



Friday 6th February 2026

Message from the Principal

The children were thrilled to take part in NSPCC Number Day on Friday, 6th February 2026. Throughout the day, they enthusiastically engaged in a range of fun and challenging number-based activities and games, all while dressing up as digits and mathematical symbols. Working collaboratively within their classes, the children tackled a variety of problem-solving tasks, confidently showcasing their numeracy skills and mathematical thinking.

The day was made even more special by the wonderful creativity on display, with pupils proudly wearing imaginative Mathematics-themed outfits that truly reflected their love of learning. A huge thank you goes to all the parents, guardians, and carers for their time, effort, and support in helping to create these fantastic costumes and for contributing to such an enjoyable and successful event.

Special Friends Day Reminder

If you have not yet signed up to attend our upcoming Special Friends Day (for grandparents, special aunts or uncles, best friends, or neighbour), please **contact the school office as soon as possible**. We would love to welcome as many of our special friends as we can and ensure arrangements are in place for the day.

Unity in Community

Help Available - Gas & Electric: Unity in Community will be providing vouchers to help towards paying for gas and electricity. To qualify you must pay for your energy through a prepayment meter and have not received energy vouchers from Unity in Community within the past 12 months. This is in response to the ongoing cost of living crisis and beneficiaries can be working, unemployed, self-employed or retired. For more information and to register, call 01482 420836, Monday to Friday, 9am – 3pm – if busy, please keep trying.

Book Swap Event

Any donations of pre-loved books suitable for Primary aged children would be gratefully received.

Book Swap event on Thursday 5th March – World Book day.

Waterstones Children's Book Festival Returns to the City of Lincoln

We have been asked to share that the Waterstones Children's Book Festival will be returning to Lincoln this **February half-term**. For further details please follow the link to their festival page.

<https://www.waterstones.com/category/cultural-highlights/festivals/waterstones-childrens-book-festival>

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ACADEMY

Book Swap Event

We are arranging a book swap event across our Academy. Any donations of pre-loved books which are suitable for Primary aged children can be donated at the school office

Thank you!

Toddler Play Session

For children starting school in **September 2027**.

Come and meet our friendly staff and have a play in our exciting environment

Tuesday 17th March 2026.
10-11 am

For more information or to book a place, please call the office on 01507 308620.

This toddler stay and play session is for children who are going to be applying for their school place in Autumn 2026, to begin school in September 2027.

It gives children and their families chance to get to know our school and staff before the all-important decision of choosing their primary school.



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We can't wait to meet you!

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](#)

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 am, the gates close at 8.55 am, and if your child arrives after that time, they will be marked as late.

Dates for your Diary - Friends of Kidgate Events

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 13th March - Children are invited to wear non-uniform and bring chocolate donations / Easter themed items to support our Easter Bingo event.

Easter Bingo for the Community – Doors open 5.30pm

Thursday 19th March - Join us for a fun evening of bingo open to the whole community.

Summer Fayre Preparations

Friday 10th July - Non-Uniform Day

Children are invited to wear non-uniform and bring contributions for the Summer Fayre.

Summer Fayre

Friday 17th July – from 3.30pm

Come along and enjoy our Friends of Kidgate Summer Fayre.



LCC Parent Workshops

Parent Events:

AI and Your Child: What Parents Should Know

Artificial Intelligence is shaping the way children learn, play, and interact online. As parents, understanding both the opportunities and the risks is key.

Join our FREE webinar “**AI: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly**” to explore:

-  Positive uses of AI for learning and creativity
-  Risks like chatbots, filtering, and misinformation
-  Practical tips for family conversations and parental controls

 **Date: 10th February**

 **Time: 6:00–7:00 PM**

 **Location: Online**

 **Register here:** <https://buytickets.at/staysafepartnership/2024139>

There is a poster attached.

Malicious Communications Factsheet - We've recently seen an increase in requests for additional KS2 workshops focused on **malicious communication**, particularly linked to how children are using **group chats and social media** to communicate. To help parents understand the issues and better support their children, we've created the attached factsheet, which explains what malicious communication is, how it can affect children, and practical steps families can take to encourage safe and respectful online behaviour

For parents wanting **more guidance**, we've also produced a short video explaining malicious communication in greater detail and offering further advice. You can watch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Akl9CgpP9t8>

Safeguarding Update for Parents

We're aware that some children may have received a new tablet/ipad. The link below provides advice and guidance to parents relating to parental controls on tablets.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/tablets>



LCC Transport

Lincolnshire children starting primary school or secondary school in September 2026. If your child is starting primary school or transferring to 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 March (secondary offer day) or 16 April (primary 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 go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport. Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Board Games & Puzzle Donations Needed

We are kindly asking for donations of board games and puzzles suitable for children aged 4–11. These games will be used to support play, learning, and social time across the school, and are always hugely enjoyed by the children. Children's favourites include: Chess, Guess Who?, Hedbanz, and jigsaws. Thank you for your continued support — it really does make a difference 

Food Bank

- If you require support from our food bank, please scan the QR code
- This will take you to a Microsoft form, where you will be able to select whether you would like a bag of **food essentials**, a bag of **toiletry essentials** or **both**.
- The request will go to a member of our Food Bank team.
- The bag will be left at the school office for you to collect, and you will be informed when it is ready.
- Please note this will be done discreetly.

We look forward to being able to support many families in our school community.



Dates for Diary

- Friday 13th February – ‘Special Friends’ Day
- Friday 13th February – Last Day of Term
- Monday 23rd February – First Day of Term
- Thursday 26th February – 2.40 pm - Year 4 Parent Workshop - Multiplication Table Check
- Thursday 5th March – World Book Day – Details to follow
- Thursday 5th March – Heights and Weights – EYFS and Year 6
- Friday 6th March PGL (Y6) – Outstanding Amount due
- Friday 13th March – Friends of Kidgate - Non-uniform Day - Chocolate Donations for Easter Bingo
- Tuesday 17th March – Toddler Play Session for Children Starting School in September 2027
- Thursday 19th March – Friends of Kidgate- Easter Bingo for the Community – Details to follow
- Wednesday 25th March, Thursday 26th March – Parents’ evenings – Details to follow
- 11th – 14th May – Year 6 SATS
- 1st – 12th June – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- 3rd – 5th June - Year 6 Back2Bear and PGL Trip
- 8th – 12th June – Year 1 Phonics
- 15th June – 18th June Bikeability Year 5
- Friday 10th July – Friends of Kidgate -Non-uniform Day - Contributions for Summer Fayre – Details to follow
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