



## Headteacher's Newsletter – December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe we are nearly at the end of the first term of the academic year. We have had so many events taking place and lots of exciting opportunities across the classes with visits and visitors and different experiences.

This term is always busy and as we approach the holiday, it starts to feel like every day is Christmas with so many different festivities planned between now and the end of term. We hope you are able to join us for as many events as you can – the children love every opportunity to share their performances and learning with yourselves.

As we approach the end of term, our thoughts are with Mr Smith's family as it is approaching a year since he sadly passed away. We will be remembering Mr Smith in school with some activities that we will share with his family before Christmas to let them know we are thinking of them at this difficult time.

As ever, if there is anything I can help with or if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Kind regards  
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### **Attendance and Lateness**

Our attendance overall is currently below where we would like it to be but we are very aware of the amount of illnesses that are affecting our families currently. Please do keep your child at home if they are ill and we look forward to them returning when they are well enough.

We also have quite a few children regularly arriving at school after the start of school at 8.40am. Learning begins as soon as the children come into school and they miss vital lessons at the start of the day. This can add up to a lot of missed learning over each term. Children need to be in school with their class by 8.40am every morning.

### **Christmas Dinner**

Please remember to order your child's Christmas dinner for the 16<sup>th</sup> December on Wisepay before the cut off date at midnight on Monday 8th December. We will not be able to provide additional meals on the day that have not been ordered. If you are having difficulties with your Wisepay account, please see the office to rectify before the 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Prospective children for September 2026**

We have held our open events for children due to start school in September 2026. We are still able to organise a tour for any children unable to make the open events. Please share this information with anyone you know has a child due to start school in September 2026.

### **School Closure**

In the unlikely event of us needing to close school due to adverse weather conditions or in an emergency, we will try and give as much notice as possible. We will notify you through Wisepay and you can check [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures)

### **Term Dates**

Just a reminder that the term ends on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December and the children return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January is a training day for staff.

### **Christmas Tree**

We would like to thank Hari Cole's family at Greystone Services for their very kind donation of this year's Christmas tree and stand.





### **End of Term dates**

As we are quickly approaching the end of term, we wanted to share some updates regarding the Christmas activities and performances that we have planned.

#### **Hornbeams and Hawthorns Christmas Production – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

The children in Hornbeams and Hawthorns have been busy rehearsing for their Christmas production. The performance is taking place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm. The cost of a ticket is £2.00; we have had to limit the number of tickets to 4 per child, any spare tickets will be issued on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Friends of School will be serving refreshments.

#### **Pantomime Visit – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

The children have all been invited to the pantomime, Beauty and the Beast, at Grimsby Auditorium by the Friends of School on Friday 12th December at 10.00am. They are very kindly paying for the tickets and transport. The children will travel by coach returning to school for lunchtime.

Please click [here](#) to complete a FORMS to give consent for your child to attend by Wednesday 10th December.

#### **Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

We are serving Christmas lunch, in the Village Hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, at 12.10pm. **If your child would like a Christmas lunch please order their meal on Wisepay by Monday 8th December, as this is the cut-off date.** If a parent/carer/relative would like to also join us, please click [here](#) to order a meal.

If you have any queries with this please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

#### **Christmas Enterprise Day – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Children across school are making festive trinkets for this special afternoon from 2pm until 3pm. Items made will be sold at our event priced at either 50p or £1. Children will be in their classrooms and you are welcome to visit and make purchases from the children of each class. This event teaches the children about the idea of buying items for a small amount, turning them into something festive and making a profit from them (DT and maths). It also gives the children the opportunity to talk to adults and persuade them to purchase a well-made item (speaking and listening). The children will be given the opportunity, in their classes, to decide how the proceeds can be spent for their class. We look forward to you supporting the children with this entrepreneurial event.

#### **Christmas Party – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

The children's Christmas Parties are on Wednesday 17th December in the Village Hall. Children will be sent home with a paper plate before the party which can be filled with party food that doesn't need refrigerating. This food will be for your child to eat. Children can wear appropriate party clothes to school on that day, however, please ensure your child will be warm enough for playtime and wears sensible shoes.

#### **Celebration Assembly – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

We are holding our end of term Celebration Assembly on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm. Please come along to share with the children their achievements this term. Everyone is welcome to attend. Friends of School will be serving refreshments.