

— 14th February 2025 —

St Andrew's News

'Everything you do, do in love'



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

Headteacher's Message

As you will be aware from the letter sent out last week, we received our SIAMS inspection on Tuesday 11th February. The inspection was a very thorough process, focusing on how we are living out our foundation as a Church School. Over the course of the day, the inspector spoke to school leaders, children, staff, parents, governors and representatives from St. Andrew's Church. She also observed Collective Worship and visited classrooms. The report now has to go through the SIAMS quality assurance processes and we look forward to sharing the outcome with you once it is published.

We have reached the end of a very busy term and I know the children and staff are ready for a well-earned break. I would like to wish all of our school family an enjoyable half term holiday and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 24th February.

With my very best wishes.

Mr M Baker
Headteacher



Value Certificates - Respect



In this morning's Collective Worship, we had the pleasure of presenting this term's value certificates. Our value this term has been respect and each teacher chose one child from their class to receive this award. It was lovely to hear about the ways in which the children selected had shown this value, which links so nicely to our school vision. Congratulations to the following children:

York - Tilly

Lincoln - Annabelle

Winchester - Ava

Canterbury - Jonathan

Salisbury - Billy

Norwich - Edith

Southwell - McKenzie



Member of Parliament Visit



On Thursday 6th February, we were delighted to welcome the Member of Parliament for Sleaford and North Hykeham, Dr Caroline Johnson, to St. Andrew's. Dr Johnson and I discussed the impact of the recent flooding and plans that the Local Authority have for this going forward. Dr Johnson was also able to meet with our Year 6 House Captains, who had prepared some questions for her around the role and responsibilities of an MP. Our children were great ambassadors for our school and gained a lot from their discussions with Dr Johnson, even asking about the process that someone has to go through to become an MP. Our thanks to Dr Johnson and her team for accommodating this visit.



Young Villager of the Year

We were delighted to hear that one of our children, Florence in Year 2, has been awarded the Young Villager of the Year for 2024. This is an annual award, presented by the Leasingham and Roxholm Parish Council, for a young person who has gone the extra mile. Florence received this award due to her contribution to Rainbows, as outlined in the nomination letter below:

Florence was nominated for 'Young Villager of the Year' due to her incredibly kind and helpful nature. Firstly, to those that help run the Rainbows meetings, but also to her peers. We heard stories of how much she goes out of her way to offer help and assistance to anyone. Secondly, for being so supportive and welcoming to new members of the group, especially those that are a little unsure. Lastly, we heard how hard working she is, having completed the most Rainbows badges in the group. All of this despite only having moved to the village a little over a year ago.

We were very pleased to share in this success with Florence during Collective Worship this morning. Well done Florence!



Safer Internet Day



St. Andrew's Church of England Primary School marked this year's Safer Internet Day with a range of activities, both as a whole school and in class. Mrs Curt led Collective Worship on Monday, based on this year's theme of 'fake news'. The children had opportunities in class on Tuesday to learn more about this important topic. We shared photos of this learning on our 'X' feed and have included a selection of these below.

On the subject of internet safety, please click the [link](#) for the February edition of our Online Safety newsletter.



Building Work Update

Our classroom/resource extension is moving closer and closer to completion. We hope to be able to share further news of this after half term. This week, the builders have been working on:

- 1.Beginning the plaster boarding of masonry walls and applying stud partitions to the toilets.
- 2.Mechanical, electrical and plumbing installation
- 3.Demolition of previous partition across the corridor and the double doors to the cloakroom.
- 4.Installation of rainwater goods to the roof fascia
- 5.Completion of the soffit at the roof eaves.
- 6.Installation of the flood barriers

Please see below for the latest photo updates.



World Book Day

A reminder that World Book Day will be celebrated at St. Andrew's on Thursday 6th March. The children will have the opportunity to take part in reading/book related activities on the day. In addition to this, we will be inviting the children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. A simple costume will suffice and it would be lovely if the children could bring a copy of the book that their character is from. Please bear in mind that the children will be taking part in usual school activities during the day so their costume needs to be appropriate and practical for this. For this reason, we request that hair dye and make up/face paint is avoided. Staff have been invited to dress up on this day too and I am sure it will be a memorable occasion. At the end of the day, the children will bring home their World Book Day £1 token, which can be used at most retailers for a discount on books. Children may wish to save these for our Travelling Book Fayre which will arrive later in March - more details will be given on this nearer the time.

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.

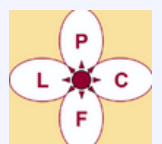
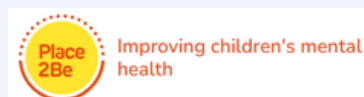
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/> Tel: 0808 800 2222

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.



Donate last year's clean
gently used costumes

World Book Day sorted!



Browse the rail for this
year's character

World Book Day costume swap rail at Sleaford Library

Looking for World Book Day costume inspiration? You'll find it on our costume swap rail. Available during opening times from 6th February-6th March.

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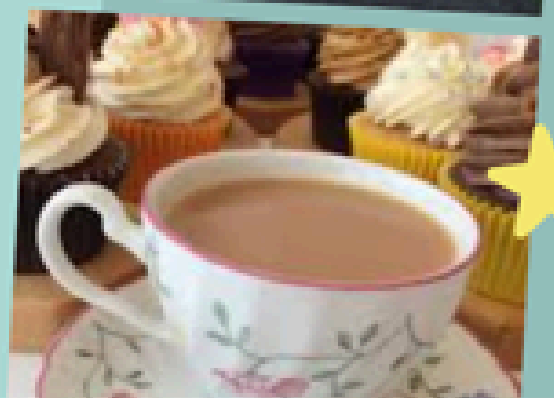
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EVENTS.

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

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Uber Eats

Important Dates

- **Monday 24th February** - First day of Term 4
- **Tuesday 24th February** - Year 3 swimming sessions commence
- **Thursday 27th February** - Year 4 School of Noise Workshop
- **Thursday 6th March** - World Book Day
- **Monday 10th March** - Assessment Week in school
- **Monday 17th March** - Year 6 depart for residential trip to Hilltop

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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