



Learning Together for Life

Headteacher's Newsletter – September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all well and you managed to have some well-deserved rest during the school summer holidays. It was lovely to welcome our children back last week and I would like to also welcome our Reception children – it is always great to have new children and their families join us. We are all very excited to start the year and enjoy lots of great opportunities that it will bring.

In this newsletter, I want to share some reminders and updates for the start of term.

If there is anything I can help with or if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Nichola Allerston
Executive Head Teacher

School Uniform

It is wonderful to see the children back in school looking so smart in their new uniforms. If there are any queries about uniform, please refer to our policy: [NWF Uniform Policy](#)

Please note specifically:

- Only polo type t-shirts should be worn; not button up formal shirts or blouses
- P.E tracksuits need to be plain black or blue with no branding
- Earrings need to be a stud only and taken out for PE lessons
- Children need to wear correct P.E uniform on their P.E days – not clothing with sport logos, etc.

If your child cannot wear the correct uniform (school or P.E) for reasons of affordability, please get in touch with us to see how we can support. MRAG also offer uniform at their uniform bank – please see the office for further information.

Meet the Teacher

We will be holding our Meet the Teacher event after school on Tuesday 16th September from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. This is an opportunity to come into school to meet your child's class teacher and have a chat with them. Please come into the main building through the office.

Carlton Lodge Residential

Our Year 5/6 children are very excited to be going on our residential trip to Carlton Lodge in the next couple of weeks. We will be holding an information event on Tuesday 9th September at 5.30pm. The meeting will take place in the school hall. Please use the side hall door to join us for the meeting.

Parking

You will be aware that double yellow lines have been painted on both sides of the road outside our main school entrance on Mill Road. Please help to keep our children and adults safe by not parking outside of school. If you park on Mill Road, please be mindful of our neighbours to ensure you don't block their drives or entrances to their properties. Park and Stride is available from Coop car park and you can cross with our school crossing patrol by the crossroads. We appreciate your continued support to keep everyone safe.

Attendance and Lateness

Attendance remains a high priority for us – children need to be in school to receive the best education they can and increase their chances of success in later life.
Can we remind you that school starts at 8.45am. Children need to be in their lines to come into school with their class. We will closely monitor attendance and lateness and arrange panel meetings if they are required.
Can we also remind you that term time holidays will not be authorised. We are starting Year Two of the revised attendance policy and follow the Local Authority guidance regarding absences during term time.



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Penalty notice information is as follows:

Penalty Notice	Details
First Notice in a 3 year period :	Issued to each parent. Charged 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 within 28 days.
Third Notice in a 3 year period :	Alternative action should be taken, for example prosecution or other attendance legal interventions. Fines per parent are capped at two within any three-year period. If a parent is prosecuted for their child's non-attendance, they could face a magistrates court appearance and a fine of up to £2,500 and/or prison. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

INSET Days

Just a reminder that our INSET Days this year are as follows:

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Additional INSET training will involve twilight training sessions.

Defeat the Sweet

We continue to follow the Local Authority Defeat the Sweet policy – this is vital in ensuring the health and well being of our children.

We remain a water / milk only school. Fizzy and other drinks are not allowed in school. If there is a medical reason your child cannot drink water and need an alternative, please make an appointment with myself to discuss further.

Snacks – Key Stage One have a healthy snack provided each day.

Key Stage Two children can bring in their own healthy snack for playtimes – no chocolate or sweets please.

Important School Policies

Each year we share with parents important policies that you should be aware of. Links to these policies are below.

There are also many other policies on our website that you might choose to read.

<https://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk/parents.php#Policies>

Safeguarding Policy: Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have a concern about a child, please speak to the school Designated Safeguarding Lead (Nichola Allerston) or contact Lincolnshire's Children's services on 01522 782111

Parent Code of Conduct: All staff and children have the right to feel safe and secure on our school site. Threatening behaviour including shouting at staff, anti-social behaviour or use of foul language will not be tolerated and could lead to a ban from site.

Behaviour Policy: This policy outlines our positive behaviour management system and outlines how we reward children and also how will work with children and parents if things go wrong.

Volunteers in School

We always welcome volunteers into school. If you are able to regularly give some time to support us, please get in touch with Mr Briston (sam.briston@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk) and let him know. All volunteers will need a DBS check and will undertake a short safeguarding induction.

Things we need volunteers for include:

- Gardening
- Hearing children read
- Supervising Swimming (Terms 1,5 and 6)



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Parents' Evenings

We will hold our formal Parental Consultations on the **1st and 2nd October** between 3.30pm – 7.00pm. This is a formal opportunity to discuss how well your child has settled into this academic year, find out what progress they have made and what you can do to help them at home. We will send out a booking form later in the term.

School Photographs

We will be taking individual and sibling photographs on **Wednesday 15th October**. If your child has P.E or swimming that day please send them in school uniform with their P.E Uniform to get changed into.

Packed Lunches

If your child has packed lunches, please make sure you follow the policy which has been written with pupil health and wellbeing in mind. Please remember nuts are not allowed in school due to allergies.

Food Orders

Please remember to order your hot meal from the school kitchen via Wisepay by the preceding Monday each week. If you have any issues with Wisepay or if you don't have access to the internet please speak to the office staff who will be happy to help you.

Clubs

We are really pleased to be able to offer lots of extra-curricular clubs this term. These clubs will start on the **W/B 22/9/24**. The information outlining what clubs we offer and how to book on will be sent out shortly.

Swimming

Please see timetable for swimming sessions for each class, which will continue until the October half term. After the October half term holiday, the swimming slot will change to P.E so there will be two P.E sessions per week. Swimming will re commence at Easter.

Class	Day and Time
Finches	Tuesday 9:00-10:30
Swallows	Wednesday 9:00-10:30
Robins	Wednesday 10:30-12:00
Merlins	Tuesday 10:30-12:00
Martins	Thursday 10:30-12:00
Kestrels	Thursday 9:00-10:30
Harriers	Friday 9:00-10:30
Falcons	Monday 10:30-12:00
Eagles	Monday 1:00-2:10
Ospreys	Friday 1:00-2:10
Kites	Friday 2:10-3:20

Year Group Leaders

We have a Year Group Leader for all of our key stages who are available to help with any queries you have if you don't have chance to see your child's class teacher.

Please contact them on the emails below

Laura Parker – EYFS lead laura.parker@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk

Caroline Matthews – Key Stage One lead caroline.matthews@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk

Katie Turner – Key Stage Two lead katie.turner@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk

Alternatively, you can contact myself nichola.allerston@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk or our Head of School, Sam Briston sam.briston@marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk

Prospective Parents' Evening

We will be holding a prospective parent evening on Thursday 9th October. This will be for parents with children due to start school in September 2026. If you know any parents who have children who will be eligible, please share this date with them. We will also be holding tours for prospective parents during the week beginning Monday 6th October.



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Term dates

Below are some term dates for your diary. We will update term dates in each monthly newsletter.

W/C 8 th Sep	Homework will be sent home from this week Swimming starts – until October half term
9 th Sep	Carlton Lodge Parents Meeting 5.30pm
16 th Sep	Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
22 nd Sep	After School Clubs start
1 st /2 nd Oct	Parents' Evenings
9 th Oct	Prospective Parents' Evening
15 th Oct	Individual School Photographs
17 th Oct	Harvest Festival Services – Key Stage One 9.30am / Key Stage Two 1.30pm
23 rd Oct	End of Term One