



Friday 27th March 2026

Message from the Principal

What a lovely end to the term we have had at school. The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Science Week, exploring new ideas and getting hands-on with their learning.

We were also delighted to welcome EYFS families for our Mother's Day afternoon, which was a very special time for the children to share with the important people in their lives. Another highlight was the musical theatre, children's beautiful singing at St James, which they performed with great enthusiasm and pride.

Our Easter Bingo event was a huge success and a wonderful way to bring our school community together. We are delighted to share that we raised an incredible £1032.00. This is a fantastic achievement and will help support future opportunities and experiences for our children. A huge thank you goes to the Friends of Kidgate Academy for organising such a brilliant event.

We have also enjoyed seeing so many families attend Parents' Evening this week. It has been lovely to welcome parents and carers into school to talk about the children's progress and achievements.

As we come to the end of another successful term, we would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support. The encouragement you give your children and the partnership we share with families plays an important role in making our school such a positive and supportive community.

Finally, we would like to wish all our families a **very Happy Easter** and a relaxing break. We hope you enjoy spending time together and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Tuesday 14th April** for another exciting term of learning.

Mrs Cook

Restaurants where kids can eat for free during the Easter break

During the Easter holidays 2026, many UK restaurants and cafes offer kids eat free or for £1, helping families enjoy meals out without breaking the budget.

<https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free>

Some Key Deals Available are:

- Frankie & Benny's: Free kids meal (main, two sides, drink, dessert) with one adult main. Available from 30 March to 10 April in England, Northern Ireland, and Wales; until 17 April in Scotland
- Bill's: Up to two kids under 10 eat free per adult main. Valid 30 March – 10 April, for breakfast, lunch, or dinner
- ASK Italian: Download the ASK Italian app to get up to two free kids' mains when an adult main is purchased. Available 27 March – 19 April
- Zizzi: Join the Zillionaires loyalty app and get a free three-course Bambini meal with adult main purchase. Valid 29 March – 12 April

- **Brewdog:** Book and select 'kids eat free' at participating locations; free kids meal with purchase of adult main. Available 28 March – 12 April, with extended dates at some branches until 19 April
- **Café Rouge:** Kids can eat free between 12pm – 4pm daily with adult main purchase
- **Subway:** Buy any footlong sub 25 March – 14 April to get a free 4in kids meal, with snack and drink
- **Dobbies Garden Centres:** Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or main purchase year-round, including Easter
- **Premier Inn & Travelodge:** Up to 2 kids eat free at breakfast when an adult has a full breakfast; Travelodge offers kids breakfast for £1 per paying adult
- **IKEA Swedish Restaurants:** Kids meals from 95p, including pasta with tomato sauce, a soft drink, and a piece of fruit.
- **Asda Café:** is a supermarket café offering simple, budget-friendly meals, but it's a good option if you're doing your food shop anyway, and you want to treat the kids. Deal: Kids eat for £1 all day, every day; no adult spend is required.
- **Beefeaters & Brewers Fayre:** These are well-known British pub-restaurant chains serving grills and big breakfasts. If you want to treat the kids to breakfast, their kids eat free deal is a great option. Two kids under 16 eat breakfast free with every paying adult breakfast.
- **Morrisons Café:** Is a reliable stop for simple, low-cost meals and it's a great option if you're looking for a little treat after doing the weekly food shop. One free kid meal when an adult buys a main meal that costs at least £5.

Tips for Parents

- Most offers require buying an adult main meal. Some promotions are for specific weekdays or times, so check availability.
- Let the staff know you intend to claim the promotion when seated to avoid confusion.
- Some offers require app sign-up or loyalty program membership (e.g., ASK Italian, Zizzi, Las Iguanas).
- Always check local branches and T&Cs as offers may vary by location.

These deals provide great value for family meals during the Easter break and can help reduce holiday food costs while keeping children entertained and happy.

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.

— School Writing Competition

We were delighted to announce the winners of our **school writing competition** today. We received so many fantastic entries from across the school and it was wonderful to see the children's creativity, imagination and enthusiasm for writing.



The judges had a very difficult job choosing the winners because the standard of writing was so high. Many pupils produced thoughtful, exciting and imaginative pieces that showed just how much their writing skills have developed.

A huge well done to everyone who took part in the competition. Taking the time to plan, write or draw and share your ideas is something to be very proud of. We are incredibly proud of all of the children who entered.

Congratulations to our **winning writers**, who were announced in school today. Their work stood out for its creativity, effort and storytelling. Well done!

👏 Thank you to all the children who submitted entries and to the staff who helped support and judge the competition.

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.

Swimming Badges/Certificates

Class 4DA - 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.



LCC Reporting Nuisance Parking

If you witness nuisance parking, LCC have requested us to share the below link for you to report.

[Report nuisance parking | Nuisance parking – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

Dates for your Diary - Friends of Kidgate Events

End of term year discos (more details to follow)

Wednesday 15th July – Year 5 and 6

Thursday 16th July – EYFS, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4

Children are invited to bring their party wear to school and enjoy the festivities.

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
93.6%



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 – further information added 27.03.26

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>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61588638059746>

[Early support care coordination - Lincolnshire County Council](#)

[How Are You Lincolnshire | Support](#)

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

- Friday 27th March – Last Day of Term

APRIL

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

MAY

- 6th May – Back2Bear Final Payment Due (Y6)
- 11th – 14th May – Year 6 SATS
- Friday 22nd May – Last Day of Term

JUNE

- 1st June – First Day of Term
- 2nd June – Vision Screening – Details to follow
- 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
- Wednesday 15th July – End of Term Disco – Year 5& 6 - Details to follow
- Thursday 16th July – End of Term Disco – EYFS, Years 1, 2 3 & 4– Details to follow.
- Friday 17th July – Friends of Kidgate - Summer Fayre – From 3.30 pm
- Thursday 23rd July – Last Day of Term

