

— 22nd November 2024 —

# St Andrew's News

*'Everything you do, do in love'*



## Headteacher's Message

As we move now towards the end of November, the warm days of summer and early autumn are fading into a distant memory. As the colder weather sets in, please can I remind everyone to ensure that children are well-equipped for this and that they are coming into school with coats everyday. We aim to ensure that the children are outside for break and lunchtimes (unless it is too wet or icy) so it is essential that they have their coats in school. On particularly cold days, hats, scarves and gloves are recommended as well.

This week's newsletter includes updates from York, Lincoln and Winchester classes, as well as Remembrance Day and the latest progress with our building work.

Please be aware that all clubs finish next week. We will be writing to you in the new year to inform you of the clubs that will be running for the Spring Term.

Finally, our St. Andrew's Day services will be taking place in Church at the end of next week (please see the dates section for specific details). These services are open to parents and relatives to attend, so please do come along if you can.

Thank you for your continuing support.

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

# Remembrance Day



On the morning of Monday 11th November, the whole school took part in a Remembrance Day Service the hall. We were delighted to be joined for our service by members of our school community who serve/have served in the armed forces. The service, led by Mrs Walker, gave us an opportunity to reflect and give thanks to those service personnel who have sacrificed so much for our country, both in the past and present. Following the service in school, the children of the service personnel in attendance joined their parents, Mrs Walker and Mr Baker to lay the school wreath at the village war memorial and shared in a further time of reflection and prayer.

I would like to thank Mrs Walker for her hard work in preparing and leading our Remembrance Service. Special thanks also to Sqn Ldr Phillips (RAF), A/Sqn Ldr Pearse (RAF), SSgt Worthington (Army), Sqn Ldr Khan and Mr Will Walker (Veteran) for attending the service.



The above silhouette shone through in the Year 2 classroom on Remembrance Day!

# York Update (Reception)



York Class started the term by exploring the celebrations of Diwali and Bonfire Night. We created our own beautiful 'Rangoli Patterns' by using our printing skills and added sequins as a finishing touch to make them sparkle! We had lots of fun using salt and PVA glue to create firework shapes on black card. When we decorated them with the watercolour paints, we were amazed to see the colours 'pop'. It was like our very own firework display.

Next, we moved onto some traditional stories as we began our topic of 'Once Upon a Time...' Our first story was all about 'The Gingerbread Man' and there was an opportunity to bake gingerbread people of our own. We were very relieved that none of them escaped from the oven while we were cooking them! Our next story was all about 'Goldilocks' and we made our own porridge. It was not too hot or too cold. We managed to cook it so that it was 'just right'. We talked about what the characters might have been saying throughout the story and had a go at writing our own speech bubbles for them.

Soon we will be thinking about the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and building them some houses to live in that the wolf cannot blow down. The adults in York are excited to see what we come up with!



# Lincoln Update (Year 1)

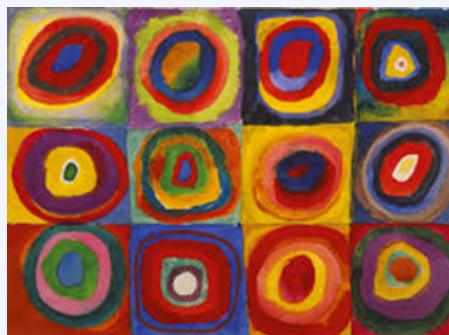


The children in Lincoln Class have settled fantastically into life in Year 1. We are enjoying a mix of continuous provision and seated learning which will become more formal throughout the year in preparation for Year 2. Our learning this term links to our topic 'Traditional Tales'.

Here's what some of our continuous provision looks like:



Our Art focus this term has been learning about the work of the artist, Wassily Kandinsky. We explored some of his paintings before recreating our own version of his 'Squares with Concentric Circles' painting. First we did the background, adding different coloured squares to a piece of paper. Then we created a spiral print before dipping it in different colours to create our painting. I'm sure you will agree they are amazing

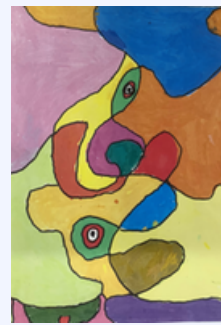


# Winchester Update (Year 2)



It has been a very busy Autumn Term in Year 2 so far, so the children in Winchester wanted to share their Art and Design Technology learning from this term.

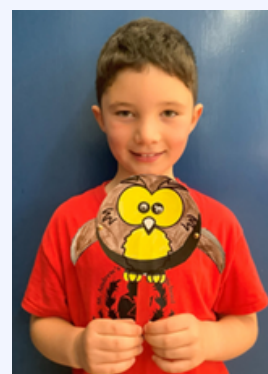
In the first half term, our Art lessons focussed on Pablo Picasso and the Cubism style. Cubism was invented in 1907 and the artist tried to show different views of the same object or person all together in one painting. Picasso used colours and brush strokes to give texture to his figures which he broke down into geometric shapes. He built paintings in layers and used colour to fragment the shapes of objects. Here are some examples of our self-portraits in the Cubist style.



We then moved onto making a self-portrait from clay in the cubist style. We used techniques such as rolling, cutting, moulding and carving to create our clay faces.



Our Design Technology project uses the knowledge we have learnt in our science lessons and is based on the story 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark.' We have made Plop the Owl using card, with split pins as levers so that the wings move. Here are some examples of our card prototypes for you.



# Building Work Update



Further progress has been made with our new classroom extension over the previous two weeks. This has included a crane lift of roof steelwork and the completion of the masonry associated with this. Please see below for the latest photo updates.



## Vacancy - Teaching Assistant

We are currently advertising for a teaching assistant to support in Key Stage 2. Full details of this vacancy can be found on our school website, under the vacancies tab. The closing date for this post is Friday 29th November. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in this role, please do contact the school office for further details.

# Christmas Dates

As published on the previous newsletter, please see below our important Christmas dates. We have had to change our Key Stage 1 Dress Rehearsal, which has been amended below. We have also added in Christmas Party Days, which will take place on your child's Christmas Dinner Days. For the Christmas Party Day's children may wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their usual school jumper/cardigan (normal rules apply for other items of school uniform).

**Friday 6th December** - PTFA Christmas Fayre

**Friday 6th December** - Key Stage 1 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal (**\*NEW DATE\***)

**Tuesday 10th December** - KS1 Christmas Production Afternoon Performance (2pm)\*

**Tuesday 10th December** - KS1 Christmas Production Evening Performance (6pm)\*

**Thursday 12th December** - EYFS/Year 6 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal

**Friday 13th December** - EYFS/Christmas Production (2pm)\*

**Tuesday 17th December** - Year 3, 4 and 5 Christmas Service at Church (9:30am)\*

**Tuesday 17th December** - EYFS/Key Stage 1 Christmas Lunch and Christmas Parties

**Wednesday 18th December** - KS2 Christmas Lunch and Christmas Parties

Letters have been sent out this week for how to book tickets for the Christmas Productions. Booking of tickets is not required for the Year 3, 4 and 5 Christmas Service in Church on Tuesday 17th December.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas events over the coming weeks.



# Sports Equipment

As you are aware, as part of our sponsored visit from former Team GB Olympic Athlete Joe Roebuck, we raised money to spend on PE equipment for our school. We are pleased to announce that some of the equipment has now arrived. Mrs Pledger, our PE Subject Leader, has been busy sorting out and organising our new equipment, which is now ready to be used in school. The equipment is fantastic and will further enhance the delivery of our PE curriculum. Thank you once again to all the parents, relatives and friends that helped to raise the funds to purchase our new equipment.



# Donation of Hi-Vis Jackets

We are very grateful for the donation of 90 brand new hi-visibility jackets for our children to wear whilst out of school on Educational Visits. The jackets are in different sizes to fit EYFS and Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2. Our thanks to Mr and Mrs English and their company Rocard Limited for providing these jackets, which we look forward to using.





# 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.

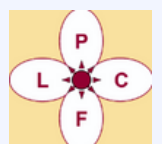
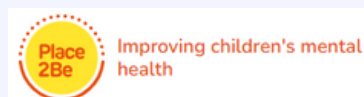
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/> Tel: 0808 800 2222

## 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.*



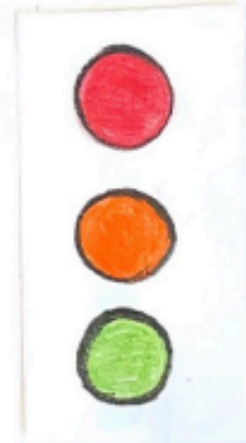
# Bicycle Safety Poster designed by children in Year 6

## BIKE SAFETY

**!NEVER!** cycle without a helmet on.  
you will get hurt!




Wear a high-vis jacket especially  
at night.



### RULES

1. Always tie your laces.
2. Listen.
3. Use clear arm signals.
4. Look carefully for other vehicles.
5. Quickly look over your shoulder before signalling.



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PTFA

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER  
3.30PM

Games  
Prizes  
Cakes  
Raffle  
Chocolate tombola  
Refreshments

# LEASINGHAM ST ANDREW'S PTFA NEED YOUR HELP

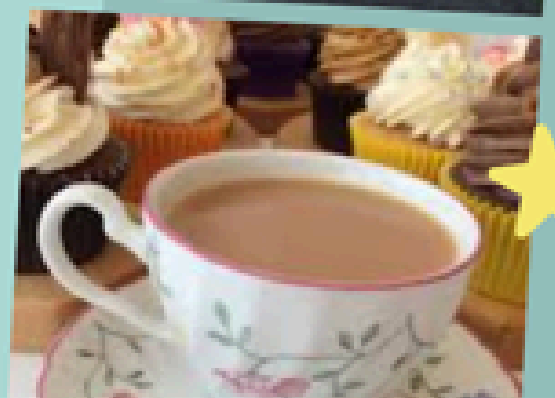
COME AND JOIN US!

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.

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# Important Dates

- **Monday 25th November** - Open the Book in for Collective Worship
- **Thursday 28th November** - EYFS/KS1 St. Andrew's Day Service (St. Andrew's Church - 9:30am) Parents welcome to attend
- **Friday 29th November** - KS2 St. Andrew's Day Service (St. Andrew's Church - 9:30am) Parents welcome to attend
- **Monday 2nd December** - Reverend Al leading Collective Worship
- **Monday 9th December** - York Class Educational Visit to Rand Farm
- **Tuesday 10th December** - Norwich Class Educational Visit to Burghley House.



# 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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