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## News & Updates

Thank you so much to all our parents and carers for attending our Drop-In sessions this term. We really do appreciate your support, and we know the children love to show you their classroom and all of their amazing work.

We continue to be so proud of how our children strive to meet our school vision of 'Being the best that we can be'. We also continue to make wellbeing a priority for our children, staff and community. Please remember the wellbeing section of our website has lots of useful resources for you to use at home and we have a dedicated team of staff who make up our Wellbeing Team. We are always here to help.

Thank you for continuing to support our school X (Twitter) accounts - we try to update them as regularly as possible so that you can see what the children are doing in school. Please follow [@grimoldbyschool](#) if you don't already. It is a quick way for you to see what's been going on.

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.

There are lots of exciting things happening in school before we break up for Christmas

on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of December. Spring term 2025 will begin on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of January.

## 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>

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 95%. 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.



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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.

### **Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumpers**

Christmas Lunch will be served on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of December, and we will also be wearing Christmas jumpers on this day. If you need a Christmas jumper for your child, FrOGS are holding a pre-loved uniform and Christmas clothing sale in the village hall from 2.30pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of December. Please do pop in before or after you have collected your child from school.

### **FrOGS Christmas Bingo**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, FrOGS will be hosting Christmas Bingo! Tickets will be on sale from the Year 6 fire door every morning from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of December. Please bring your friends and family and come along to support our school and have some festive fun! Mrs Nicholson can't wait to be your sparkly bingo caller.

Bingo will start at 3:30pm in our school hall. There are lots of amazing festive prizes, including a rainbow tombola. Please can any donations for the tombola be brought to school by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of December?

We are so lucky to have such a dedicated team of volunteers who raise thousands of pounds for our school, every year but we really, really do need your help. We desperately need some more volunteers. Please do get in touch if you are able to support FrOGS.

### **Christmas Cards**

Our Christmas Post-box is in place between the Y5 and Y6 classroom. 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.

### **Now that's what I call an 80s Christmas Party**

We have a really exciting day planned for our whole school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of December. We are so grateful to Emma Jacklin (a parent) and Hayley Thomas (our school business manager), who have worked together to put this together.

The day will be full of fun activities, visitors, crafts and treats. Children can come to school in non-uniform, party clothes or even 80s fancy dress. We'd love to see our



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parents dropping the children off 80s style in the morning too!

Mrs Terry and Mrs Thomas will continue to sell 80s fancy dress items in the morning, on the main playground this week, with all proceeds going back to support our school.

### **Christmas Service**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 1.45pm, our whole school will be going to the St Edith's Church in Grimoldby for a Christmas Service. Children in Year 6 will be telling the story of the Nativity and we also have a special job for our Year 2 children.

Parents are welcome to join us in the church, however; please be advised it will probably be standing room only. All children will walk back to school after and can be collected at their normal time from the playground.

### **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 (SENDCO).

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).

### **Online Safety**

The Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership have asked schools to share the following Snapchat Parental information.

The NSPCC reported in November that the cases of online grooming against children had risen by 89% in the past six years with almost half (41%), where a means of communication was known, occurring on Snapchat. Snapchat is a popular app used by young people within Lincolnshire. All social media apps have an age rating of 13+. We would encourage parents to carefully consider which apps are accessible to their children on their devices. When giving your child access to social media apps we would encourage you to utilise the parental controls they have available to help safeguard from potential risks. You can find out more information around Snapchat and setting up parental controls here: [Social media Snapchat: guidance for parents and carers - Stay Safe Partnership – Lincolnshire County Council](#). There is no silver bullet in terms of safety online and there will always be risks your child could encounter, much like the real world. Therefore, we would encourage you to always keep open communication with your child around the apps and games they are using and people they are talking to. Our research has shown that children whose parents have open communication and know what they do



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online are 37% less likely to experience issues such as online bullying. Our top tips:

- No tech in bedrooms (or tech with door open) Keeping technology from behind closed doors reduces the likelihood they will search for inappropriate content. It is also safer to charge devices downstairs in terms of home fire safety.
- Watch and learn about apps together. Learn about the apps and games they are interested in to better understand how it can be used positively but also to understand the risks and how they manage them.
- Periodically check what they 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, please check out [www.internetmatter.org.uk](http://www.internetmatter.org.uk)

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

4 <sup>th</sup> December	FrOGS Christmas clothing and uniform sale 2.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity at 2pm
6 <sup>th</sup> December	FrOGS Rainbow Tombola donations into school
9 <sup>th</sup> December	FrOGS Christmas Bingo tickets on sale
11 <sup>th</sup> December	FrOGS Christmas Bingo at 3.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Now That's What I Call an 80s Christmas!
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Art Exhibition 3.15pm
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Art Exhibition 8.30am
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St Edith's Church at 2pm
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
6 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
24 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of term
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	First day of term
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Last day of term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First day of term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Check
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term