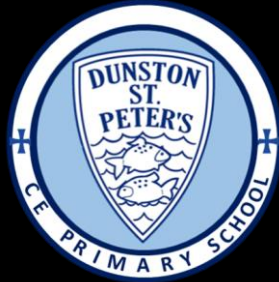

SPIRES FEDERATION TERM 2



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.



OPENING
DOORS



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MINDS

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 1

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





HOGLETS AND HEDGEHOGS



What a busy term we have had, and as it has been approaching Christmas, we have been busy making lots of festive crafts as well as rehearsing for our Nativity which we cannot wait to do in the church. We cannot wait to dress up in our costumes and show everyone how hard we have been working with our singing and our special play.

We had a very exciting day out where we went on a bus to Lincoln to go and watch Robin Hood in pantomime. This was a lot of fun! We sang, we danced, we cheered and we shouted Boo at the badie!

We have had lots of fun this term in Forest School with our friends whilst busy learning lots of other things inside and outside of the classroom like phonics and maths.



HOGLETS AND HEDGEHOGS





FOREST SCHOOL

This term, Hoglets and Hedgehogs have really bonded during our Forest School sessions. It's been wonderful to see lots of kindness and teamwork between the older and younger children. We've particularly enjoyed the rope swing, art and craft and our snack time round the fire with a story.

We need to say a big thank you to Friends of School who have funded some fantastic new equipment – so far we've loved the hammock and our shiny new kettle!

This term we've planted, crafted, painted, played, cooked and sang together. Christmas will be the last session for Hoglets and Hedgehogs for a while. We look forward to more fun times together next year.



SQUIRRELS



What a busy and exciting time we have had in squirrels with the countdown to Christmas. Nativity rehearsals have been in full swing and there have been crafts a plenty to fill our classroom with seasonal joy! We cannot wait to dress up and perform in the church!

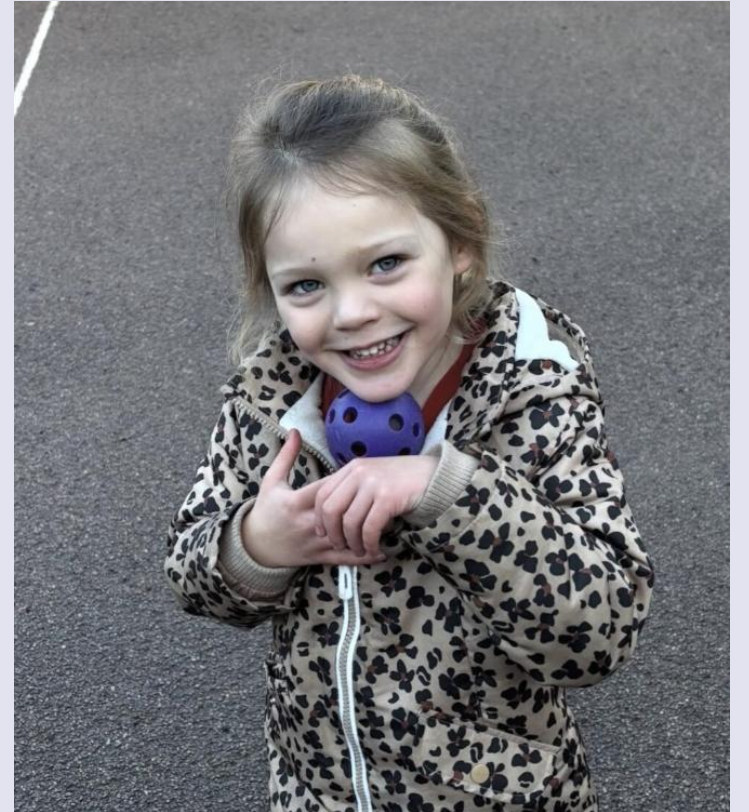
We had an extremely fun day out to the pantomime in Lincoln where we got to watch Robin Hood. There was lots of fabulous music and we had a great time with the whole of the Spires Federation.

In preparation for the Christmas tree festival at the church, we made our own nativity scenes in a box, they looked amazing and we worked in teams to complete them. We even had a visit from Rudy (the reindeer) from St Barnabas who came to say hello to us and dropped off our reindeer antlers ready for Rudy's run which will take place next week to raise money for a wonderful cause. This was perfect timing with our Christmas craft day and the children were very excited to say hello!





SQUIRRELS



OWLS



What a wonderful and festive term we've had in Owl Class! The excitement of the season has filled our classroom with joy and creativity.

We have enjoyed making origami doves for the Christmas Tree Festival in church, and we were absolutely thrilled to win! The children worked so hard on their decorations, and their efforts truly paid off.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils had the privilege of attending a beautiful Carol Service at the Cathedral, which was a magical experience and a lovely way to celebrate the season together. Another highlight was our trip to the pantomime, which had us all laughing and joining in the fun – a real treat for everyone!

Last week, we welcomed Tim Essex into school, who shared fascinating stories about his family's connection to Nocton School, dating back to the 1800s. The children were captivated by his tales and especially enjoyed seeing the sampler made by his great-great-grandmother, which matched one we have in school. It was a wonderful way to connect our present with the rich history of our community.





OWLS

We also took part in Protecting Our Planet Day, which was an inspiring opportunity to learn more about caring for our world. Through exciting STEM activities, we explored how to look after the rainforests of the Earth and discovered ways to protect the incredible animals living in the Arctic and Antarctic. The children were full of thoughtful ideas and showed great enthusiasm for becoming guardians of our planet!

As we wrap up Term 2, we are proud of all the amazing learning, laughter, and festive cheer that has filled our classroom. We wish you all a joyful holiday season and look forward to more exciting adventures in Term 3!

ADMINISTRATION TEAM



**Mrs T Elliott
Digby**



**Ms J Hayward
Dunston and Nocton**



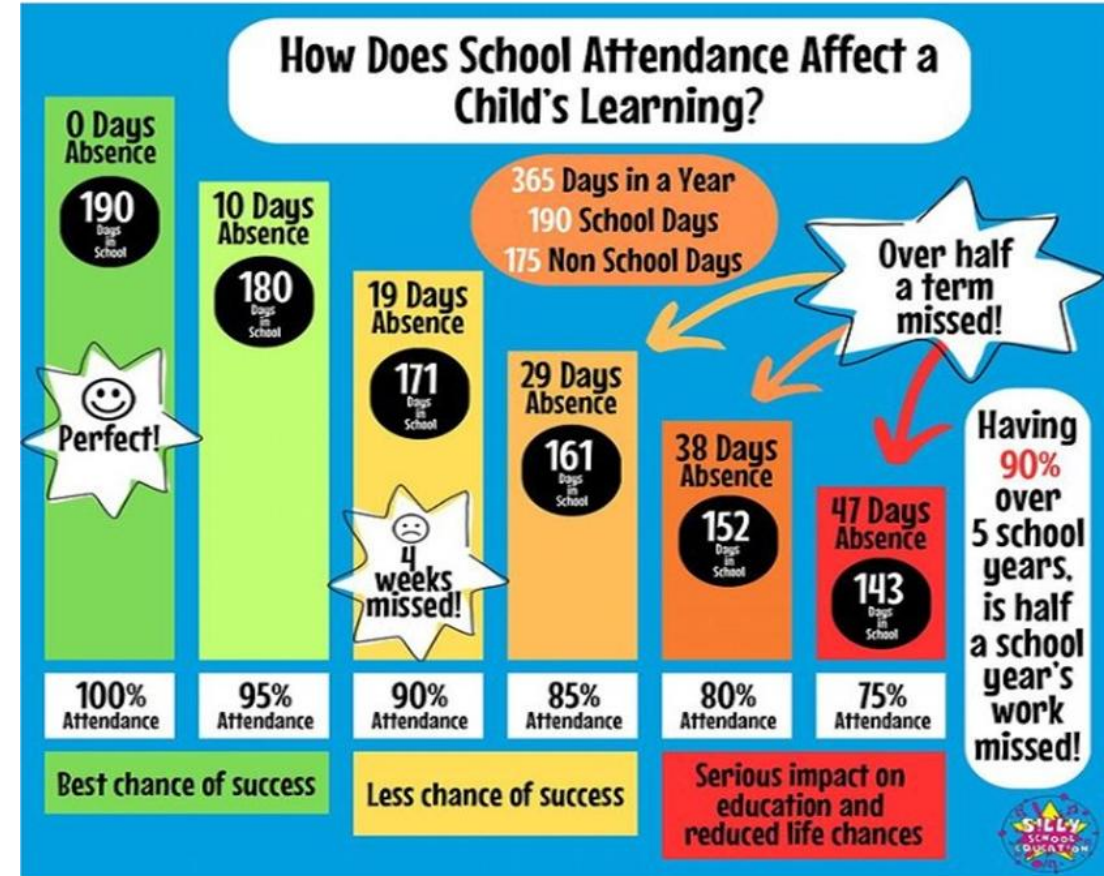
**Miss Hoddinott
School Business Manager and
Nocton**

ATTENDANCE

HEDGEHOGS AND
SQUIRRELS – 94.7%

OWLS – 95.8%

WHOLE SCHOOL – 94.6%



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

- Monday –

Yoga Club with Miss Stocks

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

3.20pm – 4pm

Monday 12th January to Monday 9th February



- Tuesday –

FS and KS1 Football Club run by Coach Kieran

3.20pm – 4.30pm

Tuesday 13th January to Tuesday 10th February

- Thursday –

Art Club run by Miss Thompson-Dowse

Children in Year 3 to Year 6 welcome to attend

3.20pm – 4.20pm

Thursday 15th January to Thursday 12th February



Please Note all clubs this term are free of charge!!

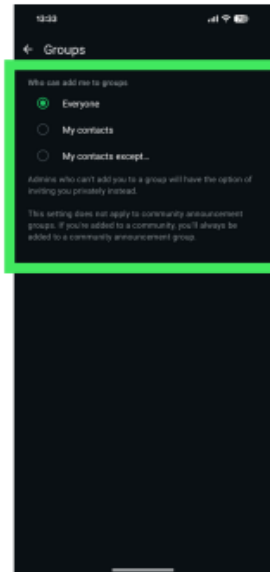
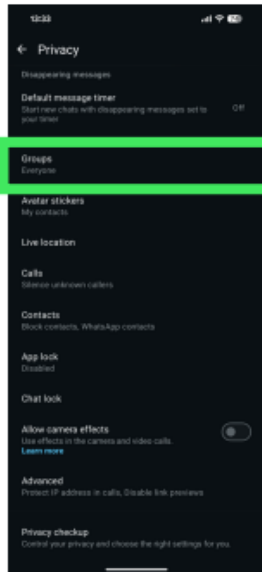
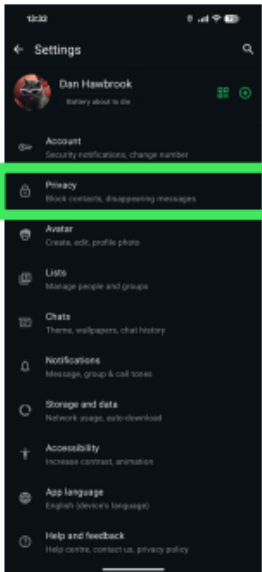
WhatsApp Group Chats



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 contact list (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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