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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you all enjoyed the summer break. The children have settled well into the routine of school life and into their new classes.

Sport & Lincoln City Football

Premiere Education return on Mondays to continue their delivery of specialist PE provision and to run our sports after school club on a Monday evening. Lincoln City Football Club are also in school for the next 6 weeks on a Thursday morning and have kindly left us 2 season tickets (one adult, one child). If you are interested in using the tickets please let Mrs Watt in the Office know. Home fixtures are as follows and tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis:

20 September	Luton Town	12:30
4 October	Exeter City	15:00
18 October	Stevenage	15:00

Lincoln City have also kindly donated a football shirt signed by their team players which is going to go into a prize draw for children at the end of December. All entrants to the draw must have had 100% attendance for the term 3/11/2025 to 19/12/2025.

Golf Experience Day – Thursday

We are very pleased to be welcoming a golf professional into school tomorrow – Thursday 11th September. Both the Owls and the Robins will have the opportunity to learn some new skills as they drive, chip and putt their way through a series of games and competitions. We are hoping for fine weather but please ensure that your child/ren have water proofs/coats in school.

Data Collection and Permission Forms

It is the time of year when we check that the information we hold on pupils in school is accurate and up to date, so in the next couple of days printed 'data capture' forms from our management information system will be sent home with the children. These sheets show the key information school holds regarding contact details and permissions, use of images etc. Please look out for the forms, check all the information, amend as necessary, sign and return the forms to school as soon as possible.

Change to morning routines

From Monday next week (15th September) we are going to change the way the school day starts and would like children to come straight into school as they arrive rather than gathering in playground. The gate will be open as usual from 8.50am with one member of staff directing children straight into school on their arrival, ensuring that we can start lessons promptly at 9am.

Attendance

The Department of Education has published updated guidance on improving school attendance and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the Government's rules and expectations relating to attendance and term time holidays. If your child is absent from school, please notify us on the day via Class Dojo, by leaving a phone message or emailing the Office. Where possible, please also make medical appointments outside of school time.

The DfE guidance states that term-time holiday/leave of absence should be avoided and that any such absences will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. If you require a leave of absence for your child please complete our Absence Notification Form and return it to school. Each request is considered and assessed on an individual basis. If a period of absence reaches the guidance threshold, we will notify you in writing that you may be subject to a penalty notice which will be issued by Nottinghamshire County Council. A penalty notice is issued for an unauthorised absence of 5 days or 10 sessions within a 10 week period.

DfE guidance also requires the monitoring of unauthorised absences over a period of years, so you may wish to be aware of the following:

Penalty Notice	Details
First notice in a 3 year period	Issued to each parent. Charge at £80 if paid within 21 days. £160 if paid within 28 days.
Second Notice in a 3 year period	Issued to each parent. Charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid with 28 days.
Third Notice in a 3 year period	Alternative action should be taken, for example prosecution or other legal interventions (which may result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or prison).

Attendance at our school is good, and we are committed to supporting and working closely with those families with attendance concerns. Please note that fines are therefore a last resort. Further details can be found in our Attendance Policy on the school website and I have attached the parental/carer leaflet for your attention.

Curriculum

A reminder also that details of this term's curriculum can be found on the link below. The Owls will be following Cycle A, learning about Europe and the Explorers (Italy and Romans); The Robins and Early Years will also be following Cycle A, with a weather themed topic in the Autumn term.

[Curriculum | NCPS](#)

Finally, please find attached a list of dates for the 2025-2026 academic year. I am sure we will be adding to these as we progress through the terms but I hope the key dates here will be a useful start.

Thank you for your support.

Ilona Sanderson
Head Teacher

Key Dates for the Academic Year 2025-2026

Autumn Term 1

Thursday 11 September	Golf Activity Day
Friday 26 September	Harvest Festival at the Church followed by Macmillan Coffee Morning in School
Friday 3 October	Grandparents' Lunch 12noon-1pm
Monday 13 October	Golden Assembly at 9.15am
Tuesday 14 October	School Open Day
Wednesday 15 October	Parents Evening (Miss Wright & Mrs Sanderson)
Thursday 16 October	Benchball/Basketball Festival Tuxford Academy KS2 PM Parents Evening & last day of term (Mrs Hyde)
Friday 17 October	Inset Day – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

October Half term holiday w.c. 20th October and w.c. 27th October 2026

Autumn Term 2

Monday 3 November	School re-opens to children
Thursday 13 November	Gymnastics Festival Tuxford Academy KS1 PM
Friday 21 November	Children in Need – non uniform day
Thursday 4 December	Dance/Cheerleading Festival Tuxford Academy KS1 PM
Friday 12 December	Nativity at the Church at 9.30am
Monday 15 December	Golden Assembly at 3.00pm
Thursday 18 December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 19 December	Christmas Party PM & last day of term

Christmas Holidays w.c. 22nd December and w.c. 29th December 2026

Spring Term 1

Monday 5 January	School re-opens to children
Thursday 15 January	Sports Hall Athletics Festival Tuxford Academy KS2 PM
Friday 13 February	Golden Assembly at 9.30am & last day of term

February Half Term w.c. 16th February 2026

Spring Term 2

Monday 23 February	School re-opens to children
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day Swimming Session 1 PM KS1 & KS2 only
Thursday 12 March	Swimming Session 2 PM KS1 & KS2 only
Friday 13 March	Mother's Day Lunch
Thursday 19 March	Swimming Session 3 PM KS1 & KS2 only
Friday 20 March	Red Nose Day – non uniform day
Monday 23 March	Golden Assembly at 3.00pm
Thursday 26 March	Swimming Session 4 PM KS1 & KS2 only
Friday 27 March	Last day of term

Easter holidays w.c. 30th March and w.c. 6th April 2026

Summer Term 1

Monday 13 April	School re-opens to children
Wednesday 15 April	Parents Evening (Miss Wright & Mrs Sanderson)
Thursday 16 April	Swimming Session 5 PM KS1 & KS2 only Parents Evening (Mrs Hyde)
Thursday 23 April	Swimming Session 6 PM KS1 & KS2 only
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL
Thursday 7 May	Striking & Fielding Festival Tuxford Academy KS1 PM
w.c. Monday 11 May	SATs Week
Thursday 21 May	Golden Assembly at 9.15am
Friday 22 May	Father's Day Lunch & last day of term

Spring Half Term Holiday w.c. 25th May 2026

Summer Term 2

Monday 1 June	School re-opens to children
w.c. Monday 4 June	Year 4 Maths Timetables Challenge
w.c. Monday 8 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Thursday 11 June	Rounders/Cricket Festival Tuxford Academy KS2 PM
Wednesday 17 June	Inset Day – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Thursday 25 June	Athletics (Track & Field) Festival Tuxford Academy KS1&KS2
Friday 3 July	Sports Day at the Pavilion – 9am drop off
Friday 10 July	Back-up Sports Day at the Pavilion – 9am drop off
Thursday 16 July	KS2 End of Year Production
Thursday 23 July	Leavers Assembly at 1.15pm & last day of the year for children

***Friday 24th July & Monday 27th July – Inset Days – School Closed
End of 2025-2026 Academic Year***