

# School's Out Programme!

October Half Term Report  
(Oct 23rd - Nov 1st 2023)



  
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The 'School's Out' programme is an initiative put together by the **Magna Vitae Community Team** and funded by **East Lindsey District Council**.

The aim of the programme is to provide Children aged 5-16 with opportunities to take part in **FREE Sports & Physical Activities** during the School Holidays, as well as looking to inspire them to become more physically active in their daily lives.

Over the **October Half-Term**, the programme ran for **7 days** and had **9 Sports Camps/Physical Activity sessions & trips**, as a result of different school holidays across **East Lindsey**.

Activities throughout the programme consisted of **Football** and **Multi-Sport Camps** as well as our **very first Gymnastics session** at Somercotes Academy.

Difficulties arose from **Storm Babet**, which led to the cancellation of the Football Camp at the Allan Barker Playing Fields due to **flooding** as well as causing other venues to become unfit.

In an effort to ensure that as many children as possible still had the opportunity to participate in activities during the school holidays, the coaches created new activities which were suitable for small indoor spaces.

Due to the weather and the cancellation of the planned football camp in Spilsby, we quickly arranged for the group to go to the **Meridian Leisure Centre** in Louth for a morning of **Swimming** followed by an afternoon learning how to play **Pickleball** in the sports hall.

This was only possible due the support of the **Wolds Community Minibus** from **Binbrook**.

A brilliant day for the children who attended as most of the children had never been to the Meridian Leisure Centre and none had ever played pickleball.

# Flipping Brilliant!

During the summer the 'School's Out' programme, sought feedback from both children and parents seeking ideas for different activities which they would like us to put on across the district.

The most common answer was always going to be Football, but to our surprise, we were **overwhelmed** with the many requests to deliver some **Gymnastics Sessions**.

We listened and acted on the feedback putting together a 2 hour trial session for the children of **North Somercotes**, to meet the demand.

The same morning, the team were also delivering a Football Camp at the Luke Walmsley Pavilion.

In order to run the session, we borrowed equipment from the **Magna Vitae Gymnastics** team, transporting it to the school via a van hired from **Lincs Van Hire**.



The session was an enormous success with 20 children in attendance.

They worked on floor skills, such as **Forward Rolls** and **Cartwheels**, as well as learning skills on the **Beams**.

The children in attendance was a good mix of gymnasts looking to develop with extra training, whilst others were taking the opportunity to try the sport for the first time, being **complete newcomers**.

We are very excited with the prospect of delivering more Gymnastics sessions in across other areas in the future.



# A Grand Day Out!

We organised an away trip to the LNER Stadium working closely with Lincoln City Football Club and Lincoln City Foundation for Children from Wragby to attend Lincoln City FC play Charlton Athletic FC in an EFL League 1 fixture.

To ensure families would be able to travel to the game, we hired a coach from Grayscroft Coaches to pick the families up from Wragby Primary School, with each child being accompanied by a responsible adult to add to the child's overall experience.



Lincoln City Foundation provided us with 44 Tickets in the Rilmac Stand, which was perfect for the children as we requested that the group be in a family friendly area of the stadium, to ensure the group were away from any rowdy behavior and industrial language.

The group will remember the night for a long time and for many it was their first ever football match with the added bonus of seeing 3 goals at our end.

The trip overall was a massive success with the young fans delighted to have seen a 3-1 victory for the Imps as well as the opportunity to meet the players at the end of the match.

Overall, a great experience making memories with their family and friends.



## Areas Delivered:

- Alford
- Binbrook
- North Somercotes
- Spilsby
- Wainfleet
- Wragby

## Venues Used:

- Alford Cricket Club
  - Binbrook Village Hall
  - Luke Walmsley Pavilion, North Somercotes
  - Somercotes Academy
  - Spilsby Recreational Ground & Pavilion
  - Meridian Leisure Centre, Louth
  - Wainfleet Playing Fields
  - Wragby Primary School
  - Wragby Reload Centre
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## Partners & Local Businesses supported:

- Grayscroft Coaches
  - Lincoln City Football Club
  - Lincoln City Foundation
  - Lincs Van Hire
  - Wolds Community Minibus
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# Feedback

“Please pass on my thanks to everyone who ran the Multi-Sport Club on Tuesday at Wragby. My children all really enjoyed it.”

**Eleanor**

“We had an amazing time last night at the football game. The kids absolutely loved it!”

**Paul**

“I just wanted to say thank you for arranging the day at the Meridian Leisure Centre for my great grandsons. They always enjoy the camps, so this was an added bonus for them. They are looking forward to the next half term activities. They enjoyed it so much; their mum is bringing the whole family to Louth at the weekend.”

**Mavis**

“The Swimming was fun and is easier when there are no parents around! Pickleball is fun - but more athletic, fast & harder.”

**Kai, aged 10**

“I had so much fun today at the Football Camp. I can't wait to come back in the next time!”

**Jack, aged 6**

“The gymnastics was great, I loved it. Thank you”

**Miley, aged 13**



# Summary

Overall, a very wet but enjoyable October Half Term seeing **152 Children** (**48 Girls** and **104 Boys**) all benefitting from the 'FREE' activities and trips on the 'Schools Out' Programme.

A special shoutout to all the **coaches** who worked so hard on the programme through wind and rain, to make a difference in these areas.

Also a special thank you to **East Lindsey District Council**, venues, local **businesses** and our **partners** who all support the programme to make it all possible.



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