



Newsletter

Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 96%

Gedney Drove End – 91%

Westmere –92 %

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.

School Attendance – year to date

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Absence within the School Day

If your child has an appointment within the school day, please bring them to school either side of this. We must see proof of appointments otherwise these sessions are recorded as unauthorised absence. Other than appointments or emergencies, children should not be collected from school within learning time.

Late to School

Registers close at 9.15am. Children must be in school before this time to avoid the whole morning being recorded as unauthorised absence. Being late to school often causes considerable anxiety for many of your children due to them having to walk late into collective worship or lessons which have already begun. Many of them find this embarrassing which can mean they are distressed for much of the day, often displaying as quiet, angry or silly. We urge you to support your child's learning and mental health by ensuring they arrive to school on time.

Staff Changes

Today, Mrs Hodge, who has worked at the school for over 30 years, will retire; we will all miss her but wish her a long and happy retirement. Thank you, Mrs Hodge, for everything you have done for Westmere children.

Times Tables Rock Stars federation tournament

We will be holding another federation-wide TT Rock stars tournament, from Monday 5th June to Thursday 8th June. This will give children the opportunity to practise their multiplication tables whilst battling it out against the different houses across The Griffin Federation (Nene, Ouse, Welland and Witham). The winning house will receive extra playtime on the Friday afternoon. The competition will run from Monday morning to Thursday evening.

Please encourage your child/ children to take part and practise their multiplication skills. Should your child need their log in details, please ask class teachers and they will be happy to give those out again.

Happy battling!



Y4 National Multiplication Check

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a Key Stage 2 assessment to be taken by pupils at the end of Year 4. It will be administered during the week commencing Monday 12th June – Friday 16th June, within school time. The purpose of this MTC is to ensure the times table knowledge is at the expected level for these Year 4 pupils. In the 2022/2023 academic year, the MTC is statutory for primary schools.

The MTC is an online test where the pupils are asked 25 questions on times tables ranging from 2 to 12. For every question, the children will have 6 seconds to answer each one. The children have been practising within their classroom learning time, and I know that some have been practising at home too.

If you do have any questions, please read the attached parent information guide, ask class teachers or visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>

Diary Dates

5th June – Start of Term 6

9th June – Class Photos

21st June – Finland & Cuba Owl Centre Trip

12th July – Leavers' Trip

21st July – End of School Year



Trip - Cuba and Finland Classes 21st June

On Wednesday 21st June, Finland and Cuba (including preschool) will be visiting Baytree Owl Centre as part of their science topic. The trip will take place within school time with the coach picking up Gedney Drove End first at 9am and getting back to school by 2.45pm. Children should bring a packed lunch which can be ordered on the Country Kitchen website and it will be delivered to school the day before the trip, alternatively you can provide your own lunch. Children should wear their blue hoodies for the trip, bring a water bottle and a sunhat as we may picnic outside if the weather is good. The total cost to school for this trip is £11.83 per child but we are subsidising this and asking for a contribution of £5 per child. Please either sign the permission slip or email the office to give permission. Payment can be made by cash or bank transfer to the usual account.

Uniform Order for September – GDE & HSM

Today, we have sent home a uniform order form for September. If you would like uniform, please send your orders by Monday 12th June as this gives us time to get the items delivered before the end of term. You do not need to pay when you order, only when you collect your items. You can return the completed form or email Mrs Baxell (HSM) or Mrs Lintott (GDE) with a list.

Request for Outdoor Toys

If anyone has any outdoor toys that they no longer want, Greece class would be very grateful for them. Please drop at Westmere Reception.

Positive Behaviour Workshops for Parents

On Monday 12th June, there will be a workshop for parents about children's behaviour. The workshop will take place on Zoom between 7-9pm with the session looking at:

What are behaviours of concern	How to establish what the behaviour may be telling us
The types of behaviours that may be displayed (such as verbal and physical aggression, breaking objects, escape and avoidance and self-neglect)	Why they may happen
What happens physically to a child when displaying these behaviours	How to put a plan into place, as well as some strategies that may help reduce such behaviours and promote positive ones

The session is run by the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum, if you wish to attend you need to register in advance, please use the following link [Events \(lincspcf.org.uk\)](https://www.lincspcf.org.uk)

Domestic Violence Support

If you are, or you know someone who is, in a relationship with domestic abuse, I can offer support to discuss your options and refer to EDAN for their expert advice. I can offer confidential advice, and a well-made cup of tea or coffee! See the attached leaflet for information about EDAN Lincs support.

Amanda, Family Support Worker – Amanda.cooke@griffin federation.co.uk

Reading Sessions

Each class will be having a reading session which we would like to invite parents to. Please see the table below for your session, if your class is not listed then the session has already taken place;

Class	Date	Time
China	14 th June	2.30pm – 3pm
France	13 th June	2.30pm – 3.15pm
Italy	12 th June	2pm – 3pm
Mexico	9 th June	2.15pm-3.15pm
Portugal	9 th June	2.15pm-3.15pm
USA	9 th June	2.15pm-3.15pm
Canada	6 th July	2.15pm-3.15pm
Spain	6 th July	2.15pm-3.15pm
Gedney Drove End – all classes	4 th July	2.15pm–3.15pm
Holbeach St Marks – all classes	6 th June	2pm – 3pm





Spalding Grammar School Open Evening

Please find attached a letter with information about an open evening at Spalding Grammar School on Thursday 22nd June. This evening is for Year 5 boys who would be looking to join the School in September 2024 and Year 4 boys who would be looking at September 2025.

Spalding High School Open Day

Please find attached a flyer with information about an open day at Spalding High School on Thursday 15th June. This day is for Year 5 girls who would be looking to join the School in September 2024

Change of PE days - Westmere

Italy class will be changing their PE days from Wednesday to a Monday after half-term.

Kind regards
Sally Massey
Assistant Executive Headteacher

Finland & Cuba Baytree Owl Centre

I give / do not give permission for my child to visit Baytree Owl Centre on Wednesday 21st June.

I do / do not enclose a voluntary contribution of £5 per child.

Signed Date

