

Welcome back to a busy summer term. Whilst the weather isn't warming up just yet, it is certainly nice to welcome the lighter evenings and a little bit of sunshine.

Attendance

You should have received a letter updating you on your child's attendance for last term.

Attendance Matters!

The table below shows the impact Attendance has on your child's academic year.

Remember...Attendance Matters!

ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 w oo ks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	ó weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons

This table shows what the statistics really mean!

Wellbeing

Sometimes life can be tricky. It can make you feel lonely, sad, worried, nervous and all sorts of other emotions. This can happen to anyone and at any time. We want to help your child with any worries that they may have, it doesn't matter how big or small, the more you talk about a worry, the smaller it will get. We are always here to listen. Please encourage your child to speak to an adult in school if they are worried about something. Alternatively, arrange a time to speak with Mrs Millard. sarah-jane.millard@cowley.lincs.sch.uk

Coffee Morning at Donington Cowley Primary School

Kathie Robson, Early Help Consultant who provides support on dealing with parental conflict, will be our guest at the coffee morning on the Friday 3rd May at 9am. Kathie will be able to offer support and advise. It would great if you could join us for a coffee and chat.



SEND

Your child's class teacher is always the first port of call for any SEND queries you might have. If you need any further support following on from this, you are always welcome to make an appointment with the SENDCo, Mrs Ogden, for any specific area of need or Mrs S Millard for social, emotional, and mental health needs. SEND@cowley.lincs.sch.uk

Statutory Assessments Reminder

KS2 SATs (Year 6s)

These statutory assessments take place from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May 2024 and includes a Reading paper, Spelling, Punctation and Grammar, and 3 Maths papers, which are spread over the four days. On these days, the Year 6's can come to school and have breakfast before they complete the tests.



Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) (Year 4s)

The MTC takes place over a two-week period starting on Monday 3rd June. The test takes approximately 15 minutes, and the children will have opportunities to practise beforehand. The sound check on TTRS also allows the children to practise the style of questions.



Phonics Screening (Year 1s)

There is a phonics screening check for all Year 1 children which takes place during the week beginning Monday 10th June and takes approximately 20 minutes per child.



Sports

This term we have some amazing opportunities with sports as we have a cricket coach coming in to help teach our children some great cricket skills. We have already had two cricket sessions and the children are loving it. Hopefully, these skills lead to some great performances at the cricket competition. We will also have a Capture the Castle competition and a Trigolf competition for our Year 3s and 4s to compete in and Sports Days.



Along with the cricket lessons, the coach is providing an afterschool club for years 3 and 4 where they are enjoying the extra cricket sessions.

DUE TO A YEAR 6 COMPETITION, THE SPORTS DAYS DATES HAVE CHANGED.

KS2 IS NOW ON WEDNESDAY THE 19TH of JUNE AND EYFS AND KS1 IS ON

FRIDAY THE 21ST OF JUNE.

Reading

This month, 'The Reading Ambassadors' are excited to be visiting the library once again to retrieve their library cards! We are looking forward to sharing details all about the sign-up process with the school in one of our weekly reading assemblies. You may have also seen in the front entrance area of reception, we now have some brand new shelves where different staff members from across the school are sharing their book recommendations. Children are welcome to come and take a look and borrow one of these stories and share how they have found it!



Choir

Both our key stage one choir and our key stage two choir have been working hard learning new songs. The key stage two choir have many exciting events coming up over the next few weeks. These include performing at the Summer Fair, an afterschool recital and singing at the church. Further details will be given for these events nearer the time. Our key stage one choir have also been working hard, if your child would like to join, please speak to the office about securing a place.



PTFA

The PTFA are busy planning the Summer Fair which is on the Saturday 8th June. We will be once again running our very popular 'Bottle Stall' so will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 24th May. Children are invited to school in their favourite clothes and all we ask is for a donation towards our bottle stall.

If you would like to be involved in helping raise funds for the school, offer your help at the Summer Fair, book a stall or donate a raffle prize, please contact: ptfa@cowley.lincs.sch.uk or speak to the school office.



The Collection Visit

Children from Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to The Collection Museum in Lincoln. We took part in lots of exciting activities to kick start our History topic 'Olympia' and learn more about Ancient Greece. The children had the opportunity to become archaeologists, digging to find artefacts to help learn about life in the past as well as using role play to recreate the Persian wars. Finally, our curiosity was sparked when we were able to look at and handle the museum's collection of Greek artefacts. The children were all well behaved, inquisitive and asked lots of interesting questions.



MAY

3rd 9am Coffee Morning

6th Bank Holiday (school closed)

 $13^{th} - 17^{th}$ Y6 SATs $20th - 24^{th}$ KS1 SATs

24th Non-uniform Day (Bring a Bottle for PTFA)

27th – 30th Half Term

JUNE

3rd – 14th Y4 Multiplication Check

5th Y6 Matilda Trip 6th Choir Recital

6th EYFS Trip - Sundown Adventureland

8th Summer Fair

10th Reception 2024 – New Intake evening

10th – 14th Phonics Screening Check

11th New Reception 24 - Stay and Play 2pm-3pm

12th Jamie Knight- Freestyle Football

19th KS2 Sports Day
21st EYFS/KS1 Sports Day
21st Y6 Kwik Cricket
26th Y6 Fishing
27th Y6 Gala Dinner
28th Y3/4 Tri-Golf

JULY

1st KS2 Orienteering

2nd New Reception 2024 – Stay and Play 2pm – 3pm

4th KS1 Trip – NEW DATE 4th Y3/4 Indian Experience

8th Y5/6 Trip 10th Y6 Fishing 12th Reports Out

12th Disco

12th Matthew Flinders event
 17th Whole School Production
 18th Whole School Production

19th Break up for academic year 2023/2024

Summer Holidays