



Learning Together for Life

Headteacher's Newsletter – January 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to all of our school community. We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and that your child has enjoyed returning to school for the exciting Spring Term.

It has been busy already with WOW days and lots of exciting activities planned over the term.

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

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Kind regards

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Executive Head Teacher

Attendance and Lateness

Our attendance overall is currently below where we would like it to be but we are very aware of the amount of illnesses that are affecting our families currently. Please do keep your child at home if they are ill and we look forward to them returning when they are well enough.

We continue to have quite a few children regularly arriving at school after the start of school at 8.45am. Learning begins as soon as the children come into school and they miss vital lessons at the start of the day. This can add up to a lot of missed learning over each term. Children need to be in the line with their class at 8.45am every morning.

Can we also ask you to ensure you contact the school office to report your child's absence when you know they are not going to be in school. This hugely helps our office staff not needing to make lots of calls home when children are absent.

Facebook

We have recently set up a Federation Facebook page where you can follow us to see lots of exciting things that are happening in school. We are no longer using our X account. You can find us by searching North Wolds Federation or click the tab on the top left home page on our website.

Website

We have also recently launched new school and Federation websites – please bear with us whilst we finalise them to ensure they have everything we need included.

We will be setting up a calendar tab at the bottom of the home page where we will update important dates for your diary each term to enable you to quickly find information about events, etc. [Market Rasen C of E Primary School - Home Page](#)

FAFF



Thank you to everyone who supported the various FAFF events over last term. The committee worked very hard to raise money towards lots of resources for the children including books, ipads and supporting the pantomime.

FAFF would like to appeal for any wanted gifts from Christmas you might have that you would be happy to donate towards tombolas and raffles throughout the year. Please bring any items to the school office.

School Closure / Adverse Weather

In the unlikely event of us needing to close school due to adverse weather conditions or in an emergency, we will try and give as much notice as possible. We will notify you through Wisepay and you can check

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures

Term Dates

Just a reminder that this term ends on Friday 13th February and we return to school on Monday 23rd February.

We are unable to authorise any holidays taken during term time.



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Behaviour Policy

All schools are required to annually make parents aware of the whole school behaviour management policy. In our last Ofsted inspection, the children's behaviours and attitudes were identified as a strength. To view our behaviour policy please visit our website [Market Rasen C of E Primary School - Policies](#)

School places for September 2026

The closing date for applications for school is the 15th January 2026. If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2026 or know anyone who has not yet applied, please follow the link or contact Lincolnshire County Council.

[Applying to primary or junior school](#)

Letting You Know How Your Child is Doing

We like to regularly let you know how well your child is doing in school. We do this in the following ways:

Term 1: Parents' Evening

Term 2/3: Termly Report (*This will come out later this week*)

Term 4: Parents' Evening

Term 5: Termly report

Term 6: End of Year Report

If you would like information regarding your child's progress outside of these times, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Clubs

You will have received a letter with all of the clubs available this term. We are able to offer more than ever so hopefully there is something for everyone. Please follow the Forms link in the letter to book your child into after school clubs.

Clubs restart the week beginning Monday 19th January and will run on the following weeks:

W/B Monday 19th January Week 1

W/B Monday 26th January Week 2

W/B Monday 2nd February Week 3

W/B Monday 9th February Week 4

Half Term

W/B Monday 23rd February Week 5

W/B Monday 2nd March Week 6

W/B Monday 9th March Week 7

W/B Monday 16th March Week 8

W/B Monday 23rd March Week 9

W/B Monday 30th March Week 10 (not Friday 3rd April)

Please note, clubs will not run on the following dates due to Parents' Evening:

Wednesday 25th March 2026

Thursday 26th March 2026

Important Dates

We try to give you as much notice as possible for events happening in school.

Please find below important dates for Term Three. We will send any additional dates or changes out on Wisepay.

Term 3

6th January 2026 Start of Term 3

9th January 2026 Curriculum Newsletters Out

13th January 2026 FAFF meeting 6.30pm – please come along if you would like to join the committee.

16th January 2026 Termly Reports Out

w/b 19th January 2026 Term 3 Clubs Start

28th January 2026 5.00pm Parents' Residential Meeting – Year 3/4

30th January 2026 Young Voices concert – Sheffield Arena

10th February 2026 Safer Internet Day

13th February 2026 End of Term 3