

END OF YEAR AT GRAINTHORPE



We were treated to a stellar performance at Grainthorpe Village Hall to end the school year. Year 6 compiled their memories together into a remodelled rendition of “Perfect Day” as well as dancing and reciting poetry.

The highlight was the personal memories each child shared and their aspirations for the future. End of year awards celebrated the whole school, with pupils receiving awards for going above and beyond personal targets. Well done to everyone! Year 6 liked their hoodies!



END OF YEAR AT MARSHCHAPEL

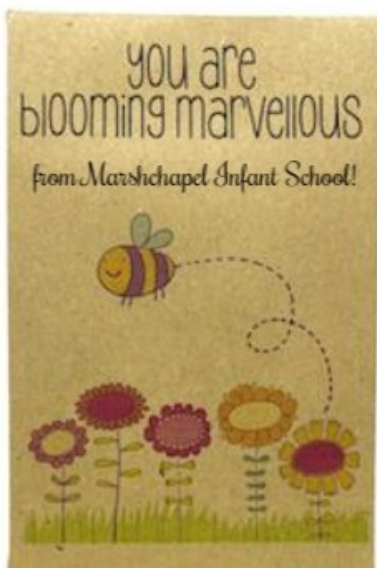


Battle commenced with Miss Waterhouse and Miss Etty drenching the Year 2s with cold water! It wasn't long before the water pistols and blasters were loaded and ready to soak in retaliation. What a fabulous way to end the term!

Marshchapel pupils performed songs and shared memories to celebrate moving from Early Years and Year 2. Children had a great time talking about the best learning experiences and how much they've enjoyed their time at school. All Year 2s said they would miss Marshchapel but it shows how mature they are when they also looked forward to Grainthorpe with excitement. We know they are going to shine, and can't wait for September!



FARM KITCHEN GROWING COMPETITION WINNER!



Well done to our Lapwings who won the regional carrot growing competition, a Farm Kitchen event. It must have been the magic worked by Mrs Manders and her team during the farming project the class has been exploring this term. Farm Kitchen provided the carrots in a salad as the prize so we thought each child deserved a growing prize of their own.

When your wildflowers begin to grow, bring or send in a photo and we will be pleased to share this. Happy growing!

MAKING BUTTER AND RATATOUILLE

Everyone's arms ached from shaking the double cream for about 15 minutes, but it was worth the wait for the delicious butter.

After visiting our local Farm Shop, J. Shaw and Sons, the children got to work preparing the vegetables for a bowl of ratatouille. They will soon be preparing the meals at home!



GRAINTHORPE LEARNING AT SOMERCOTES ACADEMY

Years 4 and 5 were invited to taster days at Somercotes Academy to use the secondary school facilities and get a feel for the place. It was a positive experience for all our students, using the science labs, IT and Modern Languages, and the art studio.





At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED



For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

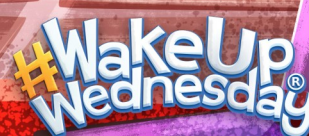
10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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DIARY DATES TERM 1 2025

Thursday 4th September School children return for a new year!

Week beginning **Monday 8th September** Bikeability for Years 5 and 6

Monday 6th October Parent/Teacher Settling In Meetings at Marshchapel - appointments to follow

Tuesday 7th October Parent/Teacher Settling In Meetings at Grainthorpe - appointments to follow

If you are planning a holiday, please check the school dates so you book during a holiday period.

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Term 1	Thursday 4th September to Thursday 23rd October
Term 2	Monday 3rd November to Friday 19th December
Term 3	Tuesday 6th January to Friday 13th February
Term 4	Monday 23rd February to Thursday 2nd April
Term 5	Tuesday 21st April to Friday 22nd May
Term 6	Monday 1st June to Wednesday 22nd July



STAY AND PLAY at GRAINTHORPE Wednesdays

from 9am to 10:30am

Mrs Wells and Miss Campbell really enjoy spending time with the babies and toddlers who come to Stay and Play weekly. If you haven't already done so, and you have a tiny tot, do come along to share in the fun.

There's always a lot to do and explore. Sessions start again on Wednesday 10th September 2025! Free entry with good company and refreshments provided.





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SAFEGUARDING IN OUR COMMUNITY

If you have any safeguarding concerns to do with children please let us know. Our Federation has a designated safeguarding lead professional (DSL), Mrs Turner and deputy DSLs, Mrs Manders and Mrs Clifford.

Please telephone school on 01472 869075 (M) or 01472 869035 (G).

If you have a safeguarding issue to discuss, you can contact Lincolnshire Children's Services directly on 01522 782111.

ATTENDANCE

Thank you for helping your child attend school. Attendance remains a huge priority and there is a proven link between attendance and progress. I know you want your child to reach their full potential. The Lincolnshire Attendance Team has sent out some guidance:

We would like to remind all families of the legal framework surrounding term-time holidays and the issuing of penalty notices for unauthorised absences, in conjunction with advice from the Local Authority.

*Please be aware that **there is no right of appeal** against a penalty notice once it has been issued. The decision to authorise or not authorise an absence rests solely with the School. It is important to remember you should discuss any concerns you have with the **school before** a leave of absence is considered.*

*We understand that some employers may restrict when holidays can be taken, and that travel costs can vary significantly throughout the year. However, **neither of these factors constitutes an exceptional circumstance**, according to guidance from the Department for Education, [Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\)](#) and [Resources for families | Children's Commissioner for England](#) and therefore cannot be considered, as a valid reason for authorising term-time leave.*

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in ensuring that your child's education remains a priority.

RAINBOW READERS!

Rainbow Reading Champion
Marshchapel 2025



Well done to the Rainbow Readers at Marshchapel and Grainthorpe. Having achieved all the colour bands in our Reading Karate Challenge, children achieve a Rainbow Band, which means 125 reads! That is an amazing achievement!

Please keep reading over the summer and share any photos of your favourite reading spots for some instant reading prizes when we return in September!

MOVING ON AND MOVING UP



A good luck message to our Year 6 pupils as they move on to the next phase of their learning journey.

Remember the lessons you've learned, the friendships you've forged, and the memories you've made here. These will serve as a strong foundation as you embark on the next stage of your educational journey at Somercotes Academy, Louth Academy or King Edward's.

Be brave, be bold, and always believe in yourselves. We are excited to see what amazing things you will achieve. You shared your aspirations in the leavers' assembly, so whether you want to be a corporate lawyer, a dentist, nursery teacher, mechanic, judge or work in Morrison's, go for your goal. But don't rush to do everything. As Sir Isaac Newton famously said, "Genius is patience." You have the rest of your life to experience so much, so take your time.

We will remember you fondly and hope you will look back on Grainthorpe, and for some of you Marshchapel too, with happy memories.

Have a super summer break, take a deep breath in September and begin the next chapter in your autobiography! *"A million dreams for the world you're going to make."*

And finally, I wish you all the best summer break. Thank you so much for your support. I know you will join me in thanking our dedicated and hardworking team of staff at both schools! I am so proud to be headteacher of our wonderful schools and this is because we have the best children, families, staff, governors, and community. Together we will continue to be the best we can be. Amanda Turner, Executive Headteacher.