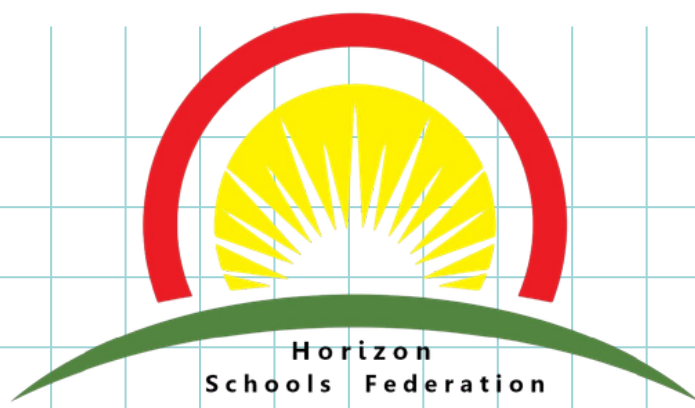




BACK TO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2026



A MESSAGE FROM MRS FOSTON

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and have made the most of the incredible weather and enjoyed time with family and friends.

As the new school year, 2026-2027, opens we have a few updates and reminders to share. Further information will follow in our monthly newsletter.



EXCITING NEWS!

Miss Gilhespy and Mr Scholey have welcomed a healthy baby boy, Travis, into the world. Both mum and baby are doing well and we look forward to meeting him very soon. Mr Scholey will be on paternity leave for the start of this term. Falcons will be taught by Mrs Coxhead during this time for continuity.



UNIFORM

With the start of the new academic year please can I ask that all uniform is named. All children should attend school wearing the correct uniform, this includes school PE Kit. We have a range of excellent quality, pre-loved uniform available, if required. Please peak to office staff regarding this.



NUTS IN SCHOOL

Due to severe allergies in school, please can I remind you that our schools are Nut Free. This includes all products containing nuts. In conjunction with the updated statutory guidance related to Benedict's Law, both schools now have Kitt Medical Anaphylaxis emergency kits onsite and all staff have completed the updated mandatory training.



MEDICATION

If your child requires medication in school please complete the necessary forms with the school office. Where a child has a medical condition requiring ongoing treatment, a Health Care plan should be prepared. Please speak to Mrs Ogden in relation to this as soon as possible.



SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Mrs Foston and Mrs Ogden will continue to divide their time between schools. Where neither are on site, the senior teacher at St Gilbert's is Mrs Tubb, and Mr Smith and Mr Scholey at Donington. Should you need to contact any school leader, please do so via the school offices and we will respond as quickly as possible.

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Sophie Foston

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs Sarah Ogden

Mrs Faye Tubb

Mrs Kayleigh Timings

Mrs Alyson Coxhead



ATTENDANCE & INCLUSION

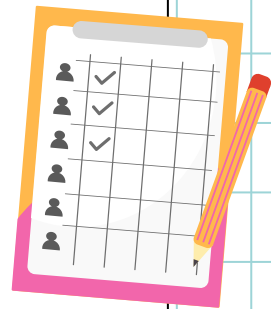
At Horizon Schools Federation we recognise that positive behaviour and good school attendance are essential for pupils to get the most of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind and can put them at risk of wider harm. There is a wide range of evidence as to the health and wellbeing benefits of school- age education.

All children should be in their classrooms by **08.55** for registration.

If your child is unable to attend school:

- It is your responsibility to contact the school on the first day of absence before 09.05am when our register closes, then contact the school on every further day of absence, again before 09.05am
- Ensure that your child returns to school as soon as possible.

Attendance and Inclusion Lead- Mrs Sarah Ogden
Attendance Officer- Mrs Francis Goodge



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

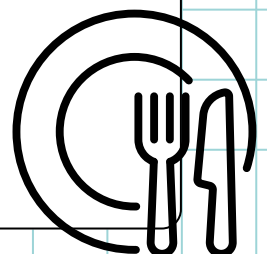
If you feel that your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, you can check your eligibility by visiting the following website.

[Apply for free school meals – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility has been expanded to include all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit regardless of household earnings.

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal credit
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of pension credit



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

14th – 16th PGL Y4
25th – Harvest Festivals



October

16th – 19th Aylmerton Y5/6
21st – Parents Meetings
26th – 30th Half Term

=ADVENTURE=

November

2nd – Start of Autumn term 2



December

4th – Christmas Fair
11th – Disco
16th – Nativity
17th – KS2 Carol service
18th – End of Autumn Term 2

