



# January Newsletter

Caring, Learning, Excelling



**Happy New Year and welcome back to school. We trust that you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and enjoyed your time together with your children and families. We look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things you have been up to.**



## Important Dates

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** - First Day of Term 3.
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January** – Yr 3 & 4 Pickleball session in school.
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January** – F/S Football Factory 1.30-3pm.
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January** – F/S Football Factory 1.30-3pm.
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** – Yr 2 & Yr 5 & 6, Speak Out, Stay Safe Workshop.
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** – Yr 2 & Yr 5 & 6, Speak Out, Stay Safe Workshop.
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – Wrates Class Group Photos.
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Break up for half term.
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – First day back Term 4.

## Free School Meal Eligibility

Find out if you are eligible for free school meals via this link:

[Apply for free school meals – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

## Clubs For Winter Term (6<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 )

### Mondays

3:30 – 4.30pm Multi Sports - Y3 - Yr6

### Wednesdays

8am – 8.45am Gymnastics F/S - Y6 (externally chargeable)

3:30 – 4.30pm Multi Sports – Y1 - Yr2

### Thursdays

3:30 – 4.30pm Football Fun Factory – F/S - Y6 (externally chargeable club)

*All Club booking made in Arbor (apart from gymnastics club which is made through Premier Education [Premier Education](#))*

## Christmas Lunch

**We all enjoyed a delicious festive Christmas lunch in the last week of term by The Farm Kitchen. Teachers, staff and children all came together to enjoy. Children and staff showed off their best Christmas jumpers and Festive attire, a great time was had by all getting us in the festive spirit.**

### Wrates Class Photos

The Wrates team will be back to take class photos on Thursday the 5th of February. Please come to school looking your very best!

Proof photographs will be sent home soon afterwards to enable you to order directly with Wrates.

**Wrates**

### Swimming

Just a reminder that our missed Year 3&4 swimming session will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Swimming will then continue after February half term. More information to follow.

### Illness

If your child is unwell, please phone the school office and leave a message by 9am to report their absence. A clear message with Name, Class and nature of the illness will be much appreciated. If we don't hear this may go down as unauthorised absence.

Reminder: If your child has had sickness and / or diarrhoea, they need to stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode.



### Cycling to School

We recommend wearing a helmet on the way to school when cycling, it is a critical safety measure. Helmets are designed to protect the head in the event of a fall or collision and significantly reduce the risk of a serious injury.



Please try to ensure good attendance which is essential in order for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, their attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances.



**November's attendance was: 92.8%**

### Term Dates 2026

**Inset: Mon 5th January 2026**

**Term 3** - Tues 6th January 2026 - Fri 13th February 2026

**Term 4** - Mon 23rd February 2026 - Thurs 2nd April 2026

**Inset: Mon 20th April 2026**

**Term 5** - Tues 21st April 2026 - Fri 22nd May 2026

**Bank Holiday: Mon 4th May 2026**

**Term 6** - Mon 1st June 2026 - Wed 22nd July 2026

### Applications for Reception 2026

Please remember that applications for a school place to join reception September 2026 for children born between the dates of 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022 need to be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. To submit an application online visit:-

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school/2>

### PE Days Term 3

**Monday – Yr 3&4 and F/S**

**Wednesday – Yr 1&2 and Yr 5&6**

A reminder for students to come dressed to school in PE kits on these days.

## Our Christmas Stars



During December our school hall became a place of wonder, joy, and inspiration as our EYFS performed ‘Christmas Celebration’ and KS1 pupils brought the Nativity story to life in *“Knock, Knock the Nativity”*.

Every one of our children stepped onto the stage with courage and pride — from angels to shepherds — showing us that when we work together, magic truly happens. The KS1 narrators spoke with confidence and the sparkle in every performance reminded us that each of us has a light worth sharing. We thoroughly enjoyed ‘Stepping into Christmas’

with our F/S children and Elton John.

We are deeply grateful to our dedicated staff for guiding our young performers, to parents for their support, and to our school community for cheering them on. Your encouragement fuels the confidence and creativity of our children, ensuring they believe in themselves and their abilities.

## Reading for Pleasure – How Parents Can Help



Encouraging your child to read for pleasure is one of the most powerful ways to support their learning and wellbeing. When reading becomes a joyful habit, children build vocabulary, imagination, empathy, and confidence.

*“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” – Dr. Seuss*

How parents can support this at home:

- **Model the habit:** Children are more likely to read if they see adults enjoying books, newspapers, or magazines.
- **Encourage choice:** Let your child select materials that interest them — whether stories, comics, or non-fiction.
- **Create a routine:** A regular time for reading, such as before bed, helps make it a natural part of the day.
- **Talk about books:** Discuss characters, themes, or surprising facts to deepen engagement and critical thinking.
- **Provide access:** Visit libraries, swap books with friends, use the book swap in the school foyer, or keep a small selection at home to spark curiosity.

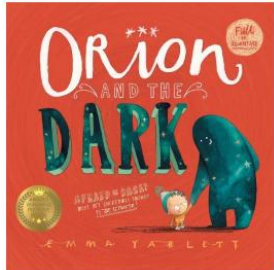
By nurturing a love of reading, we can give children a gift that supports both learning and lifelong enjoyment.

## Reading Recommendations-



Monthly Miss Tuplin will recommend a book for each Key Stage. If you like the sound of these books and would like to share them with your child, you can visit our local library to borrow a copy.

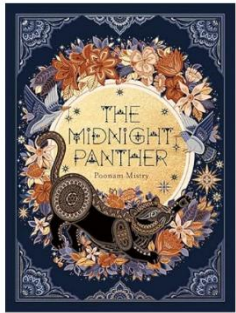
### EYFS-



#### **Orion and the Dark by Emma Yarlett**

Orion is frightened of many things — most of all, the dark. But when he meets Dark, the person, Dark helps him discover the wonders and fun that can be found in a world without light. A reassuring and inspirational story about overcoming fear and embracing the unknown.

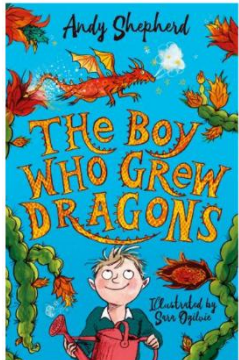
### KS1-



#### **The Midnight Panther by Poonam Mistry**

Panther feels out of place and sets out into the jungle to face obstacles, overcome insecurities, and discover where he belongs. A stunningly illustrated, captivating modern fable — a joy to read aloud and share.

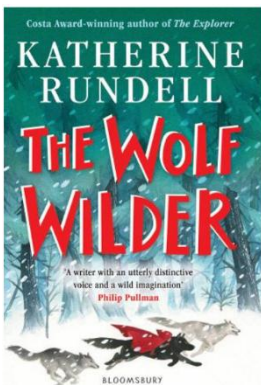
### LKS2-



#### **The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd**

A funny, heart-warming adventure about a boy whose dragon fruit tree begins hatching real dragons. Caring for them proves no easy task, especially as more and more dragons appear. A perfect story to enjoy together.

### UKS2-



#### **The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell**

Set in revolution-era Russia, Feodora and her mother have a unique talent: they can tame wolves and return them to the wild. With sparkling prose and rich figurative language, this memorable tale of freedom and independence will keep readers entranced..