



**KIDGATE  
ACADEMY**

## Fortnightly Newsletter 'Growing Kind Hearts and Curious Minds'

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Message from the Principal

#### Welcome Back – New Year, New Term

We would like to warmly welcome all our children and families back to school for a new year and a new term. We hope you had a happy and restful break and are ready for the exciting learning ahead.

With the current cold weather, it is important that children come to school wrapped up warm; coats, school jumpers, hats and scarves all help make sure everyone stays cosy throughout the day. Please make sure all items are labelled. Also, do take extra care on the walk to school as well, as pavements can be icy and slippery in the mornings.

We are also pleased to welcome our new staff this term:

- Mrs Dolphin – Class 4J (previously 4B)
- Mrs Clarke – Class 5DC (previously 5DI)
- Mr Stubbs – Class 5S (previously 5WLC)
- Mr Ben Irving (TA) in class 5DC

We are delighted to have them join our team and look forward to the positive impact they will have on our children's learning and wellbeing.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

#### 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](#)

#### Swimming Badges/Certificates

Class 4J will be going swimming this half term as part of their swimming programme.

At the end of the programme, if your child has successfully completed a swimming badge (for example, 50 metres), they will come home with a slip to confirm this achievement. Please take this slip to the Leisure Centre to collect your child's swimming certificate. Please note that there will be a £3.50 charge for the certificate, payable at the Leisure Centre.



## Parking and Road Safety Reminder

Please remember to drive carefully and considerately when dropping off or collecting your children by car. We kindly ask that all parents and carers observe the road signs and parking restrictions around the school, including **not parking on the yellow lines outside the school gates**.

For the safety of everyone, please make use of Kidgate car park. Parking permits for the car park can be collected from the school office.

Many of our children walk to school with their families, and at busy times of the day the area can become very crowded. The safety of our pupils, families, and staff is extremely important to us all, and responsible parking and driving helps to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

## Primary School Applications – September 2026 Intake

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.



## 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.



## Safeguarding Update for Parents

We're aware that some children may have received a new tablet/ipad for Christmas. 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>



## Dates for Diary

- Tuesday 13th January – Class 4J to start swimming
- Tuesday 27th January 2026 – Year 5 Mosque Trip
- Friday 6th March PGL (Y6) – Outstanding Amount due
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Back2Bear and PGL Trip
- 15<sup>th</sup> June – 18<sup>th</sup> June Bikeability Year 5

