



Respect Kindness Confidence Tolerance Self-Discipline

Key Dates

Friday 26th September—10am
Macmillan Coffee Morning—all welcome

Monday 6th October
Individual school photos

Friday 17th October
Harvest assembly

6th—10th October
Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th October
Parents evenings

Tuesday 14th October
Y5 Benin History Workshop

Wednesday 15th October
Year 3 Trip—River Witham

Thursday 16th October
Flu Jabs

Friday 17th October
Harvest Assembly—donations welcome

Friday 25th October
Y5 Class Assembly—9.15am

END OF TERM

Monday 3rd November
Back to school—start of Term 2

Thursday 6th November
School council to Bomber Command for Remembrance Service.

Dear St John's families,

It has been a busy few weeks and Term 1 seems to already be passing by very quickly. You will have received communication this week about booking for our first parents evenings of the year. This is a chance for you to discuss how your child has settled into their new class as well as for their teacher to share some targets for them for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you during these evenings. As we did last year, we will also be holding a scholastic book fair in the school hall during both parents evenings. This gives you a chance to browse some fantastic books and, as a school, we receive free books as commission for what we sell from the fair. Please do visit and support if you are able to!

The children have very much got invested into their learning for this term and we already have some fantastic enrichment opportunities planned. The children in Year 3 will be completing some Geography fieldwork by visiting the River Witham as part of their River topic. Year 5 have a fantastic workshop coming up delivered by One Day Creative to enhance their History learning about the Kingdom of Benin.

Finally, just a reminder to families that we no longer have the facilities to send text messages. Previously, we might have sent texts to remind you of upcoming events or if your child is receiving a merit certificate. This is now all done through email so please do make sure you are regularly checking your emails as all communication will come from us this way.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Mrs Emma Jefferson

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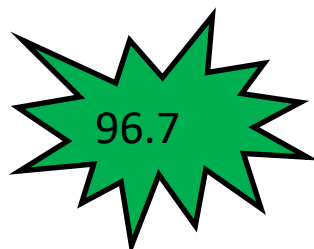
Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
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COUNTS.**

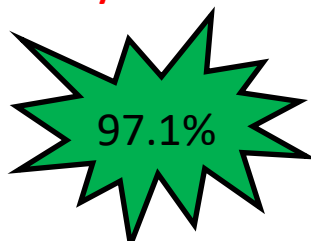


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4T	98.5%
4D	96.0%
5N	99.0%
5M	98.0%
6B	93.8%
6C	97.3%

Attendance for the week:



Attendance for the year to date:



Wow what an amazing start to the year with all this green! Some fantastic attendance!!

Attendance Updates

We just wanted to remind you about our policies for lateness. The gates for KS1 and EY shut at 8.50am and the gates for KS2 shut at 9.00am. After this time, your child will be marked as late. Every minute really does count. Our days start straight away, often with the teaching of phonics and reading. If children enter these sessions late, they have missed really valuable teaching. Some children also find it uncomfortable entering their classrooms late when all of their peers are already settled and beginning their learning so please can we urge families to really try and ensure that children are attending school on time.

If a child is 30 minutes late or more, this is marked as an unauthorized late and counts towards the threshold for a fixed penalty notice. 10 or more episodes of unauthorized lates will result in a fine being issued by the local authority.

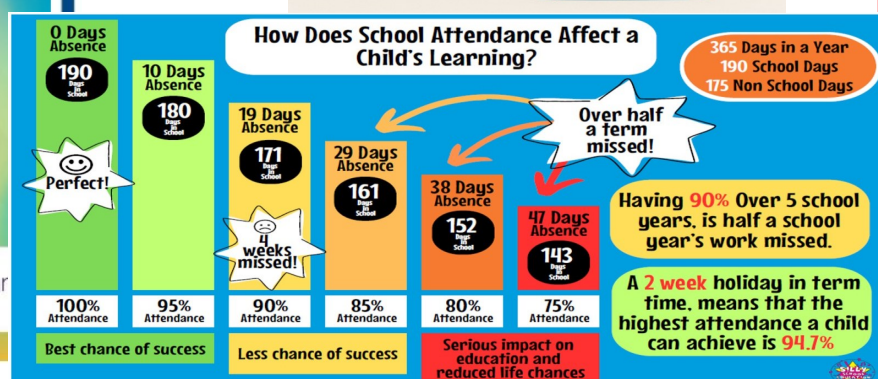
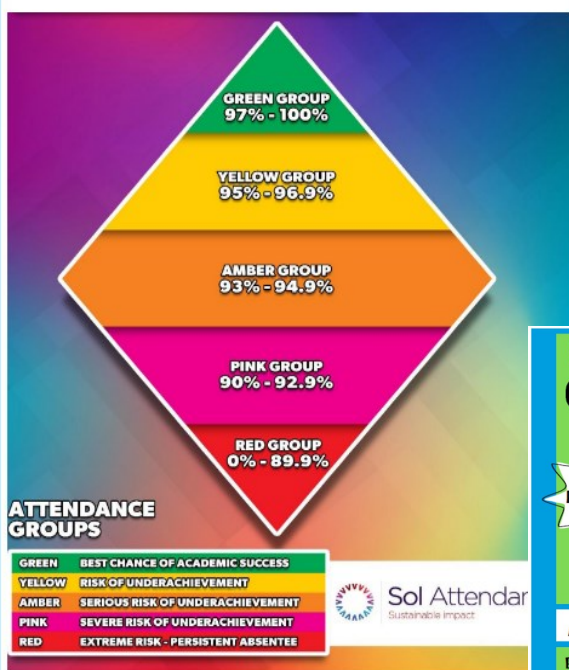
Safeguarding

We are noticing that we still have a lot of children and families waiting around on the KS2 playground at the end of the day. This is causing problems for our after school clubs being able to start promptly. Please can we ask that, once children have been collected, you leave the playground promptly and do not allow children to play on the field and trim trail. We have to lock the gates up prior to our after school clubs being able to start to ensure everyone is safe but this is being delayed. Thank you for your support with this.

PLEASE LEAVE THE PLAYGROUND PROMPTLY



Attendance Ladder



Learning in Class



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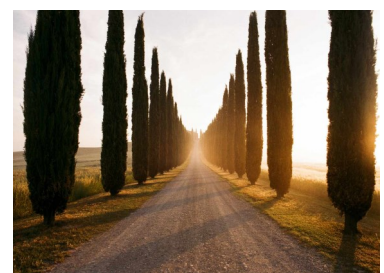
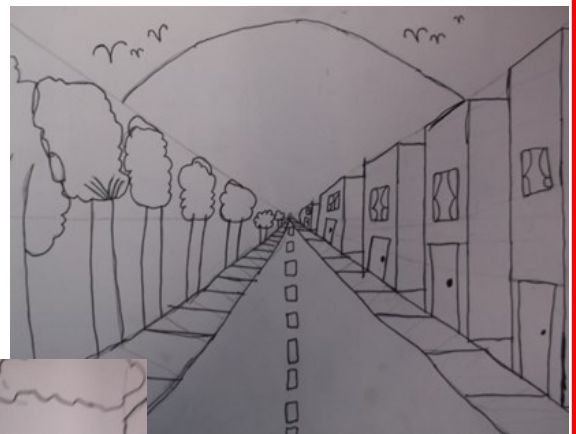
Year 1

Year 1 are learning about the four seasons in science. They have been using our observation skills to look carefully at leaves and the identifying the correct leaf on our checklist. The children loved spotting the different types of trees the leaves came from. They even came to say they had spotted some holly on their way home as we hadn't managed to find any in our school grounds.



Year 5

This term, Year 5 have been learning about the artistic skill of perspective. They have been learning about the use of 'vanishing points' and 'horizon lines' to help them produce drawings that create depth. They have also been learning about Forces as part of their Science curriculum, where they have been able to build parachutes to demonstrate the effects of gravity and air resistance on an object. They had a lot of fun dropping them from the top of the stairs!



Curriculum and Learning

Rosh Hashanah

We were delighted to welcome Mr Griffiths into school last week to speak about the Jewish festival of Rosh Hashanah. He told us lots about Judaism as a religion and how Rosh Hashanah is celebrated. He brought in his shofar and played it for us to symbolise how it is used as a spiritual wake up call during the festival. He answered lots of our questions and we're very grateful that he volunteered his time to come and speak to us.



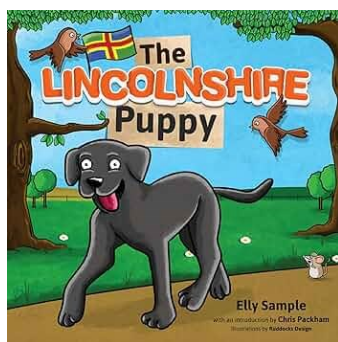
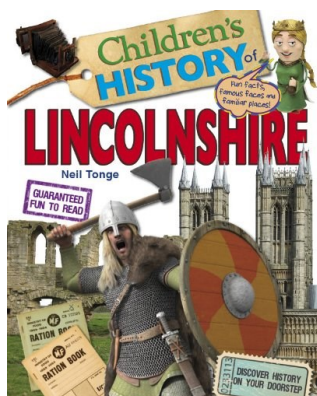
Summer reading challenge

During the Summer holidays, lots of children took part in the Summer reading challenge at local libraries to keep up their reading stamina while not at school. I was delighted to hear from Moira, one of the volunteers at the hub, who told me that 42 pupils at St John's joined the challenge! Many children and families also participated in the free summer activities and workshops. Well done to all of those who signed up and took part—we're really proud of you all and your love of reading!

Lincolnshire Day

Next week on Wednesday 1st October, it's Lincolnshire Day! Our assemblies next week will focus on the county of Lincolnshire and what makes it a great place to live. We will look at famous Lincolnshire food, landmarks and what makes the county well known and a popular place to visit.

Some recommended Lincolnshire reads:



Championing children; making a difference

In Other News



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Macmillan Coffee Morning

We had the most wonderful morning today hosting a Macmillan coffee morning and it was lovely to welcome lots of people from the local community into school. The staff team did the most amazing job at the bake off challenge and created some incredible, creative cakes to raise money for a fantastic cause. Thank you also for the donations from families. We are still counting the totals however I will be sure to let you know the total amount raised as soon I have the figure. Thank you so much to Mr Drury for being our wonderful judge as well!



WORLD'S
BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING

WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT

In the Community



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HEALTH AND HARMONY IN OUR COMMUNITIES

SUN SEPT 28TH 2025

2.00PM – SERVICE OF HARMONY
(CHURCH COMMUNITY GARDEN)

2.30PM–4.30PM – CONNECT, CHAT AND
ENJOY REFRESHMENTS

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BRACEBRIDGE HEATH,
LN4 2LD

CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES FROM BRACEBRIDGE
HEATH, WADDINGTON, NAVENBY, NORTH HYKEHAM,
THORPE ON THE HILL AND NEARBY PARISHES ARE
INVITED TO CONNECT, SHARE AND HEAR FROM THE
MANY ORGANISATIONS WE WORK WITH.

JOIN US FOR ALL OR PART OF THE AFTERNOON TO
MEET THE BISHOP OF GRANTHAM, JAMES PRENTICE
(COMMUNITY CONNECTOR) AND LOCAL GROUP
REPRESENTATIVES.

Chess and Board Games



Come along and join the
fun! Come to learn,
practice, play and enjoy.
All ages welcome.

Saturdays

27th September

25th October

22nd November

10am till 12 noon

Bracebridge Heath Community Library

FREE EVENT



FOS

Friends
of
School

St. John's Primary Academy

Friends of School Meeting

FoS are having their first meeting of the year on
Tuesday 30th September at 6pm.

Fos do an amazing job every year in raising vital
funds for the children at St John's. However, they
need your help to continue to be able to hold
events through the year.

All are welcome to attend and they look forward
to seeing you there.

Calling all
WITCHES AND WIZARDS!
Fun activities with a
Hallowe'en theme!
**FRIDAY 31ST
OCTOBER
10 TO 12**
Feel free to dress up!
Bracebridge Heath
Community Library

This is a free event