

SCHOOLS ACROSS THE OCEAN PROJECT

The Kestrels are participating in a British Council project this year. *Schools Across the Ocean* links us with a primary school in Brazil. The children will soon meet their partners via a Zoom meeting. They have been busy researching Brazil, as well as preparing facts to share about themselves and their school on their Padlet.

The very first task was an Earth cartoon workshop



Producing information about our school to upload to the Padlet (linked with us and the Brazilian school.)

Oscar was keen to tell me the Brazilian children speak Portuguese and they will have a translator joining their meetings. *Que emocionante! (How wonderful!)*

Watch this space for regular updates!

WHAT DO YOU DO AT HOME?



When Henley and Lily go home they have some special animal friends. Every day, Marshchapel children save fresh fruit and vegetable scraps from snack time and send them home with Henley and Lily. Their pigs are very grateful! They stood up and explained all about looking after their pigs and that they are soon to have babies and that mummy pigs need the food to make milk in their teats!



Mrs Wolfe is a busy caretaker but she has many talents, including being a fabulous spinner and weaver. When she heard the children were reading *Rumpelstiltskin*, she asked if she could show them how to spin straw into gold...

The class was fascinated by the spinning wheel and it really did look like magic when Mrs Wolfe shared the knitted creations. What a great talent!

WHAT DO YOU DO AT HOME?

Phoebe's dream is to be a professional actress. She belongs to the Pauline Quirke Academy and spends time training, rehearsing and performing - that's dedication and determination. The Academy performed in the West End of London recently, at His Majesty's Theatre, and Phoebe had an amazing time singing, dancing and acting as a ferocious judge!



KEEPING HEALTHY



What better way to start the morning than a little yoga at breakfast club? Stretch, breathe, and set the vibe for the day.

Our Year 3/4 boys had a very wet and windy time playing football, but they were determined to enjoy their time on the pitch! Well done!



NSPCC NUMBER DAY

Our NSPCC Number Day was a great success - it was lovely to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic in their maths activities, and we had some fantastic rockstar outfits on display. The chocolate bingo at Grainthorpe was a huge success and followed on from the Active Maths sessions where the children burned calories!

The TT Rockstar challenge was won by Freddie who chose a book for his prize! Well done!

Thank you for your continued support.





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RED NOSE DAY IS COMING!

Our School Council have come up with an amazing list of activities they would like to organise on Red Nose Day.



1. Funny Dress Up - come in the most ridiculous outfit you can find.
2. Stand Up comedians. We will have a small stage set up for lunchtime jokes.
3. Funny Face Competition. Gurning - pull a grotesque face. Whoever gets the most laughs wins!
4. Bring in Funny photos from home. How crazy? You decide.
5. We'd like to raise oodles of cash so request a £2 donation.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We can't wait to see your outfits on Thursday!

World Book Day
Thursday 5th March

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March.

To mark the occasion, we are inviting children to come dressed as their favourite book character or inspired by their favourite book.

We are also kindly asking children to bring their favourite book to school, wrapped in paper with their name clearly written on it. In the afternoon, the children will take part in an exciting book-related activity using their wrapped books.

We look forward to celebrating our love of reading together.

Thank you for your continued support,
Marshchapel & Grainthorpe Team



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...



IMPORTANT DAYS TO BE IN SCHOOL

We know how much the children love coming to school - that's why our attendance is in line with schools nationally. We understand when a child is ill and know you do not keep children at home unnecessarily.

However tempting term-time holidays may be, please be mindful of the days children will be expected to complete national tests.

YEAR 6 children have four days of their SATs papers from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May. We make the week special with Year 6 Breakfast and additional privileges throughout the week.

YEAR 4 pupils take a Multiplication Test sometime during the week beginning 1st June.

YEAR 1 children will have a Phonics Screening Check during the week beginning Monday 8th June. Throughout the year, they have practise checks so it isn't anything scary!



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TERMS 4 DIARY DATES 2026

Thursday 5th March 2026 World Book Day

Thursday 12th March 2026 Y5/6 Class trip to Doddington Hall

Thursday 12th March 2026 Y1/2 Cricket session

Thursday 19th March 2026 Golf Day at Grainthorpe (Years 1 and 2 to join)

Friday 20th March 2026 Red Nose Day

Friday 27th March 2026 Easter Celebration at St Mary's, Marshchapel **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

Thursday 2nd April 2026 Term Ends for Easter holiday

Tuesday 21st April 2026 Term 5 Starts for children



Marshchapel Infant School and
Grainthorpe Junior School

STAY AND PLAY!

At Grainthorpe Junior School



Wednesdays
(term time)
9:00 to 10:30

Lots of messy play.
Coffee, tea and chat.
Come and join in the fun!

Babies and little
people welcome!

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR COMMUNITY

If you have any safeguarding concerns about children, please let us know. We have 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 directly, you can contact Lincolnshire Children's Services on 01522 782111.