



Our Newsletter
Spring Term 3
2025





Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a very Happy Christmas and New Year. It seems a distant memory now as 2025 is moving so fast already. I look forward to working closely with you all this year to achieve the best outcomes for all your lovely children that you have entrusted into our care. We are focusing on communication and language this term as well as healthy eating and we have planned events to support the development and knowledge of these skills. I really appreciate your continued support it makes such a difference to the outcomes of your children. More information about these events will be detailed in this newsletter.

Many thanks,

Ella

Head of School

Message from Laura Cook, Executive Headteacher

As the Executive Headteacher overseeing the four maintained nursery schools within the Lincolnshire Maintained Nursery School Federation, I am privileged to work with such dedicated teams and wonderful children. While the Head of School at each nursery is your primary point of contact for the day-to-day running of the school, I want to reassure you that I am always available should the need arise. The school office will be more than happy to help arrange a time to speak with me if needed.

I am incredibly proud to be part of this federation, which brings so many benefits to our schools. By working closely together, we've been able to share expertise, resources and best practices to ensure that every child has the very best start in their early years. This collaboration strengthens each of our nurseries and enables us to meet the unique needs of every child and family we serve.

Over the coming term, we will be writing to you to explore ways we can further strengthen how we all work together and I look forward to hearing your views.

Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in our schools. It is a privilege to work with such vibrant communities and I look forward to continuing to build on our shared successes together.

Warm regards,

Laura Cook

Executive Headteacher

Lincolnshire Maintained Nursery School Federation



Car Park

I am aware that as our numbers of children are rising so are the number of cars in the car-park! Please be careful when driving into the car park and DO NOT park across the back of parked cars as sometimes families are getting blocked in and are having to wait a long time to exit the carpark. The bays are often empty. The gates stay open until 8.55am and 2.55pm so please don't feel that you have to rush in to collect your children.



Toilet Training

Being able to use the toilet independently is an important life skill. Every child's development is unique. Some children can be toilet trained earlier and faster than others. It is important to support children to learn at their own pace.

The **NHS** provides advice on [how to potty train](#).

ERIC, The Children's Bowel and Bladder Charity, has helpful information and resources on [toilet training in early years settings](#).

Their 3 step '**Let's Go Potty**' approach is broken down into stages:

1. Preparation
2. Practice
3. Stop using nappies



It is important to work closely with us to ensure we are all doing the same things to support your child to be independent.

If you and your child are finding it challenging you can also request support from the Health Visiting Team by phoning **SPA 01522 843000**

[Fussy eating, tantrums, separation anxiety and toilet training :: Healthier Together](#)

Boston Brilliance



We are excited to be involved with the Boston Brilliance Festival of Light this year on the 14th and 15th of February. We have sent another separate letter about this event with more details. We are asking families to send in a photograph of something you feel is 'Brilliant in Boston' by the 5th of February. We have already had some lovely pictures. They will be displayed in Boston Stump and then at nursery.

RHS Grant

We have successfully managed to get another £2000 from the Royal Horticultural Society and now have all our raised beds ready to plant in the Little Owls Garden. We are hoping to grow fruit and vegetables for our children to eat later in the school year. These have been installed by Tom from The Community Growers in Boston.

[How Are You Lincolnshire | The Community Growers CIC \(haylincolnshire.co.uk\)](http://haylincolnshire.co.uk)



Growing Food and Friends

Our Project called Growing Food and Friends to unite all our families here at Boston Nursery School was selected for the Tesco token ballot. This has now closed and we are waiting to see if we are going to receive £500, £1000 or £1500 to go towards raised planters to be located by our trees at the front of the school so parents can grow items of fruit and vegetables as well. Please let me know if you would be interested in this.



Settling in Conversations

We will be arranging settling in calls or consultations for all children that are new this term. They will be from 3rd to the 14th of February 2025. This will give you a chance to have a chat with your child's key person to discuss their progress and how they have settled in and talk about their 'Next Steps' and development.



School Admissions



The School Admissions Portal is now closed for new applications. If you have not applied for a school place yet. This is for children in Tawny Owls— (~Lauren's Class), you have until the **10th of February** to contact the School Admission's Team.

schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk 01522 782030

School admissions will **close after this date and then reopen on the 17th of April 2025.**

Packed Lunches

As I said in my last newsletter we will be working closely with the **Food Education Team**. We will be following the **Eat Better, Start Better** guidance with our children to deliver great food and nutritional information to all our children, staff and parents. [Eat Better, Start Better - Foundation Years](#) . A copy of this is available in the school entrance. Alison from the Food Education Team came to observe our children at lunch time and she noticed that many children had too many items of food as well as well as high sugar items. We want to work with you to provide children with **healthier choices** , **encourage independence** and **promote positive behaviours**.



We would like children to have up to **5 items of food** in their packed lunch. Base the main lunchbox item on foods like bread, rice, pasta and potatoes. Choose wholegrain where you can. Then include fruit and vegetables , protein and dairy which could be yoghurt or cheese and just one chocolate item or biscuit. Separate guidance will be sent to you about this but the NHS link below has some lovely examples of health choices.

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS](#)

Children will be offered milk or water with their lunch and they will encouraged to pour these themselves so **please do not send you child with a drinks bottle** as they will be provided with a cup at school.

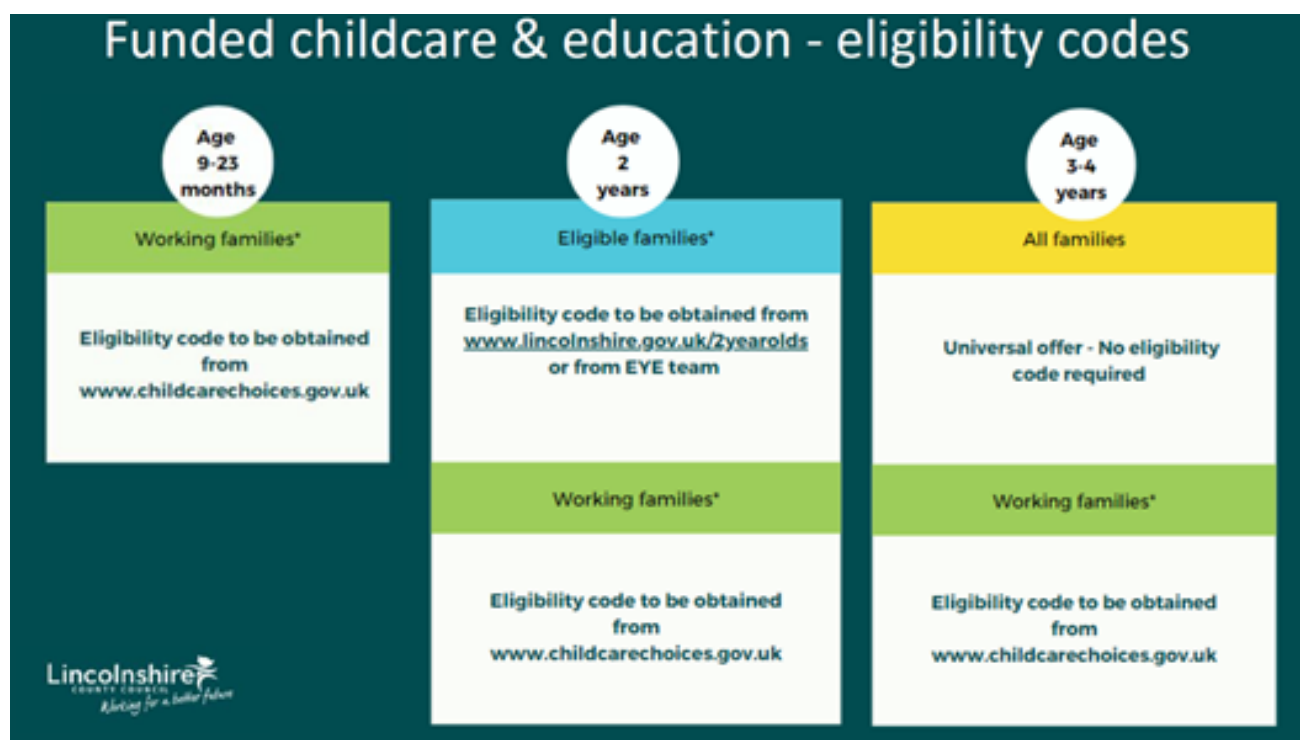
Funding

Just a reminder that if you are claiming the 15 or 30 hour funding for working families (2-4 year olds) or using Tax-Free Childcare, you will need to reconfirm your eligibility **every 3 months**. You have until **March 31st 2025** to get or renew your code for **April 2025**

Childcare Choices

Parents can check whether they could be eligible for a range of government childcare offers, including 15 hours free funding for 2 year old's & 30 hours free funding for 3-4 year old's via Childcare Choices or on the Childcare Calculator at:

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk



www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator

Family Hub



We have been working closely with the Family Hub at Norfolk Lodge in Boston

[Boston, Norfolk Lodge Childrens Centre part of the Family Hubs programme - Find a children's centre – Lincolnshire County Council](#) They have lots of lovely sessions that you can attend with you children and there is no requirement to book you can just turn up! They also have lots of amazing resources that you can take home and play with and then swap for another. These are Borrow Bags They include items like dark dens which you can try with your children at home before purchasing anything. I have a Lending Library catalogue in school which is available for you to view. Please just ask at the front office.

Wellbeing for Parents

The Family Hub at Norfolk Lodge are also sharing well being resources for parents. Below is the link for the Solihull approach- wellbeing for early years parents resources. [Wellbeing for early years parents – new online resources](#)

There is also a free hypnotherapy well-being session for parents delivered by the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum virtually which is very popular

LPCF Home

Online Safety

This term we have a focus on **E- Safety** and will be delivering this to the children as part of our curriculum. Online safety is especially important in early years as your children are surrounded by technology, so it is important to embed strategies to protect your from a young age. Good habits and knowing how to keep your children safe are fundamental from the start of a child's journey.

Early years children could be at risk of...

Content (what they may see)

Contact (who might communicate with them)

Conduct (how they might behave)

Some useful websites to visit include:

[Keeping children safe online - Parent's questions answered | Barnardo's](#)

[Help keep children safe online with Techosaurus! | NSPCC](#)

[Smartie the Penguin | Childnet](#)



Little Owls Room

Our Little Owls room for our children that have just turned two is now up and running. It is a beautiful cosy space. Lucy Copeland is running this room and she will be joined by another member of the team when our numbers go beyond five, which won't be long!



If you know any families looking for a space please share our details as I would be happy to show them round as I am very proud of our new environment.



Dates for your Diary

Term 1 Wednesday 4th September 2024 – Friday 18th October 2024

Term 2 Tuesday 29th October 2024 – Thursday 19th December 2024

Term 3 Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 14th February 2025

Term 4 Monday 24th February 2025 – Friday 4th April 2025

Term 5 Tuesday 22nd April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025

Term 6 Monday 2nd June 2025 – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

(Nursery closed Monday 9th June for staff training)

All information with regard to dates can also be found on our school website.

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