The Griffin Federation
Nurture to Flourish

26th June 2026

Newsletter

Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school:
Holbeach St Marks – 95%
Gedney Drove End – 86%
Westmere –93%

Westmere – Year 5 Taster Day UALS

Year 5 Pupils from Westmere will be attending UALS on Tuesday 7th July 2025. Packed lunches will be provided for FSM children, order through Ideal meals. Children should come to school in their PE kit with blue PE hoodies. Please sign and return the permission slip below or email your permission for your child to be transported by coach to UALS.

Year 6 Transition Days

Please find below a list of transition days for children in year 6 to visit their new secondary schools.

UALS	29th and 30th June
UAH	2nd and 3rd July
Spalding High School	3rd July
Spalding Grammar School	3rd July

Diary Dates

Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th July – Hilltop
Tuesday 7th July – Year 5 Experience Day at UALS
Thursday 9th July – GDE Summer play
Friday 10th July – FOW Sponsored Walk
Monday 13th July – Westmere Y6 Play
Wednesday 15th July – HSM Summer Play
Thursday 16th July – Year 6 Leavers' Trip
Monday 20th July – Sports Day GDE / HSM morning
Monday 20th July – Sports Day Westmere afternoon
Tuesday 21st July – Celebration & Leavers HSM am / GDE pm
Tuesday 21st July – FOW EOY Disco/Non-Uniform
Wednesday 22nd July – Celebration & Leavers Westmere
Wednesday 22nd July – End of Term 6

Afterschool Clubs – Westmere

Mr Timmins' club will be cancelled on Monday 29th June.

Westmere – End of School

We ask that parents keep their school-age and non-school-age children with them during pick-up at the end of the day. Children should not play with the equipment or run into the woods or fields. The riding of bikes and scooters on school grounds is not allowed by anyone. School site needs to be secured ASAP due to the safeguarding of children at clubs, so we ask everyone to leave site as soon as they've collected their children.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Lincolnshire HAF has moved to a new booking platform, called Eequ. All children and young people who receive benefit-related Free School Meals (FSM) will now be automatically eligible and accepted within the booking system. This means families no longer receive a HAF voucher. Families can now simply log in to the Eequ platform to browse and book available HAF clubs across Lincolnshire .https://eequ.org/lincolnshirehaf This new system is designed to make the booking process quicker, easier, and more accessible for everyone. If families do not log in to Eequ and create an account, this may delay their ability to book a club when bookings open on 24 June at 11am.

Attendance

The Department for Education has updated school attendance guidelines, effective from 19th August 2024, stressing the importance of regular attendance for academic and social development. Parents must report absences by 8:30am daily and provide proof for medical appointments during school hours. Term-time holidays are no longer allowed and will be marked as unauthorised unless exceptional circumstances apply. Unauthorised absences, including late arrivals or unapproved holidays, will lead to penalty notices after 10 sessions (5 days) of absence within a 10-week period. Parents could face fines or legal action if absences persist. If you are struggling with attendance in any way, please come and talk to us as we can often offer some kind of support.

Each week, we will publish attendance figures for the week and one child from each class will get the attendance award and become an attendance hero. One class from each school will get the class certificate for the week. Our weekly target is 95%.

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Value of the Week

Each week, we have a value of the week where we focus on one of our federation values. We discuss what this value is and how we can live this out in our everyday lives. At the end of the week, certificates are awarded to children who have shown evidence of that value during the week. Our next value is **Wisdom & Knowledge.**

Golden Behaviours

Our Golden Behaviours in school are:

- Good manners and be polite
- Good listening
- Kind hands, kind words, kind feet
- Respect people and property
- Be honest

Each week, we will focus on one of the behaviours, discussing what this means, modelling it and looking out for children who demonstrate that behaviour. Certificates will be awarded to the most noticeable pupils each week.

Our next Golden Behaviour is **Good Listening.**

Fundamental British Values

- Democracy - A culture built upon freedom and equality, where everyone has an equal say, and the government is accountable to the people.
- The Rule of Law - The principle that all individuals are subject to the same laws, ensuring a safe, orderly, and fair society
- Individual Liberty - The freedom to make personal choices, pursue goals, and express oneself freely within the bounds of the law.
- Mutual Respect and Tolerance - Understanding that people have different faiths, beliefs, and values, and respecting those differences without imposing one's own views.
- As part of our curriculum, we teach about British Values and how these are lived out in life and around our school. Each week, we will focus on one of the values. Our next British value is **Mutual Respect & Tolerance.**

Kind regards,
Sally Massey
Assistant Executive Headteacher

Westmere Year 5 Taster Day UALS – Tuesday 7th July 2026

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren) …….. to attend UALS.

Signed …….. Date ……