

— 21st March 2025 —

# St Andrew's News

*'Everything you do, do in love'*



## Headteacher's Message

We have had lots of exciting activities taking place in school over the last few weeks, with details of these throughout this latest edition of the newsletter. Year 6 are due back this afternoon from their residential trip to Hilltop. It sounds like they have had a lovely time and I am sure they will be looking forward to telling family and friends about their adventures when they return.

We have updates from Reception and Year 1 in this issue of the newsletter, with Year 2 to follow in two weeks time.

The Book Fayre is taking place after school this evening and again on Monday, with doors opening at 3:30pm. A reminder that World Book Day vouchers can be used at this event and all payments are via card only.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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

# Staffing Update



I am delighted to share with you the lovely news that Mrs Curt has informed us that she is pregnant and expecting her second child in September. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Curt and her husband on this announcement. We will start the process of preparing for Mrs Curt's maternity leave later this year and look forward to updating you on this when we have made an appointment. Congratulations once again to Mr and Mrs Curt.

On the subject of pregnancy, you may be aware that my wife and I are expecting our second child in April of this year. The governors have agreed to me taking a two week period of paternity leave, which will begin immediately after the birth. In my absence, Mrs Coote (Assistant Headteacher) will assume responsibility for the day-to-day running of the school. She will be supported in school by Mrs Moseley and Mrs Durrant, as well as by the governors and the school's Locality Lead from Lincolnshire County Council. We will of course update you as to when this period of paternity leave will begin.

Thank you for your support with the above two staffing updates.



## Vacancy

We are currently advertising for a teaching assistant to support in our Reception class. Full details of this vacancy can be found on our website, by clicking [here](#). Please do forward details of this vacancy to anyone you know who might be interested in this role.

## Clubs

A reminder that all clubs will finish for the spring term at the end of next week (Friday 28th March). Details of clubs for the summer term will be forwarded to you when we return after the Easter break.

# York Update (Reception)



Our new topic in York Class is all about 'growing and changing'. We have thought about how we grow and change as we get older and enjoyed sequencing the different life stages and thinking about what we will be able to do as we grow into teenagers and adults.

Pancake Day was very exciting for us as we explored how milk, flour and eggs changed when we mixed them together and cooked them. Mrs Berry proved to be a very capable 'pancake flipper' and the children proved to be very enthusiastic pancake eaters! Our pancakes were served plain, with sugar or with orange juice and everybody got stuck in. This has led us into thinking about the Easter story in our RE lessons and understanding why Shrove Tuesday is an important day each year. Next, we thought about how seeds grow and change as they grow into fruit and vegetables. There was even more eating involved as we designed our own fruit and vegetable faces and enjoyed them for our snack. Our focus on healthy eating has also complimented our PHSE learning in our Jigsaw lessons all about the theme of 'Healthy Me'.

Still to come, we have a focus on caterpillars, thinking about how they will grow and change into butterflies. It has been a fabulous term of learning, and the children have been thoroughly engrossed in exploring the wider world around them.



# Lincoln Update (Year 1)



Our topic this term is Castles and we are really enjoying finding out all about medieval life. On the 27th March we are going to Lincoln Castle to further our knowledge. Our activities will include a castle tour, a roleplay medieval banquet where we dress up and we get to shoot some arrows and pretend to be knights! We have our very own Lincoln Castle in our classroom in which we love to explore, play and act.



One of our favourite activities this term has been making our very own dragon eyes out of clay. We picked the eye we liked and then created a design, thinking about what the scales might look like. We then shaped and moulded the clay before using a variety of tools to create the scales. When they dried, we painted them using metallic colours. Aren't they amazing! We were very excited to take them home.



# Year 6 Hilltop



Our Year 6 children have had a fabulous time at Hilltop and we are looking forward to welcoming them back to school later on today. Please see below for a range of photos from their residential trip.



# Building Work Update



We are expecting work to be completed on our classroom/resource extension by the end of this term. Over the Easter break, work will commence on demolishing the current mobile classroom. Please see below for the latest photo updates as the completion date draws ever nearer.



## Easter Church Services

Our Easter Services will take place at St. Andrew's Church on the following dates:

Thursday 3rd April - EYFS/Key Stage 1 - 9:30am (Year 1 to lead)

Friday 4th April - Key Stage 2 - 9:30am (Year 5 to lead)

Please do come and support these services at Church if you can, as we celebrate Easter together as a school family.



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# MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SHOP

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THURSDAY 27TH & FRIDAY  
28TH MARCH

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A SELECTION OF GIFTS  
WILL BE AVAILABLE TO  
PURCHASE DURING  
SCHOOL BREAK

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£2 PER CHILD  
PLEASE PRE-PAY VIA  
ARBOR

Stock is limited 1 gift per child



# 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.

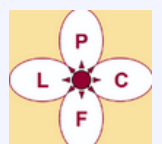
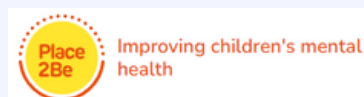
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/> Tel: 0808 800 2222

## 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

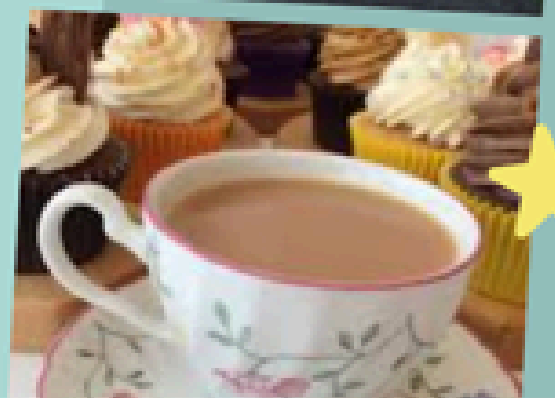
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VOLUNTEER AT ONE OF OUR  
EVENTS.

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

If you would like to  
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## Important Dates

- **Monday 24th March**- Final swimming session for Year 3
- **Monday 24th March** - Open the Book leading Collective Worship
- **Tuesday 25th March** - Year 2 Educational Visit to Whisby Nature Reserve
- **Thursday 27th March** - Year 1 Educational Visit to Lincoln Castle
- **Thursday 27th March** - All clubs finish today
- **Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd April** - Parents' Evening



## 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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