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News & Updates

We were so excited to welcome everyone back for the new term, and what an exciting start it has been! Last week, we celebrated Diwali as a whole school, and the children enjoyed a wonderful cultural experience with Sunita from The Indian Experience, who brought Diwali to life through engaging activities and stories.

A huge thank you to the amazing FrOGS team for organising the sponsored Halloween Scavenger Hunt around our local area. The children had a fantastic time exploring and, of course, loved their chocolate treat back at school. What a perfect way to start the term and embrace our focus value of *happiness*! We are so grateful for the ongoing support from our families and community. If possible, please return any outstanding sponsorship money to school as soon as you can.

Our FrOGS team plays a crucial role in raising funds that help our school offer enriching opportunities for the children. This year, they have already donated money to support the cost of buses for school visits and purchased additional musical instruments for our music curriculum. We are currently seeking more volunteers for FrOGS, so if you can offer your time, it would be immensely appreciated. The next FrOGS meeting is on Tuesday, 12th of November, at 2:15 p.m, and we'll ensure it finishes before school pick-up time.

Thank you again for all your support in making our school the best it 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>

In line with this statutory document, we have updated our Attendance Policy. 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 new system for Fixed Penalty Notices.

The Local Authority has produced the following attendance descriptions:



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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.

The Education Hub

The Education Hub is a site for parents, pupils, education professionals and the media that captures all you need to know about the education system.

You'll find accessible, straightforward information on popular topics, Q&As, interviews, case studies and more. You can find this Government website at: www.educationhub.blog.gov.uk

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.

Anti-Bullying Week

We will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week on Monday 11th until Friday 15th of November. The theme this year is *Choose Respect*.

During this week our school will be focusing on celebrating diversity and each class will be taking part in lessons designed to encourage our children to think about how we can choose respect instead of bullying and model this to others.

On Tuesday the 12th of November we would like all our children, staff and parents to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!



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Curriculum Catchers and Home Learning

You should have received your child's Curriculum Catcher for this term explain all the learning taking place for each subject in your child's class. We hope you are finding these useful in understanding what we are teaching in class.

Parents of children in Reception and KS1 should also have received this term's new home learning activities. For parents with children in KS2, please continue with the activities sent home before the half term break. KS2 children will receive further home learning every big term, which will be after Christmas.

Children in Need – Crazy Hair Day

Children in Need is on Friday 15th November and our School Council have decided to raise money by us all coming to school with **crazy hair!** Children can come to school with their hair in a style as crazy as they like! This is another great opportunity for us all to celebrate how we are all unique.

Children are also welcome to bring a donation for Children in Need, but please don't feel as though your child can only have crazy hair if they do. We understand and just want everyone to have a fun day.

Black History Month Art Exhibition

We will be inviting all our parents and carers to come into school after pick up on Tuesday 17th of December and before drop off on Wednesday 18th of December. To celebrate Black History Month in October, each class have been focusing on a black

artist and have been working on a piece of art inspired by their work.

All of the children's artwork will be displayed in our school hall for you all to come and look at – just like a real art gallery!

Nativity and Carol Service

This year, Reception and Nursery will be performing *A Wiggly Nativity* and parents will be able to watch the performance on Thursday 5th December.

We will also be hosting a Christmas service at St Edith's Church in Grimoldby on the afternoon of Wednesday 18th of December at 2pm. Parents and carers are welcome to join us and this will be led by children in Y6 and Y2.

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	KS2 Football JB Sports
Tuesdays	Y1-3 Laser Tag JB Sports KS2 Young Voices
Wednesdays	Twist and Flip Gymnastics KS2 Music Club
Thursdays	Y3-6 Laser Tag JB Sports
Fridays	Y1-2 Supastrikers Football



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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 Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership Online Safety Q+A for Parents of primary aged children is on the 20th of November from 6-7.30pm. This is a free TEAMS event and all parents can sign up for this here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1441939>

We highly recommend our parents do sign up for this as you will be given the most up to date information and tools so you can feel confident in keeping your child safe from online harm whilst still allowing them to explore the online world.

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 Antonia Coy (Senior Mental Health Lead), Mrs Becky Taylor, 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 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.



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

8 th November	Nursery Parent Consultations
8 th November	Skateboarding Workshops
11 th November	Anti Bullying Week
12 th November	Y2-6 Online Safety Workshops
12 th November	Y3/4 Girls Football Competition
12 th November	FrOGS Meeting 2.15pm
12 th November	Odd Socks Day
13 th November	World Kindness Day
15 th November	Children in Need – Crazy Hair Day
21 st November	Y2 visit Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre
25 th November	Flu Immunisations
1 st December	Y5 Sportshall Athletics
2 nd December	Reception and KS1 Parent Drop In 3.15-3.45pm
3 rd December	KS2 Parent Drop In 3.15 – 3.45pm
5 th December	Reception and Nursery Nativity
12 th December	FrOGS Christmas Bingo
13 th December	Christmas Surprise!
17 th December	Christmas Lunch
17 th December	Art Exhibition 3.15pm
18 th December	Art Exhibition 8.30am
18 th December	Carol Service at St Edith's Church
19 th December	Last day of term
6 th January	First day of term
14 th February	Last day of term
24 th February	First day of term
4 th April	Last day of term
22 nd April	First day of term
12 th May	Y6 SATs Week
23 rd May	Last day of term
3 rd June	First day of term
3 rd June	Y4 Multiplication Check
9 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening
22 nd July	Last day of term