Grimoldby Primary School

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News & Updates

As we come to the end of this first term, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and dedication. Your involvement in our parent shares, drop-ins, and parent consultations has been invaluable, and it truly makes a difference in fostering the strong partnership between home and school.

I am so proud of how well the children have settled into the school year. They have shown such enthusiasm, unity, and determination in their learning, embodying our shared vision of always *being the best that we can be…* It has been wonderful to see their growth and development, and I look forward to seeing them continue to flourish in the terms ahead.

Thank you so much to all our families for your kind donations to the Louth Community Larder Food Bank, who were so grateful for your generous donations. The charity hadn't had a donation of that size for some time and were so pleased they can now support those who need it in our community.

Please can I remind you autumn term one ends on Friday 23rd of October and school will reopen on Monday 2nd of November?

We hope you have a lovely and relaxing half term break ready for the busy run up to Christmas!

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 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.

A copy of our Attendance Policy 2026/ 2027 can be found on our website here: Attendance Policy 26-27 (1).pdf

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.

Staffing

On Friday we will be saying a temporary goodbye to Mrs Duke as she begins her maternity leave. We would like to say a huge thank you for everything she has done for the children in Y6 and across school this term. We will certainly miss her while she is away.

We wish Mrs Duke and her family lots of love and happiness as they prepare to welcome their new arrival, and we can't wait to meet her baby girl. This isn't goodbye forever – Mrs Duke will be back.

We are also absolutely delighted to that share that Miss Horry has successfully completed her Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship and is now a fully qualified Teaching Assistant! We are incredibly proud of her and so pleased to have her as part of our Grimoldby Team. A huge well done, Miss Horry and what a wonderful example of, *'Being the best that we can be…'.*

Nursery Parent Consultations

We will be holding Nursery Parent Consultations during the week beginning the 9th of November. The school office will send all parents with children in Nursery further information which will enable to book an appointment through our online system.

FrOGS Scavenger Hunt and Pumpkin Competition

All children are invited to wear Autumnal non-school uniform on Friday 23rd October and take part in a sponsored autumn scavenger hunt around our school grounds. (please save the Halloween outfits for half

term and we ask that children don't come in to school on Friday in them)
Please ask as many friends as possible and family to sponsor your child. The more money raised, the more amazing ways our school can be supported by this amazing group of volunteers.

All children will be awarded with a special gift to take home after the scavenger hunt which means they can also take part in FrOGS Decorate a Pumpkin Competition! Children are invited to bring in their decorated pumpkins to school on the 2nd of November or send a photo to enquiries@grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk. There is a prize for every entry and an overall winner for the best pumpkin in EYFS/ KS1 and KS2.

Please contact the school office if you'd like to volunteer your time and become a FrOG! There are lots more exciting events planned for next term too.

Safeguarding
The safeguarding of our children is always our priority. If you are concerned about the safety of anyone in our community, please do get in touch with us immediately. Our safeguarding team is Antonia Coy (DSL), Becky Taylor (DDSL), Sophie Waters (SENDCO) and Abby Clark (FSW).

If your child isn't in school, we do need to know where they are and that they are safe. Please make sure you contact school if your child is unwell and let us know their symptoms. If you haven't called us by 9.30am, we will call every emergency contact number we have for your child until we know they are safe.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. You can call Lincolnshire Children's Safeguarding on 01522 782111 or alternatively The NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000. You do not need to know everything about the situation: you may just feel worried or feel that something isn't right. The NSPCC Helpline is staffed by trained professionals who can provide expert advice and support.

Online Safety
LGfL has published a useful new guide for helping parents understand online gaming. The advice is practical rather than technical. It encourages parents to:

- ask what their child is playing;
- check whether games are age-appropriate;
- talk about who their child plays with;
- discuss what information should not be shared;
- agree rules around spending;
- talk about bullying and what to do if something goes wrong;
- review safety settings together;
- agree reasonable limits around play.

The guidance also makes an important point about age ratings: a higher PEGI rating does not mean a game is more difficult - it means the content may be less suitable for younger children.

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LGfL – Helping Parents Navigate Online Gaming

Ofcom has also produced practical advice for parents through its **Parents Power Up** campaign.
The guidance uses three simple steps:

- **Check** – Review your child's account details, age settings and who they can communicate with.
- **Chat** – Talk regularly about the games they enjoy, who they play with and anything that makes them uncomfortable.
- **Change** – Review parental controls, privacy settings and communication options as your child grows.

Ofcom – Parents Power Up: Helping Your Child Stay Safe While Gaming Online

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 can support children in small groups or 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 or call 01507 327393. We are always here to help.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

2026	
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	Sponsored Scavenger Hunt and Non-Uniform Day
23rd October	Last day of term
2nd November	First day of term
4th November	Y5 Tag Rugby Competition
9th November	Nursery Parent Consultations Week
9th November	Y6 Remembrance Celebration at St Edith's Church
10th November	FrOGS Preloved Uniform Sale
11th November	Y3/4 Boys Football Competition
11th November	Y5/6 Boys Football Competition
12th November	Y6 Parent Share 14.30
13th November	Children In Need
16th November	Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying Week
18th November	FrOGS Meeting at 2.15pm
19th November	Y2/5 visit to hull
23rd November	Y4 visit Lincoln Mosque
23rd November	NHS Flu Immunisations
25th November	Y4 Curling and Boccia Competition
26th November	Y5/6 Girls Cricket Competition
27th November	FrOGS Non-Uniform and Sweet Treat Donation
1st December	Y6 Sports Hall Athletics Competition
1st December	Santa Dash
4th December	Theatre production for whole school
8th December	Y3 Dance Showcase
9th December	EYFS Nativity 14.00
10th December	EYFS Nativity 14.00
15th December	Christmas Lunch
16th December	EYFS & KS1 Church Service 14.00
17th December	KS2 Church Service 14.00
18th December	FrOGS Crazy Christmas Day
18th December	Last day of term
2027	
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