



Friday 13th February 2026

Message from the Principal

A lovely end to the Half Term

What a truly wonderful way to end the half term! Our "Special Friends" day was a very special occasion for our children. It was heartwarming to see the excitement on their faces as they welcomed their special visitors into school and proudly shared their poems.

The day was filled with smiles, laughter and meaningful moments that we know will be treasured by both the children and their special guests. We have also received some lovely feedback from parents and carers, who shared how much they enjoyed being part of the experience. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the day so memorable.

We wish you all a restful and happy half term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for the next half term.

Book Swap Event

Organised by the fantastic Friends of Kidgate, our much-loved Book Swap will take place on **Tuesday 3rd March** as part of our World Book Week celebrations.

Children will take part in the book swap during the school day from 1.30pm onwards, giving them the opportunity to choose a new book to enjoy and take home.

From 3.00pm, parents and carers are warmly invited to join us after school to browse any remaining books they would like for their children. This will be a lovely opportunity to celebrate reading together and share the excitement of discovering new stories.

If you have any good-quality books you would like to donate for swapping, please drop them into the school office ahead of the event.

Thank you to the Friends of Kidgate for organising this event, we look forward to a joyful afternoon full of books and reading!

Young Artists' Summer Show

A reminder, our school has signed up to the Young Artists' Summer Show. This show is a free open submission exhibition for young artists aged between 4 and 18 years in the UK. There is no theme, which really encourages the children to showcase their own unique styles and ideas. Art work can be in the form of drawing, painting, printing, photography and sculpture and can be original art work your child has already created or something created solely for this exciting opportunity. The art work will need to be photographed and submitted no later than 5pm on 4th March. If selected, your child's art work will be displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Please read the attached guidance for more information and visit the following link to submit your child's artwork:

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk>



Thank You – LifeVac Donation

We would like to say a huge thank you to one of our parents, Mrs Grey (5DC), who has very kindly donated a LifeVac to the school. A LifeVac is a portable, non-invasive airway clearance device designed to be used in the event of a choking emergency. It works by creating suction to help remove an obstruction from the airway if standard first aid methods are not effective.

This generous donation will help further support the safety and wellbeing of our children and staff. We are extremely grateful to Mrs Grey for her kindness and continued support of our school community.

Thank You – Chinese New Year Celebrations

A huge thank you to Mrs Guan, (5DC & 1N) who has very kindly provided all of our children with a Chinese lucky dip to help us celebrate Chinese New Year, which begins on Tuesday 17th February and runs until Saturday 21st February. This year marks the Year of the Horse.

The children were delighted, and this generous gesture helped make our celebrations even more special. We would like to thank Mrs Guan for her generosity and for helping us create a memorable and meaningful celebration for all of our children.



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!

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. The QR Codes below provide you with easy access. 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

Staffing Update

We would like to let our parents and carers know that Mrs Neal will be starting her maternity leave on Friday 27th February as she prepares to welcome her new baby. Mrs Neal is a much valued and caring member of the Kidgate Academy team, and she has made a wonderful contribution to the children in her class. We are sure you will join us in wishing her every happiness and the very best during this exciting and special time.

During Mrs Neal's maternity leave, we are delighted to welcome Miss Lowther, an experienced teacher, who will be working with the class to ensure a smooth transition and continuity of learning for all children.

In addition, Miss Deakins (Class 5DC) will also be leaving Kidgate Academy, with her last day being Friday 27th March, after 13 years of dedicated service. Miss Deakins has been a highly valued member of our school community and has made a lasting impact on many children and families. She will be greatly missed, and we thank her for her commitment and hard work over the years. We wish her the very best in her next role.

We would also like to share that Mrs Abualzuluf (Teaching Assistant) will be leaving us on Tuesday 24th February to move on to pastures new. Mrs Abualzuluf has been a supportive member of staff, and we would like to thank her for her dedication and the care she has shown to our pupils. We wish her every success and happiness in her next chapter.

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.

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>

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.

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 🧡

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.

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 – Last Day of Term
- Monday 23rd February – First Day of Term
- Thursday 26th February – 2.40 pm - Year 4 Parent Workshop - Multiplication Table Check
- Wednesday 4th March – 5.00 pm – Young Artist Art Work Deadline
- 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 – Doors open at 5.30 pm
- Wednesday 25th March, Thursday 26th March – Parents' evenings
- Friday 27th March – Last Day of Term
- Tuesday 14th April – First Day of Term
- 11th – 14th May – Year 6 SATS
- Friday 22nd May – Last Day of Term
- Monday 1st June – First Day of Term
- 1st – 12th June – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- 3rd – 5th June - Year 6 Back2Bear and PGL Trip
- 8th – 12th June – Year 1 Phonics
- Friday June 12th – Colour Run for all year groups – Details to follow
- 15th June – 18th June Bikeability Year 5
- 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

