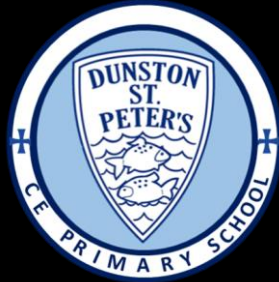

SPIRES FEDERATION TERM 2



To provide an aspirational education which inspires all to SHINE in our community so that they are happy, confident and equipped for life in all its fullness.



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SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Miss D Winters
Executive Head
Teacher



Mrs E Toulson
Executive Deputy
Head



Miss N Vaughan
Senior Federation
Lead and SENDCo

WELCOME TO TERM 2

A Fantastic Term to Remember!

As we come to the end of this term, we want to take a moment to reflect on what an incredible few months it has been. From the laughter and excitement of our **pantomime** to the joy of **Rudy's Run**, and the creativity shared during our **craft afternoons**, this term has truly been filled with memorable experiences.

We are so proud of our children for their enthusiasm and hard work, and we want to extend a heartfelt **thank you to our parents and families** for your unwavering support. Your involvement in events and encouragement at home make such a difference, and we couldn't do it without you.

Finally, a huge thank you to our dedicated staff team, whose energy and commitment ensure every child has the best possible experience. Together, we've created a term full of learning, laughter, and community spirit.

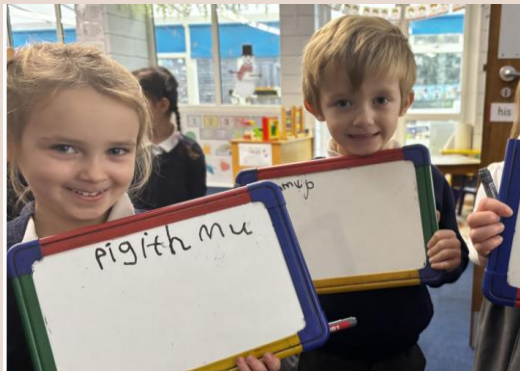
We look forward to an exciting new term ahead!

We would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Warm wishes,

Miss Winters, Mrs Toulson and Miss Vaughan





CONKERS

We have been learning about the changes around us. We have been observing the weather and how the days are getting shorter. We have been very excited to play in our new outdoor classroom!

Conkers enjoyed the day when it was so cold, there was ice all over for us to play and experiment with.

We have been building on our knowledge of our phonic sounds and begun to start building words and sentences.

Conkers are really enjoying learning mastery maths and securing their knowledge of amounts and numerals to 5.

We have really enjoyed our time in forest school learning all about nature and exploring the outdoors in different ways.



CONKERS

Conker's. This term have had some great opportunities!

We have raised money for charity and learnt what it means to give to those less fortunate than ourselves.

We also have had a special visitor called Jake who is a guide puppy, and we will be following his journey this year to see how he gets on with his training.

Conker's also enjoyed learning about safe strangers and how police are here to help us when we are in trouble.

We wrap up the term with our fantastic performance of the nativity play learning about the Christian faith and why they celebrate Christmas.



FOREST SCHOOL

This term, the children have really enjoyed playing games in the trees, cooking up a storm in the mud kitchen, and relaxing in our fabulous new hammocks.

We've seen some fantastic team work with den and shelter building, and in our team games. The children are becoming braver with more of them plucking up the courage to venture onto the rope swing or help with making fire.

We've planted spring bulbs and tree saplings, crafted, painted, played, cooked and sang together. Christmas will be the last session for Conkers for a while. We look forward to another 12 weeks of Forest School in Year 1.

BLOSSOM



What a wonderful and busy second term Blossoms have had!

We have been extremely lucky to have some great visitors this term – our local PSCO came to say hello and Jake the Guide Dog Puppy came too!

We also had great fun with Messy Church creating some beautiful Christmas cards, decorations and treats!

Not only that, but we have been very busy preparing for our Nativity production! We do hope it has put you in the Christmas Spirit!



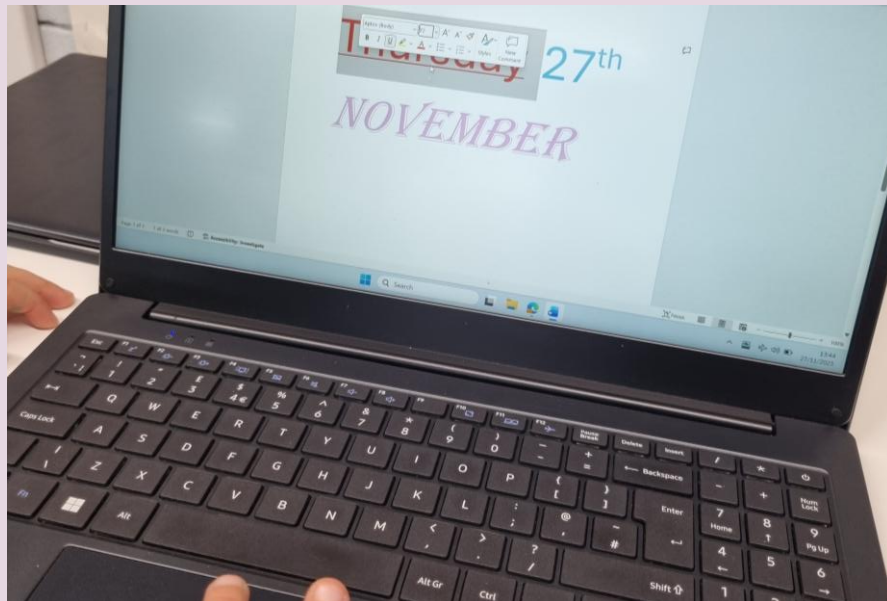


BLOSSOM

In History, we have been learning about how transport has changed before making predictions of what the transport of the future may be. Through learning about the Victorian Era, we discovered a new class favourite song about the English Kings and Queens!

In Computing, we have been learning about digital writing and have enjoyed exploring all of the ways to change text using Microsoft Word.

Blossom Class would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



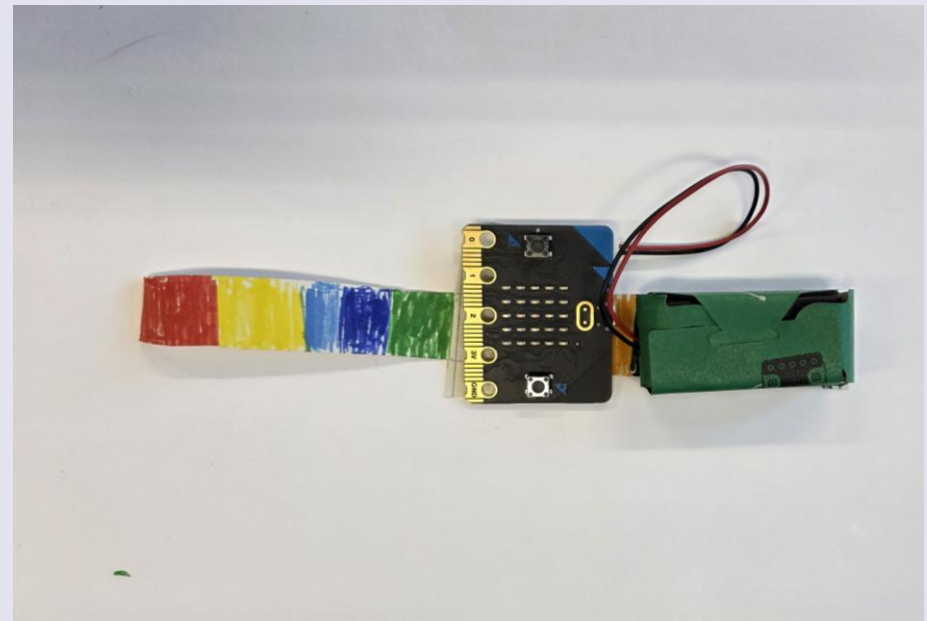
OAK



Whoa! We have been super busy with lots and lots of amazing things going on!

We have enjoyed a visit from PCSO Lingard who helped us understand the role of the police and how they can help us! I think she inspired a few future police officers too!

We have enjoyed creating our wearable technology for the Design and technology project. We made heart rate monitors using the Micro:Bits which we programmed to flash, and then designed a strap suitable for our target audience.





OAK

We took part in Remembrance day service and created a beautiful "rainbow of remembrance".

Lots of fun on Children in Need day raising lots of money for an amazing cause!

Christmas in full swing, from Messy church to Christmas competitions!

We told you we have been busy!

From all in Oak Class, We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you in 2026!

REDWOOD



What a fantastic term in the lead up to Christmas we have had in Redwood class.

In class, we have had great fun hot-seating Mary and Joseph, exploring electrical circuits, creating and performing our own dance routines and learning new hockey skills.

We have also had the chance to show what we know in writing our non-chronological reports about dragons, as well as furthering our knowledge of Anglo-Saxons.





REDWOOD



We were fortunate to experience so many exciting times outside of school too: the pantomime, a Christmas Carol Service at the magnificent Lincoln Cathedral (Y6), a Multi-Sports Event (Y5), a visit from our friendly, local PCSO as well the amazing visit from members of Messy Church to give the children the opportunity to complete a range of Christmas activities.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

TERM 3 CLUBS – DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!



- **Monday 12th January to 30th March**

*Year 6 Level-Up Club with Mr Bond and Mrs Rigley
3pm to 4:30pm*

- **Monday 12th January to 9th February**

*Choir Club with Charlotte Irons – open to all years
3:20pm to 4pm*

- **Tuesday 13th January to 10th February**

*Cooking Club with Mrs Stevenson – open to all years
3:20pm to 4:30pm -one session per child*

- **Wednesday 7th January to 11th February**

*Wake up Multi-sport club with Coach Kieran – open to all years
8am to 8:45am*

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*After School Multi-sport club with Coach Kieran – open to Yrs 3&4
3:20pm to 4:20pm*

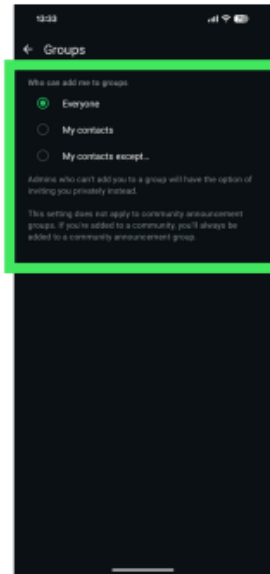
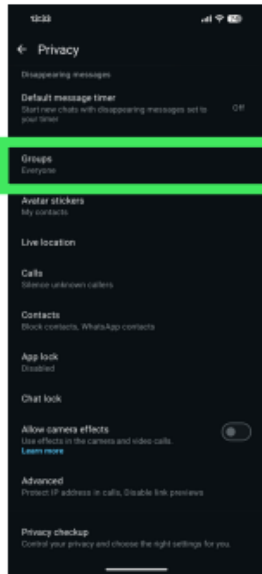
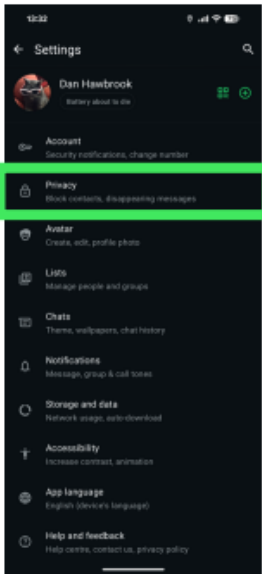
WhatsApp Group Chats



WhatsApp groups can be an incredibly useful communication tool but it can also become quite overwhelming when EVERYONE adds you to a group.

By default, WhatsApp allows ANYONE to add you to a group—they just need your phone number—but you can change this. If you tap on 'Settings' and then go to 'Privacy', one of the options is 'Groups'. This will give you 3 options to choose from:

- ◆ Anyone being able to add you to a group;
- ◆ Only people in your Contacts being able to add you;
- ◆ Anyone in your contacts can add you, but you can exclude people.



Once you have set this up, anyone who is not in your contacts (or anyone you have selected to exclude) has to send an invite to any new group they add you to—you can then either accept or decline.

This should help give your child some control over what groups they actually want to be involved in and can help them manage groups they don't want to be added to.

WHATSAPP – SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

- There have been local and national reports of open WhatsApp Groups being created that are titled 'add everyone' or similar group titles. Large volumes of WhatsApp users are being added to the groups and encouragement for group members to further add users, which has included children being added alongside adults. This raises a number of safeguarding concerns including reports of exposure to inappropriate content within the groups.

FREE WORKSHOPS - SAFEGUARDING NEURODIVERSE YOUNG PEOPLE

SAFEGUARDING NEURODIVERSE YOUNG PEOPLE



RECOGNISING RADICALISATION RISKS AND BUILDING RESILIENCE



This workshop will help families keep young people safe from risks such as online extremism, grooming, radicalisation, and wider harms.

THESE SESSIONS WILL:

- Explore how to recognise when a young person might be at risk of radicalisation
- Support you to manage challenging conversations around online safety and wellbeing
- Help distinguish between red flags and everyday neurodiverse behaviours
- Support you to connect with local safeguarding provision

For more information please email:
kanika@groundswell.world

SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK THE LINKS BELOW TO REGISTER NOW

In-person:

- **Tue 20th Jan**, 10am-12pm

At: Lan Medlock Voluntary Centre,
St Georges Rd, Boston, PE21 8YB



- **Thu 26th Feb**, 1pm-3pm

At: Community Safety, Lincolnshire
County Council, Myle Cross Centre,
Macauley Drive, Lincoln, LN2 4EL



Online (click [here](#)):

- **Tue 13st Jan**, 10am-12pm
- **Sat 31st Jan**, 10am-12pm
- **Tue 10th Feb**, 7pm-9pm
- **Wed 25th Feb**, 1pm-3pm



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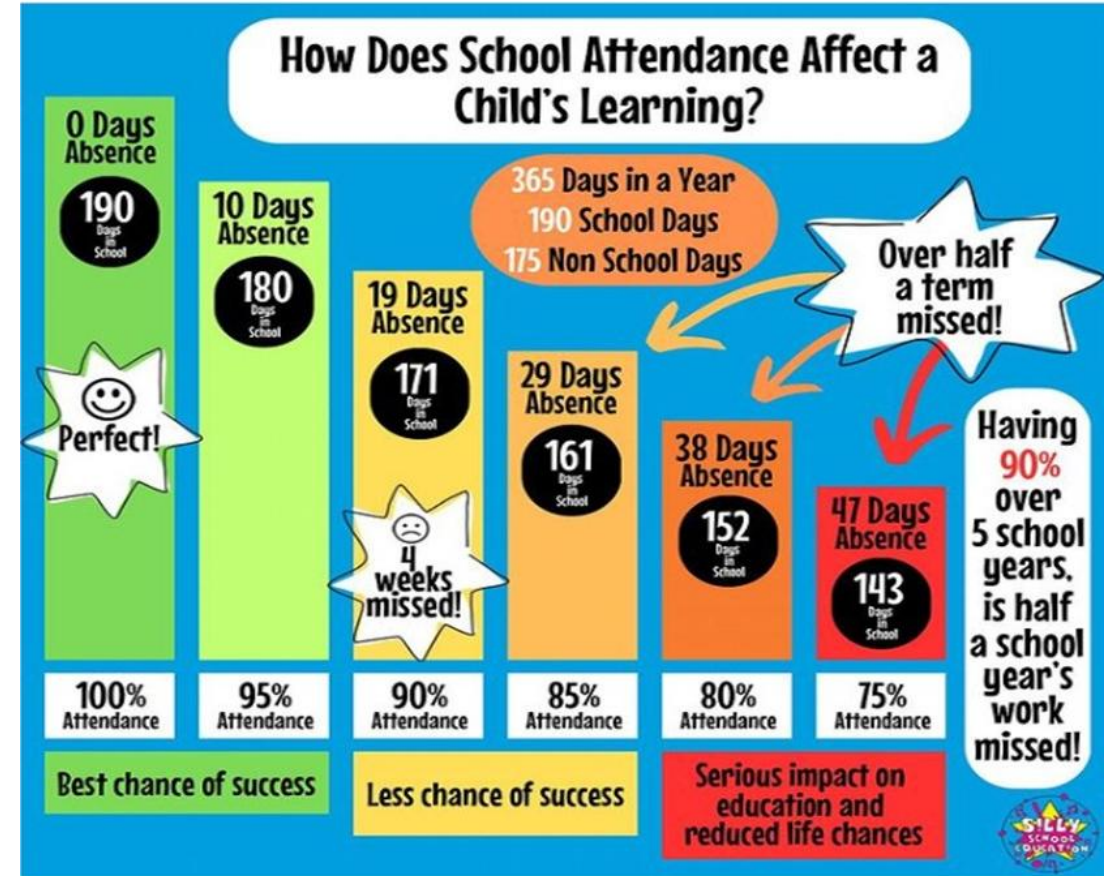
CONKERS – 98.7%

BLOSSOM – 98.1%

OAK – 98.0%

REDWOOD – 96.6%

WHOLE SCHOOL – 97.6%



ADMINISTRATION TEAM



**Mrs T Elliott
Digby**



**Ms J Hayward
Dunston and Nocton**



**Miss Hoddinott
School Business Manager and
Nocton**

Have a wonderful Christmas Holiday!

