

7th March 2025

St Andrew's News

'Everything you do, do in love'



Headteacher's Message

Firstly, I hope everyone enjoyed the half term break and also the warmer, sunnier weather that we have been experiencing recently - hopefully this is a sign of things to come.

We were delighted to be able to share our SIAMS report with the school community last week. I am sure you have now had the opportunity to read and digest the details of this and hope you agree that it is an accurate reflection of our school with lots of lovely points to celebrate. This is available on our website, by clicking this [link](#).

We have had a busy two weeks back in school with lots taking place, culminating in the celebration of World Book Day yesterday (more details in this issue of the newsletter). This week's newsletter also includes articles from Year 3 and 4, detailing some of their recent activity.

Enjoy the weekend ahead.

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

This Term's Value - Forgiveness



This term, we will be focusing on the Christian Value of forgiveness. This can often be a difficult value to fully demonstrate, depending on what has gone on prior to a particular situation. We will be exploring this value over the course of this term as part of our Collective Worship sessions, through writing prayers, in class and around the school. Please do re-enforce this value at home. We would love to hear how the children have demonstrated this outside of school, perhaps at some of the clubs they attend or as part of daily life at home.



World Book Day

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There was lots of excitement in school yesterday as we celebrated World Book Day. The children (and staff!) looked great in their character outfits and everyone enjoyed the range of book related activities that took place. Each class focused on the book 'Here we are,' by Oliver Jeffers, and produced work linked to the themes in the text. A particular highlight of the day was our 'Masked Reader' event, involving a number of staff reading their favourite stories with their faces disguised. This provoked lots of discussion as to who the mystery readers were, which was revealed in Collective Worship yesterday morning (which included a few surprises...).

All children received a World Book Day token, which takes £1 off the price of a book. We hope the children are able to use these to further promote a love of reading (these can be used at the book fayre later this month, further details in this newsletter).



Canterbury Update (Year 3)



On Tuesday 11th March, we went to visit the woods as part of our Prehistoric Britain topic. When we arrived, we were greeted by Maria and Matthew, who led us to our camp in the woods for the day. We were excited to see a huge tent, which we used as our base and a campfire burning away to keep us warm.

Our first activity was to consider the spear of time, Mrs Bell was really amazed that we had so much knowledge of pre-history! We then got to touch and look at Stone Age tools, weapons and clothing! We were in awe of the reindeer coat, the hand axe as well as the bags made of tree bark. We then watched Matthew fire the bows and arrows at a pretend animal – it was amazing how the weapons had evolved over time.

Next we made shelters in teams using all the wood we could find in the area, as well as leaves and twigs. We worked really well in our teams and made some great shelters – some of us could even fit in them! We then made our own fires using special tools, cotton wool and lots of sticks. We were all successful firelighters!

After lunch, some of us gutted a fish and Matthew cooked it on the fire. Once the fish was cooked lots of us enjoyed a taste of it and we thought it was delicious. We then considered how water would be boiled in the Stone Age. As they didn't have metal it would have been impossible to boil water over a fire. We were amazed when hot rocks were placed in a wooden trough with water and the water fizzed and bubbled with the heat. Stone Age people were very clever!

Finally we played a game called eagles nest as a class. Mrs Bell was in the nest and we all went to hide, we had to try not to be spotted! The aim of the game was to get as close to the nest as possible without being spotted. Some of us were very good at hiding!

Overall we had a brilliant day and we enjoyed all the different activities. Our grown ups were so proud of us and had a super day with us all too!



Salisbury Update (Year 4)



Year 4 have had an exciting few weeks. The start of the Spring term saw the class attend swimming lessons at Sleaford Leisure Centre. Over the course of the 5 weeks the children all made super progress: some felt confident to take feet of the floor, float and be able to swim a width of the pool. Others made progress by fine tuning their individual strokes, focusing on technique and becoming more efficient swimmers. What was great to hear were many of the class wanting to build on last year's achievements and clock up a greater number of lengths completed all of which resonated beautifully with our PSHE focus at the time of Dreams and Goals and achieving success through hard work and commitment.

More recently, linked with our current Science theme of 'Sound', Salisbury class enjoyed meeting Dan from School of Noise who visited school and delivered, during the course of a morning, a workshop linked to sound and the science behind this area of physics. The children spent the morning exploring various pieces of equipment – some of which were quite strange looking and sounding – but gave the class the opportunity to really explore what sound is, how it can be produced and how sound can offer career opportunities. They even witnessed how sound can create art! The session finished with the children becoming Foley's Actors and adding sound affects to silent film. It was amazing to see/hear how adding simply created sound affects using everyday household materials really can bring film footage to life and make it more believable.

A wonderful start to 2025 and we are all looking forward to what the second half of year 4 will bring.



Building Work Update

The new build extension continues to make progress. We have been informed that the building work should be completed by the end of this month (barring any unexpected delays). Following this, work will commence on the demolition of the existing mobile classroom. Please see below for the latest photo updates.



Scholastic Book Fayre

The Scholastic Travelling Book Fayre will be visiting our school on Thursday 20th, Friday 21st and Monday 24th March. There will be a range of books for all ages available to purchase, with prices starting from £2.99. Purchasing books through the Scholastic Book Fayre will also allow us to claim free books for use in school, to benefit your children.

Please note that payment for all books will be via only (no cash will be taken). A reminder that children can use their £1 World Book Day voucher at this event (one voucher per child).

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our book fayre on one of the above dates.

Comic Relief

As you may already be aware, Comic Relief will be celebrated this year on Friday 21st March. As part of this, the School Council have decided that they would like children and adults to come up with their best (school appropriate) joke to share on the day. There is no pressure for the children to do this, but it would be great to spread some laughter for Comic Relief.

We will also be holding a non-uniform day on the 21st March, to support Comic Relief. Donations can be made online for this event (suggested donation £1 per child) - please see the link below. Please note that we will not be collecting any money in school for Comic Relief.

[Comic Relief Donation Link](#)



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 artificial intelligence (AI), the impact of Smart Phones and TikTok (a reminder that this app is for children over the age of 13). We hope you find the information in this latest edition of the newsletter useful.

[Online Safety Newsletter](#)



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28TH MARCH

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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.

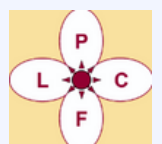
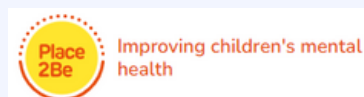
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/> Tel: 0808 800 2222

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.



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2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

www.studysmartuk.online

We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.

If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.



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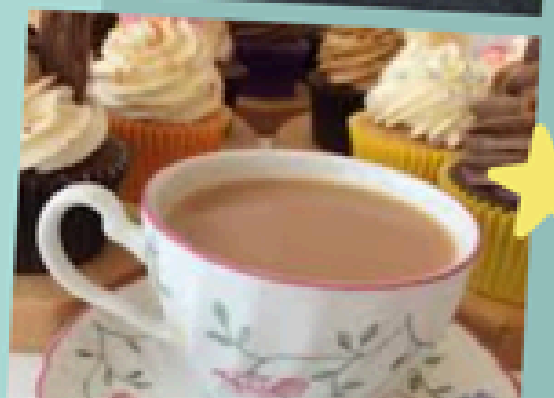
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Important Dates

- **Monday 10th March** - Assessment Week in school
- **Thursday 13th March** - Rev Al leading Collective Worship
- **Monday 17th March** - Year 6 depart for residential trip to Hilltop
- **Thursday 20th - Monday 24th March** - Scholastic Book Fayre in school
- **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



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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