



Friday 13th March 2026

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents / Carers

This week has been an excellent and exciting week of science across the school, with pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 taking part in a range of hands-on activities. The children enjoyed a carousel of different investigations, from designing and flying aeroplanes to exploring how to make music using different materials and resources.

Pupils designed and built protective structures before dropping their eggs from a height to see if their designs would keep them safe; lots of creative thinking and a few surprising results!

Pupils also took part in measuring challenges, tested their skills in the tricky "no spills" activity and were amazed by the colourful reactions created during the "colour explosions" experiments. Each activity encouraged curiosity, teamwork and problem-solving as the children investigated and shared their ideas.

It has been wonderful to see so much engagement and teamwork as pupils investigated, experimented and shared their ideas. Activities like these help bring learning to life and inspire our young scientists.

To end the week on a particularly lovely note, our Reception children enjoyed celebrating Mother's Day. They created beautiful heart biscuits, designed their cards and gave bright daffodils as special gifts, sharing a moment of appreciation for the wonderful mums and carers in their lives.

What a fantastic and joyful end to the week!

Phonics Workshops

EYFS

EYFS Parents and carers are invited to a short phonics workshop on **Tuesday 17th March**, at 3:30pm. This will be in the hall with Miss Skipworth and Mrs Coppin, and they will discuss the next stage of your child's reading journey. We look forward to seeing you there, The EYFS Team.

Year 1

Year 1 Parents and carers are invited to a short phonics workshop on **Tuesday 24th March**, at 3:30pm. This will be in the hall with the reading team, and will discuss the phonics screening check (PSC) that your child will complete in June. We will provide information of what the check involves, how we prepare the children and how you can help at home. We look forward to seeing you there, The Reading Team.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club bookings can be made via MCAS. Breakfast club starts at 7.45 am. The last serving of food is 8.15 am, please ensure your child arrives before this time, if they would like breakfast. Entrance for breakfast club is via the main school office reception.

11+ Familiarisation Sessions

We have attached a flier from King Edward Grammar School regarding 11+ Familiarisation Sessions.

Imagine Louth

Imagine Louth CIC is hosting a neurodivergent information event on Thursday the 19th March, alongside Platform Housing. Platform Housing have generously funded a visit from The Sensory Bus, which is designed to give visitors a taste of what it feels like to live with various levels of autism (see the link below). There will also be numerous organisations present who can signpost families for support with different challenges that they may face.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/neurodiversity-experience-tickets-1982770248187?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1

Also on the day:

There will be free entry to Imagine Louth's Imaginative Play Centre

Imagine/The Co-op are sponsoring standard tea/coffee/cordial between 9am and 11am, as part of our Warm Space commitment

Imagine Louth will also be promoting various funded wellbeing craft & cookery sessions for Louth families (sponsored by Platform Housing, Bradbury Solicitors & Sainsbury's)

Tesco Blue Tokens – Please Support Kidgate Academy! ❤️

If you are shopping in Tesco, Mablethorpe over the next few weeks please look out for the Tesco blue token scheme at the checkout.



We would be very grateful if you could pop your token into the **Kidgate Academy slot** to help us raise money towards a **large sandpit for all the children** to enjoy.

A new sandpit will support outdoor play, creativity, communication and teamwork — and will be a fantastic addition to our outdoor learning environment. Thank you again for helping us make a difference for all our children! 😊

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.

Calling local history & geography experts!

We're looking for anyone in or around Louth with knowledge of the Greenwich Meridian line that runs through our area who might be willing to come and chat to our school children about it.

If you're a local historian, geographer, astronomer, or just someone with a passion for this fascinating bit of local geography, we'd love to hear from you! A short, engaging talk would make a brilliant real-world connection for the children. Please contact the office on 01507 308620.

BBC

Does your child shine at home, but struggle socially around other children? The team behind The Dog House is making a brand new **BBC series about childhood friendship** and are looking for **children aged 5 to 8** who are finding it hard to make friends.

If this sounds like your child – or someone you know – filming is in July/August 2026, and we would love to hear from you.

 Apply at: <https://bemyfriend.tv/>

BBC

Is your child finding it hard to make friends?

The award-winning makers of The Dog House are casting for a brand-new BBC series about friendship.

We are looking for **children aged 5 to 8** from all over the UK who need a little help navigating the world of friendship. Over three days, a team of child psychologists will help them build the social skills and confidence to make real, lasting connections with other kids.

If you'd like to help your child make a new friend (with no pressure to take part), please apply at:

bemyfriend.tv



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!

Swimming Badges/Certificates

Class 4DA are currently 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.

Dates for your Diary - Friends of Kidgate Events

 **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.

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>

Keep me safe online'

We want to help you to keep your child safe online, so please find below a couple of resources to support you.

Do take the time to have a quick look as there are step-by-step instructions, as well as short videos.

[Parental controls and privacy settings guides | Internet Matters](#)

[How to access Parent Guides](#) from the National College

Attendance Matters

Please remember that the government's 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.

Our school attendance this week is
96.2%



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](#)

Parent information

We would like to share the following links with our school community. They were kindly shared by a parent, who found them very helpful when thinking about how to work with her children. We hope these resources may also be useful for other families, and we're pleased to pass them on as part of our ongoing commitment to supporting parents and carers. Thank you to the parent who shared these with us.

[Deborah L. Tillman Reels | Facebook](#)

[ABA Naturally - YouTube](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/thrivingmindsmontessori>

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

MARCH

- Tuesday 17th March – 10.00 am – 11.00 am - Toddler Play Session for Children Starting School in September 2027
- Tuesday 17th March – 3.30 pm – EYFS Phonics Workshop
- Thursday 19th March – Friends of Kidgate- Easter Bingo for the Community – Doors open at 5.30 pm
- Friday 20th March – Comic Relief Silly Hat Day
- Friday 20th March – Results of Writing Challenge – Astronaut Inspiration!
- Tuesday 24th March – 3.30pm Year 1 Phonics Workshop
- Wednesday 25th March, Thursday 26th March – Parents' evenings
- Wednesday 25th March – EYFS Rand Farm Trip
- Friday 27th March – Last Day of Term

APRIL

- Tuesday 14th April – First Day of Term
- Tuesday 14th April – Class 3F Swimming Lessons

MAY

- 11th – 14th May – Year 6 SATS
- Friday 22nd May – Last Day of Term

JUNE

- Monday 1st June – First Day of Term
- 1st – 12th June – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- 3rd – 5th June - Year 6 PGL Trip
- 4th – 5th June – Back2Bear
- 9th June – Wrates Class Photos
- 8th – 12th June – Year 1 Phonics
- Friday 12th June – Colour Run for all year groups – Details to follow
- 15th – 18th June Bikeability Year 5



JULY

- Friday 10th July – Friends of Kidgate - Non-uniform Day - Contributions for Summer Fayre – Details to follow
- Friday 17th July – Friends of Kidgate - Summer Fayre – From 3.30 pm
- Thursday 23rd July – Last Day of Term