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Phonics for Parents

A huge thank you to the parents who attended the recent Phonics for Parents workshop here at school. This provided an overview of how phonics is taught in the Early Years and throughout Key Stage 1. More information can be found at:

www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/Reading.asp

<https://essentiallettersandsounds.org/parents/>

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

Information Evening

Also, an enormous thank you to the parents who joined the Maths and English drop-in session in the school hall recently, where all the year group teams showed samples of children's work, resources and answered any questions you had.

Individual Photographs

On Tuesday, 30th September, the school photographer will be taking individual photographs. Family photographs together with pre-school are available in the morning from 8:30am. Please enter the school via the school reception if you wish to have a family photograph.

Mobile Phones and Watches

We do not support children bringing mobile phones into school, however we do realise that some older children need them for safety reasons if they are walking home alone. If this is the case, phones must be left with the class teacher during the school day.

The school is not responsible for damage or loss of phones. We do not allow watches into school which take photographs or have communication capabilities. Please understand this is for Safeguarding purposes.

Head Girl and Head Boy

We are delighted to announce that Annabelle Tong and Harry Burt-Matthews have been selected as School Captains. Annabelle and Harry will have many roles within the School.

The School Captains are role models to the rest of the children in the school, displaying the appropriate manners and kindness we expect throughout our school. Well done to them both!



Arriving Late

Our School gate will be closed promptly at 8.50am each day.

For the safety and security of our pupils, we kindly remind you that any children arriving after this time must be accompanied to the gate by a parent or guardian. Once at the gate, please call for access into the school. The parent will also need to sign the child into the register within the school office with the reason for being late.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

School Admission 2026

OPEN DAYS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO SHOW YOU AROUND CRANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

To book a visit, please email enquiries@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk or call 01400 659001



Friday 3rd October 09:30
Wednesday 8th October 13:30
Tuesday 14th October 13:30
Friday 7th November 09:30

Wednesday 12th November 15:45

If you are unable to attend on the dates above, please contact the school to make alternative arrangements.

It takes Courage and Perseverance to be able to have Success!



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Relationships & Sex Education – RSHE

RSHE curriculum has been compulsory in Primary Schools since 2020. [Relationships education \(Primary\) - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/relationships-education-primary) (www.gov.uk)

We will be holding an information event concerning all aspects of RSE and how it is taught in our school on the 3rd October 2025 at 14:15.

If you wish to attend, please email the school at enquiries@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk

House Captains

Congratulations to the 8 House Captains democratically nominated by the children in their Houses :

Johnson: Ruby Forster & Archie Barrett-Hart

Keller: Lucy Stephens & Sid Blunden

Bader: Chloe Porter & Scarlett Crawford

Scott: James Smith & Evie Shaw



Medical Info & Absences

If your child has a medical appointment, if possible, can you please send a note into the class teacher giving prior notice.

Please notify the school office of all absences either by email or phone, stating reasons.

Contact Details

Please ensure that the school office is notified of any change in your contact details.

Parentmail

Please remember to check your emails daily as school news and information will be sent via ParentMail. If you have not signed up or updated your email address, please do so via the school office: enquiries@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk

Railway Safety

Due to increased incidents of trespass on railway lines locally. Learn Live have designed age appropriate videos to help children learn about Rail safety. Please find below a link for parents who can watch a free video at home.

Millions of students, parents and teachers from across the UK have already watched these videos which has led to a significant decrease in the number of fatalities and injuries in their area through watching the rail safety videos.

NEW Primary school version: Suitable for KS1 <https://learnliveuk.com/ks1-primary-school-safety-talk/>

NEW Primary school version: Suitable for KS2 <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk>

NEW Secondary school version: Age 11-16 <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/>

College & University version: Age 16 plus <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-college-safety-talk-lnw>

Harvest Collection

Thank you for your donations towards the Sleaford Community Larder. These items were taken to St Andrew's Church collection point in Cranwell Village, ready to be taken to the Sleaford Community Larder.

Purchasing A Smart Phone for a Child?

Is it the right time to get my child a Smart phone? This is something we are asked a lot by Parents. A new film by the charity Nip in the Bud discusses the hidden dangers of social media and smartphone use among children. If you are considering getting your child a phone we would urge you to watch the film here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Zhfd0jW7iY&t=605s>

The film provides insights from children, headteachers and doctors, shedding light on the everyday harm caused by digital platforms.

You can read more information here which provides more options to consider around technology prior to purchasing smartphones for children.

<https://nipinthebud.org/fact-sheet/smartphones-and-social-media-fact-sheet/>

Travelling to and from School

We openly encourage children to either walk or ride their cycles to school, but they must do so safely.

Top Tips for Riding to School

- Ride with your children.
- Do not let your child ride to school if they are not riding with you, or not attending Bikewise Training, or not safe to do so alone.
- Wear a properly-fitted helmet. It is the best way to prevent head injuries and death.
- Ride on the pavement when you can.
- Use hand signals and follow the rules of the road.
- Wear bright colours and use lights, especially when riding at night and in the morning.

Please see below some useful websites to help you teach your child the rules about cycling:

<https://bikeability.org.uk/cycle-more/family-cycling/essential-cycling-skills-for-families/>

<https://www.raleigh.co.uk/gb/en/cycling-advice/riding-guide-cycling-to-school-safely/>

Please can we all help keep everyone safe by ensuring children dismount their scooters and bicycles as they enter the school grounds. Many thanks.

Using a Private Tutor?

If you are considering using private tutors for additional support for your child make sure you undertake the necessary safeguarding checks required, for instance... ensuring the tutor has an up to date Enhanced DBS Certificate.



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LumiNova

Lumi Nova is a carefully designed app aimed at helping children between the ages of 7 - 12 manage feelings of anxiety. **Lincolnshire County Council and Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust are providing free access to Lumi Nova to families living in Lincolnshire.**

Lumi Nova is a breakthrough digital therapeutic game for childhood anxiety, co-designed with children, parents, NHS clinicians, and experts in mental health, human-centred design, and ethical gaming technology. It empowers young minds to overcome mental health challenges and create life-long skills using highly immersive experiences that are self-guided, interactive, and fun.

Parents can register their child online or download the app.

Who is Lumi Nova for?

Lumi Nova is for 7-12 year olds facing difficulties with anxiety, including:

- **Phobias** e.g. Being afraid of spiders or insects, heights, being near dogs, or the dark.
- **Social anxiety** e.g. Feeling worried about making new friends, going to social events.
- **Separation anxiety** e.g. Unable to sleep alone, worried about being away from parents, going to school.

Lumi Nova provides Exposure Therapy and should not be used with children who have severe anxiety.

Further information can be found at <https://luminova.app/> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmgrU4zXU3M&scrlybrkr=72fa057e>

What is Lumi Nova?

Everybody worries sometimes, but sometimes worries stay and can have a big impact on your child's life.

Lumi Nova can support your child by helping them set goals and challenges to overcome their worries, one step at a time.

- ★ **NICE recommended digital therapy** through a fun mobile game (smartphone/tablet)
- ★ **For 7-12 year olds**
- ★ **Supports mild to moderate fears, worries & anxiety***
- ★ **Based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT)** and provides Psychoeducation and **Exposure Therapy** - The gold standard of care for treating anxiety
- ★ **Safe, effective & easy to use**



*Lumi Nova is for children aged 7-12 experiencing mild to moderate anxiety. It is not recommended for use by children with severe anxiety, in crisis, experiencing suicidal thoughts, or at risk of self-harm without the support of a mental health professional.

See instructions for use: bit.ly/luminova-ifu

Using Lumi Nova can help your child:

- ✓ **Learn life long skills** on how to self manage their worries
- ✓ **Learn how to breakdown fears and worries into manageable steps**
- ✓ **Build confidence and resilience** by completing small challenges in the game and in real life
- ✓ **Understand what worry and anxiety is** so they can learn to cope
- ✓ **Talk about their own worries** in a way that is **non-stigmatising**



To learn more visit: luminova.app



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Road Safety

A reminder to please take care driving in and around the school area.

Please remember there is a 5mph speed limit on the drive.

Parking in and around school is often congested at drop off and collection times, as are most schools around England. I ask all parents that you always consider where you park when dropping off and collecting your children. Yes, you may think you are parked sensibly and your car is not in the way or 'not harming anyone' where it is, but can children cross safely where you have parked? Will your car make it difficult for other cars to get past? Please spare a thought for all the local residents living around the school perimeter, especially in Cherry Tree Crescent, Baghdad Road, Delhi Square and the Costcutter car park.

Please can we show full consideration and ensure we do not park on, or obstruct any driveways or paths. School are aware of Lincolnshire Police's visits to these areas and are warning parents they are issuing tickets where appropriate. Many thanks for helping to respect our neighbours.

Exit on the Left

The one-way system in the morning is continuing to work really well with parents dropping their children off. Please make sure your child leaves their car via the passenger side of the car to avoid any accidents.

Disabled Parking Considerations

We have limited disabled parking on the school premises, and we do have families who require these.

We are unable to enforce this but please be considerate and keep these spaces free for those that require them.

To avoid any misunderstanding when using the disabled bays, please display your Blue Badge.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Ordering Hot Meals

Please remember that infant classes are provided with Universal Infant Free School Meals. Please remember to order and outline any allergies. Children in Key Stage 2 currently can order hot meal lunches through Ideal School Meals, our food provider, or parents may wish to send in a packed lunch instead. Children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One also receive a piece of fruit each day through a Government initiative.

It has been observed that some meals ordered this week contain ingredients to which certain children have reported allergies or intolerances. We kindly request that you carefully review the menu choices and ingredients of each meal before placing your order to ensure the safety and well-being of all children.

For example, it is important to select appropriate meals based on your child's dietary needs, such as choosing vegetarian options for children who follow a vegetarian diet. By ensuring the correct classification of diet is made, we can avoid any unnecessary errors.

In case your child has any food allergies or intolerances, please notify Ideal Foods and the school so that necessary precautions can be taken. We understand that some children may have preferences or dislikes towards certain foods, and we ask parents not to order meals containing those products.

We are confident that our School Menu offers a fantastic variety to cater to different tastes and dietary requirements, ensuring that every child can enjoy a meal they like.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

European Day of Languages

On Friday 26th September, KS2 will be celebrating European Day of Languages. This year, the children will be learning about the culture of either Germany (Year 5/6) or Spain (Year 3/4) through a range of fun and engaging activities.

To help us mark the occasion, we would like each child to come to school wearing small accessories in the colours of either the German or Spanish flag. This could be something simple such as:

hair accessories or bows

socks

badges or ribbons

Please note, this is not a full dress-up day – just a chance to add a splash of colour to their school uniform in recognition of the countries we are exploring.

We are looking forward to an exciting day of cultural learning and celebration!

Thank you for your support.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are going ahead the week beginning 20th October 2025. Shortly, you will receive a booking letter via your child's bookbag. Please ensure this is sent in to school by Monday 6th October 2025. You will then receive a confirmation of your time slot.

The School Governors will be in school while Parents' Evenings take place, providing refreshments and answering any questions you may have.

A Bookfair will be available while Parents' Evenings are taking place from Monday to Wednesday. The books will be displayed in the school hall for children to purchase books with you.

Lost property will also be available for parents to look through.

Term Dates

Academic Year 2025-26

Term 1 ends: Thur 23rd October 2025

Term 2 : Mon 3rd Nov — 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

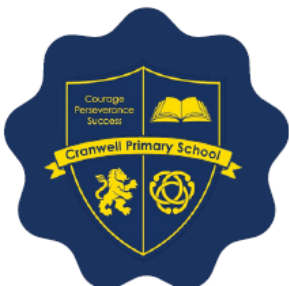
Term 6 : Mon 7th June — Wed 21st July 2027



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Come along for the opportunity to gain clarification on the statutory requirements and look at how we implement these as a school. We will discuss how this learning gives your child the tools and knowledge to stay safe and healthy as they grow, as well as an opportunity ask any questions you might have.



2:15pm
Friday 3rd October
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Help needed!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you with an urgent plea for your help and support. At our recent Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meeting, we were saddened to find that not enough volunteers came forward to take on the essential roles required to keep our PTA running. Without these roles being filled, and without more parents offering their time to support our events, the PTA cannot continue – and sadly, many of the special extras that make our children's school experience better will simply disappear.

What is the PTA?

The PTA is a group of parents and carers who work together with the school to raise funds and provide opportunities that the school budget simply cannot cover. Being a parent of the school automatically enrolls you as a member of the PTA. Every child benefits from the PTA's work, and the impact is felt across the whole school community.

Why Your Support Matters?

The PTA has made a huge difference to school life in recent years. Thanks to your contributions and the time of past volunteers, we have been able to fund projects such as:

Subsidies for the annual theatre trip, and a number of school trips

Trim trails in both playgrounds, and two canopies.

Our library and a polytunnel for the gardening club.

Hats for the Year 5 trip to Thurston.

Food and drink for the Year 6 Leavers' Party.

Christmas crackers for every child at the Christmas lunch.

Items for classrooms such as board games, iPads and visualisers.

A Christmas and Easter treat for every child.

Frozen Friday





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Help needed!

These special extras bring joy, create memories, and enhance learning. Without the PTA, none of these things would have been possible – the school budget simply cannot stretch to cover them.

Key Roles We Need to Fill

To continue, we urgently need volunteers for three key roles:

A Chairperson – Oversees meetings, coordinates events, and leads the team.

Secretary – Keeps minutes of meetings, manages communication, and ensures organisation.

Treasurer – Looks after the money, visits the bank if required and keeps the set of accounts up to date.

Each role can be shared between two people if that makes it easier, and full support will be given to anyone who volunteers.



How many meetings do we have a year?

Approximately six! One every term. We meet during school time with members of the school staff. Refreshments are available during the meetings which last approximately 45 minutes.

Events That Need You

As well as the key roles, we need volunteers to help prepare, run, and clear up after our fundraising events, such as:

The Summer Fayre and Christmas Fayre.

Frozen Fridays.

School competitions.

This might involve simple but vital jobs like wrapping tombola prizes, sourcing food and drink, helping on a stall for 30 minutes, or tidying up at the end of an event. Even small offers of time make a huge difference when everyone does their part.



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Help needed!



What Happens if We Don't Get Support?

If we cannot find enough volunteers, these events – and the funds they raise – will not go ahead. That means no fayres, no Frozen Fridays, no Christmas crackers, no subsidies for trips, and none of the treats and resources that make school life brighter for our children.

We appreciate that everyone is busy and that time is precious. But if every family gave just a little, together we could achieve so much.

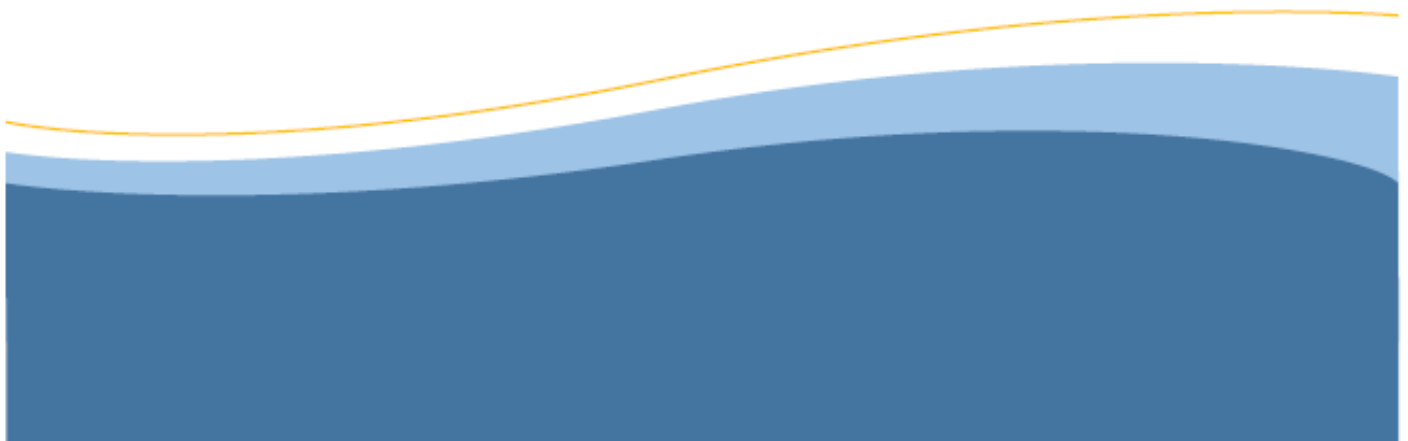
Please Come to Our Next Meeting:✱

We will be holding another meeting on Friday 10th October at 9:00am. This will be the final chance to come forward. If we do not have enough volunteers by then, the PTA will sadly have to be disbanded.

We urge you to join us – not just for your child, but for every child in the school. Let's keep these wonderful experiences alive.

With heartfelt thanks.

Friday 10th October at 9:00am
Meet new friends and join us for a coffee





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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Extra funding available for your child's education

Make sure your child's school is not missing out on an extra £2630 each year to support their education.

If you're caring for a child under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO), Adoption Order or Child Arrangements Order, additional funding is available to ensure they are given extra support at school.



Called Pupil Premium Plus (PP+), this funding of up to £2630 per pupil is available for pupils in Reception to Year 11 who were looked after and left care under an adoption*, special guardianship or child arrangements order (formerly residence order).

If your child has recently moved schools and you haven't informed the school of their status, you will need to contact the school as overleaf.

The school may not know of your child's situation, and it is up to you as their parent/guardian to ensure they know your child meets the criteria, so that they can apply for funding.

**Includes children adopted from state care or equivalent from outside of England and Wales*





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What do you need to do?

Contact your child's Designated Teacher (DT) for previously looked after children. All schools have one.

You will then need to provide documentary evidence (court order) to the school. They will just need to verify that your child has left public care. They don't need to hold a copy on record.

By when?

Please let your child's school know by the second week in September to declare inclusion on the October Census Return so they don't miss out on additional support next year.

What is a Designated Teacher?

All schools have a designated teacher and they are responsible for supporting children who've been previously looked after to help them achieve well at school. Designated teachers should work effectively with parents and carers, undertake appropriate training and gain a good understanding of your child's needs to ensure they're receiving the best support.

Is the funding ring fenced to my child?

The funding is not ring fenced to an individual child. The school can spend the funding either directly on your child, or perhaps to train staff in how best to support children and young people who have been in care.

Where can I access more information and advice?

If you'd like more information on Pupil Premium Plus for previously looked after children, contact your school's Designated Teacher in the first instance. Or for more advice, contact the Lincolnshire Virtual School Team, email: virtualschool@lincolnshire.gov.uk

