



Littlecoates Primary Academy Newsletter



Autumn (1) 2026

Diary dates this half term

2/9 School opens
14/9 After-school clubs start
15/9 Photographs – individual & siblings
21/9 Assembly led by Margaret Deller
24/9 Flu immunisations Rec to Y6
25/9 Y2 Harvest workshop with Margaret Deller
5/10 Y2 Class assembly (Harvest) – 10.15am
W/b 5/10 Y6 Into University Focus Week
12/10 Assembly led by Jason Griffiths
12/10 & 13/10 Parent/carer meetings
16/10 School closes for half-term 3.15pm
Tue 3/11 School opens

Welcome back

We hope you had a great summer. It is good to be back and we are really looking forward to a busy and exciting 2026/27. The children's topics for this term are available on the website:



Attendance Counts

Overall compulsory-age attendance last year was a very disappointing 92.3%.

It means we are ranked 45th out of 49 schools in North East Lincs and we are in the bottom 10% of schools nationally. Last year we authorised just 3% of absence with 4.7% being unauthorised.

With your support, ensuring your child is absent only when absolutely necessary, we hope to see significant improvements in attendance this year. Thank you
Good attendance is above 96%, which means missing fewer than 8 days of school per year.

Governors

A huge thank you to Clare Graves, who has stepped down as a governor following several years of dedicated and diligent service. In addition to her general duties, Clare served as our safeguarding governor—a crucial responsibility that has now transferred to our Chair of Governors, Rosalind Smith. Looking ahead, we are delighted that Rosalind has kindly agreed to serve another term as Chair. We are also excited to welcome Imogen Little to the team as a new governor at our next meeting in October.

Staffing

We welcome a new office manager, Miss Lacy, and a new teacher, Miss Ornsby, to the team. Miss Ornsby will be year 4's teacher. Mrs Ellis is the new SENDCO following Mrs Cowdroy's move to Beacon Academy. We are expecting Mrs Tanton to re-join Daycare very soon and teaching assistant, Miss Winn, is due back after half-term following maternity leave. There have been changes to the cleaning team. Ms Day is now based at Beacon and we welcome two new cleaners, Mrs Smith and Miss Roe. Finally, congratulations to Mr Cadman, who became a daddy in the holidays to twins, a boy and a girl.

Uniform

Please ensure your child is in school uniform, including white polo tops and black shoes. We have a free to take rail of pre-worn uniform in the main entrance and we can usually help if you are struggling to provide uniform - please speak to the office team. Please make sure that earrings are plain studs and children are not wearing nail polish. Thank you for your support.

After-school clubs

We have organised a full programme of after-school clubs this term. Places are limited so please sign up on Arbor straight away to avoid disappointment. To offer them for free, we rely on the good will of staff, who volunteer to run the sessions, and we are extremely grateful to them for giving up their valuable time.



Free Adult Learning

Franklin College are back this term with **free** training. All sessions run here at Littlecoates from 9.30 to 11.30. Look out for more information on Dojo:
Mon – Essential Digital Skills
Tue – ESOL
Wed – Health and Social Care
Fri – Preparing to Work in Schools