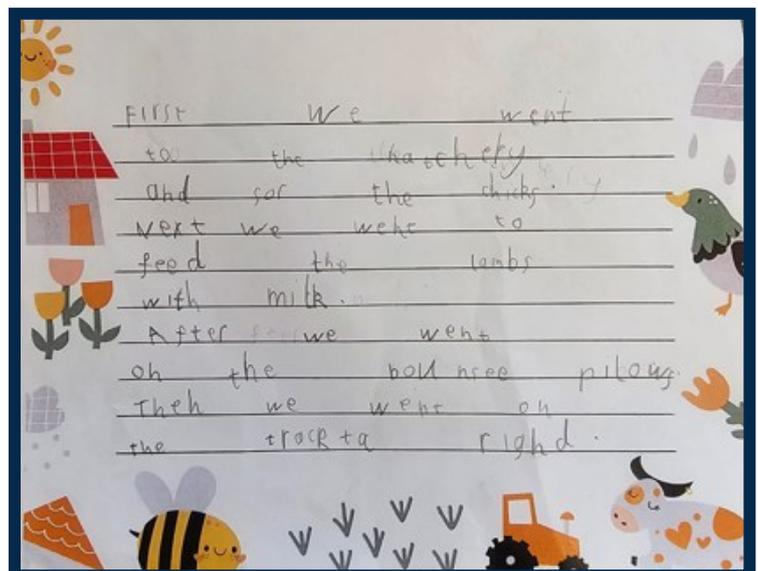


RAND FARM PARK LEARNING EXPERIENCE!



Marshchapel pupils spent a day exploring all things connected with farming. From watching cows being milked to feeding lambs by hand, the children had a memorable time. They learned about lots of farming techniques, such as egg candling to check the growth of the chick inside.

It was a busy day meeting all the farm animals and when the children returned to school, they wrote an account of their day at the farm. Ebony in Reception wrote this recount; well done!



BARN OWLS VISIT DONNA NOOK

The Barn Owls had a fantastic morning at Donna Nook Range, where they stepped into the shoes of real-life lookouts! From the tower, the children gained a fascinating insight into the vital roles of those who work on the range, and their imaginations soared as they asked thoughtful, curious questions throughout the visit.

As part of the experience, they had the pleasure of joining sessions with the Coastguard and the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. These sessions were both fun and informative, teaching the children about beach safety and the important work being done to protect both people and wildlife along our coastline.



SPORTS DAY

We had a sunny Sports Day with a good competitive feel; the children looked very happy! Everyone participated with enthusiasm, despite the heat, and cheered on their house.

Banks was the winning house but everyone deserves our praise for showing great sportsmanship, determination and perseverance – especially with the egg and spoon!

Thank you for all your support and to the PTFA for serving refreshments throughout the event.



Medals were presented by the umpires for the day, Mr and Mrs Gamble, two of our Governors,



GRAINTHORPE LEARNING



Barn Owls have been exploring Light and Shadow in their science project. The children explored how light behaves using mirrors, filters, and shadows. They recorded their observations and shared ideas as a group. It was a bright start to their learning, full of curiosity and discovery!



Kestrels had a fantastic time taking part in the Victoria & Albert Museum *Hercules Dance Workshop*! They learned a song, mastered a dance routine, and even had the chance to ask questions of the professional dancers themselves. It was an energetic, inspiring, and a fun-filled session.



ORIENTEERING DAY FOR THE FENLAND FEDERATION

Marshchapel Lapwings and Skylarks joined with Grainthorpe pupils to participate in a day of Orienteering and Outdoor Learning, provided by the Enrich Team.

From exciting and competitive games that built teamwork, respect, and resilience, to a thrilling animal hunt where they tracked down hidden codes to crack a secret word, it was a day full of adventure and learning.



GRAINTHORPE YEAR 6 PROM on 11th July 2025 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm

It's not long until we let our hair down at the Year 6 Prom. All Grainthorpe children are invited to attend the event and there is no entry fee. Andy Carr will be performing as the DJ once again, so everyone will be entertained!

Do bring along a parent/carer and some money to buy refreshments and hot dogs. Hope to see you on the dancefloor!

YEAR 6 CELEBRATE END OF SATs at WILD PINES

As a thank you reward to show our Year 6 group how proud we are of them, they visited Wild Pines near Market Rasen for an action packed day.

The children had the park to themselves and could climb as high as they wanted in the tree top adventures! They tested their aim in archery, navigated through mini golf, and ended with an exciting treasure hunt. It was a day full of smiles, laughter, and unforgettable memories.





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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

18 CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 4* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *'The Super Mario Bros. Movie'* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.





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DIARY DATES TERM 6 2025

Tuesday 1st July KEVIGS Year 6 Transition Day

Tuesday 1st July Scholastic Book Fair arrives at Grainthorpe for one week

Wednesday 2nd July KEVIGS, Louth Academy and Somercotes Academy Year 6 Transition Day

Thursday 3rd July Louth Academy and Somercotes Academy Year 6 Transition Day

Thursday 3rd July We will have our “Meet the new class” transition sessions

Friday 4th July Louth Academy Year 6 Transition Day

Friday 4th July from 2pm Enterprise Summer Fair at Grainthorpe (for both schools)

Monday 7th July Library Bus at both schools

Tuesday 8th July Year 6 visit Lincoln College for skills and careers day

Wednesday 9th July Year 6 Workshop with Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue

Thursday 10th July Year 4 pupils visit Somercotes Academy

Friday 11th July Year 5 pupils visit Somercotes Academy

Friday 11th July Reports out to parents

Friday 11th July Year 6 Prom and disco. Grainthorpe children only. 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Free entry. Refreshments will be available for purchase

Tuesday 15th July Grainthorpe End of Year Celebration Assembly in the village hall at 09:30

Friday 18th July Marshchapel End of Year Celebration Assembly in the village hall at 09:30

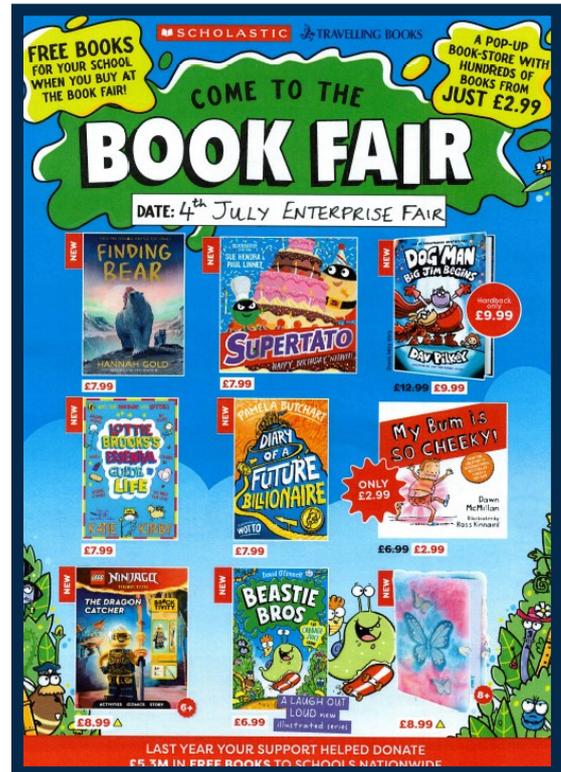
Tuesday 22nd July Last Day of Term

Wednesday 23rd July School's Out for Summer Day at Grainthorpe

Thursday 4th September School Beginning of a new year!

ENTERPRISE FAIR on Friday 4th July 2025 from 2pm at Grainthorpe.

Enterprise Fortnight has begun and the children in groups are creating, making, and buying things to sell to you on Friday 4th. All proceeds will be used for additional treats for the children. We do hope to see you there!



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.





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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.

The poster features a pink and green background with a blue sky. At the top left is the Wildlife Trusts Lincolnshire logo. The text 'wildlife watch' is in large, bold, white letters. A red speech bubble says 'This meeting is Free' with a cartoon crab illustration. The main title is 'Rimac Wildlife Watch Pond Dipping' in large black font. Below it, the date and time are 'Sunday 20th July 2025 2pm-4pm'. A line of text says 'Search for pond creatures such as:'. Below this are three small images: an Emperor dragonfly nymph, a Caddis Fly Larva, and a Great diving beetle larva. The meeting location is 'Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe Dunes National Nature Reserve Rimac Car Park' with the postcode 'LN11 7TS' and grid reference 'TF467917'. At the bottom, there is contact information for the Watch Leader via email and two website URLs.

wildlife watch

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Rimac Wildlife Watch

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Caddis Fly Larva



Great diving beetle larva

Meet at
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Rimac Car Park
(Postcode: LN11 7TS Grid Ref: TF467917)

For more information and to book, contact our Watch Leader via email at rimacwildlifewatch@gmail.com

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