



William Stukeley Church of England Primary School

Where our shared Christian values give us a foundation of challenge and support, helping to make a positive change in the world, as we strive to create a community of respect and aspiration, preparing everyone for their future.



Stukeley
Federation

Newsletter: Term 1 (2023/24)

Welcome Back



A warm welcome back to the start of our new school year. I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer, even though the weather wasn't the best. The children have returned enthusiastic, positive and happy in their new classes.

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to Miss Esteves (Class Teacher) and Mrs Lakey (Teaching Assistant) in our Early Years, as well as all our new Reception children. On a personal note, I am pleased to be continuing as Acting Executive Head Teacher and look forward to continuing to move our school forward. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or can help the children and school in anyway please come and talk to the staff.

I would like to recognise the long service at William Stukeley Primary School of many members of staff who have worked at the school for at least 15 years. A special mention to Mrs Twell and Mrs Cuthbertson who have worked here for 26 years and Mrs Coote for reaching 30 years! The work and support all these staff members have given to the children and the school, through the years, is overwhelming and I would like to say a huge thank you and well done.

Mrs C Underwood
Acting Executive Head Teacher

The School Day

Please be reminded of the following times for each Key Stage:

- School Starts **8:45 am**.
- End of teaching and learning for EYFS and KS1 (YR-Y2) **3:15 pm**.
- End of teaching and learning for KS2 (Y3-Y6) **3:25 pm**.

Please could we ask that youngest children are collected first. If you have children in different pick-up points staff will look after all children until collected.

When collecting children please ensure that they are supervised at **all** times and **do not** use the trim trail or the orchard area. We would also ask that the slope onto Key Stage 2 playground is kept clear for easy access for both children and parents.

Any children using scooters or bikes must dismount and walk them through the school grounds and exit the gates before using.

Request for donations

Our reception classes would be very grateful of donations of any spare underwear (particularly girls knickers and socks / tights), in case the children need to change during the day. Please hand to class teachers if you are able to help. Thank you.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Service is being held at All Saints Church, on **Friday 29th September** at 9:00am. **You will need to take your child straight to church in the morning** and staff will be there to supervise the children from 8:45am. Parents/carers are welcome to stay if they wish. *Please note, if your child attends breakfast club, the breakfast club staff will walk the children across to church.*



If you would like to make a food donation to Holbeach Community Larder, we ask that you send non-perishable food. Thank you, in anticipation, for your support.

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Year 6 PGL Residential



Our Year 6 children (from both William Stukeley and Deeping St Nicholas Primary Schools) have just spent a fabulous three days at PGL in Caythorpe, Grantham.

The residential visit was jam-packed with activities, such as canoeing, archery, high ropes and zip wire. All children challenged themselves and many experienced things they had never tried before, despite the weather!

The children were well-behaved and a credit to both schools and themselves. The instructors complimented our children on their beautiful manners and the way that they listened to instructions and were encouraging of each other. We hope that the children enjoyed the experience and made memories that will last a lifetime.

Year 6 Secondary Applications for September 2024

If your child is in Year 6 and due to start secondary school next year, you can apply online: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions. You can contact Lincolnshire County Council via e-mail at schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk or on 01522 782030 if you have any queries or difficulties.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2023.

Open Day for September 2024 Admissions

We are holding two Open Days for families of children who are starting in Reception, next September: Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th November. There will be two sessions each day, 10.30am & 1.45pm. Places are limited and must be booked in advance via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/william-stukeley-ce-primary-school-open-day-tickets-719708907717>

Updates from last term:

Swap Shop

Last term the Doves' class ran a fantastic toy and book swap shop. We had plenty of children take part and a lot of happy children take home their 'new' toy or book. The swap shop allowed children to recycle things they no longer wanted for something new to them. Recycling at it's best! Well done, Doves.



'Transported' Ceramics Workshops



Over two days in June, the children in Years 5 & 6 were lucky enough to work with two ceramics artists from Greenfield Pottery, on a project organised by Transported, Lincoln.

Each pupil got to design and make a ceramic tulip which will be displayed as part of a large community mural to be displayed in Spalding. The final mural will depict a landscape scene, showing a field full of different coloured tulips, which will be made up of the thousands of ceramics that are created in these workshops.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and produced some beautiful final pieces.

Eco-warrior update

We would like to say a huge thank you to our local councillor Tracey Carter who very kindly donated some money to our Eco-warrior team. The children chose to spend the money on some compost bins which we look forward to setting and using this coming year.



A huge thank you to Sainsbury's in Spalding for very kindly donating boxes of seeds to school. The Eco-warriors took some of these as an end of year gift and we also had plenty left to donate to each class. We can't wait to get planting!

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Y5 & Y6 trip to Ferry Meadows

Last term as part of their Geography topic on Rivers, children in Kestrels, Eagles and Falcons went on an educational visit to Ferry Meadows in Peterborough. During the day, the children carried out fieldwork related to the speed / depth of a river, explored the physical and human features of a river, and went on a river walk where they had the chance to use their map skills to follow a route. They also went pond dipping, finding and investigating invertebrates. The children gained so much from the visit and had a fantastic day!



Indian Dance Experience

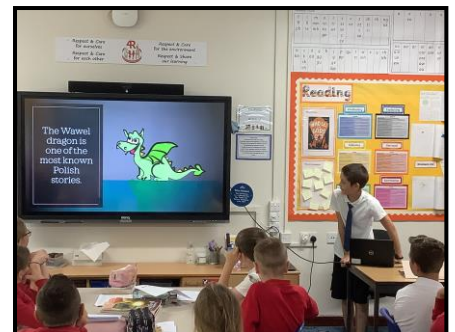


During the summer term the whole school had a fabulous few days with Sunita exploring expressing religion through the arts. The children all got to dress up in Indian clothing and they were invited to wear a bindi as part of the experience after Sunita explained that the wearing of one didn't make them a Hindu. The children and staff were all invited to follow dance routines and learn some Indian dance sequences.

Polish Day

Our children had a wonderful day on Friday 7th July learning about the different cultures, practises and foods related to Poland. The Polish children from Kestrels, Falcons and Eagles planned and carried out the activities for the whole school and they did an amazing job!

We would like to say a very big thank you to 'Julia Polish Shop' and Tesco Holbeach for providing all the food for the children to taste.



I'm a Year 6 – Get Me Out Of Here!

At the end of the last academic year, the children in years 5 & 6 put on a fabulous production of 'I'm a Year 6 – Get Me Out Of Here!' The weeks of rehearsals and learning lines certainly paid off when they delivered three outstanding performances – one to the whole school and two to parents and carers.

It takes an enormous amount of courage to stand in front of an audience to speak, act, sing and dance; we are hugely proud of each and every one of them. We definitely have some budding actors and actresses in our school – we're sure the West End and 'the big screen' awaits!

Well done to all involved.

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Poppy Factory Visit

On 6th July, 11 children from Y5 were very fortunate to visit the [Poppy Factory](#) in Richmond, Surrey. They joined children from Holbeach Academy Primary School and Holbeach Bank Primary School.

The children had a tour of the factory, learnt about the history of poppies and saw how the poppies are made – they even got to make their own! Although it was a long day for the children, they had an amazing time and thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Alan Sheppard, from the Royal British Legion. He arranged the visit and sourced funding from the local community, so there was no cost to our school.



Annual Flu Vaccinations – Monday 6th November 2023



The School Immunisation Team have asked us to share the following information:

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends

by preventing the spread of flu.

Please click on the following link to complete the online consent form for your child(ren): <https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Please enter the following code for William Stukeley CE Primary School: **EE120596**. Immunisations will take place on Monday 6th November 2023.

Lunches / Food Policy

If sending your child/children to school with a packed lunch or a snack, please be reminded that these should not include any of the following:

- Confectionery, such as sweets and whole chocolate bars.
- Nuts and nut products (including peanut butter and chocolate nut spread) due to concerns about children with nut allergies.

Our Food Policy is available on our school website:

<http://www.williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk/information/policies.html>

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



School Uniform



Our free, pre-loved uniform is now well-established and is supported by so many of you. All donated items are washed, ironed and ready for use. If you would like to request any pre-loved uniform, please complete the form by clicking the following link: we will do our best to cater for your needs (depending on the stock we have available):

[Pre-Loved Uniform](#)

We are always grateful for donations of stock, in a clean, washed condition: any boys' or girls' uniform, PE kit, winter coats, school footwear (shoes, plimsolls and trainers).

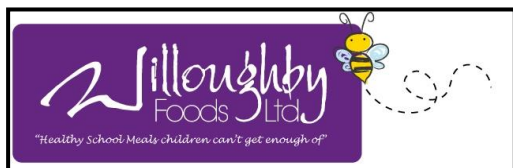
New uniform can be purchased online via our supplier Nationwide School Uniforms:

<https://www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk/>

PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHING & BELONGINGS ARE NAMED

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Willoughby Foods



Please remember to order your child's school meals before the order deadline (**midnight on the Tuesday of the week before**). If meals are not ordered in time, this creates additional work and if children do not have a lunch, we cannot always guarantee spare meals are available.

Parents/carers can contact Willoughby Foods directly if they have missed the deadline, to ask if they are able to add meals on. Order meals here: <https://www.willoughby-foods.co.uk/>

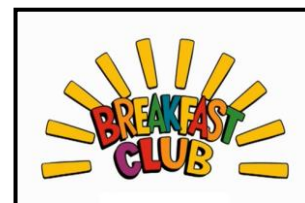
Willoughby Foods are putting on a special menu on Thursday 5th October to try to encourage more children to give school meals a try – keep an eye on Parentmail, as we will be sending a leaflet with more information soon.

Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, please click the link to apply: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club opens at 8.00am each day; sessions must be booked in advance via Parentmail to guarantee their child's place. The booking system is available to book sessions 8 weeks in advance. Sessions close 4 days before the required day. If you would like to book, please book via +Pay (Accounts) on Parentmail.



The cost of each session is £2.50 (children entitled to Free School Meals will not need to pay) and **ALL** sessions must be booked in advance, regardless whether they are chargeable or not.

Contact details



We will soon be sending home a Student Update Form for you to check through and return. To ensure we have your correct contact details it is really important that you inform the office of any changes to your contact phone numbers; this is really important should we need to contact you in an emergency situation. If you are able to provide another contact (in case we are unable to contact you) please provide their details too.

ParentMail

We'd like to encourage ALL parents to download the APP as there are a number of benefits both to you and for the school.

- You don't need to login to pickup messages or attachments when you use the APP.
- The APP stores all the messages we send you in one place so you don't have to search.
- Every message sent arrives as an instant alert on your mobile.

You can download the APP for free from either the [Apple APP store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#) and it will help you to get the best experience from the ParentMail system.

If you have any issues or queries with the process, please visit the help site: <https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/> or contact the school office.

We also use **+Pay on ParentMail** – an online payment service which allows you to pay for school items quickly and easily on your smartphone, tablet or computer. We will inform you about items you need to pay through ParentMail, and you will be able to pay electronically, using credit or debit cards.



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Diary Dates for Term 1

Wednesday 6 th September	Start of Term 1
11 th -13 th September	PGL Caythorpe residential, Year 6
16 th & 23 rd September	11+ at Spalding Grammar and Spalding High School
Thursday 21 st September	Ducks & Robins classes visiting All Saints Church, 2pm-3pm
Friday 29 th September	Harvest Festival at All Saints Church (straight to church in the morning)
14 th October	11+ results to parents
Friday 20 th October	End of Term 1

Diary Dates for Term 2

Tuesday 31 st October	Start of Term 2
Monday 6 th November	Flu Immunisations - Reception- Year 6, <i>only those who have given consent</i>
Tuesday 7 th November	Parents Evening, 4.00pm-6.00pm (booking details to follow)
Wednesday 8 th November	Parents Evening, 4.30pm-7.30pm (booking details to follow)
Wednesday 15 th November	Open Day for Reception 2024 intake (10.30am & 1.45pm) <i>Bookable</i>
Thursday 16 th November	Open Day for Reception 2024 intake (10.30am & 1.45pm) <i>Bookable</i>
Friday 8 th December	Advent Church Service at All Saints Church, 9.00am (details to follow)
Friday 15 th December	School Christmas lunch
Wednesday 20 th December	End of Term 2

TERM DATES 2023/24

Term 1	Wednesday 6th September – Friday 20th October 2023
Term 2	Tuesday 31st October – Wednesday 20th December 2023
Term 3	Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 9th February 2024
Term 4	Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March 2024
Term 5	Tuesday 16th April – Friday 24th May 2024 <i>Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday (school closed)</i>
Term 6	Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July 2024

*Staff Training Days
(school closed)*

*Monday 4th September 2023
Tuesday 5th September 2023
Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Monday 15th April 2024*

One training day remaining; twilight sessions

Due to school requirements training days may be subject to change.

School Times

School Starts 8:45 am.
Lunchtime KS1 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm.
Lunchtime KS2 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm.
End of teaching and learning for KS1 3:15 pm.
End of teaching and learning for KS2 3:25 pm.