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CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE

In our collective worship this week, we looked at Celebrating difference linked to part of our vision:

Be Positive and Active Citizens: We strive for our pupils to communicate clearly, embracing tolerance and respect for the diverse beliefs and aspirations of others.

We looked at although we may believe different things, wear different things, be interested in different things we are all the same inside. Which links to the Bible story about tolerance: Jesus and the Woman at the Well (John 4:1-42).

CLASSES

Robins – What a super first week back we have had in Robins Class! This half term, we are learning about Traditional Tales. We have started week with Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have loved role playing in our Three Bears Cottage, and measuring out porridge oats in different sized bowls with different sized spoons. In Maths, we have been using positional and directional language to follow a route. We have also started Drawing Club this week, to help with the development of our drawing and writing skills. We listened to the story Room on the Broom and have loved drawing the Dragon and making it come to life with our special 'codes'. Finally.... we are very excited to have our new climbing frame in the outdoor area. We cannot wait to try it out on Monday!

On Friday this week – our final day of learning about Goldilocks and the Three Bears, we were pretending to be the bears and went on a walk through the woods. We collected different sized sticks and then sat around a real camp fire! We loved toasting marshmallows and warming our hands up!

Goldfinch – This week in Maths, we have learned how to subtract across 10 and create shape patterns. We were introduced to our new story: A Walk in London and wrote postcards from London. We started RWI comprehension and RWI Spelling! In PE we have started our unit of Striking and Fielding and Invasion. In Geography we looked at Maps and where some household items are made across the world. In Science we looked at materials found around the school and in ICT we looked at technology around us.

Kingfishers We have had a wonderful week back, refreshed and ready for new learning to happen! We have got stuck straight into our new text in English, the Tin Forest and have started learning new skills for writing to be prepared for writing a persuasive leaflet to share with everyone. In Maths, we have really shown off our amazing knowledge that we have consolidated from the Autumn term and used that to help us with our new learning, continuing on with multiplication and division. We have loved starting our new Topic Theme; Rocks, Relics and Rumbles, understating the layers of the earth and the effect that has on our weather and natural disasters that take place. We have loved starting our guided reading text that is linked closely with our theme; Earth Shattering Events, which is a beautifully illustrated non-fiction book. In Art, we have loved learning all about L.S. Lowry, ready for our topic People and Places. Well done and such a brilliant week back to kick of spring term!

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Woodpeckers- We have had a very busy first week back. We have started lots of new topics. In English we have started reading the book, 'The Strange Case of Origami Yoda', which the children are really enjoying, and we have been writing a persuasive letter to Mrs Early to get Origami Yoda as an essential classroom tool. In maths year 4 are continuing to learn about multiplication and division. Please continue to learn your times-tables at home. In Science we have started to learn about human and plant life cycles and in PE our new topics are hockey and fitness. Please make sure your child comes to school with warm clothing on PE days, as we will be doing PE outside. In RE we are learning about Salvation and in PSHE we will be learning about online safety. Homework is on the KLT website, Woodpecker class page, please do not feel you have to print off the sheets, just write your answers down on a piece of paper. This week the homework is on factors.

Golden Eagles- We have been busy this week and have been introduced to lots of new and exciting topics. In English we have been reading about the Suffragettes and will be writing a speech towards the end of next week. In maths we have started our Ratio unit and the children have been working really hard to solve problems. Our 'Sow, Grow and Farm' unit has introduced us to different types of land and their purposes. In RE we have looked at Jesus' death on the cross and various art work images that depict key moments of Jesus' life. In Science we have been looking at the stages of development and explored new key vocabulary related to our unit on human reproduction. The children have been very excited to look at seasonal fruit and vegetables and are looking forward to our taste test session next week as we prepare to analyse seasonal vegetables to put in a soup. In PE, we have enjoyed lesson 1 of our 'Fitness' unit where children completed a circuit of various activities. Homework this week is around Ratio. A great start back!

E-SAFETY

With 20 million users worldwide, JusTalk Kids is a hugely popular children's app - but what are the risks? This week's guide delves into the safety concerns of JusTalk Kids, and how to safeguard youngsters using the app.

Download & listen here >><https://t.co/NksuWrlRo0>

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 14th February-** Valentines Disco
- Thursday 6th March-** World Book Day
- Friday 4th April-** Spring Fair TBC



GOODBYE

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the departure of Mrs. Huckle at the end of this half term, who has been a cherished member of our school community for an incredible 24 years. She is moving on to a new role as a Designated Safeguarding Lead and Family Liaison Support Officer, where she will continue to make a positive impact on the lives of children and families. We will miss her greatly and extend our heartfelt thanks for everything she has done. We wish Mrs. Huckle all the best in her new journey and know she will excel in her new role.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year! As we step into the new year, we are filled with excitement and hope for the wonderful opportunities that lie ahead. This fresh start gives us the chance to reflect on our achievements and set new goals for the future. At our school, we are committed to continuing our journey of learning and growth, supporting each child to reach their full potential. Let's embrace this year with positivity, perseverance, and a shared sense of purpose, ensuring that 2025 is a year filled with kindness, learning, and trust. Here's to a successful and joyful year together!

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- 86.6%

Goldfinches-81 %

Kingfishers- 86.3%

Woodpeckers-90.4 %

Golden Eagles- 86.7%

Well Done Woodpeckers !!!

NSPCC SHARE AWARE PARENT BOOKLET

Information from Lincolnshire County Council:

The internet is an amazing place, so we want to help your child to get the most out of it, and to do that safely. However, we know some parents feel confused by the internet. It's constantly changing, and it can be hard to keep up with the latest apps and trends.

The NSPCC have put together this really simple guide to reassure you and give you the information and advice you need to keep your child safe online. It's all about talking to your child, getting the family involved, and finding out what you can do. The booklet can be accessed here:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/528/online-safety-for-parents-nspcc-pdf>

The go to related documents, online safety for parents, NSPCC



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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 or Kesteven and Sleaford High School (girls) 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 (boys) or www.ksfhs.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

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Mrs J Smith
Headteacher
Kesteven and Sleaford High School