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Christmas and New Year Message

As the term draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for your continued support throughout the term. Your encouragement and involvement make a tremendous difference to our school community and to the progress of our pupils.

We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved this term and are grateful for the strong partnership we share with you.

We hope you have enjoyed the performances this week. It has been lovely to share Christmas celebrations with you all.

We wish you and your families a very happy Christmas filled with joy, rest, and special moments together. We also send our very best wishes for a healthy, happy, and successful New Year.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new term. Remember, the new term begins on Tuesday 6th January 2026.



Parent Session County Lines in East Midlands

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13th January &
7.00-8.00 pm
14th January

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Well done to the School Choir

We would like to offer huge congratulations to our school choir for their wonderful performances at several festive events in the run-up to Christmas. Under the theme *"Home for Christmas"*, the choir took part in a beautiful evening at the Mayor of Lincoln and SSAFA Civic Carol Service held on 2nd December in Lincoln Cathedral, which showcased the children's talent, confidence and festive spirit.

The choir were also honoured to sing at the RAF Veterans Christmas Lunch held at the Officers' Mess, RAF Cranwell, as well as performing alongside the Band of the Royal Air Force College at Cranwell's inaugural *Festive Musical Spectacular*. These were very special occasions, and the children represented the school superbly.

The choir delighted audiences with a range of seasonal favourites, including *Rocking Around the Christmas Tree*, *It Was on a Starry Night* and *We're Walking in the Air*. Their enthusiasm and professionalism were a credit not only to themselves, but also to the school.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Catherine Smith, who leads the choir with such dedication and passion. Her hard work and encouragement were clearly reflected in the children's performances. We would also like to thank the staff who supported the choir at these events, and the parents who gave their time to transport children to performances and support them along the way. We are incredibly proud of our choir and look forward to hearing more from them in the future.



Cathedral Photograph by Cpl Sally Raimondo



Term Dates

Academic Year 2025-26

Term 2 : Ends — Fri 19th Dec 2025

Term 3 : Tue 6th Jan — Fri 13th Feb 2026

Term 4 : Mon 23rd Feb — Thurs 2nd April 2026

Term 5 : Tue 21st April — Fri 22nd May 2026

Term 6 : Mon 1st June — Wed 22nd July 2026

Academic Year 2026-27

Term 1 : Thur 3rd Sept — Fri 23rd October 2026

Term 2 : Mon 2nd Nov — Fri 18th Dec 2026

Term 3 : Tue 5th Jan — Fri 12th Feb 2027

Term 4 : Mon 22nd Feb — Thur 25th Mar 2027

Term 5 : Wed 14th April — Fri 28th May 2027

Term 6 : Mon 7th June — Wed 21st July 2027

If it Snows!

If you are unsure whether the school will be open on a day when it snows:

We will send out a Parentmail which will provide relevant information as to whether we are closed.

Also, you could check www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures ...or listen to BBC Radio Lincolnshire.

A decision sometimes can not be made until 8am, therefore remain at home until the latest time possible to safely travel to school. Please note, even when radio stations/LCC websites are contacted by school, it can often take a considerable time for the information to be available for broadcasting or uploading.



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.



First 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**.

Second Offence

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



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Specialist Teaching Team
Inclusion Service

Dyslexia Outreach

Working with School to Support Your Child's Learning

A free, online workshop, for parents and carers, to support your knowledge and understanding of how mainstream schools support children with SEND.

We will be sharing recommendations for effective ways of working together with school to ensure the best outcomes for your child.



Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 7:00 – 8:00pm

If you would like to attend, please sign up [here](#).



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Is your child transferring from **Primary to Secondary** school in September 2026?

Would you like to find out more about how you can support your child to make this transfer as exciting and happy as possible?



Transition Workshop

Join us for a **free, online workshop**, sharing strategies for support and an opportunity to ask questions. Open to all parents and carers, regardless of which setting your child attends, or is transferring to.

Your child does not have to have a dyslexia diagnosis for this information to be relevant and useful!

Monday 11th May 2026 @ 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

To attend on this date, please register at with LPCF at: <https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/>
Once registered with the Forum, you can visit their Events page to sign up for this event.

Tuesday 9th June 2026 @ 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

If you would like to attend on this date please sign up [here](#).

Please note, both sessions have the same content, so please sign up to the most convenient date for you.

If you are unable to attend either workshop but would like some advice about your child's learning or transition, you can contact us directly:

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odette.read@lincolnshire.gov.uk



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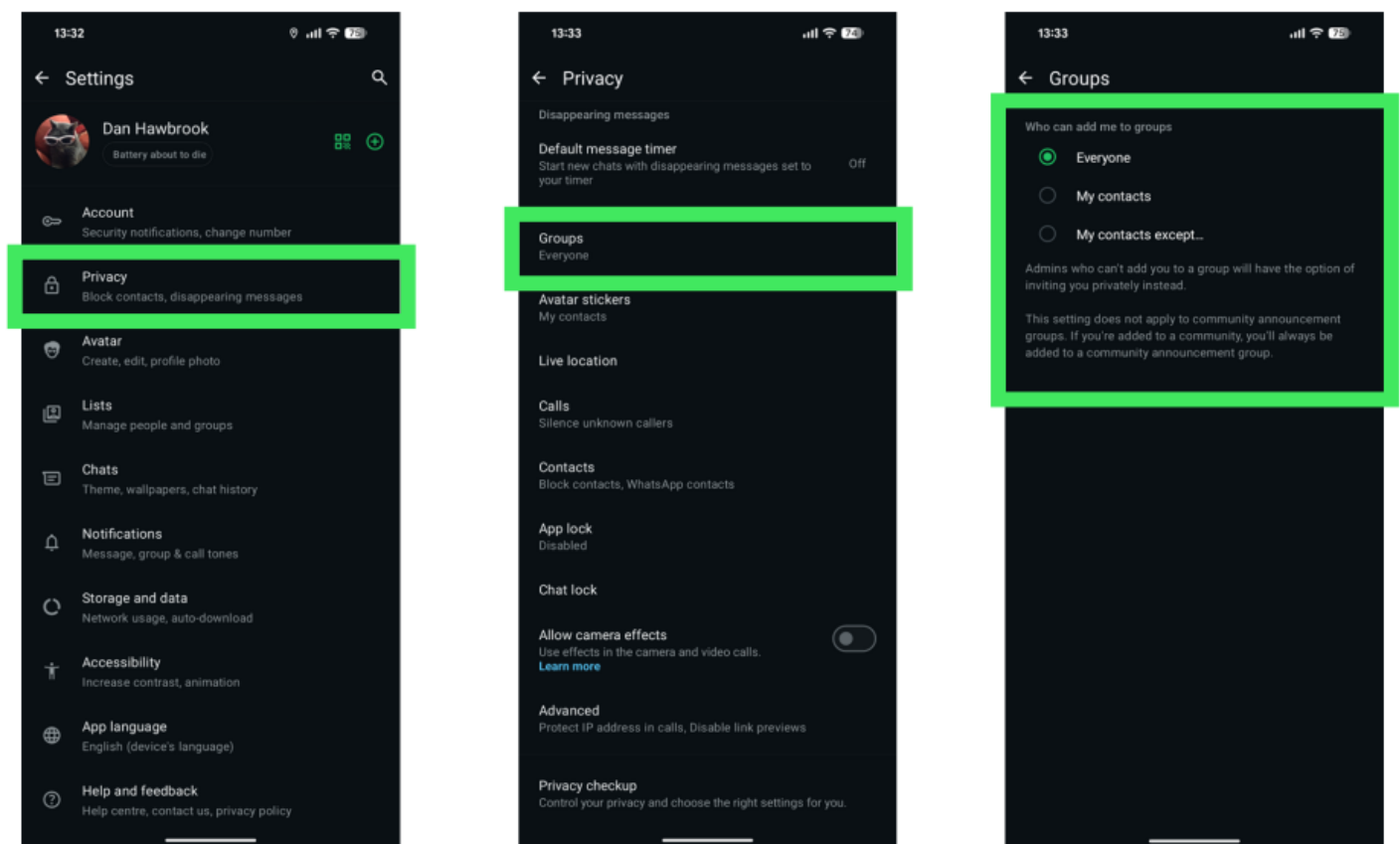
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WhatsApp Group Chats



WhatsApp groups can be an incredibly useful communication tool but it can also become quite overwhelming when EVERYONE adds you to a group.

By default, WhatsApp allows ANYONE to add you to a group—they just need your phone number—but you can change this. If you tap on 'Settings' and then go to 'Privacy', one of the options is 'Groups'. This will give you 3



Once you have set this up, anyone who is not in your contacts (or anyone you have selected to exclude) has to send an invite to any new group they add you to—you can then either accept or decline.

This should help give your child some control over what groups they actually want to be involved in and can help them manage groups they don't want to be added to.



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Can you help Jack?

Former Cranwell Primary Pupil Racing on the World Stage

Hello! My name is Jack, and I'm a 22-year-old motorcycle racer from Sleaford, Lincolnshire and a proud former student of Cranwell Primary School. Since leaving school, I have qualified as a bricklayer while also pursuing my career as a professional flat track racer, competing in both the British and World Championships.

For the upcoming 2026 season, I am looking for sponsorship and advertising support as I continue to race at the highest level. This year, I was thrilled to be offered the chance to ride the brand-new Triumph TF450 for the Dick Shepherd Triumph team.

A look back at my 2025 season:

The year brought plenty of highs and challenges. Early in the season, my team and I performed strongly, leading both the British and National Championships and running inside the top eight in the World Championship on my Honda 450.

Mid-season, I was offered a supported ride on the new Triumph TF450RC an opportunity too good to turn down. Although switching to a newly developed bike came with risks, my team and I worked incredibly hard. By the end of the season, we secured 2nd place in both the British and National Championships and finished 10th in the FIM World Championship. I'm proud of what we achieved and excited for what lies ahead.

As we prepare for 2026, I'll be doing extensive winter testing, trying new parts and riding at a variety of tracks to get the best possible start to the season. I plan to continue racing in the British, National, and World Championships, with even more rounds and countries involved next year.

In January, I'll also be travelling to the USA for two weeks of racing, including events in Pensacola and the Cory Texter Winter Throwdown in Jacksonville an event I'm thrilled to return to.

In 2024, I became British Champion, and with the right support and funding, I'm confident I can bring home more titles on the Triumph. As a former Cranwell Primary School pupil now competing on the world stage, I hope I can inspire younger students to chase their own ambitions.

You can follow my racing journey on social media:

Instagram: @Jackbell.93

Facebook: Jack Bell

If anyone would be interested in supporting me through sponsorship or advertising for the upcoming season, I would be truly grateful and happy to share more information.

jackbell93.jb93@aol.com





SAFEGUARDING NEURODIVERSE YOUNG PEOPLE



RECOGNISING RADICALISATION RISKS AND BUILDING RESILIENCE



This workshop will help families keep young people safe from risks such as online extremism, grooming, radicalisation, and wider harms.

THESE SESSIONS WILL:

- Explore how to recognise when a young person might be at risk of radicalisation
- Support you to manage challenging conversations around online safety and wellbeing
- Help distinguish between red flags and everyday neurodiverse behaviours
- Support you to connect with local safeguarding provision

For more information please email:
kanika@groundswell.world

SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK THE LINKS BELOW TO REGISTER NOW

In-person:

- **Tue 20th Jan**, 10am-12pm

At: Len Medlock Voluntary Centre,
St Georges Rd, Boston, PE21 8YB



- **Thu 26th Feb**, 1pm-3pm

At: Community Safety, Lincolnshire
County Council, Myle Cross Centre,
Macaulay Drive, Lincoln, LN2 4EL



Online (click [here](#)):

- **Tue 13th Jan**, 10am-12pm
- **Sat 31st Jan**, 10am-12pm
- **Tue 10th Feb**, 7pm-9pm
- **Wed 25th Feb**, 1pm-3pm



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