

Lost Property

We will keep the Lost property bins in the main reception area for a few more days, please do come and check for any items before they are removed.

Reminder that Stikins labels are available as a name label option for any items brought into school <https://www.stikins.co.uk/> .

If you order from them and use the school code **36182** you are also supporting the school, as they kindly send us 30% commission.

School Vacancies

There is still time to apply for the Temporary teaching assistant position, please click here to find details of the position [South View Vacancies](#). The closing date is 4th Feb



Crowland Amateur Dramatic Society

If you would like to purchase tickets for the Little Mermaid production that will take place on 13th and 14th February, please click [HERE](#)

Packed with side-splitting jokes, dazzling costumes, and unforgettable musical numbers, this fun-filled adventure is guaranteed to make a splash! Get ready for plenty of audience participation, boos for the villain, and cheers for our heroes!

Book your tickets now for a tidal wave of family fun!

Calendar of Events for Term 3

3rd February – Year 5 and Year 6 Cross Country 9:45 – 12 (Selected children)

10th February – Year 3 and 4 Cross Country 9:45 – 12 (Selected children)

13th February – Last day of term

(Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th – CADS Pantomimes in School Hall)

Start of Term 4

23rd February – First day of term

24th and 25th February – Parents Evening

26th February – Dance Performance at the Cresset

3rd March – Class Photos

5th March – Year 5 Assembly & World Book Day

12th and 13th March - Mother's Day Breakfast and Mother's Day Stall – Information to follow

Term Dates are on our school website – please click [here](#)

Head Teacher Awards

Class	Childs Name	Awarded Reason
Catkins	Frankie B	For showing amazing confidence in his phonics and writing, we have seen great progress in Frankie's work and are very proud of him. Well done!
Acorns	Freddie W	Showing great efforts with his phonics all term and making super progress! Well done Freddie!
Hazels	Harmonie S	Harmonie has been working really hard in her phonics lessons and is amazing Mrs Wyness with her fred talk.
Maples	Matthew M	Matthew has been working so hard this half term in all lessons and is making excellent progress! Well done Matthew.
Chestnuts	Sid J	For his amazing Cave Baby story! It was great to see you so enthusiastic about your writing this week Sid and the improvement in your handwriting. Keep it up!!
Willows	Jacob W	For working his socks off on his independent Cave Baby story and for using beautiful pre-cursive handwriting! Keep up the great work!
Beeches	Chloe W	For her fantastic progress in reading. She has improved her AR score, reading out loud with confidence & fluency. Fantastic job. Keep it up. * :) *
Aspens	Teddy B	For his enthusiastic attitude to his reading this term and working hard to improve his AR scores - keep up the good work.
Poplars	Molly P	For ALWAYS being a fantastic role model. Molly shares her ideas,always tries her best, is helpful to others and is kind and thoughtful. A super star. ***
Junipers	Seth D	We are really starting to see such a great improvement in Seths handwriting this term, his book is so well presented with all his hard work! Well done Seth, we are really impressed! :)
Laurels	Elin G	For a superb switch in the past few weeks, so much more engaged and excellent effort. Long may it continue.
Elms	Reggie T	For the effort you put into your independent writing this week Reggie. It is a great piece of work, written in role as Henry. Well done Reggie! :-)
Oaks	Max I	For shining through in everything he does. We notice how hard you are trying and the wonderful effort you are putting into your learning.
Redwoods	Jayden P	For his continued effort and commitment to all lessons, particularly maths, where he is achieivng amazingly.

Mental Health Padlet



Children: If you are worried about your child's mental health, and would like information or signposting to help, Miss Stanojevic has created a suite of resources for you to look through. We hope you find them helpful: <https://padlet.com/zoestanojevic/f9n5vfk8qytx6c3b>

Adults: Likewise, if you are struggling with your own mental health or are just looking for someone to talk to, please see our new Mental Health for Parents/Carers padlet which has a wealth of local and national charities that you can tap into for support:

<https://padlet.com/corrinemitcham/mentalhealthparents>

SEN Padlet

If you are worried about your child's additional needs and would like information or signposting to help, Mrs Mitcham and Mrs Henderson have created a suite of resources for you to look through. We hope you find them helpful: <https://padlet.com/corrinemitcham/SouthViewSENDSCO>



Safeguarding Padlet



If you are worried about your safeguarding and would like information or signposting to help, Miss Turner and Miss Creasey have created a suite of resources for you to look through. We hope you find them helpful.

If you do see anything of concern in relation to a child, we ask that you make a telephone referral to Social Care by calling 01522 782111. This can be done anonymously. If you have a genuine concern about an adult in the local community, please telephone the police.

<https://padlet.com/nikitacreasey/safeguarding-guide-for-parents-carers-z16tu0bjogxihihd>

School Leave of Absence Requests

If you wish to seek approval for any request of absence for your child(ren) from school i.e. for a holiday, then you must apply either by;

- Requesting the school office send you a copy of the leave of absence form. This will be sent via ParentMail. Or you can apply:
- In writing, to Mrs Tomlins, the Head Teacher. In the letter you must state what you believe to be the exceptional circumstances requiring the leave of absence.

You should only then remove your child(ren) if the absence has been authorised, and notified to you in writing by the School.

If you then choose to take your child out of school during term time and it is **not** deemed to be exceptional circumstances and/or has not been approved by the School, then this will be coded as an unauthorised absence and a Penalty Notice may be issued for the period of absence. We are unable to authorise holidays during school terms. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in further legal action being taken against you.

We would like to remind all families of the legal framework surrounding term-time holidays and the issuing of penalty notices for unauthorised absences, in conjunction with advice from the Local Authority.

Please be aware that **there is no right of appeal** against a penalty notice once it has been issued. The decision to authorise or unauthorise an absence rests solely with the school. It is important to remember you should discuss any concerns you have with the school **before** a leave of absence is considered.

We understand that some employers may restrict when holidays can be taken, and that travel costs can vary significantly throughout the year. However, **neither of these factors constitutes an exceptional circumstance**, according to guidance from the Department for Education, [Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\)](#) and [Resources for families | Children's Commissioner for England](#) and therefore cannot be considered, as a valid reason for authorising term-time leave.

A Penalty Notice is a strategy used by schools to address the unacceptable levels of attendance of children in the term after they turn five at their school under the following legislation:

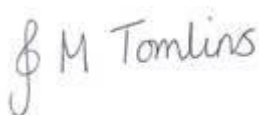
Please note: A Penalty Notice can also be issued if your child is seen in a public place within the first 5 days of an exclusion from their school.

- Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 places upon parents a duty to ensure that their child receives efficient full-time education either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.
- Where a child is a registered pupil at a school and the parent fails to ensure that child's regular attendance at school the parent is liable to be prosecuted for a criminal offence under Section 444 of the Education Act
- In cases where this duty is not being fulfilled Section 444B of the same Act empowers the Local Authority to issue a penalty of either £160 **per parent, per child** if paid within 28 days or reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in ensuring that your child's education remains a priority.

Please see attached additional information regarding Penalty Notices.

Yours sincerely,



Head Teacher
Mrs Tomlins

School Attendance and Absences



5 days of unauthorised absence

Penalty Notice fines may be issued for any term-time absences that are unauthorised (for example, a 5-day term time holiday) - whether these absences are taken consecutively or cumulatively over a rolling period of 10 school weeks.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any 10-week period

Penalty Notice fines will also be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any rolling period of 10 school weeks

**A school day has 2 sessions:
1 morning and 1 afternoon session per day**

An unauthorised absence threshold can be reached with any mix of missed sessions over 10 school weeks, even if those weeks span different terms or school years. These absences don't need to be consecutive and can include late arrivals after the register closes. A school week counts as long as there's at least one school session.

How do I request an absence?

To request an absence, please provide a minimum of 4 weeks notice, either by:

- Requesting the school office send you a copy of the leave of absence form. This will be sent via ParentMail.

Or you can apply:

- In writing, to Mrs Tomlins, the Head Teacher. In the letter you must state what you believe to be the exceptional circumstances requiring the leave of absence. **We are unable to authorise holidays during term time.**

What is a Penalty Notice?

A penalty notice is an out of court settlement which is intended to change behaviour without the need for criminal prosecution. If repeated penalty notices are being issued and they are not working to change behaviour they are unlikely to be most appropriate tool. Therefore, 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3 year rolling period and any second notice within that period is charged at a higher rate. Any further offences will result in criminal prosecution.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days)
- Reduced to: £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence

(in a 3-year rolling period)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days) There is no reduction in the amount.

Third Offence or Any Further Offences

(in a 3-year rolling period)

The third time an offence is committed for an unauthorised absence a Penalty Notice will **NOT** be issued but will be referred to Lincolnshire County Council for consideration of prosecution in a Magistrate Court for prosecution which may result in fines of up to £2,500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in a Magistrate's Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education.'

Families are reminded that term-time holidays are subject to strict legal rules, and unauthorised absences may result in penalty notices with no right of appeal. Only the school can decide whether an absence is authorised, and factors like travel costs or employer restrictions do not qualify as exceptional circumstances. Please speak with the school before requesting leave, and thank you for prioritising your child's education.

Lincolnshire county Council have the discretion to issue Penalty Notice fines before the above threshold is met in cases where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold, or for repeated absences for birthdays or other family events.

If you have registered your child as unwell and we are later presented with evidence which casts reasonable doubt over the reason given for your child's absence, and they were in fact taken on holiday, the absence marks will be retrospectively be altered to 'unauthorised' in the register. If this absence meets the national framework, this will be reported to Lincolnshire County Council.

Who is a "Parent"?

Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines "parent" as:

- All natural (biological) parents, whether they are married or not;
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person;
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.