



# Chapel Chat

Term 5 2025-2026

## Term 6 Important Dates

Term 6		
15.6.26	All day	Seashells and Jellyfish The Deep Visit
19.6.26	AM	Seashells Beach School Day (Corals class supporting)
24.6.26	All day	Y5 Curriculum Day at Skegness Academy
25.6.26	AM	EYFS Beach School Day (Corals class supporting)
25.6.26	PM	Parents Workshop
26.6.26	All day	KS2 Cleethorpes Trip
2.7.26	All day	Corals Wild Pines 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
15.7.26	3.45-5pm	Report Drop in
16.7.26	AM	Bounceathon (more details to follow)
16.7.26	3-5.30pm	Summer Fair
17.7.26	9am	Little Seahorses Beach Day
22.7.26	PM	Little Seahorses Graduation
23.7.26	9.30am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly

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.

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

**What a fantastic term it has been!**

It truly has flown by, and it has been wonderful to see so many amazing things happening across the school.

A special well done to our incredible Year 6 pupils, who approached their SATs with such positivity, resilience and dedication—we are very proud of you all.

As we look ahead to Term 6, Year 4 will be taking their Multiplication Tables Check and Year 1 will complete their Phonics Screening Test. Please do ensure your child is in school for these important assessments.

We are already looking forward to what promises to be another exciting and busy term, with lots of events planned.

We are also keen to continue improving how we communicate with you. We will be reviewing our *Chapel Chat* newsletter to ensure it provides the information you need. Your views are really important to us, so please do share any feedback—you will also receive a survey shortly.

With the half-term break upon us and some lovely weather forecast, we hope you enjoy the time together. Have fun, stay safe, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for Term 6.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes,

*Mrs Borrell*

### **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

### **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/>



Alongside the introduction of our new logo, we have taken time to listen carefully to our children, gaining valuable insights into how they feel about their learning and what helps them feel a true sense of belonging within our school community. Their voices have played a key role in shaping our next steps, leading us to adopt a new motto—*Ambition for All, Limits for None*—which you will now see on all our letters. We believe this phrase powerfully captures our shared commitment to nurturing every child, celebrating individuality, and ensuring that inclusion is at the heart of everything we do across all areas of school life.



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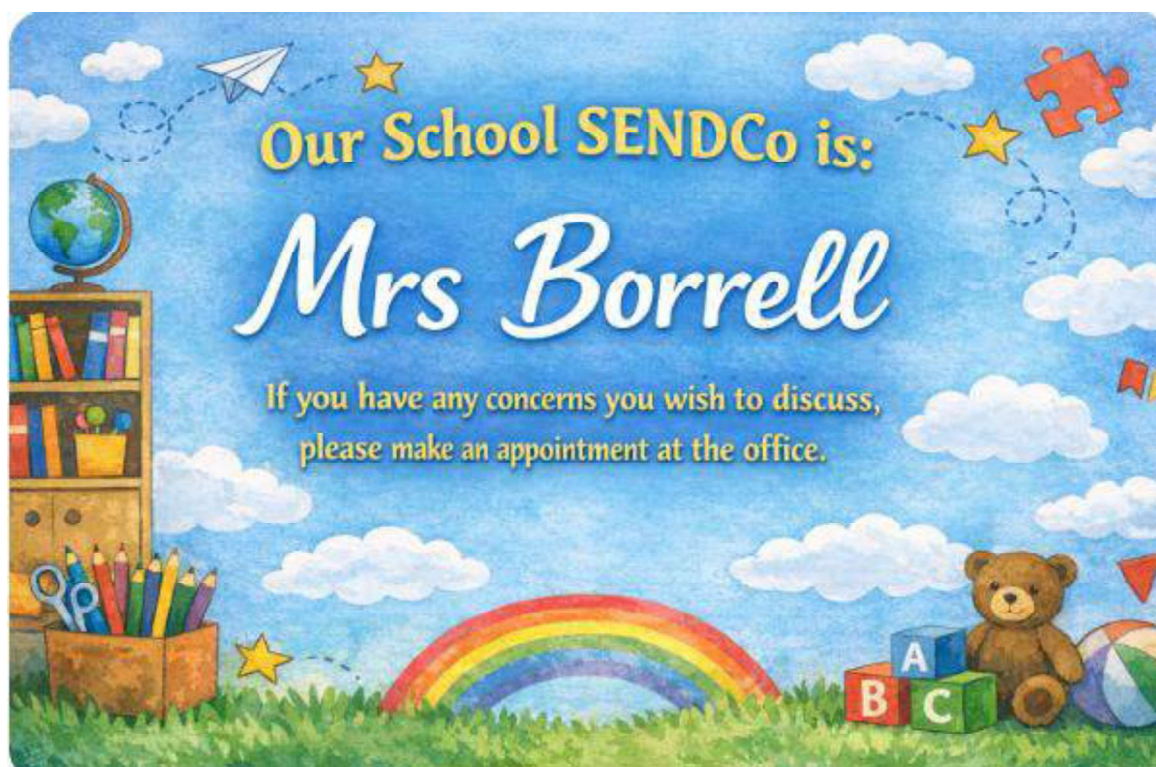
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## Understanding types of Absence

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)