



Newsletter

Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 94%
Gedney Drove End – 100%
Westmere – 95%

Our target is 96%

Each week, one child from each class will get the attendance award, and one class from each school will get the class certificate for the week.

Headlice

Just a reminder to please check your child regularly for headlice and treat if necessary.

Secondary school Open evenings

Please find attached letters inviting you to the various open evenings at secondary schools in the area.

University Academy Holbeach – Thursday 28th September – Year 6
Spalding Academy – Tuesday 3rd October – Years 4 to 6
University Academy Long Sutton - Thursday 21st September 2023 - Year 5 & 6

Jewellery

Children may wear simple, small stud earrings and an analogue watch. They must not wear necklaces, bracelets, rings, smart watches or fitbits, or any other type of earrings. On PE days, NO jewellery is allowed, and long hair must be tied back. If children wear jewellery to school which is not allowed, they will be asked to remove it and take it home at the end of the day.

Boundaries Around Gaming

Please find attached a flyer about the importance of setting boundaries for your children around gaming.

Free School Meals

All children in reception to year 2 receive a universal free school meal. In addition to this, and dependent on your circumstances, your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. This means that they will get a free meal as long as you remain eligible and the school receives a pupil premium funding allocation. This is set by the government and can be spent by school on additional resources to help support your child.

If your child has just started with us or has moved from year 2 to year 3, or if your household income has changed it might be worth applying. Please use the following link - [Apply for free school meals – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

Into Film Festival

The Into Film Festival is a free, annual, nationwide celebration of film & education for children, we have arranged cinema visits for the following classes.

France and Italy – Wednesday 8th November

On Wednesday 8th November, France and Italy will be going to watch Paw Patrol at the Light Cinema in Wisbech. We would like all the children to wear their blue PE hoodie on this day. We will be leaving school at 9:15am and should return to school at approximately 12:00pm. Please return the permission slip below.

Canada and Spain – Friday 10th November

On Friday 10th November, Canada and Spain will be going to watch Haunted Mansion at the Light Cinema in Wisbech. We would like all the children to wear their blue PE hoodie on this day. We will be leaving school at 9:15am and should return to school at approximately 12:40pm. Please return the permission slip below. The children will have their lunch on their return to school. There will be no hot meals on this day and all children will need a packed lunch.

Diary Dates

16th September – 11+ Verbal Reasoning Test
23rd September – 11+ Non-Verbal Reasoning Test
20th October – End of Term 1
31st October (Tues) – Start of Term 2
3rd November – School Photos



Brazil, Mexico and Portugal – Tuesday 14th November

On Tuesday 14th November, Brazil, Mexico and Portugal will be going to watch Minions: The Rise Of Gru at the Light Cinema in Wisbech. We would like all the children to wear their blue PE hoodie on this day. We will be leaving school at 9:15am and should return to school at approximately 12:15pm. Please return the permission slip below.

Norway, Sweden, St Lucia and Barbados – Wednesday 15th November

On Wednesday 15th November, Norway, Sweden, St Lucia and Barbados will be going to watch Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken at the Light Cinema in Wisbech. We would like all the children to wear their blue PE hoodie on this day. The coach will leave Holbeach St Marks at 8.40am and pick up Gedney Drove End at 9am. We will be back at school in time for lunch. Please return the permission slip below.

PE Days – Westmere

Class	PE Days
China	Monday/Thursday
France	Monday
Italy	Tuesday/Wednesday
Greece	Wednesday
Brazil	Wednesday/Friday
Mexico	Tuesday/Wednesday
Portugal	Tuesday/Friday
Canada	Wednesday
Spain	Wednesday

PE Days – Holbeach St Marks

	Day 1	Day 2
Cuba	Wednesday	Friday
Barbados	Thursday	Friday
St Lucia	Friday	

PE Days – Gedney Drove End

	Day 1	Day 2
Finland	Tuesday	Thursday
Sweden	Thursday	Friday
Norway	Thursday	Friday

After School Clubs Gedney Drove End

The following clubs will start week commencing Monday 18th September, please email the office or complete the permission slip if you would like your child to attend. All the clubs will start at 3.20 pm and finish at 4.15 pm

Weekday	Year Group	Teacher Name	Club
Monday	Year 1-6	Miss Hardstaff	Choir
Monday	Year 3-6	Miss Wells	Film Club
Tuesday	Year 1-6	Mrs Ashby-Morley	Gardening
Thursday	Year 3-6	Mr Timmins	Football
Thursday	Year 3-6	Mrs Bills	Colouring

After School Clubs Holbeach St Marks

The following clubs will start week commencing Monday 18th September, please email the office or complete the permission slip if you would like your child to attend. All the clubs will start at 3.20 pm and finish at 4.15 pm

Weekday	Year Group	Teacher Name	Club
Monday	Year 1-6	Mr Allcorn	Segni Mossi (drawing dance project)
Tuesday	Year 1-6	Mrs Thompson	Art
Tuesday	Year 3-6	Mrs Richardson	iPads
Friday	Year 3-6	Mr Timmins	Multi-sport club



After School Clubs Westmere

The following clubs will start week commencing Monday 18th September, please email the office or complete the permission slip if you would like your child to attend. All the clubs will start at 3.20 pm and finish at 4.15 pm

Weekday	Year Group	Teacher Name	Club
Monday	Year 1 - 6	Miss Pooley	Board Games
Monday	Year 1 & 2	Mrs Ransom	Colouring
Monday	Year 3 & 4	Miss Sage	Science
Monday	Year 3 – 6	Miss Taylor	Maths
Monday	Year 1 & 2	Mr Timmins	Team Games & Relay
Tuesday	Year 3 – 6	Mr Woodward	Photography
Tuesday	Year 1 – 6	Miss Winn	Film Club
Tuesday	Year 3 & 4	Mr Timmins	Dodgeball
Wednesday	Year 5 & 6	Mr Timmins	Running Games & Cross Country
Thursday	Year 1 – 6	Mrs Cropley	Choir
Thursday	Year 3 - 6	Miss Spriggs	Dance

Lunchtime Clubs Westmere

The following two clubs will take place at lunchtime, please email the office or complete the permission slip if you would like your child to attend.

Weekday	Year Group	Teacher Name	Club
Wednesday	Year 1 & 2	Miss Theobald	Art
Friday	Year 5 & 6	Mr Piraino	Lego

Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 5

If your child is in Reception to Year 6 and you would like them to be immunised in the Autumn, then please use the following link and the appropriate school code from the table below;

<https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

	School Code	% of Pupils Already Registered
Gedney Drove End	EE120410	35%
Holbeach St Marks	EE120549	42%
Westmere	EE120502	30%

Kind regards

Sally Massey

Assistant Executive Headteacher





After School Clubs

I would like my child(ren) to take part in the following after school club(s).

Child's Name	Club(s)

Signed Date

Cinema – France and Italy – Wednesday 8th November

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren)to attend the cinema on Wednesday 8th November.

Signed Parent/Carer Date.....

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