

— 17th January 2025 —

St Andrew's News

'Everything you do, do in love'



Headteacher's Message

As this is the first newsletter of 2025, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our parents and carers a very Happy New Year! I hope you were able to enjoy a wonderful Christmas break with family and friends.

The new year did not start the way in which we anticipated, with floodwater surrounding and then entering the building on the morning of Monday 6th January. We appreciate your understanding with the two-day closure, which was necessary to ensure the school site was fit to safely welcome everyone back to school on Wednesday 8th January. We have been in contact with Lincolnshire County Council, who are well aware of the situation and are looking into ways in which they can support the school.

Despite this setback, we are very much looking forward to the new year ahead, full of exciting learning opportunities for your children to take part in.

With my very best wishes.

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

Attendance Matters

At St. Andrew's, we take the attendance and punctuality of our children very seriously. We monitor this on a regular basis and will look to put in place intervention and support where necessary, particularly where attendance levels are not where we would expect them to be (as per our policy, this is classed as anything below 95%).

We know that children do get poorly and can be too unwell to be in school. When children are kept off school for illness, it is important that you contact the school via email (enquiries@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk) or telephone (01529 302388) by 9:30am. This process should be repeated on each and every subsequent day of absence. The school has robust and thorough processes that we follow when children are absent and no reason has been given. This can result in a home visit/welfare check if we are unable to make contact with you. Full details of our procedures for attendance can be found in our policy ([please click here](#)).

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. [Click here](#) for the NHS guidelines that say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

Please see below for a graphic demonstrating the impact that poor attendance and punctuality can have on your child's education. If you have concerns about your child's attendance or punctuality, we are here to support. Please do not hesitate to contact us via enquiries@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk.



Year 6 Parents Meeting - SATs and Hilltop Residential Trip

Parents and carers of children in Year 6 are invited to a meeting on Monday 10th February (as previously advertised on the date sheet) at 5:00pm in the school hall. At this meeting, we will provide final details for the impending residential visit to Hilltop and give you the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

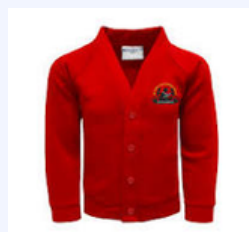
During this meeting, we will also be sharing information about the end of Key Stage 2 SATs assessments, which children in Year 6 will undertake during the week commencing Monday 12th May. Again, there will be an opportunity to ask questions about these assessments.

The meeting is for parents and carers only - the children will all receive the same information in a child-friendly presentation in class at a later date. Information from the meeting will be available for any parents/carers unable to attend.



Uniform Policy

Our Uniform Policy was updated and ratified at our most recent Full Governing Body Meeting. You can access the policy on our website [here](#). Please make yourselves familiar with this policy, particularly what is and is not accepted in terms of uniform items. Staff will be monitoring this closely after the February half term break and will let you know via a note in your child's bookbag/schoolbag if there are any concerns. If you have any questions regarding the policy, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Meeting

We will be inviting parents and carers of children in Year 4 to a meeting on Wednesday 12th February at 5pm in the school hall. At this meeting, information will be given about the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check, which children in Year 4 will take during the month of June. The information will include the format of the assessment, along with practical tips as to how you can support your children at home. There will be opportunities during this meeting for parents and carers to ask any questions they may have about the Multiplication Tables Check.

The meeting will be for parents and carers only, with the children receiving all the information they will require in class. If you are unable to attend, information regarding the content of the meeting will be available once this has taken place.



School Performance Data

In December, the Department for Education (DfE) published the 2024 end of Key Stage 2 assessment data for all primary school settings. The link below shows the results for our school, which puts us above average in nearly every area. This is further evidence of how we live out our school vision, in terms of providing 'a safe and happy environment, inspiring our school family to be positive participants in the world community.' I would like to say a huge congratulations to all of the children and staff for their hard work and dedication in achieving these results.

[The Leasingham St. Andrew's Church of England Primary School](#)

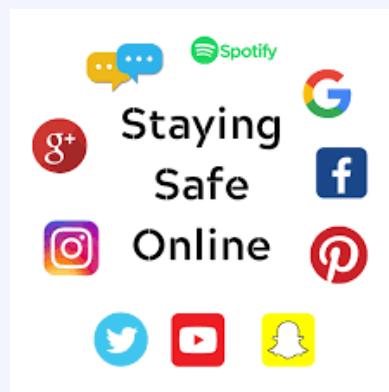
Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

As you may be aware, we are working very closely with the Lincolnshire Mental Health Support Team this academic year, to offer support where needed and to further promote mental health and wellbeing in our school. Last week, members of the team led a Collective Worship for the whole school and next week they will be running workshops for Key Stage 2. You will receive an online information pack from the MHST, outlining what they do and giving details on how you can make a referral. We hope you find this information useful.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please see the link below to our school website, where you will find the latest edition of our Online Safety Newsletter. As always, this is well worth a read, and includes information about social media influencers, age ratings for well-known apps and Smartphone free childhood parent-led movement.

[The Leasingham St Andrew's Church of England Primary School Online Safety Newsletter](#)



Building Work Update

The builders are continuing to make steady progress with our new extension, despite the recent inclement weather. This week, they have been working on:

1. Land drain diversion works to the playground area
2. Completion of the flat roof gutter
3. Completion of the roof tiling to the roof cowls and flat roof gutter



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.

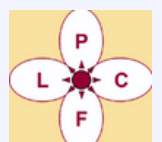
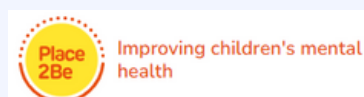
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/> Tel: 0808 800 2222

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.



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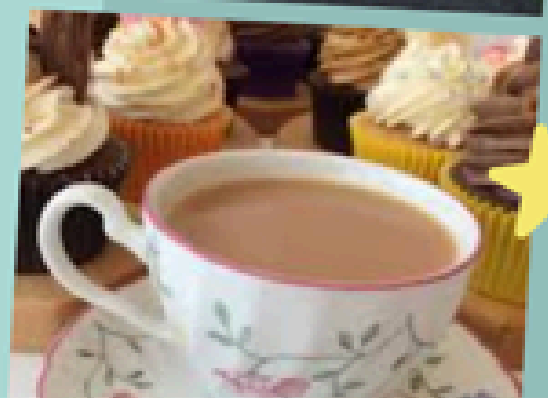
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VOLUNTEER AT ONE OF OUR
EVENTS.

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

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

[enquiries@st-
andrews.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk)



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Uber Eats

Important Dates

- **Thursday 23rd January** - KS2 Anxiety Workshops (Mental Health Team)
- **Monday 27th January** - Open the Book leading Collective Worship
- **Tuesday 28th January** - Year 2 NSPCC Workshop
- **Thursday 30th January** - Year 5 and 6 NSPCC Workshops
- **Monday 3rd February** - Reverend Al Leading Collective Worship
- **Tuesday 4th February** - Year 6 Educational Visit to The Bomber Command Centre

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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