



# KIRKBY LA THORPE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## KNOWING OUR HERITAGE

In our collective worship this week, we looked at knowing our heritage, which is part of our vision. We talked about our lives at Kirkby la Thorpe and then compared in to the day in the life of Tuli in Bangladesh, focussing on the similarities between the children against a backdrop of difference.

**Know their heritage:** We cultivate an appreciation for both local and national heritage, helping pupils understand their roots and identity within the broader context of history so that they have a sense of where they are from

This was linked to the creation story (Genesis1-2) where humanity is tasked with caring for Earth.

## CLASSES

**Robins** – What a super week we have had in Robins Class. In English, we have been reading the story The Three Little Pigs. We had great fun role playing the story and building our own houses with sticks, bricks and ‘cement’. In maths, the children have been exploring ten frames and finding different ways of showing numbers 6, 7 and 8. We loved playing ‘guess who’ with the baby photos! A final highlight has been experimenting with hard boiled eggs (humpty dumpty) and seeing how high we can drop him without his breaking!

**Goldfinches** – A busy week for Goldfinches! In PSHE, we learned about the 6 Golden Rules of computer safety, knowing not to give out personal details, chatting to strangers and showing respect online etc. We started planning our recount of ‘A Walk in London’ where we are telling a friend in school all about places to visit in London. We briefly touched on The Great Fire of London too! In PE we learned how to throw underarm from increasing distances and in ICT we did a bit of coding. If you’d like to do more with your child, search this link [www.nccce.io/drag](http://www.nccce.io/drag). In science we looked at materials and their properties. We did experiments of what materials are able to bend, twist, stretch and squash. We documented this experience with photos proving it too! We also learned how to record our work on Seesaw which were really excited about.

**Kingfishers**- Wow, what an exciting and busy week we’ve had! We absolutely loved starting our clarinet lessons, learning the correct way to produce sound and assemble the instrument. Kingfishers have shown incredible resilience and perseverance, mastering this new and challenging skill! In art, we’ve enjoyed exploring the works of Lowry and practicing different sketching techniques to draw our hands in his unique style. The creativity and effort have been outstanding! In maths, I have been amazed by the perseverance shown in learning short multiplication, which has really tested their times tables knowledge. The determination and hard work have truly paid off! Geography has been a blast as well! We’ve had so much fun learning about the three types of rocks and discovering how to identify each one. The enthusiasm and curiosity we have seen has been fantastic!

**Woodpeckers**- This week has been another busy week for Woodpeckers. In DT, the children had the opportunity to taste different fruit and vegetables and describe their appearance, texture and taste. In Geography, they have been learning about different types of land use in the UK focusing particularly on types of agricultural land; using GPS to explore land use in Lincolnshire. In PE we have learnt how to dribble a ball in hockey, how to pass and how to stop the ball. In English we have been learning how to punctuate speech and in maths we have been learning how to multiply 2/3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number. Homework is on the Woodpecker class page for this week.

**Golden Eagles**- A busy second week back for Golden Eagles class. We have had assessments this week followed by some exciting afternoon lessons. In DT we carried out a ‘tasting’ session with various seasonal fruit and vegetables. We analysed each one to decide whether it will be suitable to use in our own soup recipes, in the upcoming lessons. In Science, we have looked at the life cycles of insects, birds and mammals and compared them to each other plus that of a human life cycle. In RE we continued with our Understanding Christianity unit and looked in depth at the word ‘sacrifice’. In topic this week we have looked at topography, soil and climate and how it differs in various parts of the UK. For PE this week we have continued with our fitness and Hockey sessions. Homework this week is a grammar piece around tenses ☺

# E-SAFETY

With approximately 220 million users under 18, TikTok is a social media titan among children and young people. But just because it's popular, doesn't mean it's free from risks.

Download & Listen here >>  
<https://ow.ly/n3es50UFUee>

# KEY TIMINGS

- Breakfast Club: 7:50am
- School gate opens: 8:30am
- Registration opens 8:45am
- End of school day: 3:15pm
- After school Club: 4:45pm or 6:00pm

Please be aware that if you are late collecting for 4:45pm session, then you will be charged for a 6pm session

## PRE-SCHOOL

- 8:30-11:30- Morning session
- 11:30-2:30- Afternoon session
- 2:30-3:15- Optional additional session

Owls phone number to be used 3:15-6:00pm  
07511 855786

# KEY DATES



- Wednesday 15th January-** School admissions closes
- Friday 7th February-** Valentines Disco (change of date to previous newsletter)  
Reception, Y1,2,3 3:30pm-5:00pm  
Y4,5,6 5:00pm-7:00pm
- Thursday 6th March-** World Book Day
- Friday 4th April-** Spring Fair TBC

# BAKE SALE

We are excited to announce a bake sale in support of HART (Hollies Animal Rehoming Trust), a wonderful charity based in Sleaford. We kindly ask for your generous contributions of homemade cakes, cookies, or other baked goods to help support this cause. The bake sale will be held after school on the 30th and 31st of January. Please could cakes be brought into school on the morning of 30th January. To add a bit of fun, and in honour of the animals HART helps, we encourage you to get creative and decorate your treats with animal themes. Thank you for your support in making this event a success!



# POLICY UPDATE

We have been working diligently to review and update our Behaviour Policy, with valuable input from children, staff, and governors. This can now be found on our website.

This collaborative effort ensures that our policy reflects the shared values and expectations of our school community. We are excited to soon share elements, such as the rewards with all of our children, helping them understand and embrace the positive behaviours we strive to uphold.

Additionally, we have developed a Home-School Agreement, which we will discuss with the children to reinforce the partnership between school and home in supporting their growth and well-being.



# CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARDS



The winning class gets to keep an attendance trophy for a week. We are aiming for 97+%

Robins- 97.67 %  
Goldfinches- 92.9 %  
Kingfishers- 97.4 %  
Woodpeckers- 97.2%  
Golden Eagles-100%

Well Done Golden Eagles !!!



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**KESTEVEN & SLEAFORD HIGH SCHOOL**  
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January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer of Pupils in Year 5

**Lincolnshire Consortium of Grammar Schools Admissions Procedure for Entry in September 2026 - Timetable**

The selection procedure will be carried out by the grammar schools and not by the Local Authority. The grammar schools will use one Verbal Reasoning Test and one Non-Verbal / Spatial Reasoning Test specifically produced by GL Assessment. The tests will be administered by the grammar school of the area in which you live, but this does not prevent you from choosing another grammar school within Lincolnshire.

**June 2025** Two practice papers will be sent to your child's primary school.

**July 2025** Open Events at both schools by appointment only: **Tuesday 1 July and Wednesday 2 July** (and **Thursday 3 July** - Carre's only)  
Open Evening: KSHS: **Tuesday 1 July 5pm to 7pm**  
Open Evening: Carre's: **Thursday 3 July 5pm to 7pm**

**September 2025** The Local Authority, which has a duty to make sure that every child is placed, will write to parents giving details of Lincolnshire secondary schools and will include an application form requesting parental preferences of secondary school. The latest date for return of these forms is **31 October 2025**. Please note that sitting the 11+ tests at the grammar schools or any other venue does not constitute an application for admission.

Your child will take a Verbal Reasoning Test on **Saturday 13 September 2025** and a Non-Verbal / Spatial Reasoning Test on **Saturday 20 September 2025** at the grammar school – boys will take the test at Carre's Grammar School and girls at Kesteven and Sleaford High School. Further details will be provided nearer the time; if you would find this difficult to access, please contact the relevant grammar school directly.

**October 2025** You will be notified on **Friday 10 October 2025** of the outcome of the selection tests. The options which are open to you when completing your preference forms for return to the Local Authority by **31 October 2025** will be clarified at this time.

You are advised to wait until you know the outcome of the selection tests before returning your preference form to the Local Authority.

Open Morning: Carre's: **Wednesday 15 October 2025 9.15am to 12 noon**  
Open Morning: KSHS: **Wednesday 15 October 2025 9.15am to 12 noon**

**March 2026** The Local Authority will send out an offer of a place on **Monday 2 March 2026** based on preferences submitted on your application form in the autumn. You will have the opportunity of appeal and/or to make a new application if you wish.

If you have any questions concerning admission procedures, please contact the Admissions Officer at the relevant grammar school: Carre's Grammar School (boys) [Julie.body@carres.uk](mailto:Julie.body@carres.uk) or Kesteven and Sleaford High School (girls) [Yvette.edwards@kshs.uk](mailto:Yvette.edwards@kshs.uk).

We recommend that you retain this information for future reference – thank you



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Dear Parent/Carer

#### Selection for Grammar Schools – Entry September 2026

Please find attached the following information regarding the 11+ tests for entry to the Sleaford grammar schools in September 2026:

- A Timetable of events – including the dates of the selection tests in September.
- Details of Practice Packs that can be purchased if required.
- A Registration Form – please follow the link on the front page of the schools' websites: [www.carres.uk](http://www.carres.uk) (boys) or [www.kshs.uk](http://www.kshs.uk) (girls). Alternatively, the enclosed Testing for Grammar School Entry – September 2026 form can be completed and returned directly to the relevant grammar school by Friday 7 February 2025 at the latest. Please complete the online form OR the paper form (there is no need to do both).
- You are very welcome to visit the grammar schools' Open Events, which are currently planned for:

Carre's Grammar School (boys) on:

Tuesday 1 July, Wednesday 2 July and	
Thursday 3 July 2025 (mornings)	by appointment only (bookable online from 3 June)
Thursday 3 July 2025	5pm-7pm (no appointment necessary)
Wednesday 15 October 2025	9.15am-12 noon

Kesteven and Sleaford High School (girls) on:

Tuesday 1 July and Wednesday 2 July	by appointment only (bookable online from 3 June)
Tuesday 1 July 2025	5pm-7pm (no appointment necessary)
Wednesday 15 October 2025	9.15am-12 noon

Please note that 'virtual tours' of the schools are also available on the websites.

Once you have registered your child to take the tests, further details of the Open Days and our Year 5 Taster Days (June 2025) will be sent directly to you at the end of April/beginning of May 2025. We will also send you individual login details for 'Frog' – an online learning platform to help your child familiarise themselves with the 11+ tests which parents/carers in the past have found [really helpful](#) and which we provide at no cost.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the procedure, please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Officer at the relevant grammar school.

Yours faithfully

**Mr N M Law**  
Executive Headteacher  
Carre's Grammar School

Yours faithfully

**Mrs J Smith**  
Headteacher  
Kesteven and Sleaford High School