



**KIDGATE
ACADEMY**

Fortnightly Newsletter 'Growing Kind Hearts and Curious Minds'

Friday 05th December 2025

Message from the Principal

Thank you for your support!

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers who joined us for our Christmas Craft Afternoons. The children were absolutely delighted to share their creations and spend this special time with you. The atmosphere across the school was wonderful, and we truly appreciate your involvement.

Crazy Hair Day Success!

Wow—what an incredible response! Thanks to your generosity, our Crazy Hair Day raised **over £430** for our school food bank. This will make a meaningful difference to many of our families, and we are so grateful for your kindness and support.

Friday 5th Dec 2025 – Non-Uniform Day

What a fantastic success! We received a wonderful range of donations, including chocolate, gifts, and raffle prizes for our upcoming Christmas Fayre. Thank you so much for your generosity and support—events like these are only possible because of our amazing school community.

Friday 12th Dec 2025 – Christmas Fayre.

Come and support our Christmas Fayre! Children will be selling their own arts and crafts from market stalls in the playground. Join us from 3:30pm to celebrate the festive season and enjoy the creativity of our pupils – we can't wait to see you there!

Kindest Regards, Mrs Cook

Websites for supporting your children in school and at home...

[Supporting-Toolkit-Eating-Disorders-Resource-for-Educational-Settings-1.pdf](#)

[The Lincolnshire Autistic Society - Lincolnshire Autistic Society](#)

[Healthy Minds Lincolnshire :: Lincolnshire Young Minds](#)

[Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service \(CAMHS\) :: Lincolnshire Young Minds](#)

[Home :: Lincolnshire Young Minds](#)



Friends of St James

Christmas Tree Festival



Opening Times

Thursday 4 th December	LAUNCH NIGHT - TICKET ONLY
Friday 5 th December	10.30am – 6.00pm
Saturday 6 th December	10.30am – 6.00pm
Sunday 7 th December	11.30am – 3.30pm
Monday 8 th December	10.30am – 6.00pm
Tuesday 9 th December	10.30am – 6.00pm
Wednesday 10 th December	10.30am -1.00pm

St James's Church, Louth

5th December - 10th December 2025



Lots of sparkling trees and a visit from Santa on Saturday afternoon

Christmas Hamper Donations

A massive thank you for the generous donations received from a local parent and business company 'Life on the Line', your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.



Attendance Matters

Please remember that the government expected level of attendance is 96%. Please make sure that your child only stays at home if they are very unwell. A mild cough or cold is not a reason for them to stay at home. Please also ensure that your child arrives punctually in the mornings – school begins at 8.50 a.m., the gates close at 8.55 am, and if your child arrives after that time, they will be marked as late.



Primary School Applications – September 2026 Intake

We would like to inform all parents, guardians, and carers of children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 that the closing date for applications for Primary School places to be received by Lincolnshire County Council is **15th January 2026**.

Further information can be found at: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school/2>.

Parents will be informed via Lincolnshire County Council on **16th April 2026**. If you experience any issues or require further support, please speak with the school office.

Staff Updates

As we come to the end of the term, we will be saying goodbye to three much-loved members of staff: Mr Bateman, Mrs Wood and Mrs Iveson. Each of them has contributed so much to our school, to our children, and to our community during their time with us. Their dedication, care, and commitment have made a real difference, and they will be greatly missed by all. We know you will join us in wishing them every happiness and success in the next chapter of their journeys.

We are also delighted to share that we will be welcoming three highly experienced teachers who will be joining us from January 2026. Mr Stubbs (5W), Mrs Clarke (5DI) and Mrs Dolphin (4B) all bring with them a wealth of expertise, enthusiasm and a genuine passion for supporting children's learning. We are confident that they will be wonderful additions to our team.

Over the next two weeks, the children will have the opportunity to spend time with their new teachers, helping them to feel settled, reassured and ready for the new term ahead.

Dates for Diary

- Friday 5th December – Wednesday 10th December – Christmas Tree Festival – St James' Church
- Wednesday 10th December - 2:30pm and 4:00pm – EYFS Nativity
- Friday 12th December – EYFS and Year 3 Christmas Parties
- Friday 12th December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch date
- Friday 12th December - Outdoor Christmas Fayre - all invited from 3.30pm onwards
- Tuesday 16th December – Year 4 Christmas Party
- Thursday 18th December – Year 2 Christmas Party
- Thursday 18th December – Christmas Carol Service at St James' Church – 10.00 am
- Friday 19th December – Years 1, 5 & 6 Christmas Parties
- Friday 19th December – Last Day of Term
- **Monday 5th January 2026 – Return to school**