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Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are going ahead the week beginning 20th October 2025. If you returned the booking letter, you should now have a confirmation of your time slot. Please contact the school office if you have not received 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. Please note, this is cash only.

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

Children in Need

Children in Need 2025 is scheduled for Friday, November 14, 2025. Our theme this year will be spots! Wear anything with spots and bring a recommended donation of £1 to support Children in Need. Non-uniform is allowed.

Books by Andrew Cope

As you may have seen in the national media, there are several titles in the Spy Dogs, Spy Pup and Spy Cat series by Andrew Cope which contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, containing pornographic content with no age restrictions.

We have checked our school library and we have one copy of one of the books. This has now been blocked from being borrowed for the time being and the website link will be blanked out before it becomes available to be borrowed. Class teachers are aware and are checking their class bookshelves and the books will temporarily be removed and amended. However, you may want to check at home in case any of your children do have these books on their own bookcases.

If you have any questions or concerns about these books then please do feel free to contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Birchenall and Miss Clark via the school office.

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



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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PTA

A huge thank you to the parents who attended our PTA meeting last week. We are pleased to announce that following voting in the meeting, the following parents were appointed into the relevant positions:

Chairperson : Mrs Dominic Thorpe

Secretary : Mrs Christina Stott

Treasurer : Mrs Laura Searson

A huge thank you and congratulations to the three nominated.

Our next meeting will take place this Friday at 9am in school to discuss Christmas Events. It would be great to see more parents there helping to support our fundraising efforts.

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

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.

Gaming and Gambling Harms

Free sessions for Parents, Carers and Professionals focusing on gaming and gambling harms

Ygam's recent report, in collaboration with Mumsnet, offers an analysis around parental concerns with their children's relationship with gaming. Please see the Independent article below and the full report can be found at https://ygam.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Children-and-Gaming-An-Analysis-of-Parental-Attitudes_Ygam-Mumsnet-2025.pdf

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/teenage-boys-gaming-school-mumsnet-b2826614.html>

"Mumsnet users are increasingly worried about the amount of time their children spend on screens, and with limited first-hand experience of gaming, many parents find it challenging to understand the trade-offs between risk and reward." Mumsnet founder Justine Roberts

A reminder that Ygam are still offering FREE awareness sessions for parents and training sessions for all professionals that work with young people. There are many links between the world of gaming and gambling which can cause many harms to young people.

Ygam's Interim chief executive Helen Martin said: "Education has an essential role to play - not just for young gamers, but also for the adults who care for them - to help safeguard children and keep pace with our rapidly evolving digital world.

You could attend and signpost parents to pop onto one of the upcoming awareness sessions at <https://ygam.org/training/parents-carers/book-parents-carers/>

If you are a professional that works with young people and families, you can look at upcoming training sessions <https://ygam.org/training/> That includes those in social care, education, community groups, youth groups and more.

Rachael Hunt, Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership and Adult Board Training Team

Anger Management in Children: how parents/carers can help

The NSPCC have published this page which you may find useful to share with some parents/carers in your school community if they are experiencing these issues- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/arguments-conflict-family-tension>

LCC Safeguarding in School Team

HMRC's Child Trust Fund (CTF)

Many young people aged 18-23 may have forgotten they have savings in a Child Trust Fund account. These accounts were set up by the government for children born between 1 September 2002 and 2 January 2011, with an initial deposit made into each account. The funds become available when the individual turns 18, and the average amount claimed is around £2,200 - yet hundreds of thousands of accounts remain unclaimed.

We're encouraging young people to check if they have a CTF and claim their money. They don't need to pay someone to do it, they can easily find their provider for free on https://www.gov.uk/child-trust-funds/find-a-child-trust-fund?utm_source=email&utm_medium=stk_email&utm_campaign=n=ctf

Jayne Richmond, HMRC Communications



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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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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.

**Specialist Teaching Team
Inclusion Service**

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

Save the Date!

This is a free on-line workshop for parents/carers delivered by Dyslexia Outreach. They will be sharing ideas and strategies designed for parents/carers to support children at home with language, reading, spelling, maths, memory and personal organisation. This workshop is aimed primarily at parents/carers of children in KS2-3 but is open to all interested parents. and carers. More details to follow.

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Dyslexia Outreach

Dates for diaries 2025-26

Full details will be sent out, via your child's school, prior to each event.

Free, online evening workshops for parents/carers and pupils, over the next academic year.

Supporting Your Child At Home

Monday 10th November 2025

***Monday 2nd March 2026**

Ideas and strategies to support your child at home with language, reading, spelling, maths, memory and personal organisation.

Aimed primarily at parents/carers of children in KS2-3 but open to all interested parents and carers.

Study Skills And Revision Strategies

Tuesday 18th November 2025

***Monday 12th January 2026**

Ideas for supporting memory and learning in the classroom.
Aimed at all secondary aged pupils and especially relevant for those preparing for national exams:
GCSEs, vocational qualifications and A-Levels.

Primary To Secondary Transition

***Monday 11th May 2026**

Tuesday 9th June 2026

Information and advice to ensure that your children are well set up and organised to make their transition go as smoothly as possible.



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Dyslexia Outreach

Parent/Carer Workshop: Supporting Your Child At Home

A free, online workshop, sharing
strategies to support learning



Aimed primarily at parent/carers of children in KS1-3, but
open to all who would like ideas on supporting their
child(ren) with reading, spelling, maths, memory and
organisation.

Monday 10th November 2025 at 7:00 – 8:00pm

If you would like to attend, please email Odette Read,
stating your child's school and year group:

odette.read@lincolnshire.gov.uk



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