

— 8th November 2024 —

St Andrew's News

'Everything you do, do in love'



Headteacher's Message

It was lovely to welcome all of our children and families back to school after the October half term break last week - I hope you enjoyed the week away from school.

It has been a busy two weeks back in school, with special visitors and school trips taking place, which you can read about in this latest issue of the newsletter.

Children in Need will be marked in school next Friday, with our School Council leading activities during the day. Children are welcome to bring in Children in Need accessories e.g. Pudsey Ears but school cannot take responsibility for these if they become lost or damaged. Please note that Friday 15th November is **not** a non-uniform day. If you would like to make a donation to Children in Need, please do so via their official website - <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>.

Finally, we were pleased to welcome Busy Bees Nursery back onto our school site on Thursday 31st October, for the recommencement of their Forest School sessions.

I hope you enjoy reading this latest edition of our newsletter.

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 - Service

*Whatever door opens to you, use it
as an opportunity for service, relying
on the Lord*

Colossians 4:5 (MSG)

This term, we will be focusing on the Christian Value of service. This value specifically links to our school vision, where we aspire to ensure that St. Andrew's Church of England Primary School is a place where we are all encouraged, through love and service, to be the very best. We will consider how we can live out this value during our Collective Worship sessions, as well as throughout the school day. Are there opportunities for your children to show this value at home or in other activities outside of school? It may be by taking on an extra job at home or by doing something kind for a sibling or friend. Staff in school would be very keen to hear about opportunities the children have taken to demonstrate this value.



Archdeacon of Lincoln Visit

We were delighted to be able to welcome The Venerable Gavin Kirk, Archdeacon of Lincoln, to St. Andrew's on the morning of Monday 4th November. The Archdeacon enjoyed a tour of the school, visiting each classroom and observing the latest progress of our building work. He then led Collective Worship to the Whole School, focusing on St. Andrew and his friendship with Jesus. This encouraged us all to consider how we can be friends of Jesus, by the way in which we treat each other, linking to the Bible verse in our vision: "Love one another, as I have loved you" (John 13:34). The Archdeacon then met with our Key Stage 2 Collective Worship Leaders and answered the questions that they had prepared. Did you know that the job description of an Archdeacon dates back nearly 700 years!

We are very grateful to the Archdeacon for taking the time to visit our school and look forward to further visits in the future.



Year 4 Trip to Lincoln Castle

Year 4 had an enjoyable time during their educational visit to Lincoln Castle on Wednesday, as the photos below clearly show!



Message from the School Council

Hello, we are the new school councillors! We have been spending some time getting to know each other and getting used to our new role around school. We have decided on a spokesperson which will be Kian. We have also decided on a meeting minute scribe which will be Tabby. Our next job is to get our thinking caps on and think about some activities in school for Children in Need. Look out for our next mission! Thank you.



Election of Parent Governor

Following my letter in September inviting nominations for a new Parent Governor, I can confirm that Ms Sam English has taken up this position. Mrs English was elected unopposed and will now assume one of the three Parent Governor roles on the school's governing body. I am sure you will all join me in sending Ms English our very best wishes as she begins her role and responsibilities as a school governor.

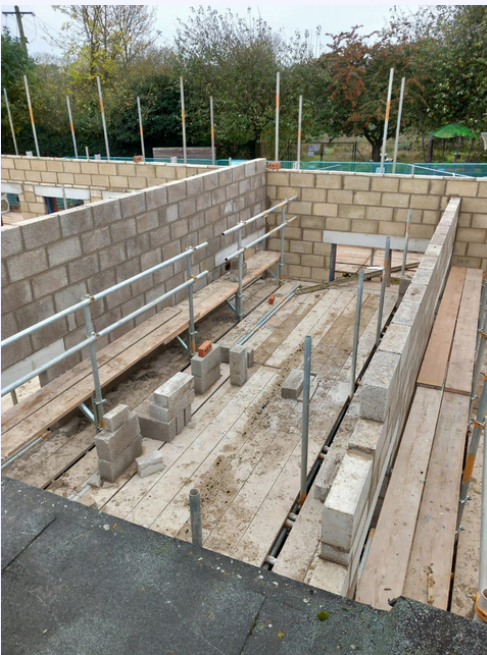
Building Work Update



The builders have made further progress with our classroom extension since the end of last term. This week, they have been working on:

- 1). The completion of brickwork and blockwork up to proposed roof level.
- 2). The excavation of pad foundations for the outriggers for the lift of roof steels planned for next week.

Please see below for the latest photo updates.



Christmas Dates

It still seems a little early to mention Christmas, but this special time of year will soon be upon us. Most dates were sent out at the start of the academic year, but we have updated this list below with all dates and times of Christmas events.

Friday 6th December - PTFA Christmas Fayre

Monday 9th December - Key Stage 1 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal

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

Wednesday 18th December - KS2 Christmas Lunch

Parents are welcome to attend the starred events. Please note that in-school productions (KS1 and EYFS/Year 6) will be limited to 2 tickets per family, per performance. Details of how to book these will be sent out in due course. We will let you know if any further tickets remain once the initial allocation period closes. The Year 3, 4 and 5 Christmas Service at St. Andrew's Church will not require any form of pre-booking.

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



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.



Online Safety Newsletter

Please see the letter section of our school website for the latest version of our online safety newsletter. This provides important advice around use of WhatsApp, YouTube and screen time. We hope you find these updates useful.



Non-uniform day

Friday 22nd November has been designated as a non-uniform day. This is in support of our PTFA Christmas Fayre, on Friday 6th December. Further details will be sent out about this day in due course, but we wanted to give all parents advance notice of this event. Please note that normal school expectations will still be in place on this day relating to not wearing jewellery, make up, nail polish, face paint or coloured hair spray.

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.

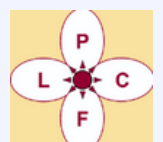
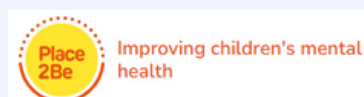
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/> Tel: 0808 800 2222

Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

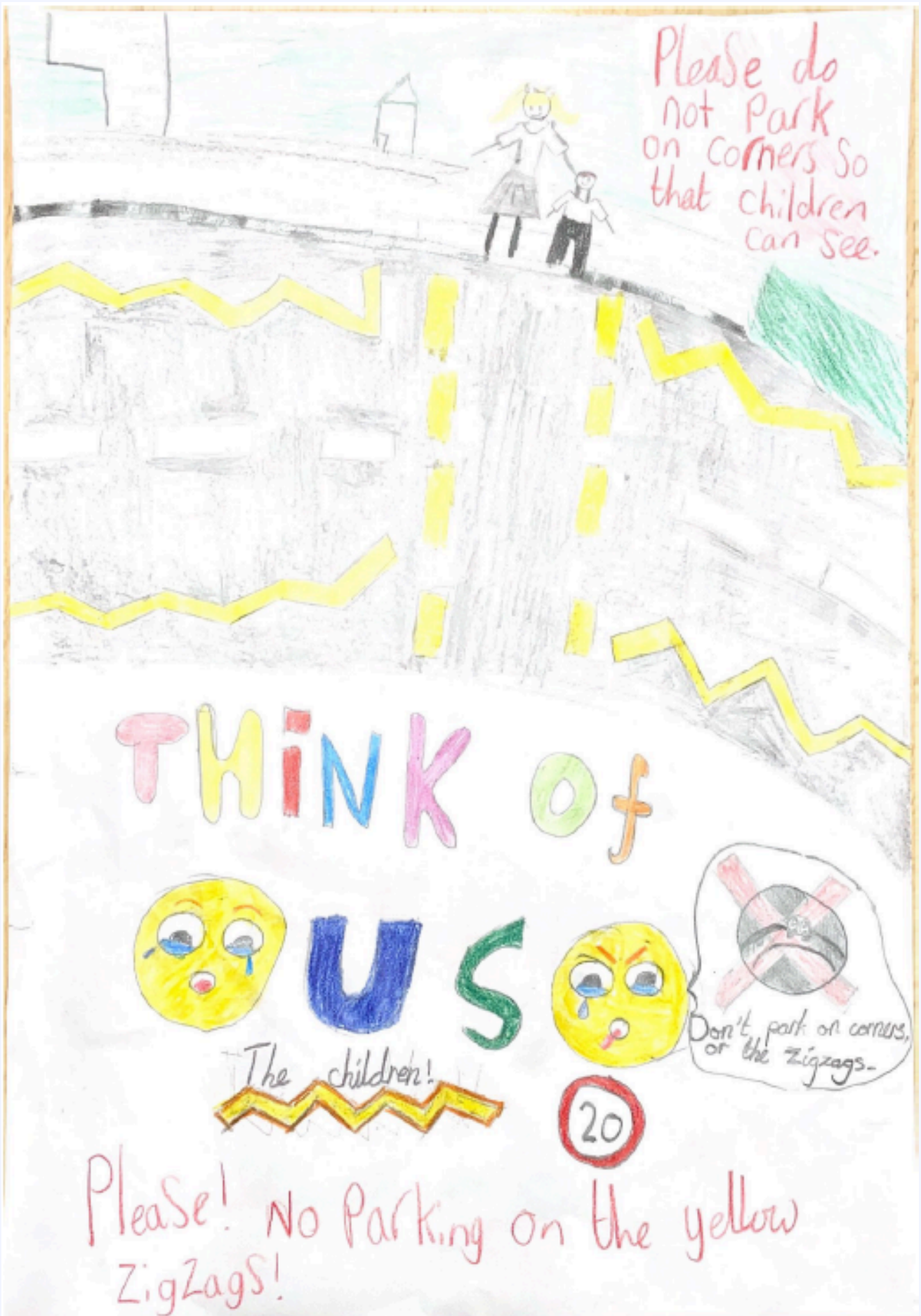
LPCF is specifically tasked with working alongside the Local Authority and Health to help ensure that the services they plan, commission, deliver and monitor meet the needs of children with Disabilities and Special Educational Needs. You will need to register with them for free before being able to access the resources and support.

<https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/>

Please also see the Pastoral section on our website for more helpful links.



Parking Poster designed by children in Year 5



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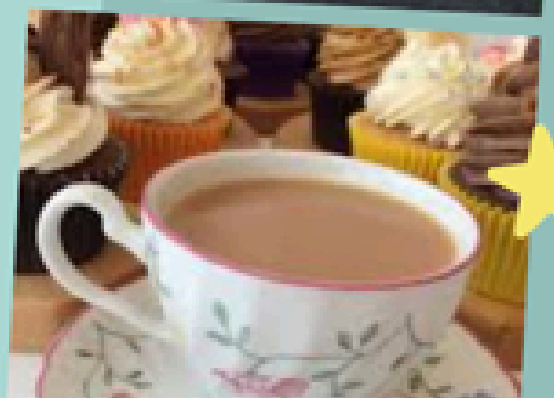
COME AND JOIN US!

VOLUNTEER AT ONE OF OUR
EVENTS.

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

If you would like to
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email the school.

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Important Dates

- **Monday 11th November - Thursday 14th November** - Year 6 Bikeability
- **Friday 22nd November** - Non-uniform day in support of PTFA Christmas Fayre
- **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

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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