



Respect Kindness Confidence Tolerance Self-Discipline

Key Dates

Monday 3rd November

Back to school—start of Term 2

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Year 6—Online Safety Workshop

Thursday 6th November

School council to Bomber Command for Remembrance Service.

Thursday 6th November

Early Years 2026—Open Afternoon and Open Evening

W.B. 10th November and 17th November

SEN reviews

Monday 10th November

Odd Socks Day

Friday 21st November

Children in Need

Tuesday 25th November

Year 2—Moon Landing Workshop

Wednesday 26th November

Year 4—Volcanoes and Earthquake Workshop

Friday 28th November

Christmas Fayre

Friday 5th December

Year 1 Road Safety Workshop

Friday 5th December

FoS School Discos

Dear St John's Families,

We have made it to the end of our first term and we have managed to pack so much in! It was lovely to welcome Year 5 families this morning for our first class assembly of the year. Year 5 did an amazing job, they spoke and presented with confidence about their learning this term.

I also have to say a heartfelt thank you for your kindness and generosity in donating items for our harvest collection. We had a really joyous assembly where we thought about harvest and sang songs and read poems and reflections. Early Years delighted us all with a wonderful rendition of "Big, Red, Combine Harvester!" All of the donations were collected by Lincoln Community Larder with the lady commenting that it was the biggest collection she had ever made so thank you once again.

Term 2 is always a busy one but one that we absolutely love at St John's. Nothing beats being in a primary school in the build up to Christmas and there will be many exciting things to look forward to. Please keep a note of the key dates which we include on all our newsletters to make sure you're up to date with school events.

You will also have received information about this year's Poppy appeal. Please can we ask that money is only brought in on the day when the items will be brought round to your child's class. We will be thinking about remembrance day in our assemblies and the school council will be attending the remembrance service at Bomber Command.

I really hope you have a wonderful week off and enjoy some rest before we go again for Term 2!

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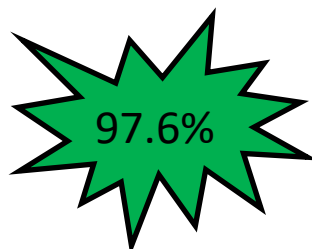
Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



RJR	99.3%
RAS	97.5%
1T	96.7%
1HC	97.3%
2ST	98.3%
2F	96.7%
30S	96.8%
3B	98.6%
4T	99.4%
4D	98.9%
5N	98.9%
5M	94.8%
6B	95.4%
6C	98.6%

Attendance for the week:



Attendance for the year to date:



Attendance Updates

As we start to move into the colder weather where coughs and sneezes are more likely, please refer to this handy guidance from the NHS. For colds, coughs, sneezes, headaches etc. children can still attend school and we're more than happy to administer any medicine if needed to help them feel well as well as lots of TLC!

Is my child too ill for school? - NHS

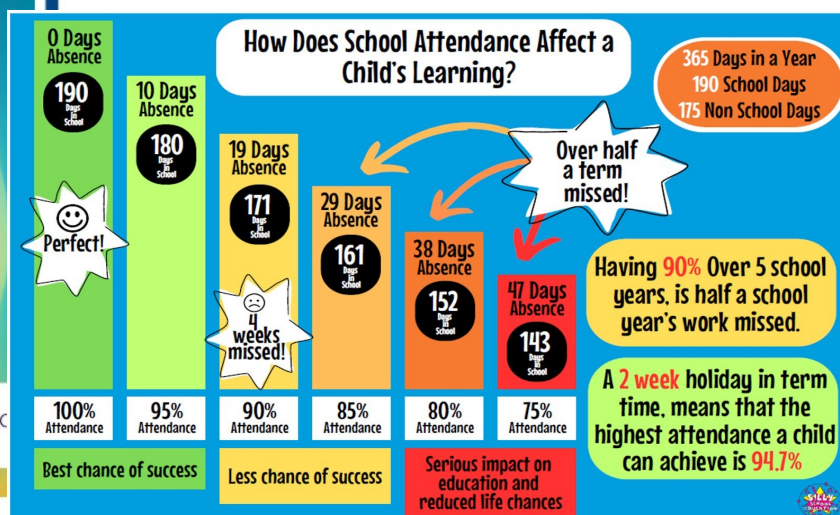
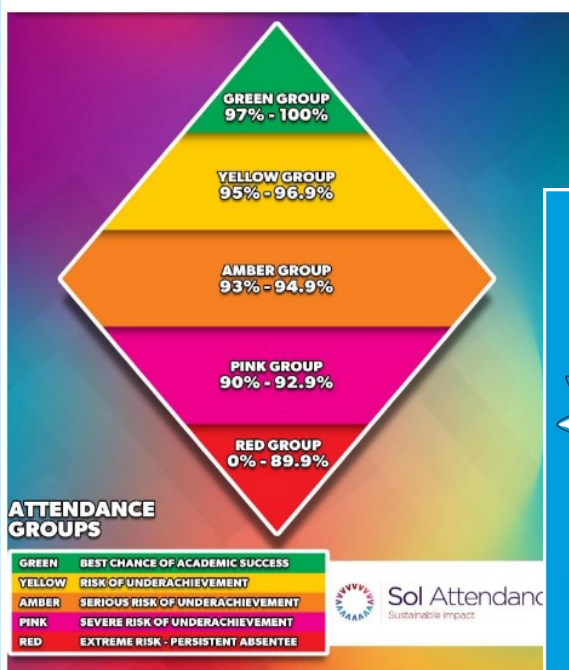
We will be announcing our first winners of the 100 club after half term! Then the 100 club will reset for the next term.

Toys and Pencil Cases

We are still having a few problems with toys and pencil cases being brought into school. It causes distractions in the classrooms and can lead to fall outs among pupils. We also know that it can be very upsetting for a child if something gets lost or damaged. We sent a letter out this term asking please that no toys are brought into school. Please can we ask the same for pencil cases as all equipment required by the children is provided in school. We will confiscate any toys brought in and will be handing these back to parents rather than the child so that we can make you aware that they have been brought in. Thank you for your support.



Attendance Ladder



Learning in Class

Year 3

Year 3 had a fieldwork trip to the River Witham to see some of the features they had been learning about in their Geography unit. They had a great time looking at the environment and checking things like the flow rate by timing how long sticks took to go between two points. They were also very happy to see different wildlife in the area as well. They came back to school full of information which they have then been showcasing in their writing - creating information texts about water and rivers! Well done Year 3.



Year 2

Year 2 have been very busy. In Art, they have continued to use hatching, cross hatching and stippling skills to re-create pictures and sketch real life objects. In PSHE, they were also delighted to welcome Mrs Willars and Mrs Norton into school to tell them all about their jobs as nurses and how they look after people and keep people safe and healthy. We're very grateful for them coming in to speak! Gardening club has now finished although the children will still be watering the carrots and the leeks until after Christmas using the new water butt donated by Mr Drury.



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Year 4

Year 4 have had some really interesting history and art lessons recently. In art, the children have created still life pictures of food using charcoal, focusing on shape, detail and shading. In history, they've explored Ancient Greek artefacts, asking thoughtful questions and discovering what these objects can tell us about life in the past. The class has shown fantastic curiosity and creativity throughout.



Year 6

Year 6 had a great time creating a 3 course meal this week. The courses included a vegan roasted red pepper soup, baguette pizzas with a range of delicious toppings and pineapple upside down cakes. All the children tasted and rated the courses in the style of 'come dine with me' and it was lovely to see them being pleasantly surprised when they liked something more than they expected. I went and had a sneaky taste of the soup and it was absolutely delicious! Well done Year 6.



Curriculum and Learning



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Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying week is the week beginning 10th November and we will be completing lots of activities linked with the theme 'Power for Good.' On Monday 10th November, we will have 'odd socks day' celebrating everything that makes us different to one another and our own unique individuality. I can't wait to see all the odd socks being worn!



Harvest Collection

We had the most amazing Harvest assembly. The children performed some fantastic songs and read poems and reflections about the importance of harvest and giving to those in need. All of the fantastic donations were collected by Lincoln Community Larder and we are incredibly humbled by the generosity of all our families.



Sporting Success

Our girls and boys football teams have recently had their first matches of the year. The boys had their first league match at Waddington Redwood and the girls had a friendly match against Washingborough. Both teams played extremely well and achieved pleasing results as you can see below but more importantly demonstrated our St John's values and great teamwork and sportsmanship!



In Other News



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Secondary School Applications

The deadline for Year 6 parents to apply for a secondary school place is October 31st. Parents can apply online [here](#) or by phoning 01522 782030 to make an application over the phone. Please make sure you meet this deadline so that your choice of schools is considered.

The deadline for applying for a Year 7 secondary school place is:

OCTOBER
31



Goodbye Miss Budworth!

Today we say goodbye to Miss Budworth as she heads on maternity leave. We will miss her very much but are so excited to see her family grow and we send her all our best wishes as she welcomes her baby girl and enjoys some precious family time.



Parental Support

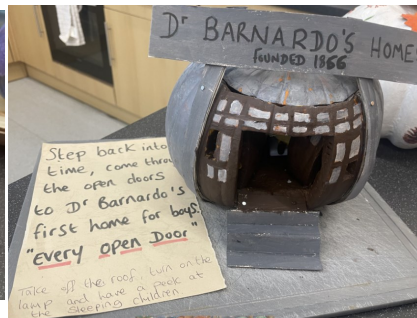
Lincolnshire local authority are running some sessions around a parent's guide to wellbeing. Information can be found on the flyer opposite.

The NSPCC have also compiled some support for family resources which can be found [here](#). There is lots of useful information across a range of areas including online safety, life at home and mental and emotional wellbeing.

Staff Pumpkin Challenge

As you know, our house system is well underway and the children are doing an amazing job at collecting house points because of their effort and S.T.A.R Champion behaviour but it's not just the children who are getting involved. Staff were set a house challenge to decorate a pumpkin with one of the categories being to link it to their house patrons. We then used these to decorate the hall today at lunchtime as a lovely end of term treat for the children. I think you'll agree we have some amazingly creative (and competitive!) staff members!

RECHARGE AND THRIVE
A PARENT'S GUIDE TO WELLBEING
Two online sessions to help you discover how caring for yourself is the first step in caring for your family.
Wednesday 12 & 19th November 2025
[Recharge & Thrive 9am-11.30am](#)
[Recharge & Thrive 1pm-2.30pm](#)
Thursday 27th November & 4th December 2025
[Recharge & Thrive 7pm-8.30pm](#)
To find more courses follow the link to our 2aspire course page - [Adult Skills courses](#)
or contact Anita at info@2aspire.org.uk



In the Community



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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



Messy

Join us at 10.30 am on

Friday 30th May
Friday 22 August
Friday 31 October

at

St. John's Church

Grantham Road Bracebridge Heath
(next to the School opposite Tesco)

Stories
Food



**BBHCC FIREWORK
DISPLAY
2025**

NOVEMBER 1st GATES OPEN 6PM

FOOD VANS & LICENSED BAR | FIREWORKS | FIREDANCER
& DANCING ROBOT | MUSIC & SWEET TREATS
AT BRACEBRIDGE HEATH CRICKET CLUB



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AHOY, MATEYS!

STORYTIME

5TH NOVEMBER 2025

11:00AM

**BRACEBRIDGE HEATH
LIBRARY**