



ST JOHN'S
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Newsletter

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Key Dates

Thursday 22nd October

Individual School Photos

Friday 23rd October

Year 5 Class Assembly – 9.15am

Friday 23rd October

Pierson Day

END OF TERM

Monday 2nd November

Back to School

Thursday 5th November

New Early Years 2027 Open Day

Thursday 5th November

School Council at IBCC – Remembrance Service

Sunday 8th November

Remembrance Service – St John's Church

W.B. 9th November

Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 13th November

Children in Need

W.B 23rd November

Early Years - Bikeability

Dear St John's Families,

I can't quite believe that we're nearly at the end of Term 1 already. We have packed so much into the first term and we're really proud of everything the children have already achieved.

It was lovely to see so many families attending Parents Evening last week. There was lots of positive feedback about how the children have settled into their new classes. Thank you also for your support of the book fair which we ran during Parents Evenings. More details about how much we earned in books is in this newsletter.

We've had a busy week this week with Year 3 visiting the River Witham as part of their Geography learning. Year 5 had a fantastic workshop led by One-Day Creative linked to their History learning about the Kingdom of Benin. It was a chance to develop their drama skills as well. Today, the landscape architects who are working with the parish council to develop the Recreation Ground will be working with some of our Year 4 pupils to gain their voice and feed this into the project.

We have one more week at school but I'd like to wish you a restful half term when it arrives and we will see all the children back on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs Emma Jefferson

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Championing children; making a difference

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Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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RJR	97%
RAS	98.4%
1HC	100%
1/2ST	97.9%
2F	98.2%
3B	97%
3OS	97.8%
4D	95.1%
4T	94%
5M	98.3%
5NT	98.5%
6B	95.8%
6C	90%

**Attendance
for the week**

96.7%

**Attendance
for the year to
date**

97.3%

Attendance Updates

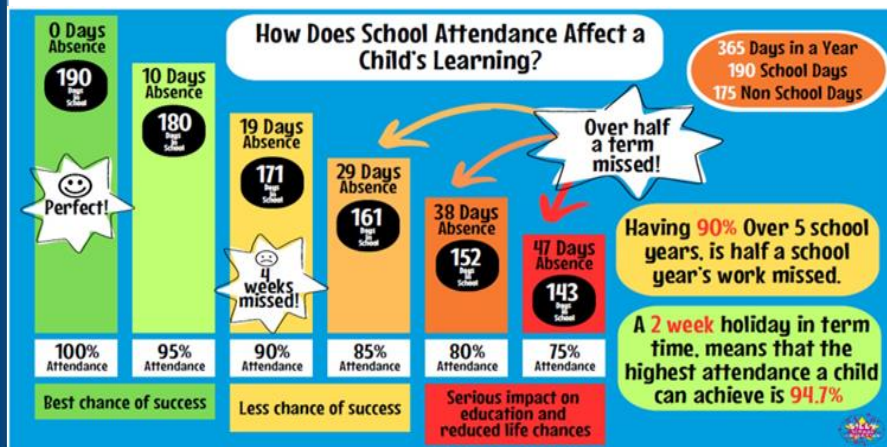
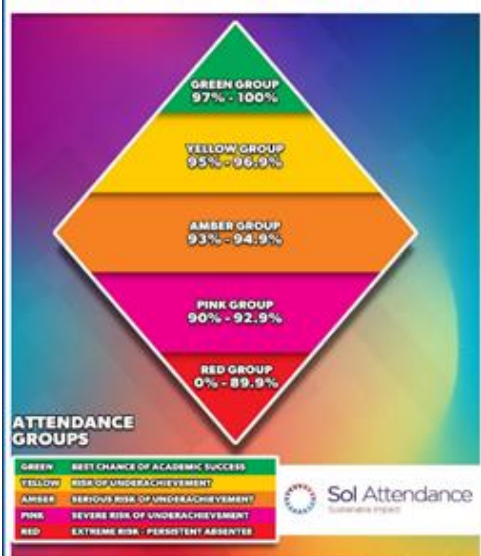
At the end of Term 1, we send letters out to families where children have attendance of below 90% informing them that this has fallen into the 'persistently absent' bracket and offering further support with Mrs Milnes, our family support worker.

These letters are intended to make you aware that attendance is below where we would expect and to offer you support to improve this. We know that poor attendance has a significant impact on learning outcomes which is why early intervention is important to prevent negative patterns forming.

At the end of Term 1, we also choose the first winners from our '100 club.' For any child with 100% attendance in Term 1, we add their names to a random wheel generator and spin it to pick winners in EY/KS1 and KS2. These children will win a prize and then the 100 club is re-set ready to go again in Term 2.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly.

Attendance Ladder



Learning in class



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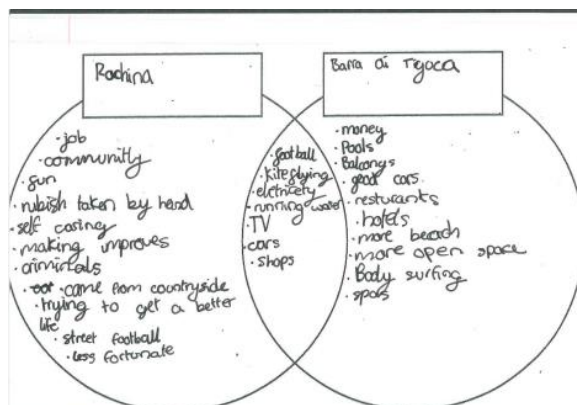
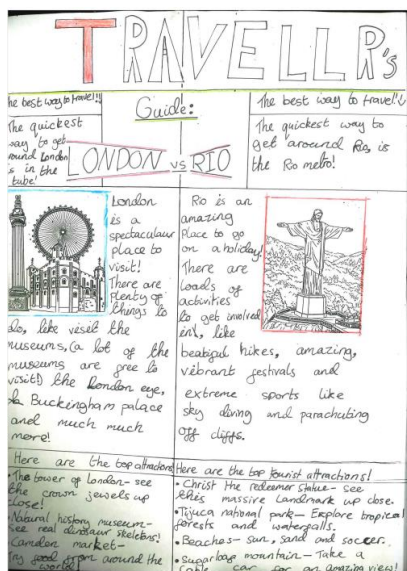
Year 3

Year 3 recently enjoyed an exciting visit to the River Witham as part of their geography topic on rivers. During the trip, the children used their knowledge to identify river features and explore how erosion, deposition and meanders shape the landscape. They also took time to observe the sights, sounds, smells and textures around the river, gathering ideas and inspiration for their upcoming setting descriptions. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring our classroom learning to life and deepen our understanding of the natural world.



Year 6

Year 6 have been learning so much about London and Rio de Janeiro in their Geography topic this term. They have researched the climate, the population, the transport systems, tourist attractions and festivals and explored some of the living conditions. The children have been very confident to share which place they feel they would most desire to visit. Many wish to visit London because it is easy to travel to with a mix of free tourist attractions and iconic landmarks while others would like to visit Rio so that they can play football on the beach or discover new wildlife that we wouldn't see in the UK.



Learning in class

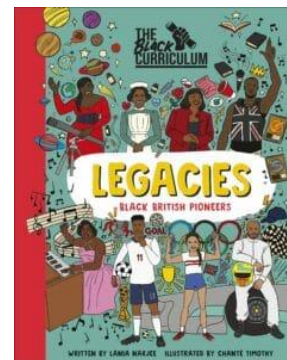
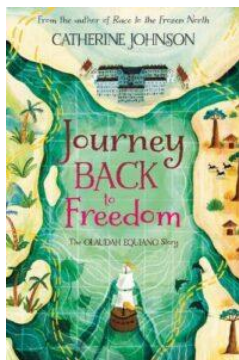


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Black History Month

This week in our assemblies, we have learnt that October is Black History Month. This is a month where we celebrate the achievements and contribution to society that black people and people of mixed heritage have made. We learnt that, in the past, black people didn't have the same rights as white people and that this was wrong. In KS2, we learnt that this is a type of discrimination. We looked at some significant individuals and the difference they have made.

Recommended Reads – Black History Month



Harvest Assembly

Today we had our Harvest Festival where the children took part in readings, poems and songs. Thank you so much for your generous donations of food items. These were very gratefully received by Lincoln Community Larder who collected them earlier today.



In other news



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Scholastic Book Fair

We held our Scholastic Book Fair during Parents Evenings. Thanks to your purchases, we earned an incredible £457 in commission to spend on new books for our classrooms and libraries. This helps keep our collections updated and makes a huge difference to the reading choices available for children. Thank you so much for your support.



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PE Uniform

We just wanted to remind families of our expectations around PE uniform as we have noticed some children, particularly further up the school, who are not coming to school in our agreed PE uniform. If the children are wearing a hoody or zipped jacket then this should be plain black. No other colours are permitted. Jackets and hoodies should have no branding or logos. Plain zipped jackets are available in most supermarkets at reasonable prices. After half term, we will expect all pupils to be wearing the correct PE uniform.



Apply for your
secondary school
place



Secondary School Applications

A reminder to all our Year 6 families that applications for secondary school places need to be submitted by 31st October 2026. Applications can be made online [here](#) or over the phone 01522 782030.

Pierson Day

Friday 23rd October is Pierson Day! Children in Pierson House can come to school in green non-uniform to celebrate being part of their house. They can also bring a small amount of pocket money if they wish to spend at our Pierson Shop!



In the community



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BHCC
FIREWORK NIGHT
26
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH 2026
Gates open 6pm till 9pm
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CELEBRATION | UNITY

EARLY BIRD			GENERAL		
ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY TICKET	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY TICKET
£7	£5	£20	£8	£6	£25
(In Adults and 2 Children)			(In Adults and 2 Children)		

UNDER 2'S FREE!
6pm till 9pm

FANTASTIC FOOD VENDORS
DANCING ROBOTS & FIRE DANCERS
SWEET STALLS
LICENSED BAR
AND SO MUCH MORE!

SCAN ME FOR TICKETS

Thank You
FOR ALL THE SUPPORT!



What's on this school holiday? at Lincoln Central Library

Book Sale	
Pick up a bargain and help support your local library.	26th - 31st October 9.00am - 4.00
Tiny Giants	
Hands on puppetry workshop for children aged 6-11 Booking essential.	27th October 10.00am - 12.00pm
Special Rhyme and Story Time	
Helen Hancocks reads her story "I really want to be a cat".	28th October 10.30am - 11.30am
Dungeons & Dragons Club	
One-shot session of the D&D inspired game 'Daggerheart'. Bkng reqd. Age 10+	28th October 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Monster Craft	
Make your own monstrously fun creation & let your imagination run wild.	29th October 10.00am - 1.00pm
Halloween Craft	
Join us for some spooky Halloween crafting fun!	30th October 10.00am - 1.00pm

Online safety Q+A for Early Year and primary parents



Lincolnshire
COUNTY COUNCIL



- Tuesday 1st December
- 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- Microsoft Teams
- Sign-up required

Whether your child is using tablets, gaming online, watching videos, or starting to explore apps, this session is an opportunity to get advice and answers to your questions.

Topics include:

- ✓ Screen time and healthy online habits
- ✓ Parental controls and privacy settings
- ✓ Age-appropriate apps and games
- ✓ Popular online trends, risks and safety tips
- ✓ Any online safety questions you'd like support with

Suitable for parents and carers of primary-aged children. Parents of nursery and early years children are also encouraged to attend.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2476488>



Listening Event

Saturday 17th October, 10am - 1pm

The Heath: Village Hall & Library

Share your ideas for the Bracebridge Heath Recreation Ground masterplan

