### St Bartholomew's C of E **Primary**

### Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians

Happy half-term! What a busy term we have had. From farm trips, fireman visits, museum trips, pumpkin picking, discos, exceptional class learning, individual achievements, to sporting fixtures, this term has been full of enrichment, fun and togetherness.

New classrooms, teachers and classmates can often be daunting. We grow accustomed to our comfort zones and the familiar feel of daily routines. However, our children have delved into the first 6 weeks with great gusto! They have formed new friendships, worked brilliantly to adapt to new teaching styles and timetables. I am incredibly proud of their perseverance, kindness and eagerness to improve their own learning.

Thank you, to all who have supported us at events, transporting or have simply joined us for our collective worships - you are appreciated, and St Bartholomew's is the school it is because of the parents, children and teamwork.

I hope that you have restful, yet fun-filled half terms and I look forward to seeing everyone again for more wonderful challenges, learning and the very exciting lead up to another wonderful festive season.

Have a wonderful break

Take care

Miss Ingle

# School Council: I would like to introduce the new school council members for this aca-

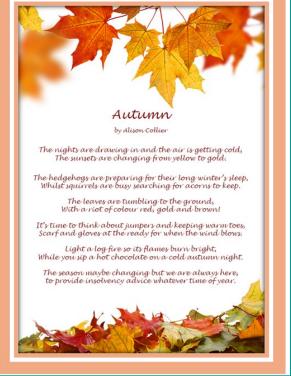
hat, so that a small group of children from each year group could be added to the voting slip. These slips were then distributed across the school and all children voted for 1 person from each year group. Caryna (the Y6 school council lead) counted up the votes. The following children received the highest number of votes and are members of the 2024 school council team. Our first event was leading a collective worship this week, where the school council introduced themselves and spoke about their likes and dislikes. We then held a question and answer session to give the school an opportunity to get to know the school council members.

We are also excited to support Children in Need in November (please see separate letter for further details and merchandise information).

Have a lovely holiday,

Miss Cannon and the School Council Team







# School News

## Attendance Winner of the Week:

Nightingale Class are the attendance winners of the week and have won a trip to the park w/c 28th October 2024.



**Harvest Service:** On a blustery afternoon at the end of September we came together as a community for our Harvest Celebration and Procession. Poetry, Readings and Song filled the St Bartholomew's Church on this special occasion where we thanked God who shows his love in caring day by day.

The generous donations have been delivered to AGAPE and we hope that it can help as many people as possible in our community.

During this time of unrest across different parts of the world we try to remember that God made a promise to his people, 'While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease'.

We are so fortunate in this country because we have food to eat. Let us continue to think of those people who live in countries where many are starving because of famine and war. Let us hope that they can live in peace and that the richer countries of the world will unite to send them help.



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		Agape Care Foodbank The Lighthouse Church 10 Haverfield Road Spalding Lincolnshire. PE11 2XP	
	Direct Dial: Email Address:	07858692289 agapecare@live.co.uk	
Dear St. Batholomenus	Primary.	School	
Thank you so much for your generous financial and food support to the Agape Care Foodbank over these past months.			
As you know, needy families and individuals in our community go without proper food every day, due to a variety of different factors such as homelessness, unemployment, low income, domestic violence, sickness etc.			
With the generous support of people like you, we are able to reach out to so many people in crisis and help many of these families and individuals receive essential daily needs. We are extremely grateful for all the gifts we receive; through both food and financial help.			
Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support.			
Sincerely, Agapecare Management Team			
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Scan this QR code to view photos of the Harvest Service held on 30th September 2024.

**Safeguarding:** Safeguarding is our top priority here at St Bart's and we would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the safeguarding information that is available on our website. The safeguarding tab includes a range of information about safeguarding in school, safeguarding at home and a list of useful contacts if you require advice and support. Please also see the safeguarding and child protection policy for further information about how we safeguard children and staff in school.

Miss Ingle (Safeguarding Lead) and Miss Cannon (Safeguarding Deputy)

### Pumpkins:

A huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Barnett for providing every child at St Bartholomew's with a pumpkin to take home. We are very grateful for their generosity.



**PE at St Bart's—Football:** On behalf of everyone here at St Bart's, I would like to commend and congratulate the Year 3 and 4 boys who took part in Elite Sports Academies Football Tournament this term. Our team did brilliantly, for many of them it was their first time at a tournament as such, they played against lots of other schools and really dug deep. Our children showed grace, perseverance and resilience. Congratulations to all who competed and a huge thank you to Mr Wallis and Mrs Barnard who supported and cheered us on at the event.

Football Training commenced in September with Mr Wallis, this has been a huge success and is popular amongst many of our children. Training is mixed and supports our children ahead of the Elite Sports Academy Leagues we have entered. We are delighted to share that our Team that have entered the Y5/6 Boys Football League have won one game and lost another. We wish them all the very best for their final two fixtures over the coming weeks.

A head's up – the Girls Football League commences soon, keep your eyes peeled for information. Miss Cox





Indoor PE Timetable for Term 2 2024-25:

Wednesday: Nightingale

Thursday: Darwin

### **Outdoor PE Timetable for Term 2:**

Monday: Nightingale

Tuesday: Darwin

Thursday: Franklin

Friday: Franklin

**Children in Need:** On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 we will be having a non-uniform day in order to support Children in Need. The theme this year is 'SPOTACULAR'. Children are invited to come to school in spotty clothes. If your child does not have spotty clothes – they may wear their own comfy clothes, pyjamas, onesies, or Pudsey themed clothes. Children can come dressed in non-uniform and bring in a £1 donation for charity.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We will be selling wristbands and badges for £1 each. We have Pudsey bands that are made from a stretchy material and come in 2 different colours. We also have gold pin badges, also £1. All funds will go to Children in Need. The merchandise will be available to buy from Nightingale Class from 8:35am each morning and at playtime/lunchtime. If your child would like to purchase an item,

please send the money into school with them. We look forward to seeing how much we raise this year!

Thank you for your support,

Miss Cannon and the School Council Team



Term 2 Breakfast Club: Bookings for attending our Breakfast club can be made via ParentMail up until the Tuesday of the week before. After this day, please contact the school office.

Term 2 After School Clubs: The following clubs take place during term 2 and can be booked via ParentMail up until the Tuesday of the week before. After this day, please contact the school office. These clubs are free and run by staff/parents. The clubs on offer must be booked even if they are free. Clubs available during term 2 are:

### Monday—Netball Year 4, 5 & 6 (Miss Cox)

#### Friday — Chess Year 3, 4, 5, 6 (Mrs Willerton)

Childcare is also available in school every day from 3.15pm until 5pm. You are able to book sessions from 3.15pm to 4pm, 3.15pm to 5pm, or 4pm to 5pm if your child is attending a free club first. Please be aware that if parents/carers/guardians are more than 10 minutes late collecting from after school clubs at 4pm there will be a charge of a full hour, per child, childcare cost. We have a school mobile for afterschool care. The number is: 07396725986. It will be turned off during the school day. It will only be available for parents who have children attending afterschool care during afterschool care hours. For all other queries, please contact the school office.

**Governors:** It has been another great start to the academic year. The children have settled in well and are full of enthusiasm. I would like to welcome our new parents to the school and look forward to meeting you all.

The governors have already had their first full meeting where a new chair and vice chair were appointed. I have taken on the responsibility of chair of the governing body and Ollie Willets is the vice chair. At our meeting in October the governors were able to set out our expectations and monitoring plans for the coming year. We are really looking forward to meeting the children, staff and our parents.

I would like to share with you the parent governor vacancy we currently have. We believe becoming a parent governor is a rewarding opportunity to give back to your local community and use your skills and experience to ensure that pupils get the best possible education. If this is something you would like to know more about then please get in touch with the school office or me and we can have a chat. Details regarding the Parent Governor vacancy will be sent out at the beginning of Term 2.

We will continue to work hard on our School Development Plan, the priorities have already been shared with your by Miss Ingle. As governors we regularly visit the school to meet with staff and children to monitor the progress. The monitoring focus for the governing body next term will be, reading, writing and maths and we will share the progress with you going forward.

### **Our Governing Body**

Miss S Ingle – Head	Mrs K Davison – Staff
Mrs P Peach – Foundation	Mrs S Andleeb – LA – Chair
Mr O Willet – Parent – Vice Chair	Mr P Callow – Co-opted
Mr M Wallis – Co -opted	Mrs E Willis – Co-opted
Vacancy – Parent	Mr G Peating – Clerk

I hope that you all have a truly fantastic October break and look forward to seeing you in November.

Best wishes, Sajda Andleeb, Chair of Governors

School Photos: Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is **Thursday 24th October 2024**. Orders can also be made through the Tempest website using your unique link (www.tempest-orders.co.uk). If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

**Reading Rocks Club:** Once again reading has been in full swing at St Bart's this term. Thank you to everyone who has visited the library on a daily basis to change their reading book. I am particularly proud of some members of the breakfast club who change their books even before school has officially opened, so well done!



Well done to Sebastian in Nightingale Class who won our first Reading star certificate and a book from the vending machine. Miss Canon and I nominated him because he knows all of his Set 1 sounds and is blending all the words that Miss Cannon has given him. He reads at home everyday with his family and is already showing his love for Reading which is just wonderful. Well done Sebastian!

The winners of the golden tickets this term is Franklin class! Well done. Please come and see me for your vending machine golden coin.

Years R,1 and 2 were invited to Reading Rocks this term. It was lovely to see our new Librarians supporting the younger children as they made sto-

ry puppets and also sharing books with them. Don't forget Reading Rocks Club runs every Friday lunch from 12.30-1pm.

Thank you to my 2 new librarians Lewis & Emily who have taken to their role so well. Last week they were busy coding new books and tidying all the book shelves. Also, a big thank you to our head boy Harry who volunteered to come along and help.

I have been fortunate enough to attend to a 'Reading for pleasure' course this term. I am hoping that the knowledge I gain from this course throughout the year will support our schools reading culture even further. I have been asked at the course to find out more from parents and their understanding about reading for pleasure. Please would you take the time to fill out the question-naire via ParentMail forms.

I'm so excited to let you know that next term our Reading Weekend bags will return. In each class bag you will find a new book, hot chocolate, cosy blanket and our Bartholomew Bear. Please share this bag with someone at home during the weekend and return to school on the

Monday for another child to take home the next week. If you could share a photo to enquires or Tapestry I would really appreciate it.

Wishing you a wonderful half term 🛄

Mrs Szydlowski 🛄

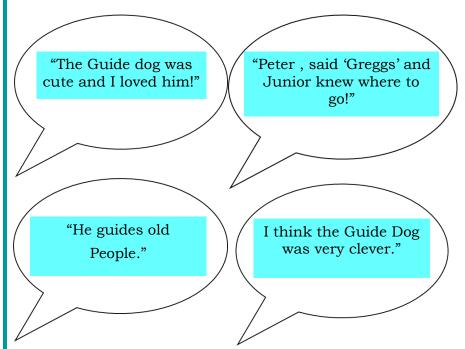




**Safety Week:** This week has been our annual Safety Week, that focuses on raising awareness and promoting the safety and well-being of our children. It is a unique opportunity to educate and empower our pupils to make safe choices in various situations.

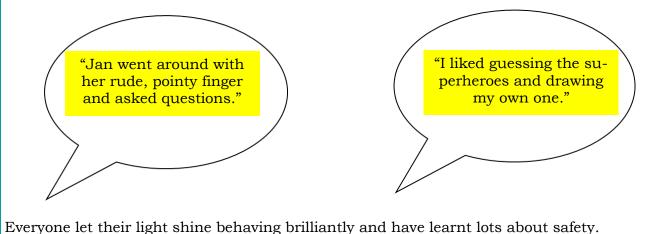
We received a wonderful insight into the PCSO role from PCSO Holland about preventing crime and supporting the police. He helped KS1 pupils to identify what anti-social behaviour is and how to report it. With KS2, he explored mobile phones, social media, criminal responsibility from the age of 10.

St Bartholomew's School welcomed the extraordinary Guide Dog Junior who keeps his owner Peter safe from harm, mobile and healthy.





Each class has participated in interactive Online Workshops.



**PTFA News:** <u>**Easy Fundraising**</u> is a great source of funds for the school which could raise £££s for the PTFA. A range of retailers, holiday companies, Ebay, Tesco and many more donate a percentage of money spent when parents / carers / guardians spend money. It costs the consumer absolutely nothing at all. Parents / carers / guardians need to click on the easy fundraising link:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/

- Register an email and password
- Nominate your cause
- Download a reminder tool to browser so when purchases are made through a partner a reminder is sent.

Make the purchase and a percentage goes to St Barts!

£74.28 raised in the last quarter



### **PTFA** Dates

22.11.24 Family Bingo 13.12.24 Christmas Disco (1.15—2.30pm) 13.12.24 Christmas Fayre (3.15 – 5.15pm) 16.3.25 Car Boot Sale 2.4.25 Easter Disco

Maths: Here at St Bart's, we have high expectations for all and support our children in mak-

ing excellent progress. We are committed to supporting our children with their learning and attainment. Times-tables and number facts are the foundations of all that we do in Maths lessons, therefore it is imperative that we encourage the children to work on these so that they develop their instant recall of them. We would encourage you to support your children by using these key websites that will support your children with their learning.



Hit the Button, a free game on the internet suitable for all ages.



Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds (topmarks.co.uk)

1-Minute Maths is designed for use both in class and at home, this app helps children build greater confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging 1-minute chunks. Suitable for children in KS1 and early KS2, the first version of the app is free and available for Apple / IOS, Android and Kindle.



Nrich is a research-based support network who value their partnership with schools to support children becoming confident learners of mathematics by offering rich mathematical activities which aim to nurture curious, resource-ful and confident learners, who have positive attitudes.

Primary Parents | NRICH (maths.org)

Early-years Parents | NRICH (maths.org)

**Nightingale Class:** have had an amazing first term. The new Reception children have settled in so well and are gaining confidence each day. Friendships are blossoming and this is wonderful to witness. The children have been playing in Little Red Riding Hood's cottage, performing on the stage, exploring the garden area and much more. The children thoroughly enjoyed developing their fine motor skills last week by hammering golf tees into pumpkins – what great fun! The Year 1 children have been incredible with our new starters. They have been patient, caring, supportive and helpful. They have guided them around the classroom, as well as the school and are always there to offer a helping hand.

Thank you to the parents who came to the Reception welcome service that took place at the beginning of term. The new reception children were welcomed into our school community during the service. They all received a bible, and this will stay in school with them until they leave us. After the service, we were joined by many Reception parents who came back to school with us for lunch. The children absolutely loved this and enjoyed eating with you.

Harvest festival soon followed the Reception welcome service, with Nightingale Class performing a Harvest song and reading their poem. Well done to everyone for remembering the words and actions to the song and for speaking in a loud, clear voice during the poem.

The Reception children are progressing well with their set 1 sounds and learning to read words containing these sounds. The Year 1 children are continuing with set 2 and 3 sounds and working very hard to retain these in prep for the Year 1 Phonics test next summer. Please refer to the Phonics booklet that was in your child's book bag earlier this week.

Zoolab came to visit last week and shared their wonderful creatures with us. We met a tarantula, a gecko, a snake, a frog and a cockroach. The children were so brave and held all of the visitors. They had some great questions and listened carefully to the information that was given to them. Thank you Zoolab for a fabulous experience!

Nightingale Class had a wonderful trip to the farm last week. The children stroked chickens, collected and counted eggs, met Hecate the dog and her turkeys, made a human water chain to give the turkeys some water and then made autumn nature bracelets. The children were awesome and Farmer Hannah and Jenny were very impressed with them. I would like to say a big thank you to the lovely volunteers who joined us and helped the trip run smoothly.

We hope you have a lovely half term,

Miss Cannon, Mrs Szydlowski, Mrs Morris, Miss Stead and Miss Amatt







**Darwin Class:** Welcome to Darwin News! It has been such a busy term, full of visitors, educational visits and new learning. The children have spent this half term, settling into new routines and are beginning to adapt to their new surroundings.

Year 2 Darwin have had a wonderful start to the year. They have been focused, enthusiastic and a pleasure to teach.

In maths we have been developing our confidence with place value. We have learnt how to partition two-digit numbers, represent numbers in different ways and count in 2s, 5's, 10's and 3's. New times tables practices have been started and the children have been incredibly determined to improve with each go. They have done brilliantly!

Through Pathways to Read and Write we have been learning about Trolls! Some of them have been good and some of them have been very naughty. The children have developed their use of capital letters, punctuation, different sentence types and conjunctions. They have created troll descriptions, instructions and have written some fabulous narratives based on mini animations that we have watched. In reading, we have focused on inference, retrieval and vocabulary.

Last week, Darwin class went on an Educational Visit to Milton Park Estate. The weather held well for us and the sun shone. The children planted new trees, went on a bug hunt and used their scientific knowledge to classify them. They were also provided with the opportunity to partake in some Natural Art based on the well -known artist Andy Goldsworthy. The children created beautiful pictures using natural objects and enjoyed working together. Lots of the children have commented on how excited they were to meet a golden eagle, and it surprised them to learn that it was 23 years old!

Darwin class have written thank you letters to the Estate saying what a lovely time they had.

This week is Safety Week, and the children have had many visitors in school ranging from a Guide Dog to our local PCSO. They had amazing questions and listened to the visitors very well. As well as this, the children have been learning all about how to stay safe in a variety of ways.

What must also be mentioned is how enthusiastic Darwin class have been about their observational art this term. Some fantastic and creative pieces indeed! Well done Darwin Class!

Mrs Davison, Miss Ingle, Miss Illingworth, Mrs Amatt and Mrs Elwes



**Franklin Class:** What a busy term we have had in Franklin Class! It was an absolute delight to welcome the children back to school in September and to see so many smiling faces. The children were fascinated by their new learning environment and continuing to develop their friend-ships. I am so proud of each member of Franklin Class for demonstrating resilience, determination and perseverance to achieve, succeed and truly 'let their light shine'.

We are currently learning about WWII and the impact going to war had on Britain. This has been absolutely fascinating, the children have learnt so much about the causes, significant events, public figures and most recently the evacuation of children from larger cities to rural villages like West Pinchbeck. Alongside this, they have studied how songs from WWII rallied troops and engaged those left behind. This has culminated in the children learning the Solfa Scale with the help of the iconic song 'Do Re Mi' from the Sound of Music. In Design and Technology the children have been designing toys that they have come across in their research and study of WWII, these will be assembled to demonstrated their understanding of pulleys and levers. Our 'Light' topic in science has really grabbed the children's attention as they have investigated shadows as part of our sequence of learning. From creating hashtags in English about history-makers and icons from our text 'Gifted, Young and Black, the children have been studied the challenges people face in our society. The children have been inspired the imagination, determination and foolhardiness of many, demonstrating this through beautifully written magazine interviews, diary entries and letters.

Safety Week in school has been full of exciting visitors and has really enriched the children's learning experiences in school. The children are engaging with our curriculum and I look forward to watching them develop in confidence in pursuit of their personal goals and aspirations. On behalf of the Franklin Class Team, I would like to thank our parents and carers for your support, and I hope you all have a wonderful half-term break.

Miss Cox, Mrs Thorley and Mrs Elwes

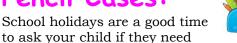


### **Up and Coming Events**

29.10.24 Term 2 begins 29.10.24 Flu Vaccinations (Yr R-6) 31.10.24 Applications for Secondary schools close 15.11.24 Children in Need Day 3&4.12.24 Nightingale Nativity 13.12.24 Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donations) 13.12.24 Whole School Christmas Lunch (book through Willoughby's) 16&17.12.24 Parents Evenings 18.12.24 Whole School Trip to Panton 19.12.24 Class Parties

19.12.24 Christingle Carol Service (2.15pm)

### Pencil Cases:



any of their stationery for their pencil cases replenishing. Please be aware that children use their glue sticks in most lessons and therefore they run out frequently.

### Term Dates 2024-25

Term 2: 29th Oct—19th Dec 2024 Term 3: 6th Jan—14th Feb 2025 Term 4: 24th Feb—4th April 2025 Term 5: 23rd April— 23rd May 2025 Term 6: 2nd June—22nd July 2025

St Bartholomew's Church News: Thirsty on a Thursday: The Church is open

every Thursday between 9.30—11am for you to drop in any time for tea/coffee and a chat.

Flu Vaccinations: At the beginning of this term, a letter was sent to all par-

ents/carers/guardians, via ParentMail, regarding the annual flu vaccinations. The vaccinations, which are in the form of a nasal spray, will be administered at the beginning of Term 2 to those children whose parents/carers/guardians have given consent. Please click on the following link to complete the online form indicating if you **give or do not give** consent for your child to receive this vaccination. Please enter the school code: **EE120551**.

### Helping the Environment:

<u>Clothing Recycling</u>: Our clothes recycling container is situated in the bike shed. If you wish to use it and the gates are locked, please let the school office know and a member of staff will open the gates for you. This facility is available term time only between 8.30am and 3.30pm. Your donations need to be deposited in a bag, however, please can we ask that you do not leave bags by the locked gates. This is a community facility and therefore is available for the wider community to use.

<u>Battery Collection</u>: Remember to bring in your used batteries (AAA, AA, C, D) for recycling. You can return your battery box or use the big battery collection box in the bike shed.

<u>Ink Cartridges</u>: Remember to bring in your used ink cartridges and place them in the box in the bike shed. Please note toner and laser cartridges are not accepted as part of the programme.

# Health Care Plans 2024-25: If you have previously completed a Health

Care Plan for your child then a new form is available, via ParentMail, for you to complete for 2024-25. If you feel your child requires a Health Care Plan, please contact the school office and a form can be made available for you to complete.

### Home School Agreement 2024-25: Thank you to those parents who

have completed our annual Home School Agreement form, via ParentMail. If you haven't done so already, please complete the form as soon as possible.

**Parent Mail App:** The App is available for Android 4.4 devices and above and Apple iOS 8 and above devices. To download the App, simply visit the App store on your phone, and search "ParentMail". Please note, you must be registered to use the ParentMail App – you can register on a browser from the email or text registration invitation you have been sent. In order to download the PMX App you will need



iOS 7.0 or higher.

**School Meals:** Menus for term 2 are available to order via the Willoughby Foods Ltd website <u>www.willoughby-foods.co.uk</u>. Reception and



KS1 parents/carers/guardians must order meals directly from Willoughby Foods Ltd to take up the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) offer. Children entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) will be ordered an option 1 main meal and an option 1 pudding unless parents log on and amend. **The order deadline for ordering for term 2 week 1 is midnight on Tuesday 22nd October 2024**. If you haven't ordered meals by this date, please remember to send your child with a packed lunch as the meals delivered to school are the number that are ordered, therefore there are no spare meals available. Menus are available to view on the school website.



**Free School Meals:** To apply for Free School meals please see the 'about' page on our school website where you will find a link as well as a step by step guide to the application process.

**Cool Milk:** Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit https://www.coolmilk.com/register.

# School Website: Our school website can be found at

<u>www.stbartholomews.lincs.sch.uk</u> where you will find lots of information about the school, upcoming events, newsletters, learning links, school lunch menus.

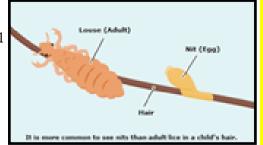


### St Bartholomew's School Facebook Page: Our school

Facebook page is very popular! We have 240 likes and 312 followers. Please make sure you give us a like and a follow to keep up to date with news and activities in school.



Headice: Please take this opportunity to check your child's hair for headlice and treat as necessary. A whole school 'attack' on this common nuisance can be very effective when carried out over a period of time when the school is closed. We rely on parents vigilance and their commitment to checking for and treating headlice in order for outbreaks in school to be reduced. Going forward, please help us to reduce outbreaks of this common nuisance in school.



**<u>Attendance</u>**: All schools are expected to keep their attendance over 96%. If you need any help with attendance, please come and speak to us as we will help in any way that we can.

Dr Chris Whitty released this statement via the DfE: "It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above."



Children return to school on Tuesday 29th October 2024

### Attendance

Supporting you to understand the new rules

A National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absences. including unauthorised leave of absences in Term Time, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new government regulations will come into effect from 19th August 2024.

What are these changes?

If a pupil has **10 unauthorised sessions**, which is equal to **5 school days**, within a **10 week period**, a penalty notice may be issued.

This will come under 3 categories: First, Second, and Third offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days, reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

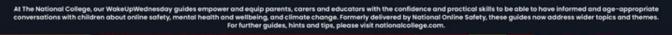
Third offence and any further offences (within 3 years) The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

For any further inquiries about school attendance please visit: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance



Best wishes Miss Sophie Ingle, Head Teacher



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FILMS & AGERATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

#### CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the

ring age rating U: Suitable for all ages

PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them

12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references

able only for 15-year-olds and above

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Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially slicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by escentel controls, this could be viewed by children the dust themes, e ready fo

### FACT VS. FICTION

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### PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18-content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially

#### CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

#### PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS 20

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### WATCH THE FILM FIRST

their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age a take a look for yoursell. There's no better way to judge w something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they ca e whether this content is and if a parent, for exi

### DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

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### **REMEMBER - IT'S NOT REAL**

TOO SCARED?

fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life, if a child is upse after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manne to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

### Meet Our Expert

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