

— 31st January 2025 —

# St Andrew's News

*'Everything you do, do in love'*



## Headteacher's Message

This week, we were delighted to take delivery of our new front entrance sign. This has been designed with our school vision strap-line and Bible verse in mind, but also relates to our twelve Christian values that we focus on (more details about this term's value later on in this edition of the newsletter). The sign is a visual reminder of our vision and the values that we aim to demonstrate each and every day.

I hope you enjoy reading this latest version of our newsletter, packed as always with exciting updates from across the school.

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



# Southwell Update (Year 6)



In Year 6, our topic is the World at War and through our English book 'Letters from the Lighthouse' we have been thinking about life as an evacuee. Could you send your children to the countryside for safety?

Below is some of the children's work, writing in the first person, as an evacuee.

Following the blast, my mother came to the conclusion that we had to evacuate, since London was too dangerous. Cliff and I were on a train to Budmouth Point. More than anything I wanted to stay with my family; however, I do get to go on an adventure. If I were to have children living in London (which is a dangerous place during the war) I would hope they were safe and loved in their new home. Whilst boarding the train, I wondered if mum would be protected.

By Matilda

When silence was finally restored and the smoke had cleared, mother decided London was becoming too dangerous and we were swiftly evacuated to Budmouth on the train, for our safety. I was desperate to stay and investigate Sukie's sudden disappearance, on the other hand, bombs are becoming more frequent. If I were in mother's position, I would have wanted my children to live safely in the countryside, away from the immense bombing raids in the city and survive the war. As I gazed out of the train window, I was beginning to wonder if I would ever see her warm smile again.

By Bella

As the blasts subsided, mother made her mind up that it was far too dangerous to stay in London and sent us on a journey to Budmouth to evacuate from the air raids. The trees waved goodbye, as well as mum, then they disappeared over the horizon, whilst I was fading into the misty fog on the train. I must stay and look after my mum; but on the other hand, I had to make sure Cliff was safe in Devon. If my children were in danger, I would want them to have a loving family, be educated and survive the war. In my mind, I was wondering if I'd ever hug my mum again.

By Zara



# Norwich Update (Year 5)



Norwich Class kicked off the new term with an "out of this world" experience to launch our latest Science topic. A visit from StarLincs Mobile Planetarium set the tone for an exciting term ahead. Inside the Planetarium, our astronomer Lucy guided us through the wonders of our galaxy, the Milky Way. We explored the sun, planets, and incredible star constellations, experiencing many "wow" moments as we grasped the vastness of our universe.

We learned fascinating facts, such as Earth's unique position in the Goldilocks Zone, where conditions are perfect for life (not too hot, not too cold, just right!).

Back in the classroom, the excitement continued with engaging activities. We built moon landing vehicles from Lego, tasted astronaut freeze-dried raspberries, and even designed our own planets. It was an unforgettable day of discovery!



As part of the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay Safe. programme, we were given the task of designing an information poster for primary school children. We carefully considered the key details to include, such as Buddy the mascot, the Childline number, the importance of having a Safe Adult to talk to, and recognising different types of abuse. Keep an eye out for some of our finished posters displayed around the school!

In another, wonderful Science lesson, Year 5 were tasked with using Oreos to represent the phases of the moon. After discussing the various phases of the moon and how they relate to the positions of the Sun and Earth, we were each given 8 Oreos in our groups. Our job was to carve the cream from the biscuits to illustrate the different lunar phases. Everyone had a fantastic time, and eating the Oreos at the end was the perfect treat!



# Equal Access School Award

At the recent Carres PE Outreach Conference, we were delighted to be awarded the Barclays Girls' Football School Partnerships Equal Access School Award for 2024. This was awarded in recognition of the commitment that we have shown in providing opportunities for girls football at our school. This is within our curriculum, as part of our extra-curricular offer and via inter-school competitions and festivals. We are looking forward to continuing to further enhance this offer, whilst working in partnership with Carres Outreach. Thank you to Mrs Pledger for all of her hard work in this area.



## Healthy School

As a school, we aim to promote healthy lifestyles as much as possible. Part of this includes the food that the children are eating. At break time, we provide all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with a piece of fruit or vegetable. In Key Stage 2, children may bring in their own piece of fruit or vegetable to consume at break time. Children should not be eating other items at this time e.g. crisps. This is to ensure that we are promoting healthy lifestyles as much as possible. Our school meals provider, Ideal, follows the 'School Meals Food Standards' set out by the government (please [click here](#) for details). We strongly encourage that packed lunches brought in from home also follow the guidelines, to ensure all children are enjoying a balanced, healthy diet whilst in school. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

## Clubs

Spring Term clubs began this week and will run up until the week ending Friday 28th March. My thanks to all staff running clubs this term and the commitment that they put into these. Year 5 and 6 children that have permission to walk alone must be collected by a known adult from all clubs up until 14th February, in order to safeguard the children with the darker evenings. From 24th February, these children will be able to walk home from clubs by themselves.

# World Book Day

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.



# Building Work Update

The builders have been focusing on the following activities this week:

1. First fix of mechanical & electrical installation
2. Continuation of insulation install in the roof and plasterboard to underside
3. Groundworks to the rear of the retaining wall

Significant progress continues to be made, as demonstrated by the photos below.



# 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.

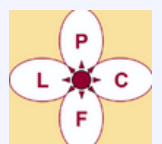
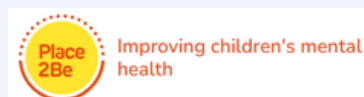
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/> Tel: 0808 800 2222

## 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.

   @LincsLibraries



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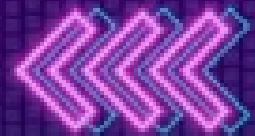
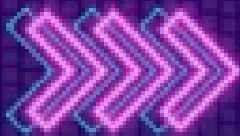
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Leasingham St Andrews PTFA



Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champion?  
Then gather your friends and join us for Quiz Night.  
Bring your own food and drink (alcohol is permitted). Pay on the  
night £5 per person, maximum 8 per team.  
Please book your table at the school office.

**FRIDAY 7th FEBRUARY**

*A grown-ups only event!*

**Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start!**

# LEASINGHAM ST ANDREW'S PTFA NEED YOUR HELP

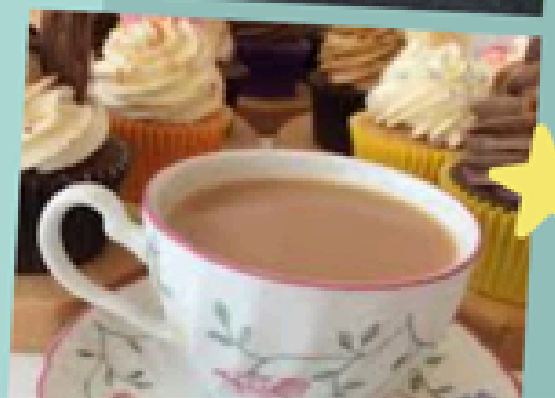
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VOLUNTEER AT ONE OF OUR  
EVENTS.

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

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# Important Dates

- **Monday 3rd February** - Reverend Al Leading Collective Worship
- **Tuesday 4th February** - Year 6 Educational Visit to The Bomber Command Centre
- **Monday 10th February** - Final Year 4 Swimming Session
- **Monday 10th February** - Year 6 Parents' Meeting - SATs/Hilltop (5pm)
- **Tuesday 11th February** - Year 3 Educational Visit to Wild Woodcraft
- **Wednesday 12th February** - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Parents' Meeting - 5pm



# 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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