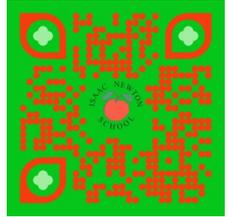




# The Apple



*The weekly news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham*

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## Dear Parents/Carer

We are proud to present our latest newsletter, which is the final edition of this academic year. This latest newsletter is packed full of useful information, reminders, work the children have completed in school and at home and their Out of School Achievements. We have had more success with sports competitions, held our KS1 Sports day at school and there have been some exciting enrichment trips that the children (and staff) have thoroughly enjoyed!

## Changes to the school day

From the start of next term, we are going to be starting and finishing the school day slightly earlier. This is for a number of reasons to do with our curriculum. The current timetable structure is restricting us and this tweak will improve learning opportunities as well as balancing the day too.

The main gates will be open from 8.40am, classroom doors will be open from 8.45 until 8.50am with learning starting from 8.50am. This will mean that children from EYFS and KS1 will finish their learning at 3.20pm and children from KS2 will need collecting at 3.25pm.

## Staffing update



As you may know, Mrs Toole will be retiring at the end of term after over 32 years service. She has been a brilliant member of staff who as well as working across many parts of the school as a teaching assistant, has done a host of extra-curricular activities too. Mrs Toole was the Captain of the Marathon for 26 years raising thousands of pounds for local charities, she has organised discos, Christmas and summer fairs, Bingo nights and was also an active member of the PTA. Staff organised a secret retirement gathering where former members of staff and current gathered together for a bite to eat and some delicious cake. We would like to wish Mrs Toole lots of luck and she knows that she is always welcome back at Isaac Newton.

As I informed you last term, we are also sad to say goodbye to Miss Akhrass at the end of the academic year. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication this year. Her new school are lucky to have her! I know we will still see lots of her because she will be working for Poplar Farm who are also part of the Community Inclusive Trust. She will be working in year 2 next year and I know she will be really successful. Good luck Miss Akhrass!

Sadly, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Topham at the end of the year. Mrs Topham has worked at the school as a Midday Supervisor for the last two years and she has also been a volunteer reader and helped out on school trips. She has agreed to come back and help out occasionally, so we won't be saying goodbye completely. Enjoy your retirement Mrs Topham, it is thoroughly deserved!

## What do children at Isaac Newton love about their school?

Every Newsletter we will be letting you know what the children love about being at Isaac Newton Primary School. This time we have spoken with children from Year 1 and Year 2.



Having nice teachers – Nettie thinks we have really nice teachers, Noah M said that he loves his teacher- she makes people happy and helps people make the right choice and Martim just loves the continuous provision in Year 1.



Amelia loves how all the staff are there to support her and keep her safe!

## Year 6 Rounders versus staff match



In a tightly fought rounders contest, the staff just edged it 5 and ½ rounders to 5. The game was played in the right spirit and there was ferocious support from the rest of the school who were watching from the side of the field. Many thanks to Mrs Atter for officiating and to the children for being such great sports and being so gracious in defeat.

Mr D. Milner  
Headteacher

## Year 6 Pupils

This time of year is always bitter sweet as we wish our fabulous year 6 children lots of luck with their transition to secondary school! It is sad to say goodbye, but we know they are all ready for the next phase of their education. They have worked exceptionally hard this year and have had phenomenal academic success with 62% of them achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths (national average is 61%). Please see later in the newsletter for the full Key Stage 2 SATs Results.

## Year 6 Leavers Assembly

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, we held our special Year 6 Leavers Assembly to celebrate their time at Isaac Newton Primary School and to wish them well at their secondary schools in September. It was a wonderful evening where the children showcase some of their talents through playing musical instruments, singing and sharing their favourite memories. Each of the children were presented with a special certificate. There were also some individual awards presented last night for maths, English, art and PE. One child per class was also chosen to collect their Achievement Award for this term. We would like to wish all of our year 6 lots of luck next year and would really like to hear how they are getting on.

## Maths



Well done to Danas who received this award for working really hard in lessons, great verbal contributions and because he enjoys tackling the extra challenges.

Congratulations to Ava who was nominated for getting full marks in the arithmetic test and has applied her skills in methodical and efficient ways to solve problems this year.

## English

Great work from Cameron who has risen to the challenge in writing this year. His work has been interesting and imaginative with real character coming through.

Mia was chosen for this award because of her great, creative writing, choosing powerful vocabulary for impact and effect. Really engaging and interesting work.

## Art

Danni received the Art Award for producing amazing art with original ideas and an eye for details – always display worthy!

Summer-Mae was chosen because of her beautiful, creative, detailed work with a real flair!



## Physical Education

Congratulations to all our fabulous Bronze Ambassadors!  
 Isabel- for her commitment to school sport and supporting the school community in her bronze ambassador role  
 Emily - a talented athlete who has grown in confidence throughout the year and been a great bronze ambassador  
 Milena - a great all round sportswomen who has a flair for sprinting  
 Luiza - for being a wonderful team player, always available and shown courage when at times has been asked to step out of her comfort zone  
 William T - A fantastic all round sportsman who has been outstanding in everything he has done this year. A wonderful bronze ambassador  
 Oscar - A great team player, phenomenal footballer who has shown commitment to PE lessons and competitions this year.  
 Beau Stanton - Talented athlete who has worked exceptionally hard in PE this year and been a great team player  
 Nelson - A committed bronze ambassador, always works hard in PE lessons and has been a real pleasure to teach.

## Year 6 SATs Results

Subject	Expected+	National Results	Greater Depth
Reading	77%	74%	25%
Writing	70%	72%	17%
Maths	82%	73%	27%
Combined*	62%	61%	12%
Grammar Punctuation and Spelling	68%	72%	22%

\*Combined = those pupils who achieving the expected standard or above in reading, writing and maths.

A phenomenal achievement by our Year 6 pupils who have worked so hard this year to achieve above national for reading, maths and combined. A special thank you to all of the year 6 staff too. They have supported and challenged the children to achieve their very best. We are so proud of all of them!

## Reminders

There are an increasing number of children wearing brightly coloured trainers in school. We request that all pupils wear sensible black school shoes as per our School Uniform Expectations which can be found on the school website (<https://isaacnewton.eschools.co.uk/>) under the **Parents and Uniform Expectations** tab. Please also ensure that children wear studs and not hoops or 'dangly' earrings. **If studs cannot be removed, unfortunately children will not be able to take part in Physical Education. Please consider this before letting children get their ears pierced!**

We really want to know about your child's out of school achievements, please email the school office on [enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk) with information or send their hard work into school, and we will celebrate this in our next Newsletter which will be published on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**, on social media and during our Celebration Assemblies!

## Parking Safety

A polite reminder to all parents who drive their children to and from school **not** to park at the gate and block the entrance to school please. This causes considerable disruption for local residents and is also a safety hazard for children and parents who are walking to school.

*Also a reminder that parents and carers should not drive through the school gates at any time (Unless this has been agreed with the school office).*

*This is to keep all members of the school community safe.*



## School Values

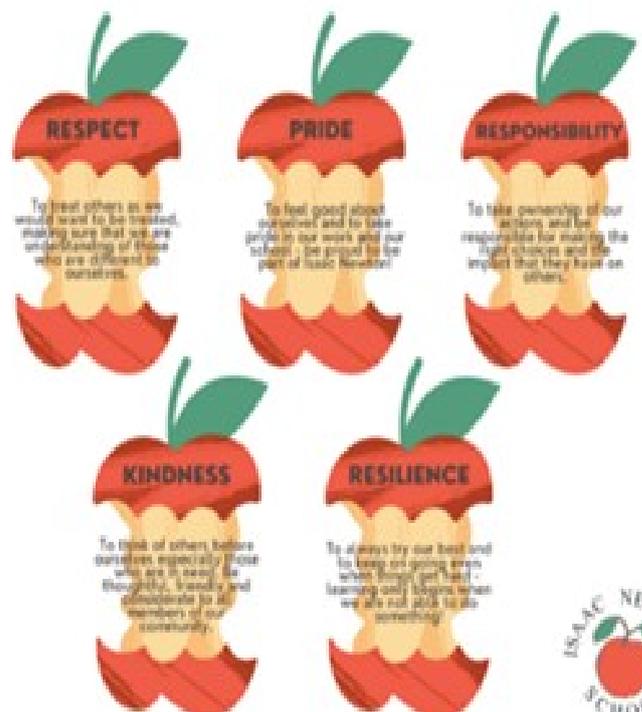
We have continued to focus on our school value of Respect this term and introduced another school value - Pride. This has been discussed in assemblies, with the school council and in class. Being respectful and responsible for their actions will not only ensure that children are successful in school but will also serve them well as adults in the workplace. This week, we set the children a challenge of trying to complete tricky work and to improve their resilience.

## Junior Online Safety Officers



This year Skylar and Mayson have been our Junior Online Safety Officers. They were joined in the Summer Term by Kian and a few weeks ago, they were awarded their corticates and a special creativity award from the Lincolnshire Safety Partnership. They were one of only a small number of teams who were given an award and our team were given their award for the QR code newsletter they shared about parental controls. Their work has been shared with all of Lincolnshire schools and we are very proud of what they have achieved!

## OUR SCHOOL VALUES



## Attendance

It is parents and carers responsibility to inform the school office if their child(ren) are going to be absent from school. Please do this by calling 01476 568616. In addition to this, please ensure the children arrive in school by 9am. If they are late, they miss out on valuable learning time. Both gates open at 8.40 and classroom doors are open at 8.45am.

Well done to Class 3, and Class 7, Class 8 who each have attendance at **96%** and also to Class 5, Class 8, Class 9 and Class 14 for having attendance at **95%**.

### Attendance by Class from September 2023

#### How many classes are above 96%

Class 1	92%	Class 8	95%
Class 2	94%	Class 9	95%
Class 3	96%	Class 10	96%
Class 4	93%	Class 11	94%
Class 5	95%	Class 12	94%
Class 6	91%	Class 13	92%
Class 7	96%	Class 14	95%

Below is a reminder of the impact of having below 90% attendance. If this continues over a five-year period, this is equivalent to half a school year's worth of lost learning that will result in significant gaps. Mr Richards and the attendance team continue to work hard to support families, offer advice and help get children back in school so they can flourish.



## Medical Appointments

Photocopies of medical letters or of medical appointments are really useful and will mean that these absences will be authorised. Thanks you for your support with this.

## Useful link – Is my child too ill for school?

The attached NHS link is a really useful resource for parents/carers if they are unsure whether to send their child to school or not. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



## Celebration Assembly

Every Friday afternoon, we spend time celebrating all the successes from the week and present children with a Headteacher's Award. Staff choose one pupil from each class for a reason connected with our values (Respect, Pride, Responsibility, Kindness and Resilience and for following our simple, but effective, school rules (Be Ready; Be Respectful and Be Safe). All children are encouraged to listen carefully to the reasons for the award and they receive a certificate, a sticker and a round of applause from the whole school. We also celebrate those children who have produced exceptional work in school, at home and their out of school achievements. It is always a special occasion and enjoyed by all!



Winners from the recent Friday Celebration Assembly (12.07.2024) with their certificates.

## Rocksteady Workshops



Rock Steady lessons began just before May half term. It is not too late to book your child in for next academic year, by visiting their website

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

or alternatively, you can collect a letter from the school office.

## School Council update



Mrs McEvoy and Mr Milner met again with the School Council this week. The fortnightly meetings have been going really well. Each week important school related topics are discussed with the group, this is then shared with the rest of the class and responses brought back to the meeting by the councillors.

We have an opportunity to apply for valuable school resources, so this week we discussed what we would like to get. After a lengthy discussion, we decided to ask for some cooking sets which include scales, timers, measuring jugs and a chopping board. We are also looking to get some outdoor learning resources which would be suitable for our Foundation children. Lastly, the children opted to get two outdoor benches. These will either be located in the Forest School or in the outdoor area in the centre of school.

Mr Milner decided that as these School Councillors have not had a full year, they will continue to represent their classes next academic year.

## Bake off/Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who entered the Bake Off and made cakes to sell. On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July we raised over £200 for school funds!

KS1 Winners were as follows:

- 1st Freddie from Class 6
- 2nd Antonina from Class 5
- 3rd Darius from Class 5



KS2 Winners were:

- 1st Jacob and Alice from Class 8 and 11
- 2nd Thomas from Class 13
- 3rd Leilan from Class 8



We must thank Thea from Bloomsbury Bakery who gave up her time to come to school and judge the competition for us. She said that it was incredibly difficult to decide and that we have some very talented bakers at Isaac Newton.



## Gardening Club

After tidying up the central area, Mrs Doughty's Gardening Club had a special Awards Ceremony on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July which they invited Mr Milner to. They have done a brilliant job this year and would all like to take part again next year.



## Sports/PE update

### KS1 Sports Day



On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, we held our Key Stage 1 Sports Day. Another fabulous, sporting success with over 200 pupils taking part in a variety of running races. They showed great resilience during the races but also patiently waited their turn, supporting children from other year groups. Thanks to the PE staff – Mrs Atter, Mr Doughty, Laura also to Mr Hearn for organising the event.

Thanks to Mr Cuttle for taking some amazing pictures during our KS2 Sports Day at the Meres last month.

### Year 6 Wimbledon Tournament

We completed the finals of our year 6 Wimbledon Tournament this week. All children have played matches, eventually resulting in two boys and two girls for each final. The games were played with tremendous enthusiasm from all, with some quality play on show. The girls final was contested by Emily and Millie and after a very tight and tense match, Millie came out victorious. The boys final saw Kaelen and Oscar battle it out, with both children showing great skill in their play. Oscar was just able to pip Kaelen to the trophy after a hard fought game. Well done to all Year 6 children, it was a wonderful way to end your PE lessons!!



### Euro 2024 House Games

We've been completing the Euros 2024 House Games over the past week. Each child has represented their house, with points being allocated to the houses to go towards winning the overall trophy. Jamil and Danni collected the trophy on behalf of Saunders House, well done!



4th Place with 22 points – Tennyson (blue)

3rd Place with 36 points – Robertson (red)

2nd Place with 36 points (more goals scored) – Foale (green)

1st Place with 50 points – Saunders (yellow)

### School Games Mark

Isaac Newton School in Grantham are delighted to announce that they have achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year. This is the third time they have been awarded the highest level in the School Games pathway. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, 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 Isaac Newton are delighted to have been recognised for their success. Sporting achievements this year include: Hockey Winners; Town Sports Winners; Indoor Athletics 3rd place; Swimming Gala 3rd place.



The school have entered every competition available including girls football, mixed cricket, indoor athletics, tag rugby festival and competition, netball, badminton, panathlon, new age kurling, tennis, cricket, cross country, Santa fun run and rounders. In addition, every child has accessed a 6-week extra-curricular club during the academic year and a number of children have enjoyed the opportunity to partake in bikeability and top up swimming. All of the Year 6 children have represented the school at an event this year.

As part of the application, the school were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and the whole school community is delighted that the hard work of everyone has been rewarded this year.

Ellie Atter, PE and Sports Lead, commented: 'Achieving the Platinum Award is a fantastic reward for the whole school community. We aim to offer as many opportunities as possible for our children to be physically active, so to have this acknowledged by the Youth Sport Trust is incredible. This would not be possible without the hard work of the dedicated PE team in school and most importantly the children, who show determination and commitment in everything they do! We would also like to thank Inspire+ and Positive Futures for their support in offering our children opportunities to be physically active.'

## Summer Prom Concert

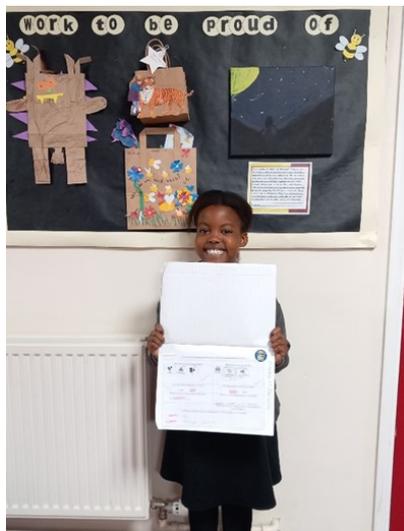


On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July some very lucky parents and staff were treated to the most sensational Summer Prom Concert. The group of talented children were made up from year 3 children who have been learning the recorder with Mrs Clifford and a variety of children who have been learning to play the violin with Ms Smith. Both of these staff are from Lincolnshire Music Service. The concert itself was brilliantly arranged by our very own, Mr Hearn and the mixture of traditional classic music with rock and pop music meant there was something for everyone. The standard was very high. Thanks to all the staff for putting the show together, to those parents and family members who came to watch and to our AMAZING children who entertained us for nearly an hour! Well done!!!

### Dates For Your Diary:

2nd & 3rd September	INSET Days (School closed to all pupils)
4th September	Start of term for the New Academic Year
23rd September	Year 3 trip to Cresswell Crags
27th September	INSET Day (School closed to all pupils)
2nd—4th October	Year 6 Residential to PGL
8th October	Year 2 trip to Perlethorpe
8th & 9th October	Parents' Evening
14th October	School Photographs
18th October	End of Term 1
28th October	Start of Term 2
4th December	EYFS Christmas Performance
10th December	KS2 Christmas Performance
12th December	KS1 Christmas Performance

**Work to be proud of**



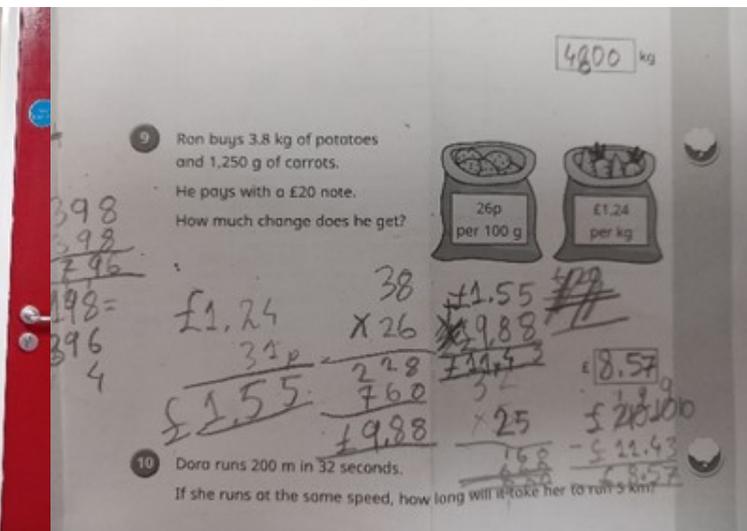
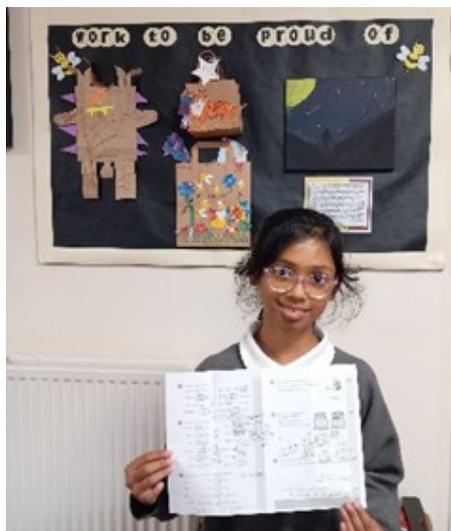
*Great work in year 2 on understanding where energy comes from including those types which are non renewable energy sources e.g. coal and renewable energy sources such as solar panels. Well done Rochelle!*



*French lesson about different types of shops on the High Street so they created a High Street Trirama! They are all decorated beautifully, well done Year 4!*



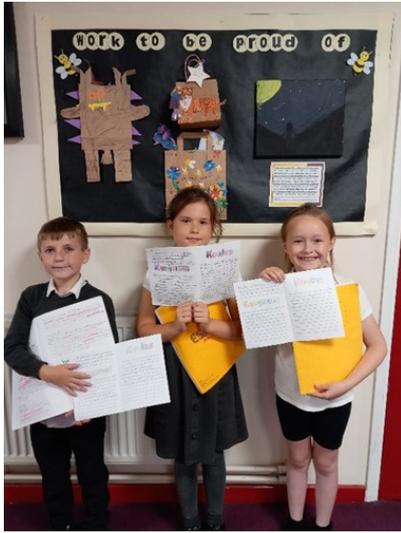
*Amazing work from Year 5!*



**Could you answer this question? Ron buys 3.8kg of potatoes and 1,250g of carrots. He pays with a £20 note. How much change does he get?**

**Potatoes 26p per 100g. Carrots £1.24 per kg**

**Work to be proud of**



*Fantastic fact files from Year 2. The presentation is absolutely brilliant. Well done to Isaac, Alexia and Amelia.*



*A wonderful fact file about the Tudors, well done Ava!*

**Year 4 Muffin Making**



**Work to be proud of**



*Evaleigh produced an astonishing Seaside poem which she read out beautifully and confidently. Well done!*



*Fabulous artwork by Melody and her friend. Parts of the picture are real flowers while*

**Work to be proud of from Home**



*A fantastic moon picture with a shadow on a cliff and a hill. Well done such great art work from Summer!*



*Nicole spent two weeks at home building this amazing Tudor house. She used resources from home including cardboard, paper, masking tape, coloured paper and painted it herself. Its is so good!!!*

**Out of School Achievements**



***Congratulations to Julia who was awarded the Best Squad Swimmer at a special presentation awards ceremony on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Well done!***



***Well done to Daniel who finished as a Runner up in the Colsterworth Colts Football Tournament with his team Great Ponton FC. He scored three goals in total, great work!***



***Great work from Tommie-J who has been presented with two certificates by his Beavers Group. The first one is the Chief Scouts Bronze Award and the other is in recognition of him moving up to Cubs. Well done!***



***Congratulations to Alisa who has achieved her Learn to Swim 3 badge and certificate on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Well done, the hardest part is learning to swim!***



***Rois brought this trophy in today. He received it from Colsterworth Football Club for being one of the most improved players this season. Well done Rois!***

## Safeguarding Update

As we approach the end of term and a well-earned rest, I want to take the opportunity to let you know about the support you and/or your child can access outside of school opening hours. We have done our best to provide up to date sign posting where you can access support:

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child during the holidays, you can contact the following services:

Children's services (Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 6.00pm) 01522 782111

Out of hours emergency duty team: 01522 782333

If you believe there is a risk of immediate danger or harm, contact the Police on 999.

For further information, please visit <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/safeguarding/report-concern>

You can also contact the NSPCC to report a concern or to gain advice:

NSPCC (Help for adults concerned about a child): 0808 800 5000

If you have a concern about domestic abuse, you can call:

EDAN Lincs: 01522 510041

National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

[www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk) (run by Refuge)

Men's advice line: 0808 801 0327

[info@mensadvice.org.uk](mailto:info@mensadvice.org.uk)

Or call 999 in an emergency

If you need support with your or your child's mental health or emotional state, you can contact:

Night Light Cafe Lincolnshire: 0300 011 1200

Search Night Light Cafe Lincoln on Facebook

Lincs Mental Health Helpline 0800 001 4331 (24hours a day)

Calm For men who need to talk 0800 585858 (Between 5pm and midnight every day) [www.thecalmzone.net](http://www.thecalmzone.net)

Lincolnshire Single Point of Access <https://www.lpft.nhs.uk/contact-us/single-point-access>

SHOUT Text SHOUT to 85258 (24 hours a day)

Samaritans 116 123 (24 hours a day)

For support with children's mental health, you can call the Mental Health Support Team – 0800 234 6342 [www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people/mental-health-support-teams](http://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people/mental-health-support-teams)

Lincolnshire Here4You Line (advice and self-referral) – 0800 234 6342

Grantham Hope Cafe tel: 01476401516

Other support

Childline – 0800 1111

EDAN domestic abuse support tel:01522 510041

Calm Harm (Self-harm Support App available on iOS and Android devices)

To report a crime, call 101

In an emergency, always call 999