



# Chapel Chat

Term 4 2025-2026

## Term 5 Important Dates

Date	Time	Event
23.4.26	AM	Wrates Photos
24.4.26	All day	Seashells Trip to the Life Museum
27.4.26	All day	Y5 Taster Day at Skegness Grammar School
29.4.26	All day	Mental Health Awareness Day (wear yellow)
5.5.26	AM	Community Green Spaces Clearance (Co-Op)
<b>11.5.26 – 14.5.26 SATS WEEK</b>		
<b>Looking Ahead to Term 6</b>		
WB: 15.6.26	PM	Seashells Beach School Day
24.6.26	All day	Y5 Curriculum Day at Skegness Academy
24.6.26	PM	EYFS Beach School Day
25.6.26	PM	Parents Workshop
26.6.26	All day	KS2 Cleethorpes Trip
3.7.26	All day	Y6 SGS Induction Day
3.7.26	PM	Jellyfish Beach School Day
6.7.26	All Day	Sports Day & Picnic
9.7.26	All Day	SKA & JSTC Y6 Induction Day
9.7.26	PM	Transition (move up) Afternoon
10.7.26	All Day	JSTC Induction Day 2
10.7.26		Reports Due
15.7.26	All Day	KS2 Lincoln Trip

We are still in the process of booking trips, more details will be sent out once all details have been confirmed.

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As we come to the end of Term 4, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly fantastic term at school.

There has been so much exciting learning taking place across all classes. It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged, motivated, and proud of their achievements. From classroom learning to wider opportunities, our pupils have continued to demonstrate our Chapel values every day.

As we now begin to look ahead towards the end of the academic year, it is important to remember that there are still many valuable learning days ahead. Every day in school continues to make a difference.

We are currently busy organising a range of trips and experiences for the children, which we know will further enrich their learning. Please keep an eye out for upcoming communications with more details.

And finally... fingers crossed for some warmer weather as we move into the next term!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes,

*Mrs Borrell*



At Chapel St Leonards, safeguarding is our top priority, and we are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all our pupils. If parents or children have any concerns or wish to discuss something in confidence, they can speak to a member of our **Safeguarding Team** at any time. We are here to listen, support, and take action where necessary.

If a safeguarding issue arises during the holidays, support is still available. You can contact a member of the **Trust Safeguarding Team** at [safeguarding@citcademies.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@citcademies.co.uk) and they will be able to assist you. Please remember, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we encourage you to reach out if you have any concerns.



Please work with us, we still have a way to go to meet the national target: We understand that some absences are unavoidable. If you need school to administer Calpol for your child please complete a form from the office.

In line with our procedures, we may do a home visit if your child has not been in school for 3 school days.

### **Our Assembly Themes in the Summer Term**

Welcome back, behaviour and attitudes

Key Landmarks of the World

Keeping Healthy

Community and Giving Something Back

Relationships

Keeping Safe

Tolerance/ Adventure

Milestones Traditions From Around the World

Transitions

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**  
For Health & Safety Reasons...



**Breakfast Club MUST be BOOKED IN ADVANCE ONLINE!**



**Please Book Ahead to Secure Your Place!**

**Our Uniform is Changing to NAVY!**

Easier to buy in local supermarkets



Summer Dresses: Blue & White



Navy Jumper or Cardigan



White Polo Shirt



Black or Grey Trousers / Skirt



Black Shoes or Trainers

**Thank you for your support!**

## PE and Uniform Information

### PE and Jewellery Reminder

For health and safety reasons, children must not wear earrings for PE. No jewellery should be worn in school other than small stud earrings and a watch.

**PE t shirts will return back to white from September 2026 PE t shirts do not need to have the Chapel logo on it, however if you would like a t shirt with the logo on, they can be bought from the uniform shop.**

<https://www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk/>

**As soon as the new uniform has arrived we will let you know.**

# Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage

## Free for Families in Lincolnshire

Helping children aged 7-12 manage worries & anxiety

Register for free to get your Game Key

Download the Lumi Nova app (iOS/Android)

Play 2-3 times per week

Important: Not for children in crisis

Backed by science, NHS supported

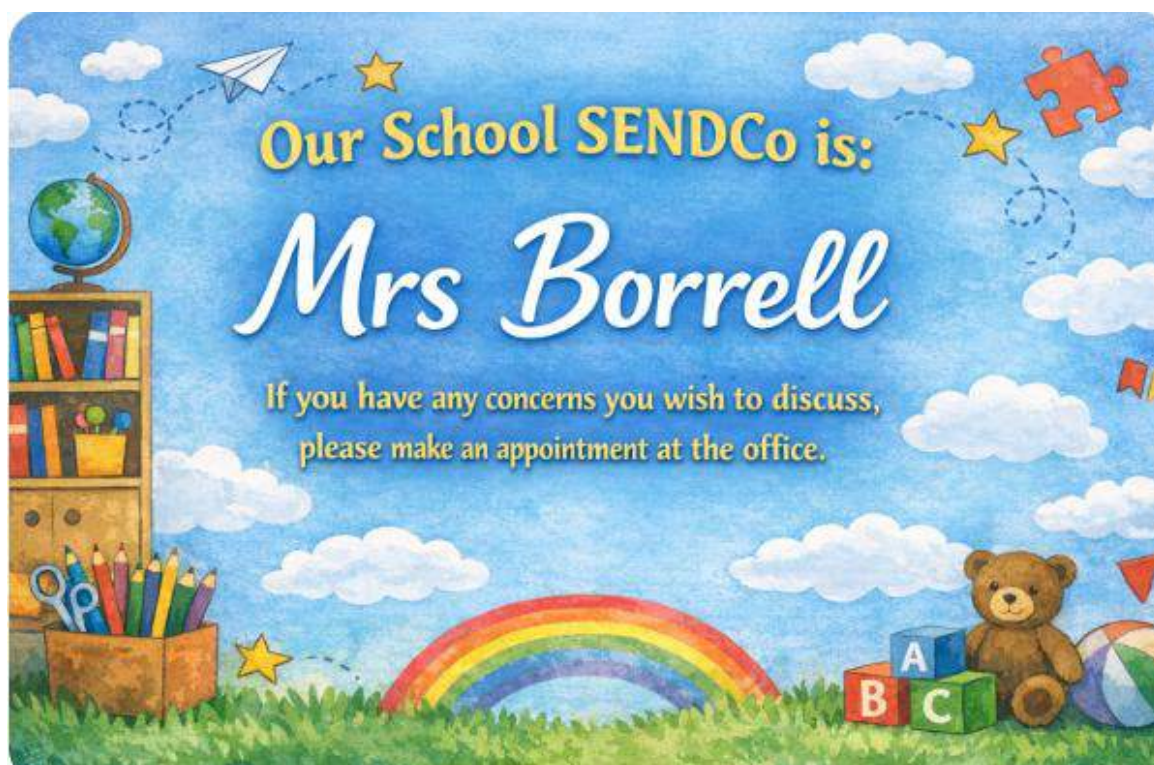
Visit [luminova.app/lincolnshire](http://luminova.app/lincolnshire)

Support: [support@bfb-labs.com](mailto:support@bfb-labs.com)



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmgrU4zXU3M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmgrU4zXU3M)

**Start your child's journey today!**



## **Understanding types of Absence**

Any absence affects the routine of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning journey and ability to progress. Any pupil's absence or late arrival disrupts teaching routines and so may affect the learning of others in the same class. Ensuring a child's regular attendance at school is a parental responsibility and allowing absence from school, without a good reason, creates an offence in law and may result in prosecution.

Every half-day absence from school has to be classified by the school (not by the parent), as either authorised or unauthorised. This is why information about the cause of any absence is always required. Each half-day is known as a 'session'. Authorised absences are morning or afternoon sessions away from school for a genuine reason such as illness (although you may be asked to provide medical evidence for your child before this can be authorised), medical or dental appointments which unavoidably fall in school time, emergencies or other unavoidable cause. Unauthorised absences are those which the school does not consider reasonable and for which no 'leave' has been granted. This type of absence can lead to the school referring to the Local Authority for penalty notices and/or legal proceedings.

Unauthorised absence includes, (however this list is not exhaustive):

- parents/carers keeping children off school unnecessarily e.g. because they had a late night or for non-infectious illness or injury that would not affect their ability to learn.
- absences which have never been properly explained.
- children who arrive at school after the close of registration are marked using a 'U'. This indicates that they are in school for safeguarding purposes, however, is counted as an absence for the session.
- shopping trips.
- looking after other children or children accompanying siblings or parents to medical appointments.
- their own or family birthdays.
- holidays taken during term time, not deemed 'for exceptional purposes' by the headteacher, including any arranged by other family members or friends.
- day trips.
- other leave of absence in term time which has not been agreed.

## **Persistent Absenteeism (PA) and Severe Absenteeism (SA)**

A pupil is defined by the Government as a 'persistent absentee' when they miss 10% or more schooling (19 days) across the school year for any reason; this can be authorised or unauthorised absence. Absence at this level can cause considerable damage to any pupil's education and we need the full support and cooperation of parents to resolve this.

All pupils who have attendance levels of 90% or below are considered to be a persistent absentee. A pupil who has missed 50% or more schooling (95 days) is defined by the Government as 'severely absent'. Pupils within this cohort may find it more difficult to be in school or face bigger barriers to their regular attendance and, as such, are likely to need more intensive support

## **National Framework for Penalty Notices**

There is now a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England, of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. The 10 sessions of absence do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence (G, O and/or U coded within the school's registers). The 10-school week period can span different terms, school years or education settings. Sanctions may include issuing each parent (for each child) with a Penalty Notice for £160, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days (for the first offence).

A second Penalty Notice issued within a three-year period will result in a fine of £160 per parent, per child. If a third offence is committed the matter may be referred to the local authority for consideration of prosecution via the Magistrates Court. If prosecution is instigated for irregular school attendance, each parent may receive a fine of up to £2500 and/or up to 3 months in prison. If a parent is found guilty in court, they will receive a criminal conviction. There is no entitlement in law for pupils to take time off during the term to go on holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure or recreation, or to take part in protest activity in school hours.

In addition, the Supreme Court has ruled that the definition of regular school attendance is "in accordance with the rules prescribed by the school." The School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 set out the statutory requirements for schools. All references to family holidays and extended leave have been removed. The amendments specify that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are "exceptional circumstances" and they do not have any discretion to authorise up to ten days of absence each academic year.

# 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](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance)