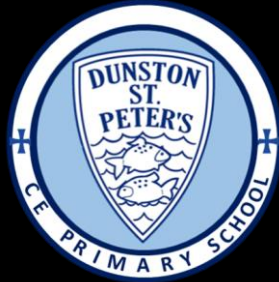

SPIRES FEDERATION TERM 3



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

TERM 3

What a Term It's Been!

It's hard to believe how quickly this term has flown by—blink and suddenly we're already talking about the next one! It's been a brilliant few months, full of energy, progress, and plenty of memorable moments.

It was especially lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening. Thank you for taking the time to come in, chat with us, and celebrate all the fantastic things your children have been doing. Your support truly makes such a difference, and it was wonderful to share their successes with you.

A real highlight of the term has been our trip to London for Key Stage 2. The children were fantastic representatives—curious, enthusiastic, and brilliantly behaved (even if some of them walked enough steps to last them a lifetime!). Whether it was spotting famous landmarks or experiencing going inside the Houses of Parliament, it was a day full of fun and learning. And of course, no school trip is complete without a stop at McDonald's on the way home, which was possibly the moment some students had been waiting for all day.

As we head towards the rest of the year, it's incredible to think how fast everything is moving. The children are working hard, growing in confidence, and making us proud daily. If the next term goes by as quickly as this one, we'll be waving at summer before we know it!

Thank you again for all your support—here's to even more fantastic moments ahead.

Senior Leadership Team





PIXIES

Our first Spring Term has been fantastic. Reception have loved Forest School and have been absolute superstars in completing their challenges. They have loved learning all about different mini beasts and even joined KS1 in our micro habitat hunt! Year 1 & 2 have loved their cubism art this term and learning all about London in our geography. We have had super star letter writers in English and can't wait to write our setting description! We have become experts in animals and humans in science and can identify all sorts of habitats. Our music always makes us dance and smile and we have been smiling even more learning how to be thankful in RE. Well done Pixies! A wonderful job as always.



PIXIES





FOREST SCHOOL

The children have enjoyed an action-packed and wonderfully muddy term at Forest School! We've explored everything from worm-themed afternoons—complete with worm charming, outdoor worm yoga, stories, songs, a very imaginative “blackbird funeral,” and even a train ride—to making the most of the rain with puddle splashing, dinosaur water slides, and shelter building. As part of the Big School Bird Watch, the children learned about bird species around our grounds, spotted and counted birds, and created their own paper-plate birds. We also spent time building apple-hedgehog bird feeders, identifying trees using twig ID, and welcoming an inquisitive robin, who inspired us to make even more feeders. Despite the chilly weather, everyone kept warm with plenty of running around, lots of play with friends in the mud, and cosy moments in our outdoor classroom. We rounded off many sessions with campfires in the rain, warm drinks, snacks, and stories—perfect endings to our busy Forest School days.

GNOMES

We have to start this term's newsletter with our incredible trip to the Natural History Museum and the Science Museum down in London! The children represented the school impeccably; we couldn't have been more proud of how they behaved in often some quite large and busy places. We were so excited to see the dinosaurs and moving T-Rex; experience the earthquake room; explore lots of different mammals from around the world including a life-sized blue whale; and see the real fossils discovered by Mary Anning.

In class, we have really enjoyed creating our own electrical circuits using the different components such as bulbs and buzzers. We have begun using Scratch to develop our programming skills in computing. We have also been producing some amazing writing based on our Vikings topic and our current class text, Edward Tulane.





GNOMES



IMPS



This term has been great and full of interesting learning. In Art, we did photography and learned how to take good pictures using different angles and lighting. In Science, we studied the properties of materials and tested different materials to see if they were strong, waterproof, or flexible.

In PE, we played volleyball and did gymnastics. In volleyball, we practised serving, passing, and working as a team. In gymnastics, we worked on balance and putting together movement sequences. In Computing, we made Scratch quizzes where we learned how to program questions and make our quizzes interactive.

However, the highlight of the term was our trip to London. We visited famous places like Trafalgar Square and Buckingham Palace. We also went to the Houses of Parliament, where we had a tour and took part in a workshop. We learned how laws are made and why Parliament is important. It was a really enjoyable and memorable trip.





IMPS



ADMINISTRATION TEAM



**Mrs T Elliott
Digby**



**Ms J Hayward
Dunston and Nocton**



**Miss Hoddinott
School Business Manager and
Nocton**

TERM 4 CLUBS – DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!



Monday –

Morning Sports Club with Premier Education

- All years
- 8.00am - 8.45am
- Monday 2nd March to Monday 30th March

Monday –

Multi-skills including Dodgeball Club with Premier Education

- KS2
- 3.20pm- 4.20pm
- Monday 2nd March to Monday 30th March



Tuesday –

Spanish Club with Mrs Trice

- KS1 & Y3
- 3.20pm - 4.20pm
- Tuesday 3rd March to Tuesday 31st March

Thursday -

Lunch time Choir Club with Charlotte

- All years
- 12.30 to 1.00pm
- Thursday 26th February to Thursday 2nd April



Wednesday –

Crafting with Wool Club with Mrs Talbot

- Y2-Y6
- 3.20pm - 4.20pm
- Wednesday 4th March to Wednesday 1st April

Thursday –

Orienteering Club with Mrs Bennett & Mrs Talbot

- Reception - Y3
 - 3.20pm - 4.20pm
 - Thursday 5th March to Thursday 26th March
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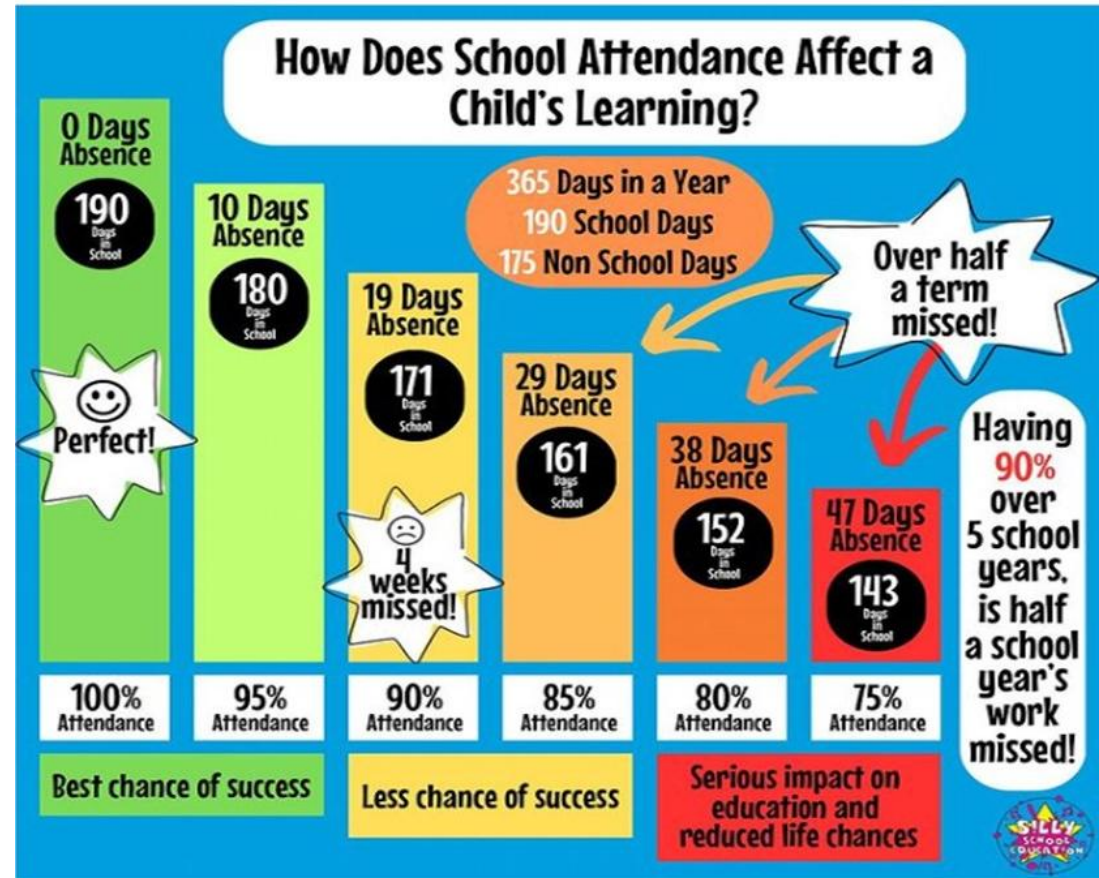
ATTENDANCE

PIXIES – 96.5%

GNOMES – 96.0%

IMPS – 97.5%

WHOLE SCHOOL – 96.7%



Ready Steady go to School



This is a short free online session aimed at Parents/Carers of children who will be starting school in September 2026. Come along and meet one of our Early Years Team to explore practical activities and top tips to help your little one on their journey to school

Monday 2nd February 7.00-8.00pm

Wednesday 4th February 1.30-2.30pm

Thursday 23rd April 6.00-7.00pm

Wednesday 29th April 1.30-2.30pm

Please use the link in the email to join your preferred session.



READY STEADY GO TO SCHOOL

We know that starting school is a big step for your child and for you as a family and it can be an exciting but also a daunting time. You may have questions or you may just not know where to begin, don't worry we are here to help.

We wanted to invite you to some exciting opportunities to help you and your child to get ready for school.

Attached to this email is a poster with dates for the sessions which will be online live events for parents/carers on starting school. Please choose the session with a time that suits you.

You can access the sessions through these links below:

Monday 2nd February 7.00-8.00pm [Join the meeting now](#)

Wednesday 4th February 1.30-2.30pm [Join the meeting now](#)

Thursday 23rd April 6.00-7.00pm [Join the meeting now](#)

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Your local Children's Centre/Family Hub also has all sorts of sessions available which will help with socialisation, turn taking, sharing and communication skills. Your local Children's Centre/Family Hub timetable is available on this link [Find a children's centre - Lincolnshire County Council](#)

Click here for useful information on Starting Reception - [Home - Starting Reception](#)

We are looking forward to seeing you at one of our sessions, but if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards
The Early Years Team

HANDS UP WHO CARES?



ARE YOU A **YOUNG CARER**?
ARE YOU WORKING WITH A **YOUNG CARER**?

A Young Carer is a young person under the age of 18 years helping to care for a family member with a physical disability, mental health condition, illness or addiction.

There is help and support available for Young Carers and their families.

For more information, please contact Lincolnshire Young Carers:

Tel: 01522 553275

Email:

youngcarers@lincolnshire.gov.uk



WE DO!



SUPPORT FOR LINCOLNSHIRE YOUNG CARERS

There is support available for children up to the age of 18 who help to care for someone at home. That person may be a parent, sibling, grandparent, or any other relative who has a:

- Physical disability
- Mental health condition
- Learning disability
- Misuses alcohol or drugs
- Sensory impairment (hearing or sight loss)
- Life limiting condition
- Any other long term illness or condition

The role undertaken by young carers can include:

- Helping the person they care for to get dressed or washed
- Extra housework, shopping, or cooking
- Helping with medication
- Emotional support
- Helping a sibling with a disability

Young carers often take on responsibilities which affect their friendships and relationships, learning and development, health and wellbeing, or future career choices. They can experience increased levels of stress or anxiety, feelings of isolation and loneliness, lack of time to take part in social activities, and difficulties in keeping up with their education or homework.

We all share a responsibility to identify and support young carers. In Lincolnshire we offer a range of support to help our young carers, including:

- Young Carer needs assessments
- Young Carer Groups
- Young Carer Card
- Emergency planning
- Agency support from specific services
- Online support groups

Free training is also available for all professionals in Lincolnshire. For more information or if there is a child you know that you think may be a young carer in need of support please contact:

Lincolnshire Young Carers
Tel: 01522 553275 or email
youngcarers@lincolnshire.gov.uk



HANDS UP WHO CARES? WE DO!



SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DROP IN SESSIONS

- IS YOUR CHILD 4 YEARS OLD OR UNDER? DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION? COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR DROP IN SESSIONS!



PLEASE SCAN THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR SMART DEVICE FOR DETAILS OF THE DROP IN SESSIONS.



OR VISIT WWW.LINCOLNSHIRECHILDRENSTHERAPYSERVICES.NHS.UK/SPEECH-AND-LANGUAGE-DROP-SESSIONS

RECENTLY UPDATED GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY

HELP YOUR CHILD STAY SAFE ONLINE

Gov.uk have recently released and updated this website which is full of useful information on online safety for families.

On the site you can find practical information from trusted places to help you feel more confident on the steps you can take to protect your child online.

With so many apps, games, and websites out there, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. But the good news is you're not alone.

The website can be found by clicking on the link below.

[HELP YOUR CHILD STAY SAFE ONLINE](#)



“Children are not things to be
moulded, but people to be unfolded.”
— Jess Lair

