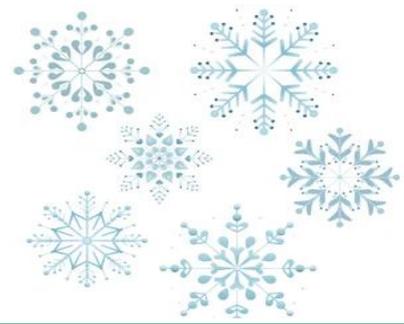




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# January Newsletter

The start of 2026 has seen an excellent start to what promises to be another successful year for our Ling Moor Family. As you would expect, the children have settled in to the start of the Spring term really well. We are seeing impressive behaviour, learning and determination to do well.

When we open the doors in the morning, the children are all eager and keen to get on with their learning and see their friends. The start of the day is incredibly important for the children with learning beginning as soon as they step through the door. It is rare for a class not to be actively learning from 8.45am onwards. That is why it is so important for the children to arrive on time. Punctuality is very important and we are seeing an increase in lateness. Please do talk to school should there be anything we need to put in place to support in getting children to school on time.

It was lovely to welcome many of our Foundation Stage grandparents into school to spend time playing games with the children. It was lovely to witness the great time that everyone was having and the energy that the grandparents brought to school was lovely. We are planning a few more events where we can invite grandparents into school as we think it is so positive for the children.

We have also welcomed a series of online safety experts into school to work with the children. Our colleagues from Lincolnshire County Council bring a wealth of expertise that ensures the children are better equipped to stay safe online. The online world continues to be a challenging one for young people and we would urge you to resist the temptation to provide a child with a mobile phone for as long as possible. We would also urge you to resist the peer pressure for certain apps and to stick with the suggested ages that are specific for each app.

The children are not allowed to use mobile phones on the school site at any point. For our older children (Year 5 and Year 6), there is a process where they can be looked after during the school day. This should only be for children who are walking to and from school independently and when parents have completed a request.

## Football Champions

Following on from their league success last year, we are delighted to share the news that our girl's football team won the Lincoln City Foundation cup. The team are such a wonderful group who challenge and support each other to be the best. Their collective passion is wonderful. The team will be travelling to Chesterfield next month to represent Lincoln City in the regional finals.



## Uniform

The high standards of uniform are throughout the school with the children looking ready for learning as they return to school. If you have any questions about uniform, please do take a look at the uniform section on the website.

As shared last year, please can you be mindful of extreme haircuts/colouring. We are happy to clarify things before the hairdresser is visited. We would also ask that you are mindful of jewelry in particular earrings that should be a simple stud earring.

We would also ask that hair bands, bows etc are not too large. We are seeing some bows in school at the moment that are being distracting to the children and their peers.

## Holidays

As many of you look to booking summer holidays, we would like to remind everyone that absence from school can only be authorised in the most exceptional of circumstances. If you are booking a holiday, we would urge you to avoid booking in term time. In order to inform the school of a planned absence, please do complete the necessary form (located on the school website).

## Reception Places

The deadline for applications for places in Foundation Stage next year has officially closed. For those of you who have siblings set to start school next year, please do make sure that an application has been completed. On the application, it is really important that the sibling box is ticked. This includes those who have a sibling who is currently in Year 6.

## Running

Great to hear that so many of the children are attending the Boultham Park junior park run. Keep it up! If you've not been, it is well worth a try. <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/boulthampark-juniors/>

We are now a Park Run school so as many children attending as possible is a wonderful thing!

## Parking

As we always ask, we would appreciate all of you who are driving to school to park with our neighbours in mind – being sensitive where you park and not leaving engines idling. Where possible, please do walk to school or take the opportunity to park a little further away and walk a little further to the school.

We have made changes to the front of school (with the gates being closed) to ensure the children are safe as they leave school.

For those of you who are dropping off at Bubbles, please can you avoid using the staff car park where possible



## Social Media

We have now closed the Academy Twitter account and moved exclusively to Instagram. It already feels like a better space to give parents an insight to school life. Thank you for all of your engagement so far. Please do give us a follow by simply searching Ling Moor

## Free School Meals

We would urge all our families to check whether they are eligible for Free School Meals. Due to recent changes to those eligible – particularly those in receipt of universal credit. Not only does the status ensure that children continue to receive a free school meal when they move into Year 3, it also enables the school to claim extra funding to benefit the children's education.

[Please follow this LINK](#)

## Thrift shop

The thrift shop is available each day at the front of school. It is a tiny amount of the uniform we have available so if you cannot find the sizes you need, please email the admin team. We continue to ask for a small donation for thrift shop items with any proceeds raised used to make the children's break times even better.

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<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Parents Evening
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Parents Evening
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Half Term
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 5 Bikeability
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Disco
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 2 Rand Farm Residential
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 5 Priory Witham Pantomime Visit
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Priory Voices
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3 & 4 Performance
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3 & 4 Performance
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Year 6 Hollowford Residential
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Termly Reports
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Holidays