



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Message from the Principal

### Dear Parents / Carers

It's wonderful to see the children back in school, brimming with energy and ready to learn after a refreshing half-term break! We've been thoroughly impressed by their renewed focus and engagement in all aspects of school life.

### **Writing Challenge, Open to all – Astronaut Inspiration!**

We are excited to launch our **creative writing challenge!** Using the picture of the astronaut as your inspiration, write a response in any style you choose.

Your piece could be:

- A poem
- A diary entry
- Descriptive writing
- A short story
- A letter
- Or any other creative format you can imagine!

Let your imagination take you beyond the stars! 🌟

**Deadline for entries: Friday 13th March**

**Winners announced: Friday 20th March**

There will be **one winner from each year group**. We can't wait to read your fantastic, out-of-this-world writing!



### Phonics Workshops

#### EYFS

EYFS Parents and carers are invited to a short phonics workshop on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, at 3:30pm. This will be in the hall with Miss Skipworth and Mrs Coppin, and 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## World Book Day

As you know, our annual World Book Day celebrations are just around the corner and will be taking place next week! **Thursday 5th March.**

This year, the theme is “Dress as your favourite book character” or come as yourself – a reader!

Children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform for the day. They might choose to dress as a much-loved character from a favourite story, or simply wear their comfy reading clothes, perhaps a lounge suit, cosy joggers, or even a onesie! The focus is on celebrating the joy of reading in a fun and relaxed way.

We’re really looking forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes (and comfy outfits!) and, most importantly, sharing our love of books together.

Thank you for your continued support.



## 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 3.10pm, 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.

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

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, artwork can be in the form of drawing, painting, printing, photography and sculpture and can be original artwork your child has already created, or something created solely for this exciting opportunity.



The artwork will need to be photographed and submitted no later than 5pm on 4<sup>th</sup> March. If selected, your child's artwork 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>

## 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](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport). Queries can be emailed to [schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto: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.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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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## 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

### 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 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 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>

### New Artwork in Reception Area



Take a look at the beautiful new artwork now displayed in our Reception area!

This lovely piece was designed and painted by Mrs Amanda Hill, one of our talented parents. We are incredibly grateful for the time, creativity and care she

has put into creating something so special for our school environment.

Thank you, Mrs Hill, for helping to make our Reception area even more welcoming and inspiring for our children and families.

### 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.

Our school attendance this is week is

95.2%



## 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](#)

## 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

## 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>

## Congratulations, but not goodbye.....

As many of you know, Mrs Neal begins her maternity leave today as she prepares to welcome her baby. We are sure you will join us in congratulating her on this exciting new chapter. While we will certainly miss her positivity, dedication, and the care she shows to our children every day, this is not goodbye — it is simply “see you sometime soon.”

We look forward to welcoming her back in the future and sharing updates when the time is right.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Book Swap - 3.10 pm onwards for parents and carers
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – 5.00 pm – Young Artist Artwork Deadline
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Heights and Weights – EYFS and Year 6
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March PGL (Y6) – Outstanding Amount due
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week – Details to follow
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Friends of Kidgate - Non-uniform Day - Chocolate Donations for Easter Bingo
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Deadline for Writing Challenge – Astronaut Inspiration!
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – 10.00 am – 11.00 am - Toddler Play Session for Children Starting School in September 2027
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – 3.30 pm – EYFS Phonics Workshop
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Friends of Kidgate- Easter Bingo for the Community – Doors open at 5.30 pm
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief Silly Hat Day
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Results of Writing Challenge – Astronaut Inspiration!
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 3.30pm Year 1 Phonics Workshop
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Parents’ evenings
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – EYFS Rand Farm Trip
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Term

### APRIL

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – First Day of Term
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Class 3F Swimming Lessons – Details to follow

### MAY

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

### JUNE

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – First Day of Term
- 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 Back2Bear and PGL Trip
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Phonics
- Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> – Colour Run for all year groups – Details to follow
- 15<sup>th</sup> June – 18<sup>th</sup> June Bikeability Year 5



### JULY

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