

## Excel, Endeavour and Enjoy

"Every child matters, every voice is valued."

### Welcome Back to Term 4

We hope you all had a restful February half-term and are ready for the weeks ahead. This half-term is always a special one, after the long winter, we begin to notice the first signs of change. Bulbs are pushing through the soil, chicks are hatching, and there's plenty of real-life chick hatching happening in Barley Class! It really feels like the world is starting to wake up again.

As the days slowly grow lighter and warmer, we're looking forward to an exciting term ahead. We have lots planned, including Science Week, road safety workshops for the children, and a range of enrichment days where parents are warmly invited into school to celebrate learning with us.

As always, please do speak to a member of the team if you'd like to share any successes, questions, or areas for development. We're always happy to listen and keen to keep improving together. Thank you, as ever, for your continued support, it really does make such a difference.

Warm Regards,



Miss Donna Woosey (Headteacher)

### Celebration Assemblies

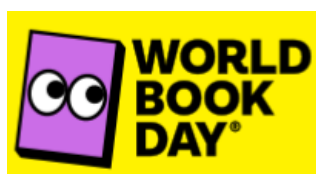
Each week, we hold Celebration Assemblies where families are warmly invited to join us in recognising our children's achievements. We celebrate pupils who consistently go over and above in their effort, kindness, or learning. These children are recognised during the assembly and have their photo proudly displayed on our Celebration Wall!

We're delighted to share that every child will be celebrated at some point during the year, ensuring that all of our pupils' unique contributions are recognised and valued.

Our core school values are: Passion, Curiosity, Courage, Generosity, and Wisdom. These values guide everything we do at school and help our children grow not only as learners, but as kind and confident young people.

### A Day Full of Stories

We have World Book Day coming up next Friday, and we're really looking forward to celebrating our love of reading together.



Throughout the day, there will be lots of exciting activities planned, including sharing stories, exploring favourite books, and celebrating reading in all its forms. Thank you, as always, for getting involved and supporting these special events.



Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, and we can't wait to see the creativity and imagination on display.



If you would like to donate/swap any old, World Book Day costumes, please drop them off at the front office and we will hang costumes on the rail for people to take.

### Walking, Scooting and Cycling to School

As the weather begins to improve, we'd love to encourage families to consider walking to school more regularly. Using a park and stride approach, parking a little further away and walking, riding, or scooting the rest of the way, can help reduce congestion along Mill Lane. We kindly remind everyone to follow the Highway Code, be mindful of residents and pedestrians, and help keep our community safe.



### Chick Hatching Excitement in Barley Class!

There has been lots of excitement in Barley Class this week as our chicks have hatched! It has been a joy to see the children's faces as all ten chicks arrived safely, giving them a wonderful opportunity to learn about new life. The children are enjoying caring for the chicks before they return to their home next Friday. Please check Tapestry for more information and photos.

### Celebrating Learning Online

Please remember to check our school X (formerly Twitter) page, where each class shares learning highlights each term so you can follow their journey and celebrate successes.



### Year 4 PGL Adventure

PGL is coming up in the next few weeks for our Year 4 pupils! Miss Woosey, Mrs Craven and Mrs Kerry are really looking forward to spending time away on the residential with the children. We'll be sharing daily updates on our school X page so parents can follow the exciting adventures. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions before we go.



### Positive Behaviour for Learning

We continue to place a strong focus on behaviour across the school. This year, we have introduced a behaviour curriculum that clearly sets out expectations and supports children progressively through year groups.



This term, our focus is on **managing emotions safely**. We are also building good habits around working quietly, walking safely around school, and managing transitions smoothly.

### Secondary School – Transport

If your child is starting secondary school in September 2026 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport from 2<sup>nd</sup> March (secondary offer day) once you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below. Please do not apply until you have a formal offer of a school place.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport). Queries can be emailed to [schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

### Academy Calendar Dates – Term 4

Date	Event	Class
23.2.26	Children start back at school	
23.2.26	Living Eggs Delivery	Barley Class/R
6.3.26	World Book Day	All Classes
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week	All Classes
10.3.26	Leicester Space Centre	Typhoon Class/Y5
12.3.26	Enrichment Day	Vulcan Class/Y6
11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March	PGL Residential	Willow Class/Y4
16 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability	Typhoon Class/Y5
17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Road Safety	All Classes
17.3.26	Branston Academy Swimming (6 weeks)	Poplar Class/Y3
24.3.26	Ukulele Performance to Parents	Willow Class/Y4
25.3.26	Lincoln Zoo	Wheat Class/Y1
25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening	All Classes
31.3.26	Trip to Rand Farm	Barley Class/R
1.4.26	Wrates Class Photos	All Classes
2.4.26	Autism Awareness Day	
2.4.26	Final day of term	

### Academy Calendar Dates – Term 5

Date	Event	Class
20.4.26	Children start back at school	
21.4.26	Enrichment Day	Rye Class/Y2
4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> May	National Mental Health Week	All Classes
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs	Vulcan Class/Y6
22.5.26	Final day of term	



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## Term Dates 2025-2026

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



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