



## News & Updates

Thank you so much to all of our parents and carers for attending our Reading Shares this term. We really do appreciate your support with promoting our love of reading.

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.

We're really happy to announce that FrOGS raised £137.50 at the Uniform & Christmas Jumper sale last week. We hope that events like these help out our community during financially difficult times where buying new isn't always a viable option. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December (at both drop off and pick up times), there will be a Christmas Jumper sale in the foyer near the School Office. If you have anything to donate for this, please do get in touch or drop it off at the School Office.

Thank you for continuing to support our school X 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 also a quick way for us to get messages to our school community.

Please also remember to get in touch with us if you have any questions about your

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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 office on 01507 327393.

On the week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, please note that there will be no after-school clubs. Spring term 2023 will begin on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – A Very Special Day

This will be a busy day in school with lots of fun taking place (including something that's currently top secret as organised by one of our parents, Emma Jacklin):

- Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Lunch Day
- Bring A Game From Home Day (nothing electronic, please!)
- Special Visitors in School...

## The Grinch Who Stole...SKIPMAS?!

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, children will be helping GBM to locate their missing skip! It seems as though the Grinch has stolen one of their Christmas skips and is hiding it in the village.



Children will need to wrap up warm this day as we, as a whole school, go searching for it. If we manage to find it, there might be some prizes too...

## Christmas Cards

Our Christmas Postbox is in place between the Y5 and Y6 classroom. If children wish to



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send any Christmas cards, they can bring them in, post them in our postbox 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 written on, 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.

## Carol Service

On the last day of term (Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December) at 2:00pm, our whole school will be going to the St Edith's Church in Grimoldby for a Carol Service. Children in Year 6 will be telling the story of the Nativity and our Year 2 children will be acting this out.

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

## Attendance

Attendance is monitored very closely every month, and you will be contacted if we are concerned about your child's attendance. 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:

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.

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.



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in the New Year. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or queries.

## 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.

## Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Team consists of: Antonia Brooks (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Stuart Spendlow (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead), Becky Taylor (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) and Caroline Jaines (Family Support Worker).

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).

We hope that you all have a lovely Christmas break this year when it arrives, and we look forward to seeing you all again

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

7 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Nursery Nativity
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 & Y5 Visit to Louth Library
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 Lincoln Museum Visit
12 <sup>th</sup> December	FrOGS Christmas Bingo
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Grinch Who Stole SKIPMAS!
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Surprise Day
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St Edith's Church
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First day of term
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 Meet Pete Dinosaur Experience
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices in Sheffield
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Author Visit (KS2)
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
19 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of term
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term
16 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First day of term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Check
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term