Health Practitioners - based in our school and working with our children.

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 or call 01507 327393. We are always here to help.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

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23rd September	FrOGS Meeting (14.15 – 15.00)
28h September	Drop-In Reception, Y1, & Y2 15.15 – 15.45
28th September	Individual Photographs
29th September	individual Photographs
29th September	Drop-In Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 15.15 – 15.45
29th September	Y6 PGL Parent Meeting 15.30
1st October	After School Book Fair
2nd October	After School Book Fair
2nd October	Y4 Parent Share 14.30
6th October	NHS Flu Immunisations
7th October	Harvest Donations
7th October	NHS Flu Immunisations
7th October	Y1 Parent Share 14.30
8th October	Reception Parent Share 14.30
9th October	Y2 Parent Share 14.30
13th October	Parents Evening 15.30 – 17.30
14h October	Parents Evening 15.30 – 17.30
15h October	Y3 Parent Share 14.30
21st October	Year 6 to PGL
21st October	Y5 Parent Share 14.30
22nd October	Diwali Experience Day
23rd October	Y6 return from PGL
23rd October	Last day of term
2nd November	First day of term
9th November	Nursery Parent Consultations Week
12th November	Y6 Parent Share 14.30
23rd November	NHS Flu Immunisations
9th December	EYFS Nativity 14.00
10th December	EYFS Nativity 14.00
16th December	EYFS & KS1 Church Service 14.00
17th December	KS2 Church Service 14.00
18th December	Last day of term

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5th January	First day of term
12th February	Last day of term
22nd February	First day of term
25th March	Last day of term
14th April	First day of term
10th May	Y6 SATs Week
28th May	Last day of term
7th June	First day of term
7th June	Y4 Multiplication Check Week
14th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Week
21st July	Last day of term