

Osbournby Newsletter



Friday 16th May 2025

SAFEGUARDING



The International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) is observed on 17 May and aims to coordinate international events that raise awareness of LGBT rights violations and stimulate interest in LGBT rights work worldwide.



PTFA—SUBLIME SCIENCE WORKSHOP

On Friday 23rd May the PTFA have very kindly arranged for Sublime Science to visit school for a Sublime Science Workshop.

The workshops are the perfect mix of Spectacular Science Experiments & Hands-on Activities, including:

- 'Magic' Tricks and Spectacular Experiments where the children's mouths will fall wide open with amazement! (And they'll learn about the scientific method too!)
- Spectacular Science - Bubbles, Smoke & Flying things where the children learn all about pressure, air & forces too.

Goopy Slime Making - the children will make their own slime to take home & show their parents (and learn all about polymers too!)

Look out for the photos at the end of the term!



SAFEGUARDING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is the "Pants" rule?

(What's in your pants belongs only to you and if someone asks to see or touch tell them no, and tell an adult that you trust)



Online Safety



The privacy settings on your child's Apple device give you control over the information stored on it. This allows you to select which apps can access features and information on your child's device: for example, you might wish to block a social networking app from connecting to the camera reel, or specify which apps can use the device's location data. Please see attached the 'How to Set Up Parental Controls to Protect Privacy for i-phone's' guide.



"Lots of Staff Are Leaving!" ... Oh no they're not!

This week, we've been surprised to hear from a parent that they had heard that "lots of staff are leaving!" Thankfully, you will be pleased to hear that this is not the case.

We did however, want to let you know that we have ONE member of staff that will be leaving at the end of this year. Mr Johnston is moving on to pastures new and whilst we are sad to see him go, we wish him the very best. We have already advertised for his replacement and interviews will be held towards the end of this term.

Mrs Saunders will be starting her maternity leave next year and we are recruiting for a temporary teacher to cover her, whilst she is away having her baby.

When Miss White started teaching with us, she was employed to work 3 days a week, but kindly offered to teach an extra day when Mrs Graves left just before Christmas. Mrs Burn temporarily stepped in to cover the 5th day. We are very grateful to them both for doing this as we know that recruiting mid-academic year can be problematic. As we approach the summer, we enter the best time of year to recruit in teaching, so we are now advertising for a part-time teacher for the two days so that Miss White and Mrs Burn can return to their normal working patterns.

We are incredibly lucky to have extremely long serving staff at Osbournby. Mrs Griggs is still on the payroll after 27 years here, Mrs Burn, despite retiring from headship, still works on average 4 days each week after 23 years here, and Mrs Bide is now in her 11th year at Osbournby. Many of our TAs have also been here for many years. We are also delighted that so many of our former colleagues come back to volunteer. Mrs Preece and Mrs Walsh both come each week to hear readers and Mrs Agnew even came out of retirement this week to help with SATs! We'd love to know where the rumour sprang from as we think it's fair to say we definitely don't have lots of staff leaving!

PE Kit

Please remember that children should have their PE kit in school at all times. It should be brought in on a Monday and stay in school all week in lockers. VERY occasionally your child may come home in their PE kit. If this is the case, we strongly suggest that you ask your child to take off their PE kit as soon as they get home, pop it back into their PE bag and leave it by the door ready to return to school the following day!



Spotlight!



Each week we share something that is happens in school that you might not know about.

This week we wanted to share some information about Music.

Did you know that each year we buy into the schools Music service?

This means that for 12 week each year, one of our classes gets specialist music tuition. In the past we have had ukulele, brass and djembe (drums) lessons.



What a brilliant opportunity for our children!



Co-Regulation Workshop

Our FREE Co-Regulation workshop will be held on Wednesday 21st May from 2.30pm—3.30pm. Frankie and Jack from our Mental Health Support Team will be here to provide a workshop for parents on how to support children when they are dysregulated.

A sign up for this will be coming to you shortly via MCAS.

We hope lots of parents will take up this brilliant opportunity to find out more about how to support your child!

A message from Mr Johnston

After three amazing years at Osbournby Primary School, now is the time for me to move on to pastures new. I have genuinely enjoyed my time here. I will leave behind an incredibly talented and dedicated team who, along with the support of the trust, will take this school to new heights in the future. It has been my pleasure to teach the children of Osbournby, and I thank you all for your support along the way. I am heartened that the school has received applications from so many candidates for the role. This not only means a greater opportunity for finding the best possible fit for the role, but also speaks volumes to the potential and excitement of the journey the school is on. I appreciate that there may well be questions about what next year and beyond may look like. Please rest assured that discussions and planning have been ongoing for some time, and continue to do so. Once these details are finalised, these will be communicated to you at the earliest opportunity. Particularly having the support and capacity of CIT backing the school, it represents a tremendous opportunity for planning and original thinking in order to best serve the whole school, community. I thank you once again and am looking forward to my final few weeks at Osbournby

Huge Thanks!

We would like to say a huge thank you to the army of people who helped this week administer SATs. A massive thank you goes to...

Mr Johnston , Mrs Burn, Mrs Swinfield-Wells, Mrs Preece, Mrs Agnew, Mrs Walsh, Mrs Griggs, Mrs Pedersen, Mr Jones, Mr Kirby, Mr Norton, Mrs O'Conner, Mrs Tilley and Mrs Jones!



Individual Music Lessons

Lincolnshire Music Service offer Music lessons to children in school and at their out-of-school centres (including one in Sleaford). If you are interested visit:

[Learn An Instrument - Lincolnshire Music Service](#)

A 30 minute group lesson costs £6.70 and an individual lesson for 30 minutes costs £10.65. Instruments are available for hire at £19.00 per term. Children who are entitled to free school meals receive a 50% discount and a discretionary 'cost of living' discount can be applied for one term only.

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The settings on an Android device allow you to set certain rules to help safeguard your child's privacy when they are using it. For example, you can turn off location services to keep their whereabouts private; prevent third-party apps and sites from viewing their information; and stop apps from accessing other functions of the phone (like the camera or microphone, for example). Please see attached the step-by-step guides on How to Set Up Parental Controls to Protect Privacy



Want your child to do well? Attendance Matters...

What are the risks of missing a day of school?

Every moment in school counts, and days missed add up quickly. For example, a child in Year 10 who is absent for three days over a half term could miss 15 lessons in total.

The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments.

Data from 2019 shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Dates for your Diary

Every child needs their forest school kit in school on a Wednesday.

See below for which class needs to arrive wearing their kit! If this changes we will let you know.

Wed 21st May	Digger Bees come in forest school kit
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Date	Event	Notes
21st May	Co-Regulation Parent Workshop	More information to follow
23rd May	Last Day of Term 5	Last Day of Term
2nd June	First Day of Term 6	
12th June	Inspire+ Mini Olympics	More Information to follow
19th June	Class School Photos	
27th June	St George's Year 6 Induction Day	For Year 6 pupils only
30th June	Bikeability	Bikeability starts for 4 days (Years 5&6)
4th July	School Reports go out	
8th July	Sports Afternoon	
9th-11th July	Year 5&6 PGL Trip	
16th July	Carpenter Bees Summer Performance	1.45pm—3.30pm
17th July	Carpenter Bees Evening Performance	16.45pm—18.30pm
18th July	Disco / Prom	All Year Groups
22nd July	Last Day of Term 6	



SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2024/2025

TERM 1 (Autumn)

First Day of Term Wednesday 4th September 2024

Last Day of Term Friday 18th October 2024

TERM 2

First Day of Term Tuesday 29th October 2024

Last Day of Term Thursday 19th December 2024

TERM 3 (Spring)

First Day of Term Monday 6th January 2025

Last Day of Term Friday 14th February 2025

TERM 4

First Day of Term Monday 24th February

Last Day of Term Friday 4th April 2025

(Please note Good Friday 18th April/Easter Monday 21st April)

TERM 5 (Summer)

First Day of Term Wednesday 23rd April 2025

May Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 2025

Last Day of Term Friday 23rd May 2025

TERM 6

First Day of Term Monday 2nd June 2025

Last Day of Term Tuesday 22nd July 2025

**** TRAINING DAYS (School closed to pupils)**

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Monday 28th October 2024

Tuesday 22nd April 2024



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TERM 2

First Day of Term Monday 3rd November 2025

Last Day of Term Friday 19th December 2025

TERM 3 (Spring)

First Day of Term Tuesday 6th January 2026

Last Day of Term Friday 13th February 2026

TERM 4

First Day of Term Monday 23th February 2026

Last Day of Term Thursday 2nd April 2026

TERM 5 (Summer)

First Day of Term Tuesday 21st April 2026

May Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2026

Last Day of Term Friday 22nd May 2026

TERM 6

First Day of Term Monday 1st June 2026

Last Day of Term Wednesday 22nd July 2026

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Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 20th April 2026



Celebration Assembly

Each Friday we hold a celebration assembly to recognise the hard work and achievements of our pupils.

We awarded **"Worker of the Week"** to:

Bumblebees - Beatrice
Digger Bees - Amellie
Carpenter Bees - All of Year 6



And we also awarded **"Osbournby All Star"** to:



Bumblebees - Gabriela
Digger Bees - Jack
Carpenter Bees - Zak

"Forest School Award" - Isabella



"Sports Star Award" - Ada H

"Lunchtime Legend Award" - George M



Well done to all of the children that took part in the All Stars and Dynamos Cricket Events today.

Congratulations!