



**KIDGATE  
ACADEMY**

Fortnightly Newsletter  
'Growing Kind Hearts and Curious Minds'

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Message from the Principal

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATs this week. Throughout the year, they have demonstrated dedication, resilience and determination, and they have been a real credit to themselves and our school community.

We would also like to thank our staff for the care, encouragement and support they have provided every step of the way to help prepare the children for the week.

In addition, we welcomed a visit from one of our Governors, who reviewed our SATs administration processes. She praised the smooth and organised running of the assessments and was highly complementary about the way this year's KS2 SATs were delivered.

Meanwhile, our Year 1 pupils are continuing to work hard towards their Phonics Screening Check, and our Year 4 pupils are preparing well for their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June.

We are very proud of the effort and positive attitudes being shown by all of our children across the school.

**Mrs Cook**

### Penalty Notice for School Absence

Please see attached guidance. We would again like to emphasise the importance of excellent attendance and how important it is to not take children out of the academy during term time. We are unable to authorise holidays during term time unless exceptional circumstances are provided.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance/school-fines>

Your child may be allowed to miss school for:

- doctor, hospital or dental appointments
- a death in the family or funeral
- religious observation

Our attendance policy is available to view on our school website.

It is our job to build strong relationships with you, as parents and carers, listening to and understanding barriers to attendance and working in partnership with you to remove them.



## Value - Kindness

This term, our school value is kindness. Pupils have been learning about showing care, respect, and understanding through their words and actions both in school and beyond.

We have been celebrating acts of kindness and encouraged children to build positive, caring relationships. Families are also encouraged to support this focus at home by discussing the importance and impact of kindness together.

## Working Together to Promote Respect

We would like to remind everyone of the importance of speaking respectfully within our community. Recently, we have become aware that some children are hearing inappropriate language and unkind comments from adults outside of school, and in some cases, repeating this language in school.

As role models for our children, we kindly ask all adults to be mindful of the language they use and the way they speak around young people. By working together, we can continue to promote a positive, respectful and caring environment for all our children.

## Free Vision Screening

Reminder - Free Vision Screening consent forms need to be returned to class by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

## Lincolnshire County Council Message - Free Online Safety Q & A for Parents 20<sup>th</sup> May

Our next online safety Q and A is taking place on the 20<sup>th</sup> May over Microsoft Teams. This event is Free to access but requires prior sign up.

### 🌟 Online Safety Webinar for Primary Aged Parents 🌟

Learn about apps, games, social media and online risks – plus practical ways to keep your child safe.

📅 **Wed 20 May** | ⌚ **18:00–19:30**

💻 **Microsoft Teams**

👉 Register via the link below. <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2160048>

🌟 **Feel confident keeping your child safe while they explore the online world.** 🌟

# Year 1 Phonics Check

Week Beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June

## Keep Practising at Home!

*Especially over Half Term*



Practise phonics sounds every day



Blend real and "alien" words



Read little and often



Keep practising through the half-term holiday



*A little practice each day makes a big difference!*

## Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Week Beginning 8 June

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place during the week beginning 8 June. This short, one-to-one reading activity helps us understand how confidently children can recognise and blend sounds.

Over the next few weeks—especially during the half-term break—we encourage families to support their child by:

- Reviewing phonics sounds regularly
- Practising blending real and "alien" words
- Reading little and often at home
- Keeping phonics practice fun and relaxed

A few minutes each day can make a big difference to children's confidence.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our Year 1 pupils shine.

## Lifting Children's Hopes – Colour Dash – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Please find attached information and a sponsorship form previously communicated.

## 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](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport).

Queries can be emailed to [schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk).

## Polite Reminder

Dogs are not permitted onto the school site or grounds for the safety of children and to protect children with allergies. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Dates for your Diary - Friends of Kidgate Events

End of term year discos (more details to follow)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 and 6**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> July - Non-Uniform Day**

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

**Summer Fayre**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – from 3.30pm**

Come along and enjoy our Friends of Kidgate Summer Fayre.

## Dates for your Diary – Year 6

We would like to share some important upcoming dates for our Year 6 pupils so that you can note them in your diaries.

- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> June - Back2Bear
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> June – PGL
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Louth Academy Year 6 Transition Days
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> July – KEVIGS Year 6 Transition Days
- 8<sup>th</sup> July – De Aston Year 6 Transition Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> July – John Spendluffe Technical College - Year 6 Transition Days
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 & 6 End of Term Disco
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Peter Pan, Grimsby Auditorium

Our Year 6 production will take place on two occasions:

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 5:30 – 6:30pm
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 9:00 – 10:00am

In addition, there will be a Leavers' Assembly on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, which will follow the morning performance. The assembly will run from 10:15 – 11:00am.

### 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:

93.8%



## 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

### MAY

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Last Day of Term

### JUNE

- 1<sup>st</sup> June – First Day of Term
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Vision Screening
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 PGL Trip
- 4<sup>th</sup> June – KS1 Multi Skills
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June – Back2Bear
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Phonics
- 9<sup>th</sup> June – Class 3D start Swimming Lessons
- 9<sup>th</sup> June – Wrates Class Photos
- 9<sup>th</sup> June – Years 5 & 6 Rounders
- 11<sup>th</sup> June – Welcome Evening for Reception 2026 starters
- 12<sup>th</sup> June – Colour Run for all year groups
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June Bikeability Year 5
- 16<sup>th</sup> June Scatter Ball Years 3 & 4
- 24<sup>th</sup> June – EYFS Sports Day (Afternoon) - Weather permitting – Details to follow
- 25<sup>th</sup> June – KS2 Sports Day (morning) & KS1 (afternoon) – Weather permitting - Details to follow
- 26<sup>th</sup> June- Stay and Play 1 for Reception 2026 starters
- 30<sup>th</sup> June – Years 5 & 6 Tri Golf
- 30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Trip – Far Ings Nature Reserve

### JULY

- 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Stay and Play 2 for Reception 2026 starters
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Louth Academy Year 6 Transition Days
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> July – KEVIGS Year 6 Transition Days
- 8<sup>th</sup> July – De Aston Year 6 Transition Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> July – Year 1 Trip – Doddington Hall

- 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> July – John Spendluffe Technical College - Year 6 Transition Days
- 9<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 – Barney and Echo Internet Safety Roadshow – Details to follow
- 10<sup>th</sup> July – Friends of Kidgate - Non-uniform Day - Contributions for Summer Fayre
- 15<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term Disco – Year 5 & 6 - Details to follow
- 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July Parents’ Evening (to discuss report)
- 16<sup>th</sup> July – End of Term Disco – EYFS, Years 1, 2 3 & 4– Details to follow.
- 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Trip – Peter Pan, Grimsby Auditorium
- 17<sup>th</sup> July – Friends of Kidgate - Summer Fayre – From 3.30 pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> July – 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm Year 6 Production
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – 9.00 am – 10.00 am – Year 6 Production
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – 10.15 am – 11.00 am – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Last Day of Term

