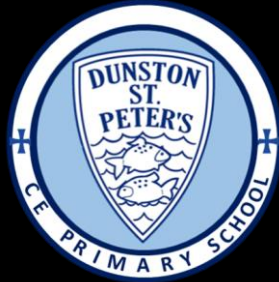

SPIRES FEDERATION TERM 4



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 enrichment days, 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're excited for what's 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 can't 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





HOGLETS AND HEDGEHOGS

Hoglets and Hedgehogs have had a great half term! We started the half term with learning about why we celebrate Pancake Day – which of course included making our own pancakes! We also learnt about Chinese New Year, the prawn crackers and spring rolls were enjoyed by all! In the second week, the children enjoyed drawing and painting daffodils after learning about St David's Day.

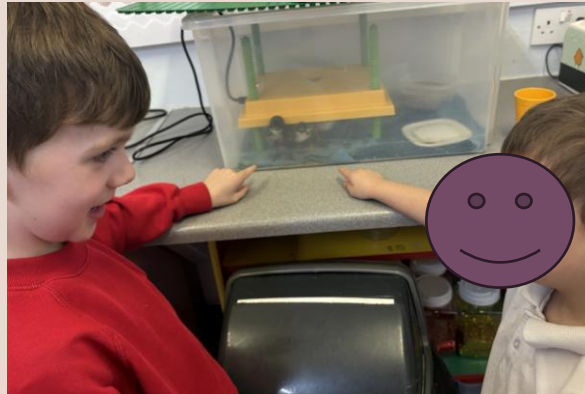
World Book Day was great fun! We enjoyed sitting in the sunshine reading stories and sharing our favourite parts.

Most recently we have welcomed caterpillars which are in the process of turning into butterflies and not forgetting, three chicks have hatched! The children have been so excited!





HOGLETS AND HEDGEHOGS



SQUIRRELS



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This term our learning as been focused on The Great Fire of London. We were lucky to experience the Rhubarb Theatre Company to introduce the topic which has led onto some fantastic learning, especially our diary writing in English.

World Book Day was great fun! We enjoyed sitting in the sunshine reading stories and sharing our favourite parts and enjoyed having the tractors visit us on the green!

What a great half term, well done to all the children for their fantastic work and great attitude to learning! We hope you have a lovely end of term holidays!





SQUIRRELS



OWLS



Owl Class have had a wonderfully busy and exciting Term 4. We began the term by celebrating World Book Day, where the children enjoyed the challenge of writing their very own Ten Word Tiny Tales—proving that even the shortest stories can spark big imagination! A real highlight was taking part in an inspiring online session with author and poet Michael Rosen. We also had a brilliant Fencing Enrichment Day, giving pupils the chance to learn about footwork, balance, and fencing techniques in a fun and active session. Later in the term, our visit to Nocton Hub offered a fascinating glimpse into local history as the children explored the archives and discovered more about how our community has changed over time. In English, the class have produced some truly impressive horror story settings. It has been a fantastic term in Owl Class, and we are incredibly proud of how much effort, curiosity, and creativity the children have shown throughout.





OWLS





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.



ADMINISTRATION TEAM



**Mrs T Elliott
Digby**



**Ms J Hayward
Dunston**



**Miss Hoddinott
School Business Manager and
Nocton**

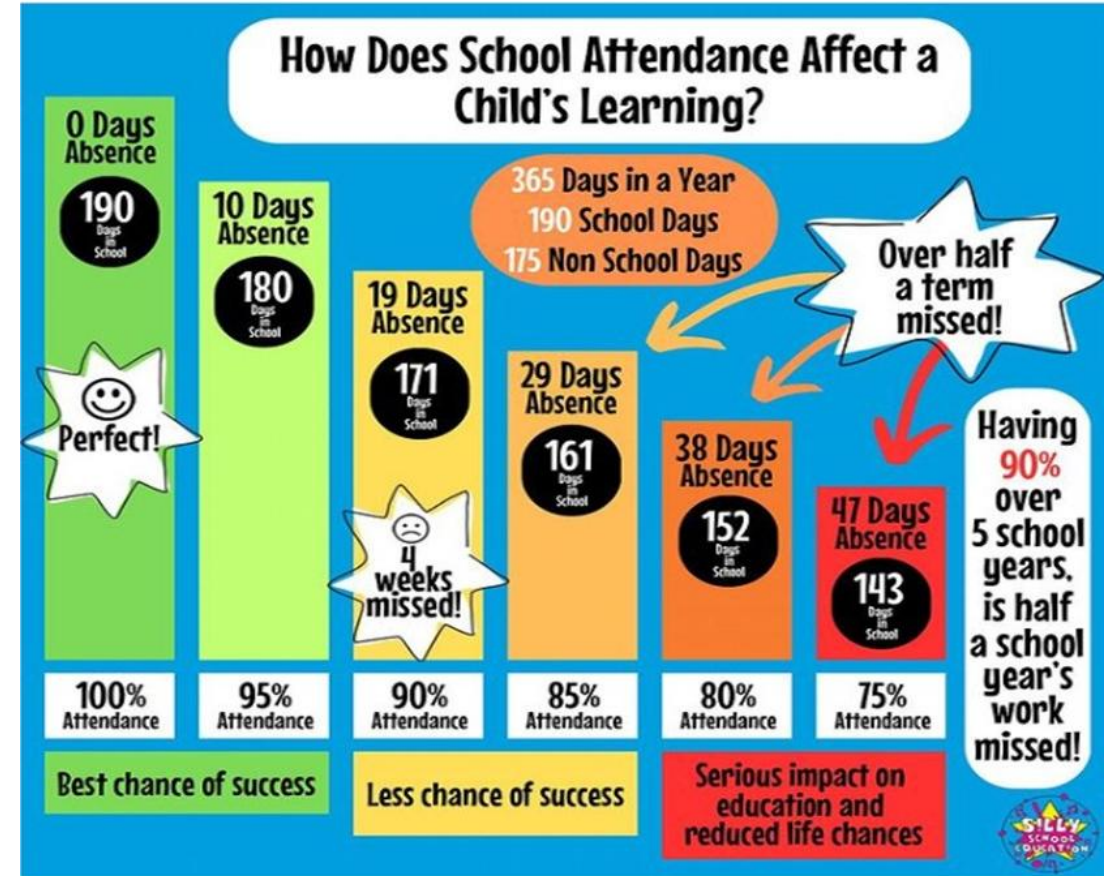
ATTENDANCE

HEDGEHOGS 97.37%

SQUIRRELS – 95.77%

OWLS – 96.59%

WHOLE SCHOOL – 96.42%



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:

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jane.mcwatt@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Odette Read (North)
Tel: 07778 534478
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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

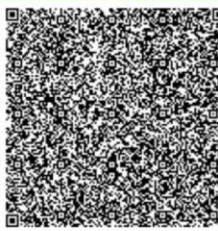



Ready Steady go to School






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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

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

Please scan a QR code to join your preferred session



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



- Thursday –

Art Club with Ms Truby for Years 1 and 2
3.20pm – 4.15pm

Thursday 30th April to Thursday 21st May

- Monday –

Yoga Club with Miss Stocks

For Years Reception, Year 1 and 3

3.20pm – 4.10pm

Monday 27th April to Monday 18th May



- Tuesday –

Multi-sports with Coach Kieran

For Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

3.20pm – 4.20pm

Tuesday 28th April to Tuesday 19th May



- Thursday –

Dodgeball/Multi-sports with Miss Vaughan
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

3.20pm – 4.15pm

Thursday 30th April to Thursday 21st May

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