

APRIL

Newsletter

A message from Mrs Foston...

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a lovely Easter break and are all excited for the busy summer term ahead.

It has been lovely to see some sunshine over the past few weeks- hopefully it is a sign of a wonderfully warm and sunny summer ahead 😊



Staffing

We are saying farewell to our cleaner Denise Graham who is retiring at the end of April. Denise will be greatly missed and we wish her a long and happy well deserved retirement. Thank you Denise.



Nursery

We are thrilled to have been successful in our DfE funding bid to provide nursery provision within our school.

With the demand for nursery places increasing, this will make such a difference for the children of Donington and surrounding areas. Our offer of high quality, inclusive nursery provision will support early vocabulary development, communication and interaction and the personal development of children, ensuring school readiness and fostering a love of learning right from the start. Working with our existing nursery team at our federation school, St Gilbert of Sempringham, our vision would be for the EYFS teams to work together in partnership, drawing on existing expertise and working effectively in collaboration to ensure high quality provision for all children within the Horizon Schools Federation. Project work is now underway to prepare for opening.

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Statutory assessment reminder

Year 6 SATs will be taking place week commencing Monday 12th May 2025. These are external statutory tests to assess pupil progress and attainment in English and Maths in readiness for transition to secondary education. The timetable for the week will be as follows:

Date	Tests
Monday 12 th May	English: Grammar and punctuation paper - Spelling paper
Tuesday 13 th May	English reading paper
Wednesday 14 th May	Maths: - Arithmetic paper - Reasoning paper 1
Thursday 15 th May	Maths reasoning paper 2

Attendance and punctuality are extremely important- we want to be able to start the tests as soon as possible once the children arrive. All children must attend each day.

To support your child and ensure they have a good start to the day, we ask that all year 6 children arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 am.



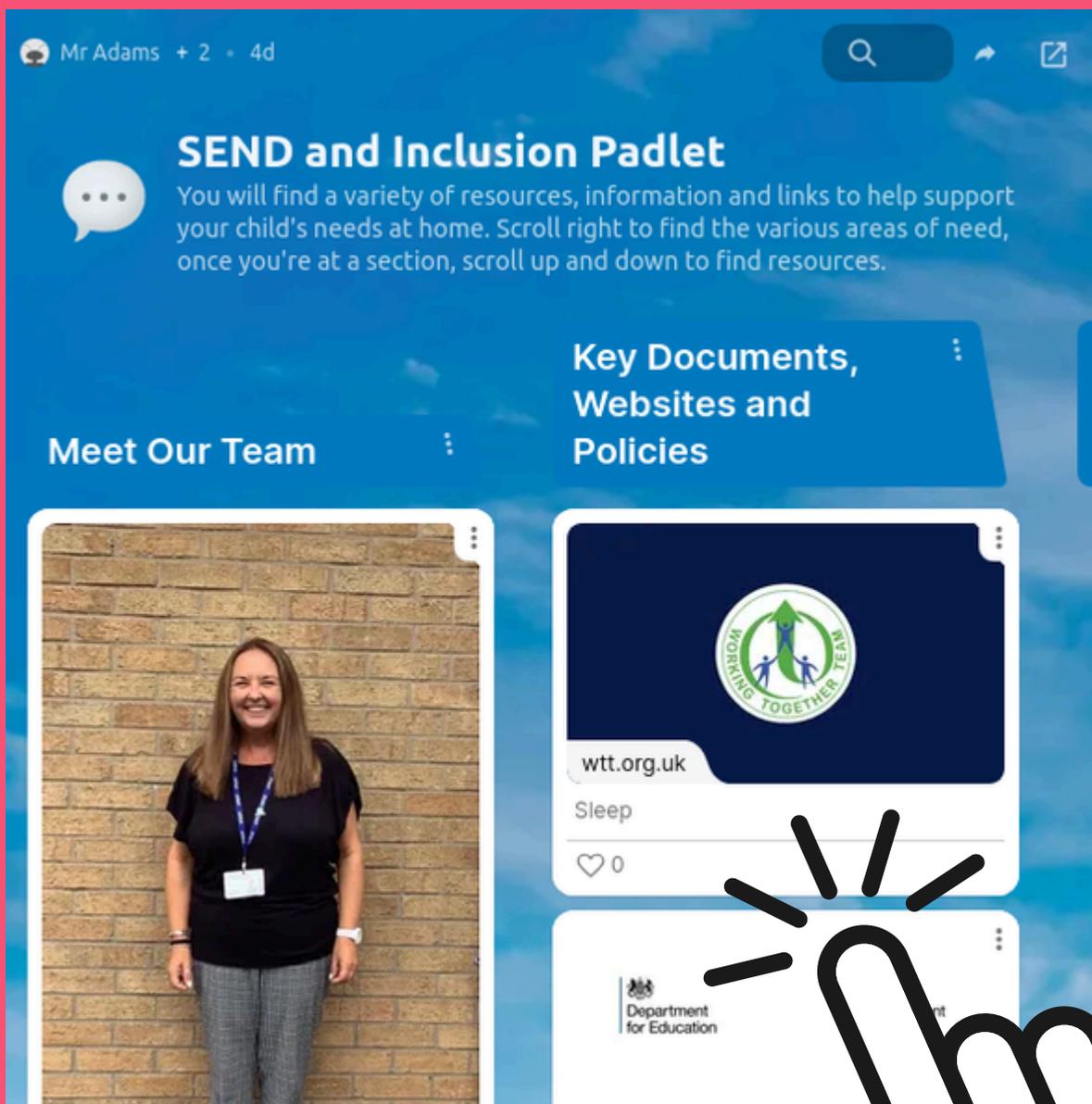
Y1 Phonics Check

The phonics screening check will be administered during the week beginning the 9th June. Children will be reading 40 words. 20 real words and 20 'alien' words. To prepare for this, please read with your children as much as possible and encourage them to use their Read Write Inc techniques 'Special Friends, Fred Talk, Read the Word.' Class teachers will be able to tell you if there are any sounds your child needs support with.

ea cup of tea	oi spoil the boy			
ā-e make a cake	i-e rice smile	ō-e phone home	ū-e huge brute	aw yawn at dawn
are care and share	ur nurse with a purse	er a better letter	ow brown cow	ai snail in the rain
oa goat in a boat	ew chew the stew	ire fire, fire!	ear hear with your ear	ure sure it's pure

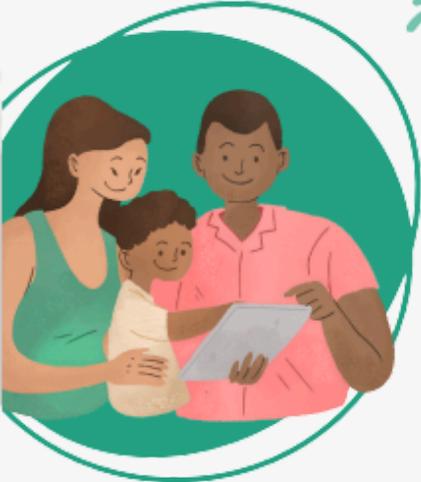
SEND & Inclusion

Have you explored our SEND & Inclusion Padlet? Please visit our website where you will find resources, information and links to help support Parents & Carers. You will also find information on how to contact our SEND team.



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



Summer Fair

★FUN★

Stalls

FOOD  D

games

Bottle Stall

•PRIZES•

RAFFLE

Saturday 7th June

Donington Cowley Endowed Primary School

To find out how you can help or to book a stall please email

dce.ptfa@gmail.com

VE DAY

80th Anniversary Celebrations
in school

08.05.25



PICNIC LUNCH, WAR TIME MUSIC, VE DAY
ASSEMBLY, CLASS COMPETITIONS,
FAMILY BAKING COMPETITION & BAKE
SALE, NON-UNIFORM

PRIZES TO BE WON!





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THURSDAY 8th MAY
(Order by Tuesday 29th April)

VE DAY
30th Anniversary
1945 2025

Celebration Picnic

*Assorted Sandwiches
Sausage Roll
Crunchy Vegetable Sticks
Celebratory Cake
Fruit*

For our full menu and to place an order please visit
www.willoughby-foods.co.uk

We will be having a street party style picnic lunch as part of our VE day celebrations. A picnic Lunch can be ordered through Willoughby Foods (by Tuesday 29th April) or brought in from home.





BAKING COMPETITION & BAKE SALE

We are asking families to take part in a VE Day Family Baking competition! Bring in your war time/celebration inspired bakes to be in with a chance of being crowned VE Day Family Baking Champions. Our School Council will then hold a VE Day Bake Sale at the end of the school day.

CLASS COMPETITIONS

Children from all Year Groups will be taking part in VE Day inspired competitions. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will design VE Day Flags. Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will design their own VE Day Newspaper articles.

There are prizes to be won for winning entries from each year group. These designs will be done in class.

NON UNIFORM

Children are invited to come to school in WW2 clothing or red, white and blue.

PRIZES AND DECORATIONS

To help with our VE day celebrations, our PTFA have kindly offered to donate decorations for our Street Party picnic lunch and the prizes for all competitions.

Dates for your Diary

MAY

- 5th- Bank Holiday Monday
- 8th - VE Day celebrations
- 12th-15th- Y6 SATs
- 23rd - PTFA non-uniform & bring a bottle day
- 23rd- End of Summer Term 1



JUNE

- 2nd- Start of Summer Term 2
- 7th - Summer Fair
- 9th-13th Phonics Screening Check Y1 and Multiplication Check Y4
- 11th - Y6 Theatre Trip
- 20th – Cricket Tournament
- 23rd- EYFS Stay and Play 1.30pm-3pm
- 26th- Y6 Gala Dinner
- 27th- Tri Golf
- 30th- Orienteering
- 30th- Bikeability week - Year 5

JULY

- 7th- KS1 Sports Day
- 8th - Capture the Castle
- 11th - Summer Disco
- 14th- KS2 Sports Day
- 16th and 17th - Whole School Production
- 22nd - Y6 Leavers assembly and end of academic year

