



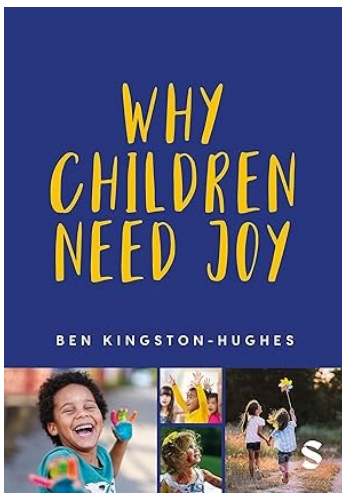
Our Newsletter
Summer Term 5
2026





Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome all the new families that have joined us since Easter and say how much as usual how I have enjoyed saying hello to you all in the mornings and afternoons when I am on the gate. This is a very important part of the day and brings me great joy! Joy is a very powerful emotion which builds resilience, helps children to self-regulate and promotes healthy brain and physical development as well as strengthening a sense of belonging. Our Federation Training Day in April was with Ben Kingston-Hughes who has written a book called 'Why children Need Joy' which was very inspirational and reminds us that we all need to experience Joy.



I have found that if you focus on joy you notice more joyful moments! I am very proud of all the children here at Boston Nursery School but this week the children in Tawny owls have given me so much joy. It is the first week that the children have been able to use our new bikes that don't have any stabilisers. At the last count I have been told that 8 children have learnt to ride a bike by themselves this week which is incredible! What an achievement!



Ready for School

For some of our families starting school in September 2026 the time is fast approaching. I am very proud of how well our children have grown and developed to be ready for school. We have shared with you the new Government Starting Reception Guidance but you can find it again through this link

<https://startingreception.co.uk/>

We will be working closely with the schools that our older children / Tawny Owls will be moving to in September. I hope that you are happy with the schools your children have been allocated if they are leaving us this summer. If you have any worries or questions about transition then please come and see me. We will be writing end of year summaries for school leavers and there will also be Parent Consultations evenings the week beginning the 8th of June for all children. More information will be sent regarding this before half term.



Our School Garden

You may have noticed some changes to our school gardens. As the months go by more flowers and plants appear ! The rainbow of Tulips was an absolute delight for us to see in the **Rainbow Flower Garden**.



The children are starting to learn about and notice more of what is growing around them and we are attracting more biodiversity , including birds and insects onto our school grounds. We have a Bluetit family and a Robin that regularly visits us at the front office back.



Dinosaur and Forest Garden

These gardens are now open for the children to explore and it has been wonderful to see them playing hide and seek behind the trees and playing with the dinosaurs amongst the plants. It is a wonderful new space for the children to explore and an area which will be cool in the summer. All children will get access to this space .



Bike Launch with the Mayor

I am delighted to share this photograph of our new Hornit Balance Bikes with the Mayor and Mayoress of Boston and Nicky Myers, who is the Head of Service for the Early Years. These bikes are for families to borrow to give your children the opportunity to practise and develop their physical skills. Please just let us know in the office if you would like to try one at home. You can share how you children get on through Tapestry.



Sun cream

As the days **should** be getting warmer, please ensure that your child has had sun cream applied **BEFORE** their nursery session.



We will *only* be re-applying sun cream to children that are attending nursery for a *full day*. We will do this at lunchtime. If you do not send in any suncream the suncream we will be using is ASDA Protect Kids Sensitive Formula Sun Lotion High SPF 50.

If you haven't already, please let the office know if you *do not* want your child to use the nursery sun cream or if they may be allergic to any ingredients.



Please also remember to bring a **named** sun hat on sunny days!

Water is always available for the children to drink and stay hydrated.



Toilet Training

There is a new Government backed guide to when and how to toilet train. Your child. You can access it from the link below. I also have some hard copies in school.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/znf6khv>

CBeebies Parenting also has useful information

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/znf6khv>

Being able to use the toilet independently is an important life skill. Summer-time is a perfect time to start. 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.

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



Makaton Sign of the Week

Lucy from Little Owls has been sharing the Sign of the Week through weekly video on Tapestry Posts. Please have a look at these. We use Makaton across the school to enhance children's language skills and we always speak whilst we are using it so it is never used to replace speech.



Car Park

I am aware that as our numbers of children are continuing to rise so are the number of cars in the carpark! Please be careful when driving into the car park and DO NOT leave your parked car in the school entrance. This is dangerous as it causes congestion on the main road. Please use the bays or alternatively find a place to park you car on a road near to our school. And then walk together through the main gates. Thank you



Toothbrushing.

We have been working closely with the Community Dental Service and have introduced a toothbrushing programme. The children in Tawny Owls have been cleaning their teeth every morning after snack. This has been going really well . The Government have also produced a new Toothbrushing Guide which you can find from the link below.

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers/schools/water-safety/information-and-advice/helping-toddlers-and-pre-school-children-to-stay-safe/little-explorers-story-book>



Keeping Children Safe

This term our Safeguarding Focus will be staying safe around water.

The children will share Quack Quack, Take Two Steps Back. You can hear this story being read by the author through the link below.

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers/schools/water-safety/information-and-advice/helping-toddlers-and-pre-school-children-to-stay-safe/little-explorers-story-book>



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/top-tips-for-staying-safe-at-the-beach>

Family Hubs

We have been continuing to work 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.

[Start for life – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

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](#)

Packed Lunches

We are still working closely with the **Food Education Team**. And we are 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 be encouraged to pour these themselves so **please do not send your child with a drinks bottle** as they will be provided with a cup at school.

Boston Football Club

These sessions have continued to be enjoyed by the children in Tawny Owls. Jayden and Lucas come every week to help develop the children's physical skills. At the end of the Spring Term they bought their Penguin for a special visit which the children all really enjoyed as you can see from the picture. We are hoping to continue this for the whole of next year as well.



Peep

Learning Together at Boston Nursery School

We'd like to invite you to join our Boston Nursery School Peep sessions.

We will work together to support your child's learning at home and out and about in your local community. The sessions will help you to build and develop relationships which will enable your child to begin their school life with confidence. We know that this good preparation gives children a flying start to school life!

These sessions are being delivered by Monika on a Thursday afternoon from 1.30-2.30pm. Please let us know if you would like to attend. Or have any questions regarding these events.. These sessions will run for a further 4 weeks and so far have been attended very well.

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**. The next deadline for this is the **31st of August 2026**.

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

Funded childcare & education - eligibility codes

Age 9-23 months	Age 2 years	Age 3-4 years
Working families*	Eligible families*	All families
Eligibility code to be obtained from www.childcarechoices.gov.uk	Eligibility code to be obtained from www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/2yearolds or from EYE team	Universal offer - No eligibility code required
	Working families*	Working families*
	Eligibility code to be obtained from www.childcarechoices.gov.uk	Eligibility code to be obtained from www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

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Communication with the Nursery

If your child is unable to attend nursery due to illness or family outings etc. please call or email the office before your child's session is due to start. Our phone number is **01205 358647**. Our email is **enquiries@boston-nur.lincs.sch.uk**

Please be aware that there nobody in the office after 12.30pm when Laura Carr finishes. There is an answerphone to respond to telephone calls. Please leave your name and a contact number along with your message.

We try to keep our website as up to date as possible and it has lots of information on www.boston-nur.lincs.sch.uk

The easiest way to get information out to everyone is through our Facebook Account



Little Reminders!

- ⊗ Please remember to label **ALL** of your child's clothing, including coats, shoes, sunhats, bags and lunchboxes with their full name.
- ⊗ Please do not bring in toys from home, they are very easily lost unless it has been arranged with staff to help a child settle.
- ⊗ If your child wears wellies to nursery, please ensure they have a set of shoes to change into once inside.
- ⊗ **Please ensure your child is collected on time at the end of their nursery session to enable us to keep to the correct staffing ratios.**



Dates for your Diary

Term 5 21st of April—22nd May 2026– Thursday 2nd April 2026

School closed for Half Term from Bank Holiday Monday 25th of May and reopens Monday 1st of June 2026

Term 6 Monday 1st June 2026 – Tuesday 21st July 2026

Tuesday 7th of July will be a day of play where parents can come and play! Further information will be shared but save the date!

Tuesday the 21st of July will be the **last day** of nursery sessions for all the children in Little Owls and Barn Owls. There will be parties for all the children on this day but these will happen within the school day.

Wednesday 22nd of July will be for Tawny Owls ONLY

School reopens on Thursday 3rd of September 2026

Thank you for sending your children to Boston Nursery School. Please have a very happy and safe summer. For the families that are leaving us we wish you every happiness for the future.

Kind regards,

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