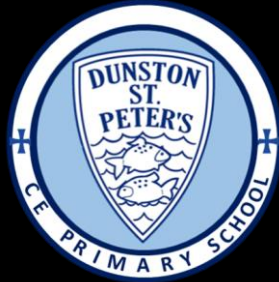

SPIRES FEDERATION TERM 4



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 4

What a Term It's Been!

Another term has flown by, and it has certainly been a productive and memorable few months.

You should now have received your child's progress slip, which outlines their next steps for learning. These targets will help support their continued development as we move into the new term.

This term has been packed with enriching experiences and moments of joy. From celebrating World Book Day—with children arriving in a fantastic array of costumes—to the excitement of our inter-school football matches, pupils have thrown themselves into every opportunity with energy and enthusiasm. Our tractor visit was a particular highlight, sparking curiosity and plenty of wonderful questions!

Alongside these special events, our ongoing adventures at Forest School have provided no end of hands-on learning. Whether exploring the changing seasons, building shelters, or working together on outdoor challenges, there is always so much happening, and the children have continued to amaze us with their teamwork, resilience, and creativity.

Throughout the term, both children and staff have worked incredibly hard. Whether tackling new topics, collaborating on class projects, or developing new skills, they have shown curiosity, determination, and a genuine love for learning. We are extremely proud of everything they have accomplished.

As we look ahead to the next term, we are excited for what is to come. With lighter nights and warmer days on the way, there will be even more opportunities for outdoor learning, enrichment activities, and hands-on experiences that bring the curriculum to life. We cannot wait to see what the children will achieve next.

Wishing you a restful break and a fantastic start to the new term!

Senior Leadership Team





CONKERS

Conkers this term have loved getting involved in our enrichment activities!

We have enjoyed our very first fencing lesson with premier education. The children had so much fun with their foam swords.

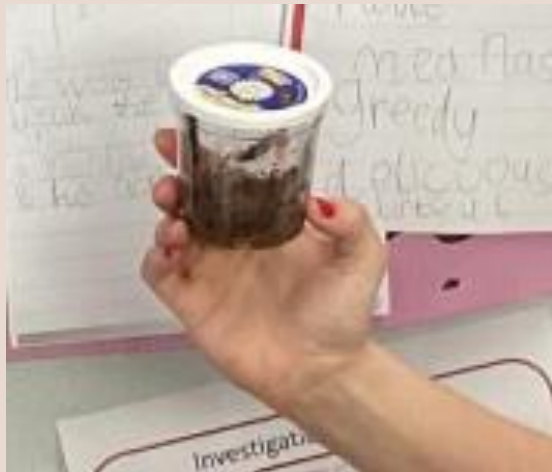
The children have been planting lots of vegetables and flowers and cannot wait to see them grow!

We have also loved the sunshine we have finally be experiencing and it has made our role play in our outdoor classroom even more enjoyable.



CONKERS

The children have been learning about life cycles this term and we have been lucky enough to experience firsthand the life cycle of chicks and caterpillars. We have really enjoyed taking part in raising money for charity and learning about how fortunate we are and how we can help those less fortunate. We have been making links to our own lives and families and how important it is to feel safe and happy.



BLOSSOM



Blossoms have had a brilliant Term 4! We have been lucky to have visitors from Dyson to show their tractors and how they work, as well as Rhubarb Theatre Company sharing an interactive performance all about the Great Fire of London. We got dressed up for World Book Day and let our curiosity out during British Science Week by asking the question 'How do birds build their nests?' We have also loved having a go at Drumba within our classrooms as well – although we always feel pretty exhausted afterwards! The weather is getting warmer and we cannot wait to see what fun we will have next term!





BLOSSOM





FOREST SCHOOL

Year 1 have been enjoying their weekly Forest School sessions this term. Some highlights include using tools to whittle hazel skewers and toasting on the campfire, using palm drills to make elder beads for bracelets, spotting minibeasts, and playing in the mud kitchen. The children have become more confident and resilient each week: it's been lovely seeing them follow their own interests and shine outside of the classroom.

OAK



In Oaks we have had a great fun filled term! We had a great time on World Book Day sharing stories and dressing up as our favourite characters!

Red nose day was filled with laughs and jokes as we celebrated comic relief. We raised an amazing £110 for an amazing cause.

In science the children have loved exploring plants. Dissecting daffodils and nurturing our cress has helped the children understand how to look after plants. This will go well towards our Lincolnshire Show entry!

Year 3 have also been enjoyed their time at forest school connecting with nature.

We have also loved trying out Drumba! Keep your eyes peeled for the after-school club letter coming soon.



OAK

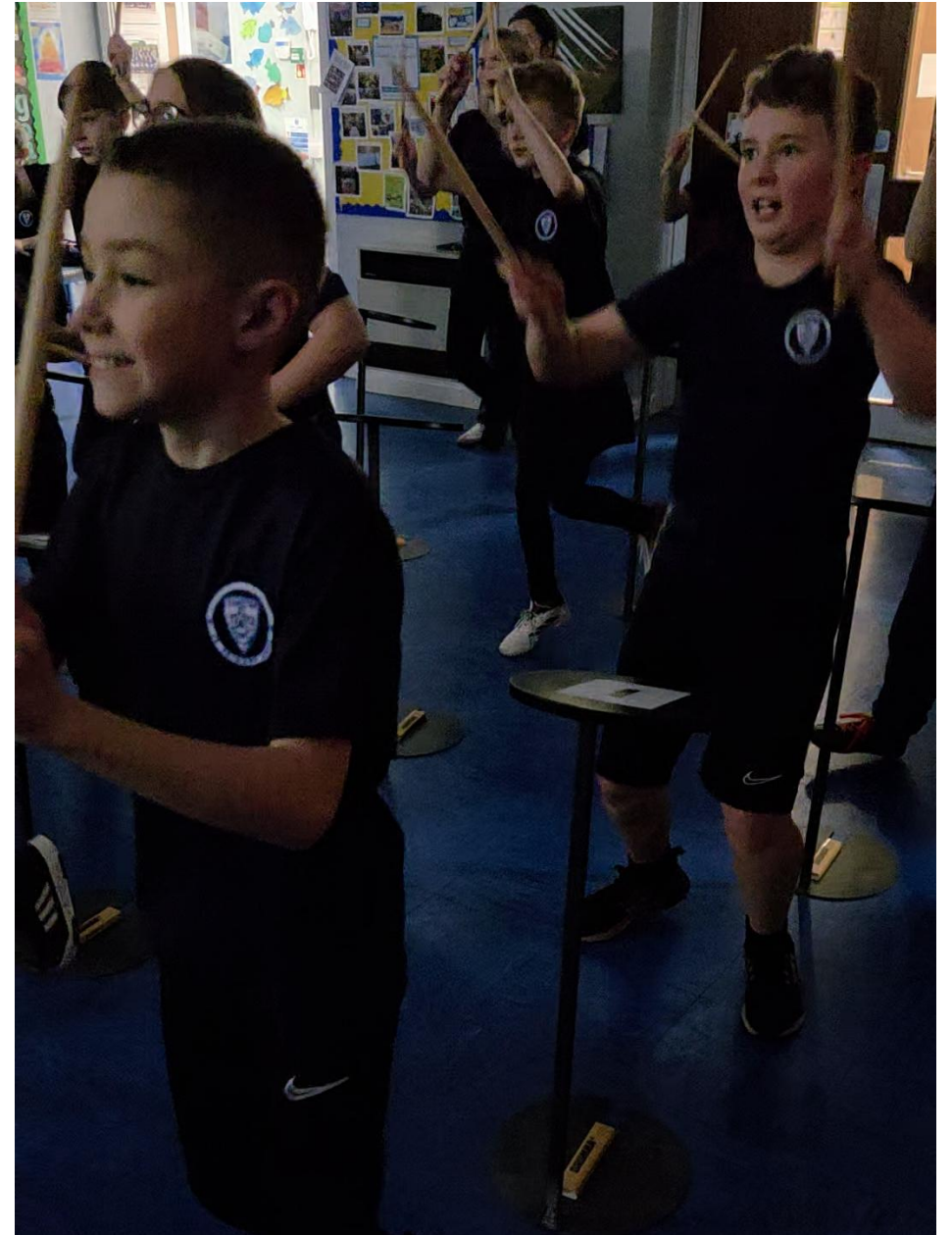


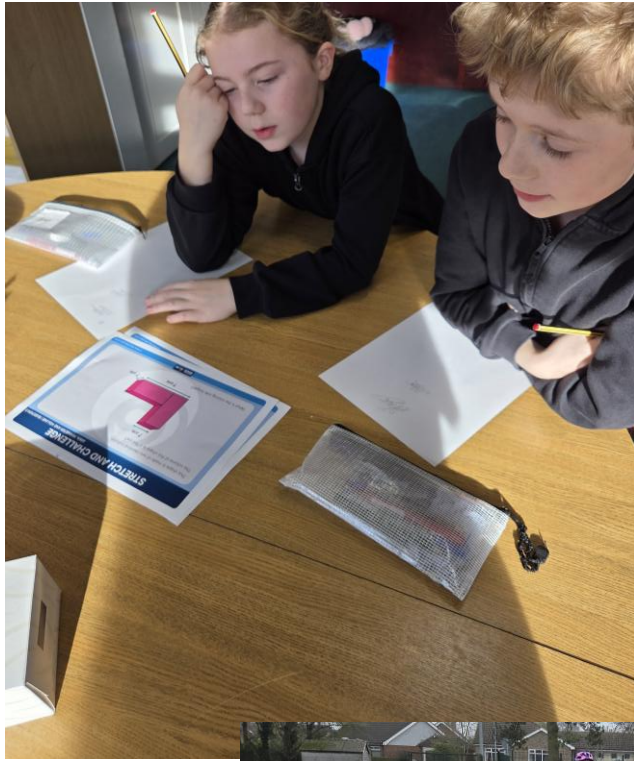
REDWOOD

In Redwood, we have had an extremely busy term.



Many of us completed our Bikeability training, took part in fencing, as part of our Enrichment Day, learnt new skills through volleyball and handball during PE, dressed as characters from books for World Book Day, as well as writing our very own Ten Word Tiny Tales and even got the chance to have a go at Drumba, which proved to be great energetic and fun (as you can see in the photo!)





REDWOOD



TERM 5 CLUBS – DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!



- **Monday 27th April – 1 session**

Year 6 Level-Up Club with Mr Bond and Mrs Rigley

3:20pm to 4:30pm

- **Wednesday 22nd April to 20th May – open to all years**

Wake up – morning Multi-Sports club with Coach

08:00am to 08:45am

- **Wednesday 22nd April to 20th May – open years 1 & 2**

After school Multi-Sports club with Coach

3:20pm to 4:30pm

- **Wednesday 22nd April to 20th May – open to Year 4**

Forest after school club with Mrs Bond

Films to support Parents/Carers and Professionals from the NHS

New 2026 Mental Health Strategy Videos from NHS Hampshire CAMHS.

Parents, carers, and professionals can now access new films covering important topics around children and adolescent mental health.

To watch the videos, simply **scan the QR codes** provided and explore these helpful resources.

Supporting young people's mental health has never been easier!



What is emotionally-based school avoidance?



Risk factors for emotionally-based school avoidance



Tips for emotionally-based school avoidance



Thriving with ADHD in school



ADHD and sleep



Reframing ADHD



Girls and ADHD



ADHD - order our of chaos



Growing older and changing ADHD symptoms



The importance of sleep



Tips to support sleep optimisation

Find further resources here:



Dyslexia Outreach

Is your child transferring from **Primary to Secondary** school in September 2026?

Would you like to find out more about how you can support your child to make this transfer as exciting and happy as possible?



Transition Workshop

Join us for a **free, online workshop**, sharing strategies for support and an opportunity to ask questions. Open to all parents and carers, regardless of which setting your child attends, or is transferring to.

Your child does not have to have a dyslexia diagnosis for this information to be relevant and useful!

Monday 11th May 2026 @ 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

To attend on this date, please register at with LPCF at: <https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/>
Once registered with the Forum, you can visit their Events page to sign up for this event.

Tuesday 9th June 2026 @ 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

If you would like to attend on this date please sign up [here](#).

Please note, both sessions have the same content, so please sign up to the most convenient date for you.

If you are unable to attend either workshop but would like some advice about your child's learning or transition, you can contact us directly:

Jane McWatt (South)
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jane.mcwatt@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Odette Read (North)
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New SEND Drop-In Sessions From January 2026

AVAILABLE WEEKLY ACROSS 10 FAMILY HUBS IN LINCOLNSHIRE



Amy Leaper
*Lincoln North
LN2 2DD*
Wednesday 10-12
*Birchwood
LN6 0JE*
Wednesday 1-3



Charlotte Heffernan
*Skegness
PE25 2QT*
Friday 1-3
*Mablethorpe
LN12 1DP*
Tuesday 10-12



Sonia Church
*Sleaford
NG34 7TW*
Wednesday 09.00-11.00
*Grantham Swingbridge
NG31 7XQ*
Thursday 09.30-11.30

As trained children and family services professionals we provide early, tailored support for families of children under 5 with special educational needs and disabilities. We offer a safe space to discuss concerns, ask questions and talk about the available support. We work with local early years services to help families navigate the SEND system and connect with the right professionals at the right time. Together, we can ensure your child receives the support they need to thrive.





Eloise Brindle
*Gainsborough, Market Arcade
DN21 2DY*
Monday 1-3
*Lincoln St Giles
LN2 4NP*
Thursday 10-12




Ellie Ozenbrook
*Norfolk Lodge Boston
PE21 6PW*
Tuesday 11.30-1.30
*Spalding
PE11 2JG*
Thursday 12.30-2.30


Ready Steady go to School





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

Thursday 23rd April 6-7pm	Wednesday 29th April 1.30-2.30pm
	
Thursday 11th June 6.30-7.30pm	Wednesday 24th June 1.30-2.30pm
	

Please scan a QR code to join your preferred session



Bishop of Lincoln's Easter letters for Key Stage 1



The Acting Bishop of Lincoln

Easter 2026

The Bible tells us the wonderful story of Easter. We hear about Jesus' death on the Cross and being buried in the tomb. After three days he is alive once again!

The Bible also tells us that after Easter, Jesus visits his friends. One of my favourite Easter stories in the Bible is when Jesus visits his friends who are huddled together in an upstairs room. They are worried and scared about the future, but Jesus comes into the room and he says 'Peace be with you.'

These are words that Christians all over the world say to each other. It's important for Christians to be talking about Peace, especially here and now.

In church, we will often say these words to each other during a service. Sometimes we turn to each other and wave. Sometimes we like to shake each other's hands. With our friends and family, we might hug each other too. We say to each other: 'Peace be with you' just like Jesus did.

These words and actions mean something special. They are a prayer for our fellow Christians and the people we love. They are a prayer for peace in the church and in the world. They are a hope that we are 'at peace' with each other. What does the word 'Peace' mean to you?

In the Easter Story, when Jesus says 'Peace be with you' he is saying it to his friends who are afraid. He wants to comfort and help them. We can do the same. Our words and actions can bring peace – comfort and help to those in need.

At the end of a church service, we will sometimes say 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.' Peace isn't just something we say, it is something we do! How can you share Peace with someone else today? What words can you say, or what things can you do, that will bring some Peace into someone's life?

There are lots of worrying things happening today, in the world, in the church, and even in our own lives as well. This Easter, I want you to remember those words that Jesus spoke: 'Peace be with you.' Remember that God gives you his gift of peace, and he wants you to share it with others. My prayer is that we can share 'Peace' with our family and friends, and that the world will be a more peaceful place.

Peace be with you, and happy Easter!

The Rt Revd Dr Nicholas Chamberlain
Bishop of Grantham
Acting Bishop of Lincoln

Bishop of Lincoln's Easter letters for Key Stage 2



The Acting Bishop of Lincoln

Easter 2026

There are so many different parts of the Easter Story. The Bible tells us about Jesus' death on the Cross, being buried in the tomb, and then his rising to new life.

The Bible also tells us many different ways in which Jesus appears to his friends and followers. One of my favourite Easter stories in the Bible is when Jesus appears to his followers who are huddled together in an upstairs room. They are uncertain and afraid, but Jesus comes into the room and he says 'Peace be with you.'

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Peace be with you, and happy Easter!

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The Rt Revd Dr Nicholas Chamberlain
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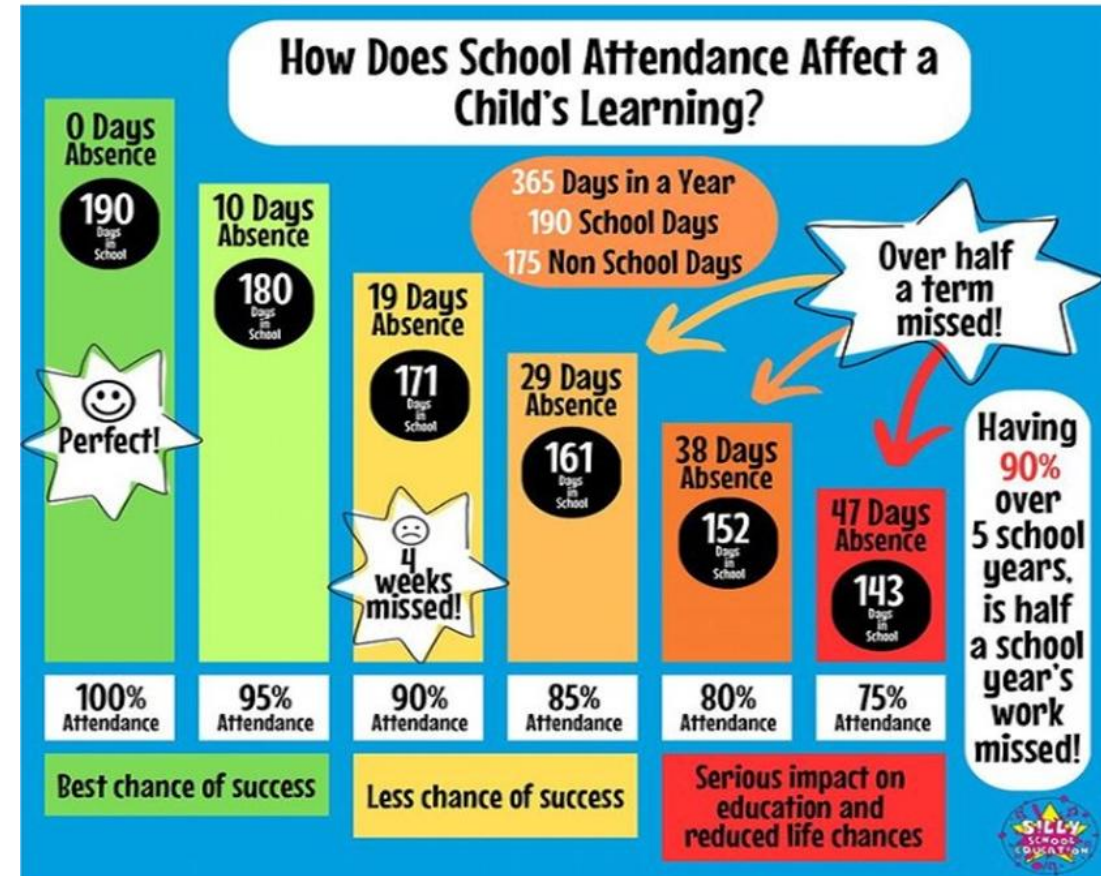
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BLOSSOM – 93.86%

OAK – 996.71%

REDWOOD – 96.2%

WHOLE SCHOOL – 95.74%



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Digby**



**Ms J Hayward
Dunston**



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School Business Manager and
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