



JANUARY

Newsletter

Happy new year! It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school and 2025 has already got off to a flying start! Already we have much to share with you of events passed and forthcoming.

It has been exceptionally cold recently - please ensure children have appropriate clothing for the outdoor elements, hats, gloves and a winter coat, and that all items are named. PE will still be outdoors so please ensure children are dressed in warm sports clothing, jogging bottoms and sweatshirt on these days.

A reminder that our school website is: -


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

Attendance

Did you know?

Absences adds up : -

- If pupils miss 10% or higher of their possible sessions this is classified as 'persistent absence'. A session is 1 morning or afternoon in school – every session counts!
- Absence affects attainment
- Pupils with the highest attainment at the end of Key Stage 2 (Primary) and Key Stage 4 (Secondary) have higher rates of attendance compared to those with the lowest attainment.
- Absence limits life chances
- From Early Years through to Primary and Secondary education, punctual and regular attendance is an important protective factor for children's education, wellbeing and wider development

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters		Did you Know...?	
	In a school year If your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately..	Or they would have missed approximately..
	5 minutes	3.5 days from school	20 lessons
	10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
	15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
	20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
	30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons
Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance			

Inclusion

Is your child a young carer? Do they support a family member by doing things like:

- cooking, housework and shopping
- physical care, such as helping someone in and out of bed
- personal care, such as assistance with dressing, toileting and administering medication
- managing the family budget
- collecting prescriptions and arranging GP or hospital appointments
- helping with communication
- looking after brothers or sisters
- emotional support

If they do, there is support available to help them.

For more information contact:

Mrs Sarah-Jane Millard.

SEND

Mrs Ogden has been working on the SEND Padlet. Please see our website to see updates and the services that are available. Should you wish to make an appointment with the SENDCo, please contact the school office.

Reading/English

This term we have started our exciting new class books!

Hedgehogs Class are enjoying books about Kings and Queens. Red Squirrels are reading 'Stig of the Dump' and Badgers are reading



'Goodnight Mr Tom'. Please ask your children how they are going, and I am sure they will have exciting things to tell you.

Mathematics



This month, maths continues to grow within our school, and it has been wonderful to see the number of children accessing times tables rock stars at home. Keep this up!

Some of our children have also been taking home their mathematician of the month certificates and hopefully they have told you all about what they got it for. They should be very proud.

Music

This term, our school choir went to Young Voices! This is a concert held in Sheffield for school choirs around the country to sing together. Our children had an amazing time and sung their hearts out! Above all, our children were beautifully behaved – from thanking the bus driver to helping children from different schools.

We are incredibly proud of them.

Sports

The children were all introduced to the sport of New Age Kurling in a recent development day, provided by Elite Sports. They were all fantastic and we are looking forward to competing in the Inter-School League this term.



Other activities planned for this term include Bikeability and a training session run by The Lincolnshire Football Association to see if we can find any future Lionesses!

Comic Relief



This year we have some exciting events planned for Comic Relief on 21 March – details to follow soon.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2025 INTAKE

A reminder for those with a child due to start in Reception in September 2025. The initial closing date for reception 2025 applications was 15 January but late applications and changes can be made until 10 February.

The Parent Portal will be open until around 28 January for parents to make an online application. After that it would be best to make a telephone application on 01522 782030. You can apply online at

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school>



Key Dates



February

14 February
24 February
26 February
27 – 28 February

End of Spring Term 1
Start of Spring Term 2
Year 6 Houses of Parliament Trip
Bikeability (Badgers)

March

5 March
6 March
20 March
21 March
26 March

Duxford Trip (Badgers)
World Book Day
Lincoln Castle Trip Years 1 and 2
Comic Relief
Parent Consultation meetings

April

2 April
3 April
24 April
4 April

Whole School Production
Whole School Production
Swimming Lessons Start (Badgers)
End of Spring 2

