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News & Updates

Welcome back to the Summer Term! We hope you all had a great long Bank Holiday weekend.

We're pleased to share that our Subject Spotlight this term is Science. We will even have some KS2 Science Leaders joining Miss Milson to monitor the subject across our school.

You should all have received Curriculum Catchers for this term, so you know what your child is learning in all subjects at school. Please do get in touch with our school office if you haven't received it or check out our *Letters Home* section under the *Parents* tab on our website www.grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk. Here you will find copies of everything we send home.

We hope the sunshine is here to stay for the rest of the summer term now and, therefore, please make sure your child brings at least one clean, refillable water bottle with them to school every day. We also recommend all children wear a hat outside and sun cream is applied before they come to school in the morning.

Please also ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and class, as this is the time of year where more and more seems to go missing... Bear in mind too that names in permanent marker do wash out – so please check regularly!

If you don't already, please follow @grimoldbyschool on X (Twitter). We regularly post so that you at home can see what's going on in school.

We also have our Grimoldby Primary School, Facebook, business page. Here we will promote events within the school to the wider community. Please note this will not replace our Twitter account or our current lines of communication.

Attendance

Attendance is monitored very closely every month and you will be contacted if we are concerned about your child's attendance and it is below 95%. In September 2022 the Department for Education published the following guidance, which all schools have to follow and has been designed to help schools and local authorities maintain high levels of attendance - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

The Local Authority has produced the following attendance descriptions:

| School Attendance - boundaries and description | |
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| 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. Our current year to



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date average attendance is 96.1%! We are so proud of how hard our parents, children and staff work to make this high level of attendance happen.

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.

A copy of our school attendance policy can also be found on our website on the Policies page.

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 guidance if a term-time holiday is taken and you will receive a fine.

VE Day

On Thursday 8th May, we will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day and we have decorations up, ready. Our whole school will take part in a special assembly in the morning and each class will complete an exciting activity focusing on the celebration back in their classrooms.

Sports Day

Our EYFS (Reception and Nursery children starting school in September) Sports Day will begin at 2.15pm on Tuesday 17th of June. For children in KS1 and KS2, Sports Day will take place on Monday 16th of June at 1.30pm.

Both of these Sports Days will finish before the end of the school day and children will return to their classrooms to get their belongings. Staff will then send the children home in the usual way.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend these events, and we will open the school gates 15 minutes before we start. Please bring a picnic blanket or foldable chairs if you wish to sit down.

The children are really looking forward to seeing you at Sports Day and are already practising for the day! To make things easier, please can children come to school dressed in their PE kit for the day? Instead of wearing their normal t-shirt, children in KS1 and KS2 can come in a t-shirt of their choice (or a hat) to match the colour of their house point team:

Walrus - blue

Spitfire - green

Vampire - red

Lancaster – yellow



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Don't worry if they haven't got a t-shirt in their house colour as we can provide them with a coloured band to wear.

Jewellery

We have noticed more and more children are wearing jewellery to school. Stud earrings and watches are acceptable; however, for health and safety reasons children should not be wearing bracelets, rings, necklaces or hooped earrings.

We really appreciate your support in reminding your child to leave jewellery at home and not wearing it for school.

Supporting your child at home

Please continue to support your child with reading at home. We are so impressed with our online library system, and we have every single schoolbook logged online. Did you know your child can access our library system at home, write a review or even reserve a book? Please get in touch with us if you would like further information about this.

All children enjoy being read to (even children in Year 6). Just by spending 10 minutes reading together at home, you will really help support your child's progress. Remember, reading impacts our whole curriculum and our children love it!

Don't forget to access Bug Club Online, The White Rose Maths App and Times Tables

Rock Stars (KS2) too. If you need any support with any of our online programmes or games, do get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Parent SHARE Events

During the summer term we would like to invite all our parents with children in Reception – Year 6 to come and join us for a Science SHARE. Please come and take part in a science lesson in school on the following dates:

Reception – 15th May at 2.30pm

Year 1 – 19th June at 2.30pm

Year 2 – 19th May at 2.30pm

Year 3 – 10th June at 2.30pm

Year 4 – 11th June at 2.30pm

Year 5 – 21st May at 2.30pm

Year 6 – 18th June at 2.30pm

If your child is in Nursery, please join us for a Stay and Play on 9th June at 11am or 12th June at 2.30pm. Our younger Nursery children (not starting in Reception in September) will also be taking part in some Sports Day races with you!

We would also like to invite you to Drop-In after school (3.15 – 3.45) to look at your child's work and learning environment on Monday 19th May if your child is in Reception and KS1 or on Tuesday 20th May if your child is in KS2.

Mental Health Awareness Week



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We shall be celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week starting on Monday 12th of May with a wear a green accessory celebration day and a wellbeing walk in our local area to end the week on Friday 16th of May.

The theme is Community, and we will be celebrating the power and importance of community and how it is vital for our mental health.

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 Brooks (DSL), Becky Taylor (DDSL), Sophie Waters (SENDSCO) and Caroline Jaines (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 also call Lincolnshire Children's Safeguarding on 01522 782111 or alternatively The NSPCC Helpline on 0800 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

Online activity is having a huge impact on children globally, and therefore it's so important that we empower our parents to support online activity at home.

Are you a parent who is concerned about what your child may be experiencing online? Would you like to feel more confident in supporting them to stay safe?

A series of free events have been organised giving parents and carers the opportunity to get their questions answered on a raft of online safety issues, including age-appropriate apps, online trends, parental controls, social media, and more.

The online events will be hosted by experts from Lincolnshire County Council's Stay Safe team, who in the last academic year have delivered hands on workshops to 50,000 children aged between seven and 18 – helping them develop the skills they need to navigate the online world safely.

Two sessions will take place in May online, through Microsoft Teams. Tickets are free but places need to be booked in advance.

Online Safety Q+A for parents of primary school aged children - 14 May 2025, 6pm to



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7.30pm. Book your
place [https://www.tickettailor.com/events/
staysafepartnership/1651088](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1651088)

Online Safety Q+A for parents of secondary
school aged children - 7 May 2025, 6pm to
7.30pm. Book your
place. [https://www.tickettailor.com/events/
staysafepartnership/1651098](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1651098)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| 7 th May | Parent ADHD Workshop 2pm |
| 8 th May | VE Day 80 th Anniversary |
| 8 th May | Book Fair 3.15pm |
| 9 th May | Book Fair 3.15pm |
| 12 th May | Mental Health Week |
| 12 th May | Y6 SATs Week |
| 15 th May | Reception Science Parent SHARE 2.30pm |
| 16 th May | Whole school Wellbeing Walk |
| 19 th May | Y2 Science Parent SHARE 2.30pm |
| 19 th May | Rec & KS1 Drop-In 3.15pm |
| 20 th May | KS2 Drop-In 3.15pm |
| 21 st May | Reception visit Tattershall Farm Park |
| 21 st May | Y5 Science Parent SHARE 2.30pm |
| 22 nd May | Artist in school leading sculpture workshops |
| 22 nd May | NHS Height and Weight measurements Rec & Y6 |
| 23 rd May | Last day of term |
| 2 nd June | First day of term |
| 2 nd June | Y4 Multiplication Check |
| 3 rd June | Y6 visit to Poland |
| 6 th June | Y6 return from Poland |
| 9 th June | Y1 Phonics Screening |
| 9 th June | Nursery Stay and Play 11am |
| 10 th June | Y3 Science Parent SHARE 2.15pm |
| 11 th June | Class Photographs |
| 11 th June | Y4 Science Parent SHARE 2.30pm |
| 12 th June | Y3 visit Uncle Henry's Farm |
| 12 th June | Nursery Stay and Play 2.30pm |
| 16 th June | KS1 & KS2 Sports Day 1.15pm |
| 17 th June | Reception and Nursery Sports Day 2.15pm |
| 18 th June | Y6 Science Parent SHARE 2.30pm |
| 19 th June | Y1 Science Parent SHARE 2.30pm |
| 25 th June | Whole school Skateboarding Workshop |
| 1 st July | KEVIGS Induction Day |
| 2 nd July | KEVIGS Induction Day |
| 3 rd July | Louth Academy Induction Day |
| 4 th July | Louth Academy Induction Day |
| 22 nd July | Last day of term |
| 4 th September | First day of Term 1 |