



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.



Newsletter: Term 1 (2022/23)

Welcome Back

We welcome back all our wonderful children and staff to another year at William Stukeley CE Primary School. The children have returned with enthusiasm and readiness for their learning. Our new Reception children have settled quickly and are now attending all day. This year we are looking forward to hopefully reinstating our Stukeley University, 'Wow days', school trips and Friends of the School events as we gradually return to a more 'normal' school routine. We will still be ensuring that all the children and staff follow good hygiene standards, including sanitising and handwashing.



Staff update

We warmly welcome Mrs Speed and Mrs Granby to the Early Years team. We have said goodbye to Miss Tibbs and Miss Purvis – we thank them for their time at the school and wish them all the best.

Parking

Concerns have been raised by some of our neighbours, local residents and Mossop & Bowser Solicitors, regarding parking. We respectfully ask that parents and carers do not park in the Solicitors car park or block local resident's driveways; please park in a way that does not hinder our neighbours.

We've also had concerns from visitors / parents/carers who have parked in the overspill gravel carpark – the exit has been blocked when trying to leave. We understand the difficulties however please be considerate.

Attendance and Punctuality

ATTENDANCE

The school governors have recently sent an important letter regarding school attendance and holidays. A copy of the letter can be found here:

<https://www.williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk/news/index.html>

From 1st September 2022 a Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued for an unauthorised absence / holiday during term time.

Covid-19

We are following the NHS guidance:

Your child should try to stay home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

- *have a high temperature*
- *do not feel well enough to go to school, college or childcare, or do their normal activities*

They can go back to school, college or childcare when they feel better or do not have a high temperature.

There is no legal obligation to isolate, and we are advising families to keep children off school if they are unwell, as we would with any other illness. Children can return to school when they feel better.

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Year 6 Secondary Applications for September 2023

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 2022.

Open Day for September 2023 Admissions

We are holding two Open Days for families of children who are starting in Reception, next September: Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th 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-419594978877>

Year 6 PGL Residential

Between the 12th – 14th September, the Year 6 children from William Stukeley and Deeping St Nicholas Primary School spent a fabulous three days at PGL in Caythorpe, Grantham.



The residential visit was jam-packed with activities, including canoeing, archery, fencing, the high ropes, zip wire and all aboard.

All children challenged themselves and many experienced things they had never tried before.

When talking about the visit upon our return, the children said things like, "It was great fun!" "I got to challenge myself." "I loved the high activities!" "I've never done anything like that before." "I loved being in the water!" "I conquered my fears." and "We got to know each other better."

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.

Harvest Festival



Our Harvest Festival Service is being held at All Saints Church, on **Friday 30th 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.

Willoughby Foods Special Menu

Willoughby Foods are putting on a special menu on Thursday 6th 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.

Lunches / Food Policy

If sending your child/children to school with a packed lunch, please be reminded to avoid **any nuts or 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.



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School Uniform

Our free, pre-loved uniform is now well established and being supported by so many of you. All donated items are washed and 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](#)



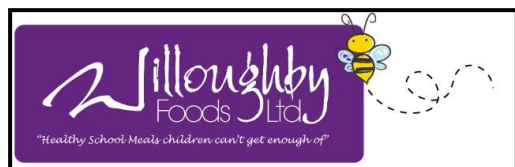
We are always grateful for donations of stock, in clean, washed condition: any boys or girls uniform, PE kit, winter coats, school footwear (shoes, plimsolls and trainers).

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

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

PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHING IS NAMED

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/>

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 £2.00 (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.

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Friends of the School

Thank you to everyone who supported our Bag2School collection last term – we raised £112!

Please use link below to donate every time you shop at no extra cost to you:

Friends of William Stukeley CE Primary School

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1096602-0>



We are on the lookout for new members to join us! There are plenty of opportunities in the year to get involved and how much time you want to give is up to you. It is a great way to make new friends, share or learn new skills and discover hidden talents.

If you would like more information you can visit www.pta.org.uk or if you have any questions or would like to register your interest to join, please email: friends@williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk

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.* (important – see below)

* We currently send text messages from time to time, especially for urgent situations, but these are expensive and cost the school hundreds of pounds each year. If we can persuade parents to use the APP we can stop sending text messages completely and put the money spent to better use.

You can download the APP for free from either the [Apple APP store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#) and it will really 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.

Diary Dates for Term 1

Tuesday 6 th September	Start of Term 1
Friday 9 th September	Secondary School Applications open (Y6)
12 th -14 th September	Y6 PGL residential
Saturday 17 th September	11+ Verbal Reasoning
Monday 19 th September	School Closed – HM Queen Elizabeth II funeral (bank holiday)
Thursday 22 nd September	Reception children visiting All Saints Church (afternoon)
Saturday 24 th September	11+ Non-Verbal Reasoning
Friday 30 th September	Harvest Festival Church Service at All Saints Church, 9.00am
Friday 21 st October	End of Term 1

Diary Dates for Term 2

Monday 31 st October	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 2 nd November	Parent Evening Meetings (details to follow)
Thursday 3 rd November	Parent Evening Meetings (details to follow)
Tuesday 8 th November	Open Day for Reception 2023 intake (10.30am & 1.45pm) <i>Bookable</i>
Wednesday 9 th November	Open Day for Reception 2023 intake (10.30am & 1.45pm) <i>Bookable</i>
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Friday 16 th December	End of Term 2

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REMINDERS

- **Parking** - in order to keep the access to school clear for emergency services (at all times) and for the safeguarding and well-being of children being brought into school and collected by taxi, please DO NOT park in the yellow boxed area.
- For safety reasons, please be reminded that access through the staff car park is prohibited – please use the pathways to enter the school grounds.
- **Cycling and scooters** - children are reminded that bicycles and scooters must be dismounted when in the school grounds.



- **Healthy Snacks**



Please be reminded that children may only bring in:

- Fresh or dried fruit e.g. apple, banana, raisins (not fruit winder etc)
 - Vegetables e.g. carrot sticks
 - Plain biscuits e.g. rich tea, digestive (not chocolate, cream or jam)
 - Crackers or plain rice cakes (not cereal bars or crisps)
 - Water bottles only (not juice or squash)
- If you have any letters or paperwork for the office, for your convenience there is a post box located outside the main school entrance.
 - **Trim Trail** - children are not permitted to play on the trim-trail equipment out of normal supervised sessions, including pre-school children; this is a requirement of the Risk Assessment.
 - **Medical, Dental and Hospital Appointments and Absences** - please phone or email the school to advise; messages can be left on our answerphone or email enquiries@williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk Please note, absences need to be followed up in writing.

Where possible, we encourage appointments to take place out of school time, in order not to disrupt the child's education; every effort should be made to arrange medical appointments outside school hours. Whilst we appreciate that medical appointments are unavoidable and the times not always flexible, such absences usually only take up part of a day so children, for example, could be brought into school for morning registration and return to school following the appointment. School should be informed of such absences in writing in advance, and we also require proof i.e. copy of appointment letter / text message reminder.

- If you need to leave an absence message on the school answerphone, please can we remind parents/carers to leave a specific reason for absence i.e. give details if ill. To ensure the safety of all the children in school we do need to know more than 'feeling unwell' or 'not very well'.
- Please be reminded that our policy is **48 hours absence** from school following any episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.
- **Website** - please visit our school website www.williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk which includes our 'Home School Agreement' - children who have just moved into Year 3 will be soon be sent the KS2 version of the agreement. We also advertise local/community events on our website, which may be of interest.
- Please be advised that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds.



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TERM DATES 2022/23

Term 1	Tuesday 6th September – Friday 21st October 2022
Term 2	Monday 31st October – Friday 16th December 2022
Term 3	Wednesday 4th January – Friday 10th February 2023
Term 4	Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March 2023
Term 5	Tuesday 18th April – Friday 26th May 2023 <i>Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday (school closed)</i>
Term 6	Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July 2023

Staff Training Days (school closed)

Friday 2nd September 2022
Monday 5th September 2022
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Monday 17th April 2023

One training day remaining; twilight sessions

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

School Times

School Starts 8:55 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.