Kelsey Primary

Responsibility Determination Respect

Friday 11th September, 2026

To all our Kelsey families,

This morning, we celebrated our first Star Pupils of the new academic year. We celebrated new pupils who have transitioned so well into our school alongside children demonstrating brilliant attitudes to learning, being helpful to others and for contributing so positively in class. It was a brilliant start to Friday, well done everyone!

Yesterday, Oak Class began their DT project. They're creating paper mâché helmets, which will then be tested for their strength and durability. As you can see, they thoroughly enjoyed their first lesson.

Updates this week:
PE days –
Cherry Blossom Class: Wednesdays (please send children to school in their PE kits, with their school uniform in their bags)
Elm Class: Wednesday (please send children to school in their PE kits, with their school

uniform in their bags)
Oak Class: Mondays and Wednesdays
Elder Class: Mondays and Wednesdays

Attendance –
This week, Elm and Cherry Blossom shared our weekly class attendance trophy – a whopping 100% attendance for both classes! Well done 😊

Parking and dropping off -
Thank you for your support in ensuring the new road markings outside of school are adhered to. We would still like to reiterate that **the bus bay is not for parking or dropping off** – regardless of whether or not the bus is there or not.

OOSC -
Thank you to parents and carers for being prompt with booking ahead for Mrs Critten's breakfast and after school club, we really appreciate your support with this.

Items in school –
We've had items such as stationery from home and squishies coming into school. Please can remind children and parents that stationery is provided by school and that squishies should be kept at home, thank you.

Oak Class homework –
Just a reminder that homework is sent home on a Friday and needs returning to school the following Thursday, thank you. Children should also be practising their times tables and reading regularly at home too, thank you.

School Attendance –
Here are a few reminds for the new academic year:

Children of school age must attend regularly and on time during term time.
Your child can only miss school if:

- they are too ill
- the school has authorised the absence

You must get permission from the headteacher if you are planning to take your child out of school during term time.

Your child may be allowed to miss school for:

- doctor, hospital or dental appointments
- a death in the family or funeral
- religious observation

Headteachers can only permit leave for a holiday in term time where there are **exceptional circumstances**.

If you do not get permission and you take your child out of school, you may get a fine.

Parents and carers may be issued with a Penalty Notice if their child is absent from school without permission. This includes:

- any absence marked in the register as unauthorised
- arrival at school after the register has been taken
- a holiday in term-time, which has not been agreed by the headteacher

The school refer this information to Lincolnshire County Council.

Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child and are an alternative to prosecution.
The current penalty is:

- £80, if paid within 21 days
- £160, if paid between 21 and 28 days

There is no option for a reduction for a second fine, and a third fine cannot be issued within 3 years, we must consider prosecution instead.
If you do not pay a fine within 28 days, have received the maximum number of fines, or Lincolnshire County Council feel that a fine would not be effective, they may prosecute you for non-attendance.

SEND spotlight –

Understanding Visual Processing Difficulties and Dyslexia
We often hear the terms *visual processing difficulties* and *dyslexia* used together, and it's easy to assume they mean the same thing. In reality, they are **two different types of learning differences**, and one does **not** automatically mean the other.

Dyslexia
Dyslexia is a **language-based difficulty**. It affects how the brain processes the *sounds* in words, which can make reading, spelling, and decoding more challenging. Children with dyslexia usually have **normal eyesight** — the difficulty lies in how the brain works with language, not with how the eyes see.

Visual Processing Difficulties
Visual processing difficulties happen when the brain struggles to **interpret visual information**, even when eyesight is normal. This might look like losing their place when reading, confusing similar-looking letters, or finding busy pages overwhelming. These challenges can affect reading, but they are **not caused by dyslexia**, and they do **not diagnose dyslexia**.
So, in a nutshell...
Visual processing difficulties affect how the brain makes sense of what the eyes see. Dyslexia affects how the brain processes language and sounds. A child can have one, the other, or both — but one does not automatically mean the other.

Why They Can Look Similar
Both dyslexia and visual processing difficulties can lead to:

- Slow or effortful reading

- Letter confusion
- Fatigue during reading
- Avoidance of reading tasks

Because the outward signs overlap, it's understandable that many might link the two — but the underlying causes are different.

- Neither dyslexia nor visual processing difficulties are related to intelligence.
- Both can be supported effectively with the right strategies.
- Understanding the difference helps us tailor support so your child can thrive

PTA updates –

A massive thank you to everyone who came along to last night's PTA Annual General Meeting! It was great to see so many friendly faces, share some laughs, and chat about what's ahead.
Ben (Chair), Stacey (Treasurer) and Kristy (Secretary) are ready to lead the charge into another action-packed year. Please support any way you can, high-fives and fist pumps go a long way, as do ideas to raise cash!
The PTA isn't an exclusive club—it's just a group of parents and carers like you, trying to make school life extra special for our kids. Got a wild idea for a fundraiser? Want to know how the magic happens? Or maybe you just fancy helping out for an hour at a disco? We want you!

- Spot us in the wild: Come chat with Ben, Stacey, Kristy, or any of our volunteers in the playground. We are a friendly bunch, promise! You can also drop a note to the school office.
- Get clicking: Stalk us (legally) at www.nkpta.co.uk or dive into our social feeds.

Because you lot are so incredibly generous, our school community managed to smash it last year, donating over £7,000 to the school!

This year, on top of our usual mission to fund the fun stuff, we are aiming to source our very own on-site storage HQ. This means a safe, dry home for our beloved gazebos, giant games, and everything else our volunteer team needs to throw the perfect school bash without having to cram it all into people's garages!

Two Super Quick Ways to Be a Hero Today! 🚀

- The 100 Club: Grab a ticket for £20 and you are automatically entered into 12 monthly cash prize draws. Real cash. Every month. You've got to be in it to win it!
- Easyfundraising: Literally free money for the school while you shop! Buy your usual bits online, and major retailers will chuck a percentage of your spend directly into our charity pot. Absolute no-brainer.

Calendar events –

Week beginning 14.09.26

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time					Running Club with Mrs Trotter & Mrs Chamberlin
After school (4:30pm finish)	Dance with Mrs Massey (Y1 – Y6)	Mini Football with Miss Hunt (EYFS and KS1) Gymnastics with Miss Lowthian (KS2)	Tag rugby with JB Sports	Football with Mr Turner (KS2)	

Looking ahead:
NSPCC 'Speak out' assemblies: Monday 21st September
Individual school photographs: Tuesday 22nd September
Flu immunisations: Thursday 24th September
NSPCC workshops for Years 2, 5 and 6: Tuesday 13th October
Last day of Autumn term 1: Friday 23rd October

And finally –

We have some lovely news to share with our Kelsey families. Mrs Coombes and her husband are expecting baby number 2 in February. We are very excited for them as their family grows – congratulations!

Have a lovely weekend,

Warmest regards,
Katie Grantham
Headteacher

Kelsey Primary School
Chapel Street, North Kelsey
Market Rasen, Lincolnshire, LN7 6EJ
Tel: 01652 678387
Email: enquiries@kelseyprimary.co.uk
Website: www.kelseyprimary.co.uk
Headteacher: **Katie Grantham**