



— 19th December 2024 —

St Andrew's News

'Everything you do, do in love'



Headteacher's Message

We have now made it to the end of a very long Autumn Term!

The last few weeks have been packed full of Christmas activities, beginning with our choir singing beautifully at the Duke Jingle, our very successful PTFA Christmas Fayre and our lovely Christmas Performances and Church Services, which each class have been involved in. I would like to thank our staff for their hard work in preparing for and co-ordinating these performances, yourselves as parents for supporting them but most of all, to the children for their amazing acting and beautiful singing.

I hope you enjoy reading our final newsletter of 2024. All that remains for me to say is thank you for your support throughout this year and to wish you an enjoyable and restful Christmas break.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school bright and early on Monday 6th January.

Happy Christmas!

Mr M Baker
Headteacher



School Vision

At St. Andrew's, we seek to be a safe and happy environment, inspiring our school family to be positive participants in the world community. A place where we are all encouraged, through love and service, to be the very best.

'Love one another, as I have loved you'

John 13:34

Christmas Lunch at St. Andrew's

We were very fortunate this week to enjoy a lovely Christmas Lunch celebration on Tuesday (EYFS and Key Stage 1) and Wednesday (Key Stage 2). All the children joined in the festivities in the hall, complete with Christmas Crackers and background music! We even had a reindeer serving gravy! The children continued the celebrations with their Christmas Parties in the afternoon. Particular thanks to our lunchtime staff for all of their efforts to make the meal extra special!



Educational Visits

Part of our school vision is to inspire our school family to be positive participants in the world community. One of the ways in which we aim to achieve this is by providing opportunities for our children to attend educational visits. Last week, York class had a fantastic time celebrating Christmas at Rand Farm, while Norwich enhanced their Victorian topic with a trip to Burghley House. The pictures below give a flavour of the enjoyment they experienced on both visits.



Effort Cups and Value Certificates

As the end of term approaches, we have been able to celebrate achievements across the school during Collective Worship. Last Friday, each class teacher selected a child from their class for this term's value award for 'service'. Congratulations to the following children:

York (Reception) - Jude
Lincoln (Year 1) - Addie-Jean
Winchester (Year 2) - Evie
Canterbury (Year 3) - Erin
Salisbury (Year 4) - Autumn
Norwich (Year 5) - Olivia
Southwell (Year 6) - Kian

Today, we were delighted that Mr Phillips could join us for Collective Worship. As you are aware, Mr Phillips will be stepping down as Chair of Governors at the end of this month, and it was lovely to welcome him to join us for worship this morning. Mr Phillips presented this term's Effort Cups to the following children:

York (Reception) - Lilly
Lincoln (Year 1) - Arthur
Winchester (Year 2) - Seth
Canterbury (Year 3) - Eliza-May
Salisbury (Year 4) - Ted
Norwich (Year 5) - Thomas
Southwell (Year 6) - Zara

Congratulations to all of the children who were awarded certificates and cups over the past week - well done, we are very proud of you!!



St. Andrew's Church Services at Christmas

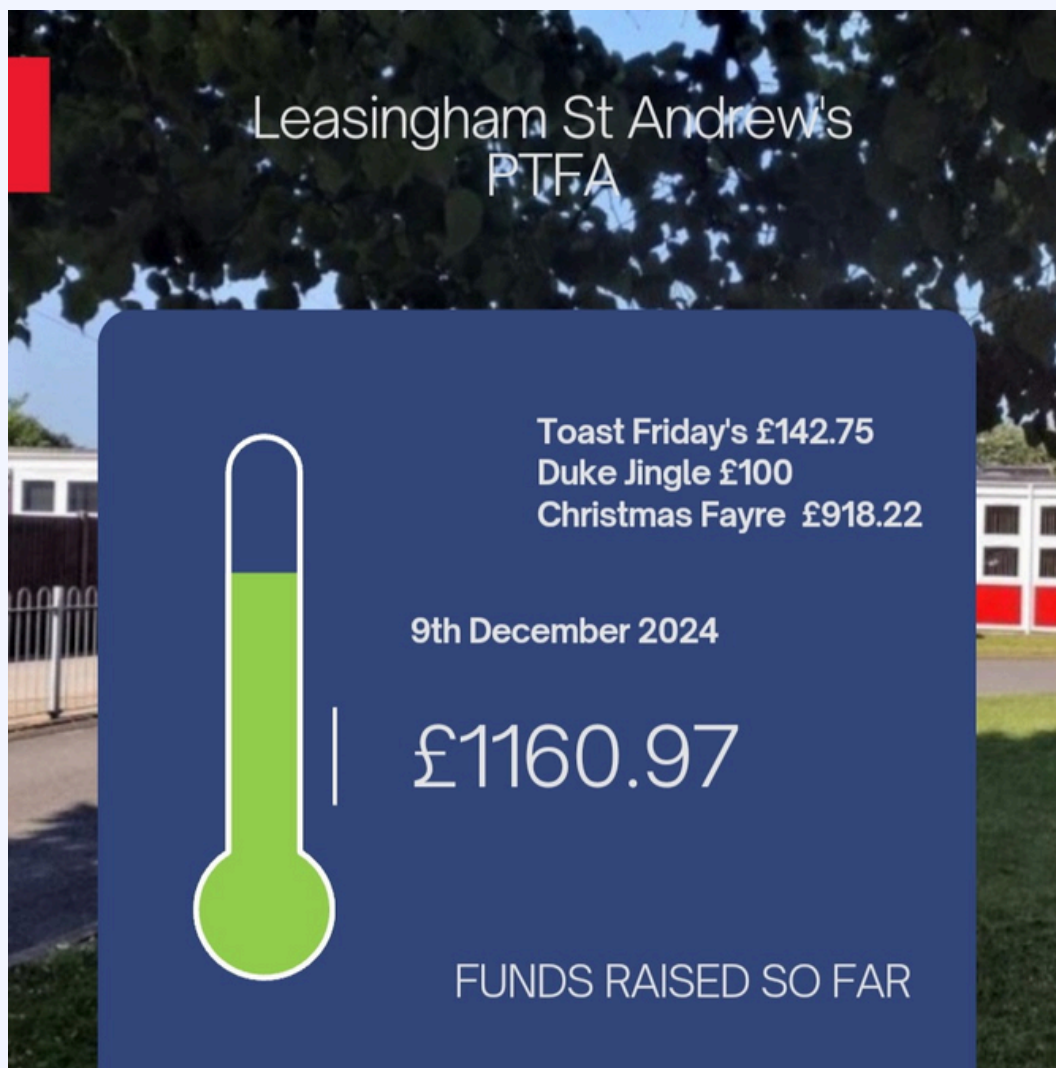


St. Andrew's Church, Leasingham, will be holding the following services in the lead up to Christmas, which you are very welcome to attend:

- **Friday 20th December** - Traditional Carols and Readings (7pm)
- **Tuesday 24th December** - Children's Crib Service (3pm)
- **Tuesday 24th December** - Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service (9:30pm)
- **Wednesday 25th December** - Christmas Morning Service (11am)

PTFA Update

We are very grateful to our wonderful PTFA, who work tirelessly to organise events to raise money for our school, to further enhance the provision we offer and the resources we use. Please see below for a graphic showing how much money they have raised so far this academic year. Our thanks to all members of the PTFA for their hard work and dedication to our school.



Building Work Update



Over the course of this week, the builders have been working on:

1. Installation of lightning protection to the New Roof
2. Installation of roof tiling
3. Starting to install the box gutter to the flat roof
4. Removing the internal birdcage scaffolding.

Please see below for the latest photo updates.



Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership Update

ONLINE SAFETY - LIKE RIDING A BIKE



Are you considering getting your child a mobile phone?

There are benefits to being online but equally there are risks that children may experience.

Just like preparing your child to ride a bike for the first time, there are things we can do as parents to make our childrens online experience as safe as possible.

Pick the device

- 1 Basic phones can message and make calls but children will not be able to access apps

Helmet – Parental Controls

- 2 Before giving your child any device make sure you access parental controls and discuss apps you are happy for them to access

Brakes – Stop and Think

- 3 Teach children to stop and think before they reshare information or reply to comments.

Protection – Block and report

- 4 Teach your children how to block and report on the games and apps they are using.

Stabilizers – Tech free areas

- 5 Keep technology out of bedrooms and charge devices downstairs

Talk to your children about the risks they may face online and where they can go for help. Explore games and apps together. Talk often and openly. For more information on parental controls and online risks visit www.internetmatters.org

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Contact for info: SSP@lincolnshire.gov.uk <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/staysafepartnership>



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Is your child due to start school in September 2025?
We would be delighted to show you around our wonderful,
village school.

Please contact us to book a visit:

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Email: enquiries@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk



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Useful Links for Parents

Healthy Minds Lincolnshire

Providing support and treatment for children, young people and their families, who are experiencing emotional wellbeing difficulties.

<https://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people/lincolnshire/young-people/i-need-more-help/healthy-minds-lincolnshire>

Place2Be

Place2Be is a children's mental health charity working with pupils, families and staff in UK schools.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

Mind

Providing support for people experiencing, or supporting someone with, a mental health problem.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/> Tel: 0300 123 3393

Family Lives

Providing early intervention and crisis support to families.

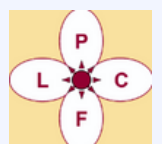
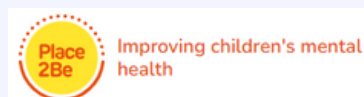
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/> Tel: 0808 800 2222

Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

LPCF is specifically tasked with working alongside the Local Authority and Health to help ensure that the services they plan, commission, deliver and monitor meet the needs of children with Disabilities and Special Educational Needs. You will need to register with them for free before being able to access the resources and support.

<https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/>

Please also see the Pastoral section on our website for more helpful links.



LEASINGHAM ST ANDREW'S PTFA NEED YOUR HELP

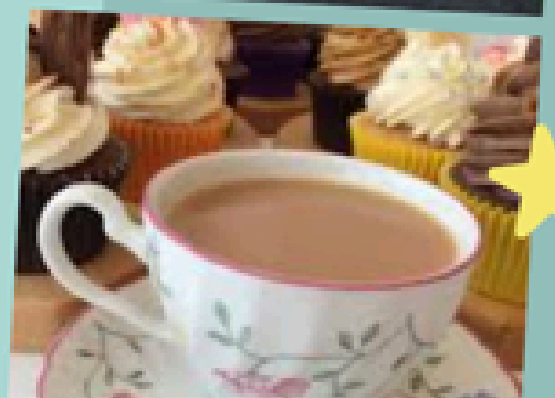
COME AND JOIN US!

VOLUNTEER AT ONE OF OUR
EVENTS.

OR HELP ON A REGULAR BASIS
PLANNING AND ORGANISING OUR
EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

If you would like to
get involved please
email the school.

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Important Dates

- **Thursday 19th December** - Last Day of Autumn Term
- **Monday 6th January 2025** - First Day of Spring Term
- **Wednesday 8th January** - Year 5 Planetarium Visit (in school)
- **Monday 13th January** - Year 4 Swimming Sessions begin
- **Monday 13th January** - Reverend Al Leading Collective Worship

Nut Free School

A reminder to please ensure that your children do not come into school with any food containing nuts. This is due to some children having nut allergies. If you are unsure of whether food you are intending to provide contains nuts, please check with staff in the school office. Information regarding nut allergies from the NHS can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/food-allergy/>



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