## Malcolm Sargent Newsletter

## June/July 2023



## Principal's message

Thank you for reading our last newsletter of the year! We are so proud of all that our pupils have achieved with us. Amongst all of the extra-curricular events, there has also been plenty of academic success to celebrate, which is of course down to their hard work, and that of the staff team too! As we prepare all of our children to move onwards and upwards to their next year group, we send our very best wishes to our departing Year 6 pupils, as they prepare to leave for secondary school. We are absolutely sure that they will be great ambassadors for 'The Malcolm Sargent Way' and are extremely well prepared for the future! On behalf of the whole staff team I'd like to wish you a very good summer break and we look forward to working with towards another successful new academic year starting in September!

Tristan Revell, Principal

## **Country dancing champions!**

Mrs Harrison, along with student teacher Miss Bustin, volunteered their own time to run a weekly country dancing club culminating in being crowned winners at a local country dancing competition! The dancers were delighted when the sun came out during the Peterborough-based festival. Everyone danced brilliantly all night, including our pupil's family members for the final dance of the evening. The students represented our school impeccably and were delighted to take part in such an inspiring community event.



## Tense go kart final for the Year 5s!



The highly-anticipated Year 5 go kart final took place this term, with Miss Raistrick winning the fastest teacher award! This inspiring topic sees our children building their own electric go-kart and taking part in an inter-class race round the school field under the guidance and encouragement of the brilliant team from Cummins Generators Technology to whom we are extremely grateful. What a way to inspire the next generation of engineers!





## Year 1 children try Shabbat food

To round off this term's RE learning about Judaism in Year 1, our pupils were delighted to experience a replica Jewish Friday night Shabbat ceremony and meal first-hand.

Their learning was brought to life as they listened to Hebrew prayers, inspected artefacts and then finished their experience by tasting Jewish Kosher food. The Babka (a sweet, enriched bread with a chocolate swirl) was an especially big hit - no surprise there!



## Year 4 pupils build bridges in Science



In their science lessons this term, our Year 4 children have been learning about bridges, the strength of shapes and how a triangle is commonly used to provide structure and stability. They studied truss bridges around the world and then turned their hand to making small replicas, using match sticks and Blu Tak. Not only did they learn about construction, it also hugely tested their patience and perseverance with such small materials: great for developing their fine motor skills!



## **Royal British Legion Trophy champions**

Our hard-working pupils and staff were thrilled that our mammoth Coronation entries into the Joyce Burton Trophy were awarded top spot! The Westminster Abbey replica, flat street party, crown and Union flag were displayed at the Royal British Legion Family fun day on the Rec. It was fantastic to see so many current and former pupils. A huge thank you to Mrs Blades and Mrs Brown who gave up their Saturday to support this fantastic cause.



National attendance award winners!

with their peers and their wellbeing.

We were delighted to receive two national school

attendance awards which celebrated the fact that our

pupils' attendance is in the top 10% of all FFT primary

schools in England. Thank you to our parent community

with your support with this. Good attendance is crucial to

children's academic progress, relationship development



## Nature Area bug village created

The Nature Club (run by Miss Blades) this term has already made a big impression at our 'Sanctuary'. The nature area at the bottom of our field near the wildflower meadow is now home to a bug hotel village, providing much-needed habitats. The Nature Club also got stuck into some weeding as well having a scavenger hunt, making and comparing tree rubbings, creating leaf rubbing art and enjoying an end-of-term picnic for the club to take in the much-improved surroundings.

## **Engineer inspiration from local company**

We were delighted to welcome local industry visitors to inspire our children with the world of work so they can see how what they learn in primary school helps build their understanding of a particular subject and beyond into careers. Year 1 enjoyed a STEM morning, led by Perkins/Caterpillar engineers. The children were shown how ideas are transformed into everyday essentials. They then were tasked with working in their teams to design and make a bridge that had to be wide, strong and tall, spanning a 'ferocious' river.



If you are able to provide any support with a visit or workshop to inspire our pupils, please get in touch with your child's class teacher. These hands-on experiences and real-life stories are key to bringing learning to life and can inspire a child's education or career path.

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## **RE visit for Year 2**

As part of their RE topic on Islam, Year 2 enjoyed a visit from Zara Nargis, a teacher at a Peterborough school who is also a practising Muslim. The children were full of questions about what it's like going on Hajj (an annual pilgrimage to Mecca, which takes place annually). The children were thoroughly engrossed in all she had to say, and she was really impressed with the Year 2 pupils with their behaviour, friendliness, prior knowledge and respect for religions that may be different from their own.



## **Art Exhibition**

Our annual Art Exhibition was a great success and a wonderful way to celebrate the breadth of art produced by children across the school. Officially opened by Deputy Mayor Marion Pitt, thank you to everyone who came along to support the event and applaud the work of our talented artists on display! The opening ceremony also featured singing by the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 choirs, representatives of "Friends of Nyansakia" charity, parents, past staff members and a special goodbye to Mr Peach and Mrs Brown (The mastermind behind the event's fabulous art displays).



## Mr Peach retiring (again) and charity fundraising success!

Mr Peach is leaving us after 22 years at our school. After retiring from class teaching here in 2009, he formed a powerful musical partnership with Mrs Mills. As a keen (and quite brilliant!) musician, he has supported our choirs, singing assemblies and teaching piano for the last 14 years. He has decided the time is right for him to retire from this musical role with us and is turning his attention to dedicate more time to the charity of which he is a trustee. Thank you to all children who took part in the dress down day in June and donations for the Friends of Nyansakia charity that is raising money for a new kitchen to provide children with nutritious meals. The school currently use the kitchen below to cook a meal for 900 each each day. The dress down day raised £686, a good way towards the target of £5,500 for a new kitchen.



"To say he has inspired thousands of children throughout his teaching career, especially in music, is an understatement. He has done many concerts with children over the past years, attended festivals and various music events and coached and mentored children to achieve incredible accolades in their music careers. Children have left Malcolm Sargent with a passion to study music and a lot of this has been down to Mr Peach's dedication and determination to help them achieve their potential." *Mrs Mills (Music Subject Lead)* 

## **Casterton College inspires scientists**



Our Year 5 children made a trip to Casterton College's 'Inspiring Scientists' day. There were a multitude of different STEM activities for the children to take part in including rocket-making, a planetarium and codebreaking.

The children had lots of fun throughout the day but also got a feel of what it's like at a secondary school and in a Science lab!

## Famous author visits our children

We were so pleased to welcome Hannah Gold, bestselling local author, to Malcolm Sargent. Hannah spoke to our Year 4 children about being a published author, the process of writing books and the inspiration for her fabulous novels. Our KS2 children were then invited to a book signing and meet and greet with Hannah.

A huge thank you to our PTFA for funding the visit for us.



## A Beary good time in Foundation Stage!

Our youngest children in the school have been making the most of our fantastic outdoor learning areas and superb weather to take part in a Teddy Bear's Picnic where they could bring in their own teddies to enjoy a snack and take part in some great picnic games! They then went on a 'bear' hunt, squelching through sticky mud, swishing through long grass and peering through binoculars., all while developing great vocabulary for their fantastic writing!



## Digital designs are turned into 3D printed trophies!

As part of the DT Go Kart topic in Year 5, pupils have designed trophies using computer programming skills. The three winners of this Go-Kart Trophy competition took a trip to Stamford Endowed Schools to collect their 3D printed trophies. A big thank you to Mr Newton who gave our children a tour of the DT Department and even showed the children the high-tech laser cutter.





## Year 5s were Vikings for the day!



## Green Team have had a tasty harvest

To round off their summer history topic, 'Would the Vikings do anything for money?', our Year 5s were immersed in a Viking Day. 'Bjorn', the Viking leader for the day, helped our pupils to recreate a Viking vs Anglo Saxon battle using shields and spears. They also took part in an archaeological dig, played Viking board games and looked at real Viking artefacts. Thank you to the PTFA who funded this inspirational day!

Our Green Team has been busy harvesting their crops after the lovely sunny weather ripened the home-grown produce. Over the past three weeks, the pupils have been taking home radishes, carrots, lots of potatoes, mint, rosemary bush samplings, garlic and some strawberries (although we don't believe they made it home!)

The children have been fantastic at helping to water our bee friendly flowers, keeping on top of the weeds, learning about the British meadows and wild flowers and creating leaf art; what an amazing Green Team we have had this year!



Year 4s go 'Really Roman' for the day

Our Year 4 children enjoyed a wonderful 'Really Roman' day at the local Peterborough Museum, experiencing life in Roman Durobrivae, examining real-life artefacts as an archaeologist, creating their own clay faces and meeting a Roman Soldier! Yet again an amazing hands-on experience for our pupils.

Many thanks to our amazing PTFA for funding the entrance fee.



## Sun powered art with a Cyanotype workshop for our Year 6s

Our Year 6s, took part in a Cyanotype workshop organised by Mrs Brown and delivered by illustrator and author Beach Evans. A mix of art, science and history, the children were following in the footsteps of Sir John Herschel and Anna Atkins who created the first 'photographs'. Using simple equipment and methodical steps, the children were fascinated at the process of making early photographs before the invention of the camera (and the mobile phone!). It is with many thanks to The Stamford Arts Society and their kind donation that the children were able to take part in this exciting workshop, something that they ordinarily wouldn't experience.



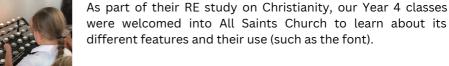
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## **Going Swimmingly!**

Terrific work by Miss Stewart and the swimming staff team has culminated in excellent achievement by the Year 5 children. We are still catching up on the backlog of swimming teaching caused by the pandemic which is so critical, living in an area with so many areas of open water and water activities. We have been delighted with how much progress has been achieved in this confidence-boosting life skill!

89% of our Year 5 pupils can now confidently swim at least 25m, 90% use a range of strokes and 87% perform a safe self-rescue in different water-based situations. Well done to everyone involved!

## Church visit for Year 4



They also explored the meaning of the amazing stained glass windows and found out about why baptism is important to Christians.

We are a Gold School Games Mark school We are delighted that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year! The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Thank you to Mr McLeod, Mr Keenan, Mr Baranowski and all our staff for their support



## Stamford athletics meet



and commitment to our sports and PE programme.

Over 30 children of our children represented our school in the yearly athletics meet across the local Stamford schools. They took part in a variety of field and track events including long jump, ball throw, long distance running, sprints and relays. The children were amazing and we were very proud of them all, especially in the incredible heat of the track day!

## Summer Reading Challenges

Mrs Morpeth (our fantastic librarian) will be setting a Malcolm Sargent Reading Challenge to complete over the summer. Keep your eyes peeled for details.

*Current Foundation stage - Year 2.* We have Book Review scrapbooks for each KS1 class so if you would like to complete a book review with your child over the summer, please include the book title, author, why you like the book and an image on up to two pieces of blank A4 paper. These can then be stuck in the class scrap book in September. Be as creative as you like!

*Current Year 3-5.* We have our Accelerated Reader competition running until October half-term. Remember to read as many books as you can. If you read 7 books and pass 7 quizzes by October half-term, you'll be entered into our prize draw to win a £10 Amazon voucher (one per year group) and if you read 10 books and pass 10 quizzes you will be entered into the prize draw to win a Kindle!

## Start times aligning in September:

Don't forget that all year groups doors open from 8.30am with lessons starting at 8.45am from September. More detailed timetable information can be found on Seesaw.



We will seeking new parent trustees in September, supporting Mr Revell and the strategic development of the school. Our trustee volunteers play a critical role in the governance of the school. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact: clerk@malcolmsargent.lincs.sch.uk





## Summer Fair 2023

Our Summer Fair was hugely popular and all the months of preparations were well worth it! On Saturday 1 July an army of volunteers from our parent and staff community helped set up and run stalls at this family-friendly event. The Fair saw stalls from George's Food Hub, The Malcolm Sargent House Council, as well as Inspire+ and a huge array of games and tombolas. The most popular activity by far was the 'Take Aim and Splash' activity. Thank you to all the adults who volunteered to get soaking wet sponges thrown at them, especially Miss Blades who stayed put all day! Thank you also to Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue who showed hundreds of children the incredible piece of equipment a modern-day fire engine is! The raffle was, as always, incredibly popular. Congratulations to the raffle winners and a huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Fair, either with items or for coming to the Fair on the day!

The total raised at the event to support the children of our school was a whopping £5,622, which will go towards our new Trim Trail amongst many other exciting activities, equipment and events!





## A fond farewell and huge thank you to Jenny Gois!

Jenny, who has been Chair of the PTFA for 4 years, is resigning after 7 years of dedicated volunteering.

A huge thank you to Jenny for all the time she has given to raise money for the school through discos, fairs and other fundraising events. The money raised over the years has enriched the experiences of the children in our school and has created a real sense of community.

## Our beloved Mrs Brown is retiring!

Mrs Brown joined Malcolm Sargent over 20 years ago as a parent volunteer and we have been extremely lucky to have had her as an integral part of the school's team since then. Ms Williams, another veteran teacher, has her first memories of Sue as the photocopy volunteer with her son a very young George Brown crouched by her side back in 2003! In 2004, Mrs Brown was employed as a Teaching Assistant until 2007 when she added receptionist/admin assistant to her job role with us. In 2009 Sue qualified as a HLTA and worked in that role teaching across the whole school until in 2018 she was promoted to Art Teacher. Mrs Brown even won HLTA of the year in 2016!





To say that Mrs Brown has inspired children is an understatement. She has crafted and shaped our incredibly ambitious and varied art curriculum, highly praised during our last Ofsted inspection and introduces the children to a huge number of art mediums such as clay, tie-dye, weaving, relief rubbing and Phulkari sewing. Mrs Brown has worked tirelessly to make sure the children have the most exciting and engaging lessons, working long hours to prepare and create incredible exemplars for the pupils to marvel at. After-school clubs have been a huge part of Mrs Brown's work with children, including art clubs, photography clubs and creating props for various school plays.

Mrs Brown has always been heavily involved in our wider community, organising our application to many art competitions and local/national events such as the creation of the clay poppies for the WW1 'Lest We Forget' commemoration, artwork for Holocaust Memorial Day and the Joyce Burton Trophy. This year, the incredible Westminster Abbey replica was Mrs Brown's art club's entry into the Joyce Burton Trophy; we were delighted to be crowned winners!





"Sue is not only inspiring, caring and supportive of all the children that she teaches, she is also all of those things to the other adults at the school. She is an absolute gem and will be sorely missed!" Ms Barton Many of you probably won't know but Mrs Brown used to be a synchronised swimmer and has competed for Great Britain internationally! She used this expertise and led our swimming lessons for many years, teaching children this crucial life skill.

I hope you will all join us in thanking Sue for her time at Malcolm Sargent. She will always be a well-loved part of our team but in her own words, "It's now time for me to pursue other adventures and have more of a work/life balance - i.e. no work, more life."

"From the first time I joined this school, she's made me believe I can do anything. She made me love art and showed me what I can do with it. Thank you for showing me what I can do Mrs Brown." Opel

"I always love doing art in the art room but it always makes my day when Mrs Brown says: Mona! and we respond with: Lisa! She has always inspired me to try and stay cheerful in art." Ella

"Mrs Brown has taught me loads of art skills and with those skills, I have produced art that I would have believed was out of my skill set." Lucie



## **Sports news**





## Victory in Cricket!

Our Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 cricket teams both celebrated great success in their local tournaments held in Grantham and Uffington. They were competing against some really accomplished local teams.

Unfortunately the follow-up final was rained off (thanks British weather) but watch our Facebook page for updates when we have them.

## Year 4 attend the Mini Olympics in Grantham!

Year 4 had an absolute blast at the Mini Olympics run by Inspire+ in Grantham. The sun shone bright for the day filled with sports and activities, many of which the children hadn't tried before! They were also able to meet Olympians and Paralympians as well as famous explorer, Sarah Outen!



## **Rounders tournament hosts**

We held a Year 5/6 rounders tournament and our Malcolm Sargent teams were great hosts, encouraging the other teams and letting them pick who went first for batting or fielding. Uffington Primary remain the champions, but this didn't stop the children having a fantastic time! Congratulations to Uffington!





This is a link to our Sports Premium Plan on our Website. This gives you information on how we spend our Sports Premium budget and what our plan is for each academic year.

## Spotlight on our PGL blog

(extract from Day 1)

# We have arrived and PGL chaos has commenced!

#### June 14th, 2023

Thank you to everyone for the fantastic preparation before our send off so that we could get going quickly! There were a few emotional goodbyes but with the support of our friends we were soon focused on the exciting times ahead! Thanks to the swift exit from school, this allowed extra time on the coach for excited singing – what a treat on the ears first thing in the morning!

#### Straight into the activities!

We were straight into our harnesses today for some vertical

challenges.....some children were in their element and others really did have to challenge themselves. Already we have been immensely proud of our MSP children – tackling the vertical challenge entailed climbing up ladders, tyres, climbing wall AND a rope wall to get to the very top. This was not an easy task but we all supported and encouraged each other.



## More heights!!

Jacob's Ladder...... A battle of determination and strength! Working in teams of 3 they all climbed the HUGE ladder, which had wider and wider stretches in between each rung! There was impressive team work: hooking the rope over each others foot to pass it up, giving each other a leg up or a pull up and, of course, the teamwork on the ground with the belaying and ropes!

Lunch – a pleasant picnic in the shade (with the odd cheeky water fight or two!) – followed by Tour De PGL! Singing our hearts out with our team leaders, we got our bearings around site and all the important places (canteen!!). The site has beautiful surroundings which, thanks to our height related activities, we have had a fantastic view of!



Abseiling was our third activity of the day where many children surprised themselves and abseiled confidently and independently! This was no easy task, climbing over the edge of the daunting tower was the hardest part and then we got into the swing of things. The 'pit crew' were ready and waiting at the bottom leap into action and unhook their friends quickly!

## Zip Line

The afternoon ended more peacefully than it started with a nice zip line in the sunshine! We worked quickly to swap equipment around so we got to go twice, shooting through the air was a great way to cool ourselves down! What an AMAZING start to our PGL trip.

We have refuelled with delicious grub and drinks and currently burning off some steam (because of course we are planning to go to sleep straight away and get up at a reasonable time! HA!) with a game of interactive Cluedo where we are finding characters and clues around site! We've already unpacked and sorted out beds etc but mainly our snacks – priorities!

Tomorrow we are looking forward to breakfast in our pj's – we are the early breakfast slot so will head down in pjs which is a special treat and then we have time to come back and pamper before another day of challenges! Watch this space for more updates!! Catch up with you tomorrow  $\mathfrak{G}$ 



Find the rest of the blog here: https://pgl2023.wordpress.com/



## Academic year 2023-24

Thursday 6 July was the day our pupils met their teacher for the next academic year and found out where their classroom will be!

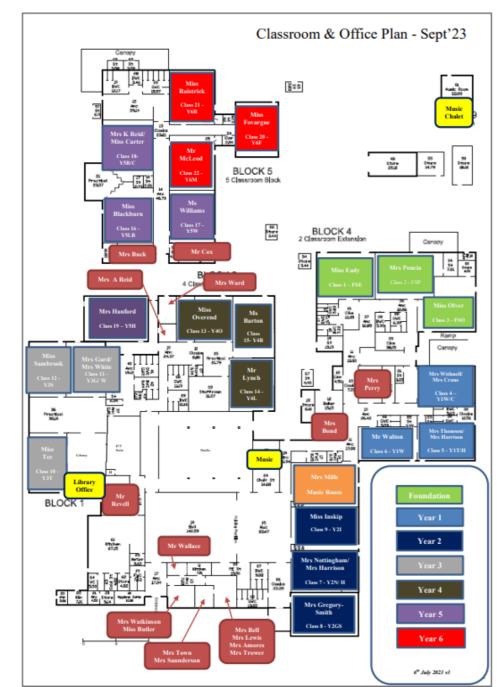
There will be a 'Getting to Know Each Other' presentation on SeeSaw from your child's new class teacher, and other adults, in their classroom. This will include new routines and information on forthcoming events.

## Heads of Year

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)	Mrs Poncia
Y1	Mrs Thomson and Mrs Harrison
Y2	Mrs Gregory-Smith
Y3	Mrs Perry
Y4	Ms Barton
Y5	Ms Williams
Y6	Miss Raistrick

## Class numbers and teachers 2023-24

2022-2023			2023-2024			
Class	Year	Teacher	Class	Year	Teacher	
1	FS	Mrs Poncia	4	1	Mrs Withnell & Mrs Crane	
2	FS	Miss Eady	5	1	Mrs Thomson & Mrs Harrison	
3	FS	Miss Olver	6	1	Mr Walton	
4	1	Mrs Reid	7	2	Mrs Nottingham & Mrs Harrison	
5	1	Mrs Thomson & Mrs Harrison	8	2	Mrs Gregory-Smith	
6	1	Mr Walton	9	2	Miss Inskip	
7	2	Mrs Gregory-Smith	10	3	Miss Tee	
8	2	Mrs Nottingham & Mrs Harrison	11	3	Mrs Gard & Mrs White	
9	2	Miss Inskip	12	3	Miss Sambrook	
10	3	Miss Sambrook	13	4	Miss Overend	
11	3	Miss Rollinson	14	4	Mr Lynch	
12	3	Mrs Withnell & Miss Carter	15	4	Ms Barton	
13	4	Miss Overend	16	5	Miss Blackburn	
14	4	Ms Barton	17	5	Ms Williams	
15	4	Miss Fovargue	18	5	Mrs Reid & Miss Carter	
16	4	Mr Lynch	19	5	Mrs Hanford	
17	5	Miss Tee	20	6	Miss Fovargue	
18	5	Miss Blackburn	21	6	Miss Raistrick	
19	5	Miss Raistrick	22	6	Mr McLeod	



## Subject leaders

Art	Miss Carter
Computing	Mrs Ward
Design & Technology (DT)	Miss Carter
Early Literacy & Phonics (Read Write Inc) (FS-Y3)	Mrs Perry
English Reading and Writing (Y3-6)	Miss Fovargue
Geography	Miss Raistrick
History	Miss Blackburn
Maths	Ms Barton
Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)	Mrs Reid
Music	Mrs Mills
Personal Social & Health Education (PSHE)	Mrs Ward
Physical Education (PE) and Sports	Mr McLeod
Religious Education (RE)	Mrs Harrison
Science	Miss Sambrook

#### Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

Mr Revell	Principal		
Mr Cox	Vice-Principal		
	-Upper School (Y4/Y5/Y6)		
	-Safeguarding		
	-Pastoral		
	-SENDco		
	-Pupil Voice		
	-Student Teachers		
Mrs Perry	Assistant Principal		
	-Lower School (FS/Y1/Y2/Y3)		
	-SENDco Designate		
	-PTFA		
	-Early Literacy & Phonics		
Mrs Ward	Assistant Principal		
(Tues-Thurs)	-Curriculum		
	-Assessment		
	-Pupil Premium		
	-Associate Trustee		
Mrs	Finance Director		
Saunderson			
Mrs Town	Business Director		

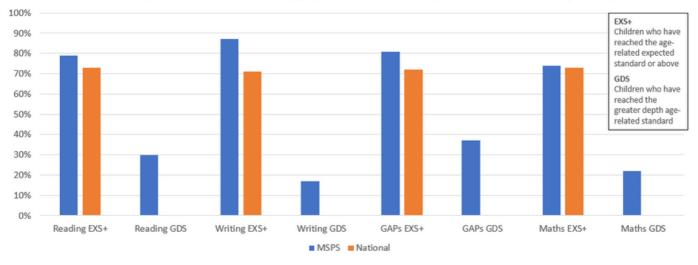
## Amazing end of year results!

The end of the academic year always brings about the question, "How well have our children achieved?" The answer, put simply, is, "Brilliantly!"

We've tried to keep the data as simple as possible. See below graphs showing:

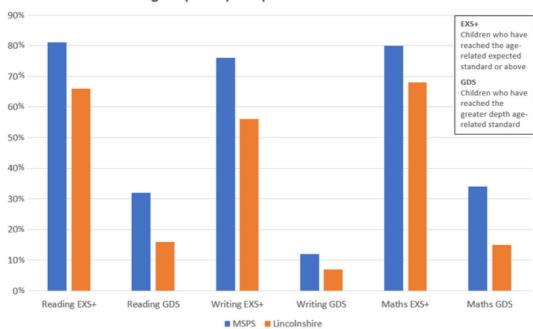
- Our KS2 SATS results compared to national average where available (comparisons not available for GDS at time of publication)
  Our KS1 SATS results compared to all Lincolnshire schools.
- 3) Our Phonics Screening Test (Year 1) results compared to all Lincolnshire schools.
- 4) Our Multiplication Tables Check results (national 2022 100% pass data available only).
- 5) EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) results compared to all Lincolnshire schools.

#### 1) KS2 SATS results (Year 6)



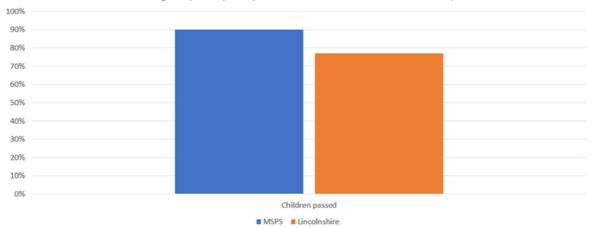
#### MSPS compared to national average (data not available yet for national average GDS)

#### 2) KS1 SATS results (Year 2)



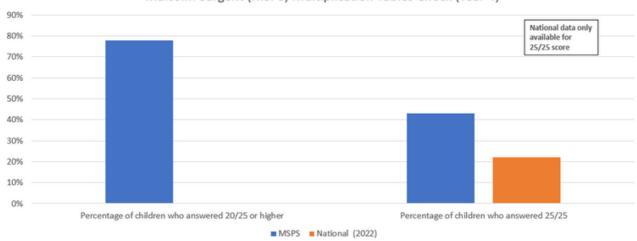
## Malcolm Sargent (MSPS) compared to Lincolnshire KS1 results

#### 3) Phonics Screening Check (Year 1)



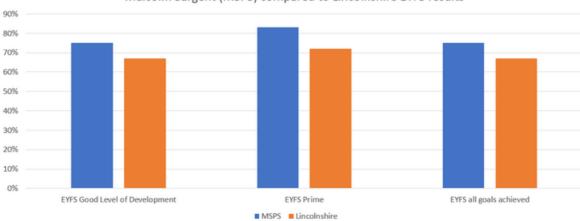
Malcolm Sargent (MSPS) compared to Lincolnshire Phonics Year 1 pass data

#### 4) Multiplication Tables Check (Year 4)



Malcolm Sargent (MSPS) Multiplication Tables Check (Year 4)

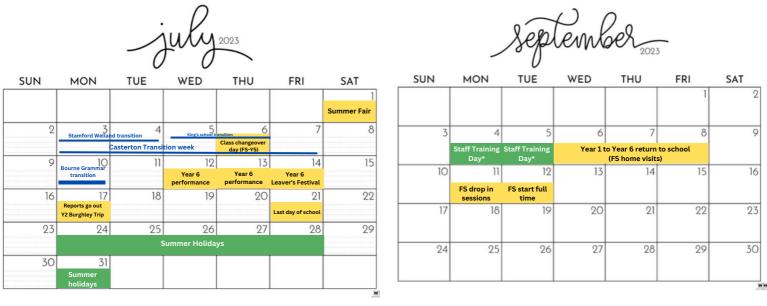
#### 5) EYFS results



Malcolm Sargent (MSPS) compared to Lincolnshire EYFS results

# Dates for the diary



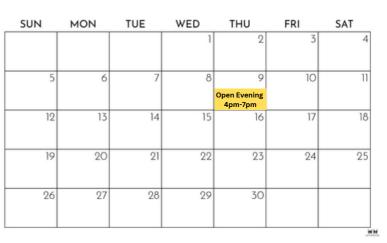


\*Whole-school staff training on SEND, safeguarding and curriculum. Please note, the school is closed to children on this day but Acorn will be running their normal holiday club

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	Staff Training Day*					



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