

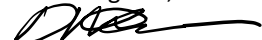
Excel, Endeavour and Enjoy

“Cold days, warm hearts, and wonderful learning ahead!”

Welcome Back to Term 2

Welcome back to an exciting and busy term ahead! We have so much to look forward to, including enrichment days, Christmas preparations, family events, and school trips. This time of year always feels magical in school, and we can't wait to share it with you. Please continue to support your child by attending our events — your presence really does make such a difference and means a lot to us all.

Warm Regards,



Miss Donna Woosey (Headteacher)

A Polite Reminder: Respectful Communication

At our school, we pride ourselves on building a caring and respectful community. We kindly remind all parents and carers to speak to and treat our staff with the same respect and courtesy that we always strive to show you.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child, please approach the relevant member of staff directly so that we can work together to find a positive and timely resolution.

We understand that WhatsApp groups are often used by parents to share information and stay connected; however, we ask that any issues or concerns be discussed with school staff rather than on social media or messaging platforms. This ensures that matters are addressed accurately and effectively for the benefit of all children.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in helping us maintain a positive school environment.

Teacher Contact Information

We pride ourselves on our open, collaborative approach and want all parents to feel welcome. If you have any day-to-day questions or concerns, please speak first to your child's class teacher or the school office so we can clarify or resolve matters quickly.

Please remember that teachers have up to 48 hours to respond to messages, and replies will only be sent during reasonable working hours. Urgent matters will, of course, be dealt with as soon as possible.

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PE Days

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school each week. Kits can be taken home on Fridays for washing and should be returned ready for the following week.

Children in Years 1–6 will enjoy sessions with Synergy Coaching as well as PE lessons, while Reception children have a weekly PE lesson plus daily outdoor provision.

Barley – Wednesday

Wheat – Wednesday and Friday

Rye – Wednesday and Monday

Poplar – Thursday and Tuesday

Willow – Friday and Tuesday

Typhoon – Tuesday and Monday

Vulcan – Thursday and Wednesday

Revised Homework Approach

Today we are sending home a Homework Booklet outlining our updated expectations for homework. This new approach focuses on strengthening children's fluency in reading and maths, alongside optional enrichment tasks to extend their classroom learning.

We hope families will find this method more flexible — it allows children to practise key skills without unnecessary pressure at home, leaving time for rest and extracurricular activities that support healthy development.



Please note that Years 5 and 6 will have a slightly higher expectation as they prepare for the transition to secondary school. The first homework task will be sent out next Friday for Y5 and 6.

Y3 Enrichment Day

A big thank you to all the families who joined us for our Year 3 Enrichment Day yesterday! It was wonderful to see so many of you engaging with your children's learning. We hope you enjoyed hearing about the exciting work they've done so far and that they came home eager to share more. I heard some parents saying that the French activity was easier than the English one!!

If you weren't able to make it, don't worry — there will be more opportunities throughout the year to visit school and celebrate your child's achievements.

The next Year group to have their Enrichment Day is Year 5 3rd December at 2pm – we hope you can make it.

Enrichment Dates for 2025/2026

Y1- 17th June 9:30am

Y2- 21st April 2pm

✓ Y3- 6th November 2pm

Y4- 8th July 2pm

Y5- 3rd December 2pm

Y6- 12th March 2pm

Preloved Uniform

Don't forget to check our pre-loved uniform stored in baskets and on a rail in the main reception area— a sustainable and cost-saving option for all families. If you have any larger branded jumpers/cardigans, please hand them into the office.



Class Fundraising

If you have missed the deadline date for ordering Christmas gifts featuring your child's design, the online shop will be re-opening 21st November until noon on 1st December. Please note this will be the last opportunity to place orders.

Academy Calendar Dates – Term 2 *additional dates

Date	Event	Class
3/11/25	Start back at school	
4/11/25	Swimming at Branston Academy	Year 5 (6 weeks)
5/11/25	Writes Individual Photography	All classes
12th & 13th Nov	Open Day for September 2026 Intake	
14/11/25	Lincoln Castle Trip	Year 2
17/11/25	Careers Week	All classes
20/11/25	PTA Winter Light Show	
21/11/25	Children In Need	All classes
*21/11/25	Reception Christmas Stay and Play	Reception
25th and 26th November 2025	Parents Evening	All classes
*3/12/25	Reception Christmas Stay and Play	Reception
8/12/25	Nativity for parents	Reception and KS1 at 2pm
9/12/25	Nativity for parents	Reception and KS1 at 9.30am
12/12/25	KS2 Carol Concert	TBC
12/12/25	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	All classes
19/12/25	Final day of term	

Academy Calendar Dates – Term 3

Date	Event	Class
Monday 5th January	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 6th January	Children start back at school	
15/1/26	Y6 Trip to the National Justice Museum	Y6
20/1/26	Swimming Lessons at Branston Academy	Y4 (for 6 weeks)
22/1/26	Magna Science Trip	Y3
5/2/26	Science Family Learning Event	All Classes (times TBC)
12/2/26	PTA Disco	All classes
13/2/26	Final day of term	

Term Dates 2025-2026

Module 1	Wednesday 3rd September 2025 to Friday 24th October 2025 <i>Holiday: Saturday 25th October to Sunday 2nd November 2025</i>
Module 2	Monday 3rd November 2025 to Friday 19th December 2025 <i>Holiday: Saturday 20th December 2025 to Monday 5th January 2026</i> <i>Includes Public Holidays: Thursday 25th & Friday 26th December, Thursday 1st January</i>
Module 3	Tuesday 6th January 2026 to Friday 13th February 2026 <i>Holiday: Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd February 2026</i>
Module 4	Monday 23rd February 2026 to Thursday 2nd April 2026 <i>Holiday: Friday 3rd to Sunday 19th April 2026</i> <i>Includes Public Holidays: Friday 3rd & Monday 6th April</i>
Module 5	Monday 20th April 2026 to Friday 22nd May 2026 <i>Holiday: Saturday 23rd to Sunday 31st May 2026</i> <i>Includes Public Holidays: Monday 4th & Monday 25th May</i>
Module 6	Monday 1st June 2026 to Friday 17th July 2026
Staff training days	Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September 2025 Monday 5th January 2026 Three full staff training days, two days commuted to twilight sessions.