

Dear Parents,

This term began with a fantastic and informative trip to Creswell Crags for Years 3 and 4, helping to consolidate their learning about the Stone Age. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and it was wonderful to see their classroom learning brought to life.

We are also delighted to share that school raised an incredible £874.75 for Lindsey Lodge Hospice during our Santa Sprint before Christmas. Thank you to everyone who supported this important cause.

A highlight this term has definitely been the school disco! Over 100 pupils attended and enjoyed dancing, games, food and drink. Thank you to staff and governors for their support in events such as this.

Despite the recent weather, the children have loved putting on their wellies to enjoy time on the field. This provision will continue and be developed further next half term. We are very much looking forward to the official launch of OPAL in the summer term.

We are currently seeking volunteers for our Careers and Aspirations Day on Thursday 19th March. If you, a family member, or a friend would be willing to share your career experiences with the children, we would love to hear from you. We would also greatly appreciate volunteers to support some upcoming gardening sessions as we work to redevelop our outdoor space. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like further information.

MISS S. THOMAS

ROAD TRAFFIC, PEDESTRIANS AND SAFETY CONCERNS

Unfortunately, school has received a number of complaints from residents on Park Avenue regarding increased congestion in the mornings and during events such as the school disco. CCTV footage has been shared and reported to **Humberside Police (Operation Snap)** and North Lincolnshire Council Highways Department due to vehicles mounting the grass verge and pavement, as well as blocking driveways.

Please park responsibly at all times and help us to keep our school community safe. We are keen to avoid any accidents or incidents around the school.

The Living Streets WOW Walk to School programme remains part of our daily routine, and many children are enjoying collecting their badges. Wherever possible, please consider walking to school. We encourage families to leave the car at home or adopt a 'Park and Stride' approach. Children in Y5 and Y6 may walk to and from school with parental permission.

In addition, we have noticed some 'rolling stops' when children are being dropped off. Please ensure you park safely and encourage your child to exit the vehicle onto the pavement or grass verge to maintain everyone's safety.

Children are welcome to come to school on bikes or scooters (excluding electric bikes or scooters). Helmets must be worn, and children must walk — not ride — their bike or scooter along the school path. The concreted area is designated for bike and scooter storage and the gate will be locked throughout the school day. Please note that school cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage.

We are also exploring the possibility of introducing a **'Walking Bus'**, where staff or volunteers would meet families at 8:20am at Eton Court Shops and walk to school together each morning. Please let school know if your child would be interested in taking part, or if you are able to volunteer to support.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Class teachers are holding meetings throughout the day on:

- **Monday 23rd February – Year 4 Chestnut – Miss Compton**
- **Tuesday 24th February – Year 5 Apple – Miss Stoney**
- **Wednesday 25th February – Year 6 Willow – Ms Chowdhury**
- **Thursday 26th February – Year 5 Olive – Mrs Wass**
- **Friday 27th February – Year 3 Maple – Mrs Bower.**

An approximate appointment time has been allocated to you and sent via Class Dojo.

Term Time Dates 2026 - 2027

Training days:

Monday 20th April 2026

Monday 20th July 2026.

Spring 2 – Monday 23rd February 2026 to Thursday 2nd April 2026

Summer 1 - Tuesday 21st April 2026 to Friday 22nd May 2026

Summer 2 – Monday 1st June 2026 to Friday 17th July 2026.

Term Dates for 2026 to 2027

Autumn 1 – Wednesday 2nd September 2026 to Friday 23rd October 2026

Autumn 2 – Monday 2nd November 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026

Spring 1 – Tuesday 5th January 2027 to Friday 12th February 2027

Spring 2 – Monday 22nd February 2027 to Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer 1 - Tuesday 13th April 2027 to Friday 28th May 2027

Summer 2 – Tuesday 8th June 2027 to Wednesday 21st July 2027.

A huge thank you for your support, as our **autumn term whole school attendance was 95.6%**! School has received a certificate from FFT for being in the **TOP 10% of similar schools**. Y3's have been the leaders across school since September with attendance at 98%! Please continue to avoid arranging hospital, dental, or optician appointments during school hours (*or ensure your child comes in for their registration mark before the appointment*), and refrain from taking annual holidays during the school term.

Please also remember that our earlier start time is **8:30am**. School gates will open from **8:20am** each morning, and **Breakfast Club continues to run from 8:00am as usual**. From September, we will be able receiving additional funding for our Breakfast Club from the DfE – *further information to follow in the summer term*.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take a look at our school website: www.leysfarm.org.uk and join our @leysfarm X feed.
Our school Facebook page has been launched in 2026!