

— 13th February 2026 —

St Andrew's News

'Everything you do, do in love'



Headteacher's Message

A busy first half of the Spring Term has now come to an end. I am incredibly proud of the hard work and effort that the children have put into their learning over the first few weeks of 2026. This has been reflected in some of the comments that we have had from people outside of our school community, such as on educational visits and sports events. It means so much to us to hear from others that our children really do live out our school vision.

This week, we have focused on Safer Internet Day, with Year 5 and 6 taking part in an online session with the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership and all other classes undertaking activities centred on this very important aspect of modern life.

A new feature in this week's newsletter is our Sports round-up, packed with information on our participation in the Carre's Outreach programme.

Finally, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and restful half term break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 23rd February.

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

Value Certificates

In today's Collective Worship, we had the pleasure of presenting this term's value certificates. Our value this term has been courage and each teacher has chosen one child from their class to receive this award. It was lovely to hear about the ways in which the children selected had shown this value, through being brave and trying their best in all situations

Congratulations to the following children:

York - Franklyn and Charlotte

Lincoln - Matthew

Winchester - Matilda

Canterbury - Ava

Salisbury - Isaac

Norwich - Joseph

Southwell - Emily



Sports Update

We have enjoyed a busy and exciting term of sport to start the new year. Through our partnership with Carre's Outreach and their Festival Fridays, some of our children have had the opportunity to take part in a range of new and inspiring sporting experiences.

We were introduced to **Kin-Ball**, a fast-paced team game using a giant inflatable ball, where teamwork and communication were key. "You have four people on a team and three people have to try and catch the ball and then kneel down and balance it between them. The other player shouts the colour of another team and then hits the ball into the air. The team wearing that colour have to try and catch the ball. Our favourite part was having to keep hitting the ball up into the air before the rest of the team arrived to help keep it up. The ball is not allowed to touch the floor. It was lots of fun."

By William, Nathan, Ava and Ellie.

Groups from both KS1 and KS2 took part in a Martial Arts session as part of the **C4L Combat** event led by Sleaford Korean Martial Arts. They learnt new techniques alongside the importance of discipline and the respect needed for the sport. The session concluded with an impressive demonstration which captivated the children.

Another highlight of the term was **Sportshall Athletics**, which Kelsey described as, "one of our favourite sports events so far!" A team of twelve Y5/6 pupils competed against fifteen other schools across a variety of track and field events, including relay races, jumps and throws. Although there were some nerves at the start, both our boys' and girls' teams showed fantastic determination, resilience and encouragement for one another throughout the event. Edith summed this up perfectly when she said, "I'm proud of myself and the team".

Across all these activities - as well as matches for the netball and girls football teams - our pupils have represented St Andrew's brilliantly, demonstrating our school values and the School Games Values.

We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, effort and sportsmanship and look forward to many more sporting opportunities next term.



Sports Update



Little Princess Trust Fundraising

Florence in Year 3 is taking part in a fantastic fundraising event over the half term break. Please see below for further information. We hope members of our school community will be able to support this very worthwhile cause.

Florence has been growing her hair since she was just four years old so she can donate it to The Little Princess Trust, who transform donated hair into wigs for children experiencing hair loss. She first made this decision back in reception at her previous school, inspired by another pupil who did the same and she's been dedicated ever since.

The big haircut is booked for Tuesday 17th February, and we'd be so grateful for any support you can offer. Your donations will help The Little Princess Trust fund the creation of a wig for a child who truly needs it.

Thank you for cheering Florence on and helping her make a difference.

About The Little Princess Trust: The charity provides free real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. They also fund childhood cancer research searching to find kinder and more effective treatments.

You can support Florence and the Little Princess Trust by following the link [here](#).



Social Media

We are delighted to share with you that we have now launched an Instagram page for our school. The posts on Instagram will mirror those on X and Facebook, allowing us to reach a wider audience in terms of sharing news from our school. The links for each of these platforms can be found below - please do follow us on whichever platform you use (or all three!) to keep fully up to date with all activities at St. Andrew's.



Instagram - standrewsleasingham



Facebook - St. Andrew's Church of England Primary School Leasingham



X - LeasStAndrews

SEND email address

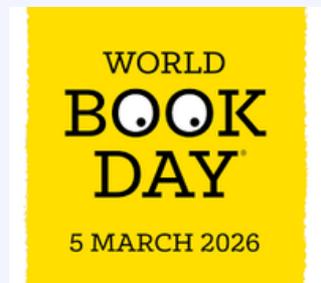
We have a dedicated email address for all enquiries relating to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). This email address will be monitored by our SENDCo (Mrs C Allen), who will respond as soon as possible during school hours. The email address to use is:

sen@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk

All other enquiries should be sent directly to the main school email address listed below:

enquiries@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk

World Book Day and Book Fayre



We are once again excitedly looking forward to celebrating World Book Day at St. Andrew's on Thursday 5th March. This year, we would like the children to come to school in their pyjamas and bring their favourite bedtime story to share with their classmates. Throughout the day, the children will be read to by a surprise adult. We will also be spending time in each class working on a shared book, which will culminate at the end of the day in a special Collective Worship to share the work we have created. We are very much looking forward to this wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading in our school.

Following on from World Book Day, the Travelling Book Fayre will be visiting our school from Thursday 19th March - Wednesday 25th March. More details will be sent out nearer the time, but all children will be able to use their £1 book token towards a purchase, which they will receive on World Book Day.

Year 4 and 6 Parent Meetings

Thank you to the parents that attended this week's Year 6 SATs/Hilltop (Monday) and Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (Wednesday) meetings. We hope you found these useful. For any parents unable to attend, the associated presentations and resources will be available via our online MS Teams Platform shortly. As always, if you have any questions regarding the content of these meetings, please do not hesitate to contact the class teachers via enquiries@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk.



This Valentine's Day, choose kind communication.

Love is the warmth of our words, especially for children. Speaking with care and patience helps them feel secure, valued, and emotionally supported.



Frequent, intense, or poorly resolved arguments between parents and co-parents can affect children's wellbeing, behaviour, and sense of safety. Small changes in how you talk to each other make a big difference.

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SAFEGUARDING NEURODIVERSE YOUNG PEOPLE



RECOGNISING RADICALISATION RISKS AND BUILDING RESILIENCE



This workshop will help families keep young people safe from risks such as online extremism, grooming, radicalisation, and wider harms.

THESE SESSIONS WILL:

- Explore how to recognise when a young person might be at risk of radicalisation
- Support you to manage challenging conversations around online safety and wellbeing
- Help distinguish between red flags and everyday neurodiverse behaviours
- Support you to connect with local safeguarding provision

*For more information please email:
kanika@groundswell.world*

SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK THE LINKS BELOW TO REGISTER NOW

In-person (click [here](#)):

- **Thu 26th Feb**, 1pm-3pm

At: Community Safety, Lincolnshire
County Council, Myla Cross Centre,
Macaulay Drive, Lincoln, LN2 4EL



Online (click [here](#)):

- **Tue 13st Jan**, 10am-12pm
- **Sat 31st Jan**, 10am-12pm
- **Tue 10th Feb**, 7pm-9pm
- **Wed 25th Feb**, 1pm-3pm
- **Wed 4th Mar**, 10am-12pm



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Ready Steady go to School



This is a short free online session aimed at Parents/Carers of children who will be starting school in September 2026. Come along and meet one of our Early Years Team to explore practical activities and top tips to help your little one on their journey to school

Monday 2nd February 7.00-8.00pm

Wednesday 4th February 1.30-2.30pm

Thursday 23rd April 6.00-7.00pm

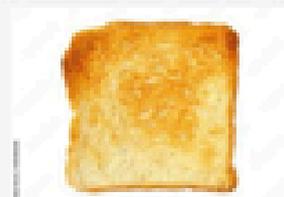
Wednesday 29th April 1.30-2.30pm

Please use the link in the email to join your preferred session.

ST ANDREW'S PTFA



St Andrew's PTFA are always open to new members, whether you can help out at the fayres or just provide your time to help us organise events, we appreciate any help.



What do we do?

- ~ Toast
- ~Ice lollies
- ~Pre-loved uniform sale
- ~Summer Fayre
- ~Christmas Fayre
- ~Support the Duke Jingle and much more



Everyone is welcome, please join us and help raise money to support the school.

JOIN US!

Fb: St Andrews Leasingham PTFA

E-mail : leasinghamptfa@gmail.com

Find one of us at school.

We are an Operation Encompass School

For further information, please come and see us.



Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.

Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹.

We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.

Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident

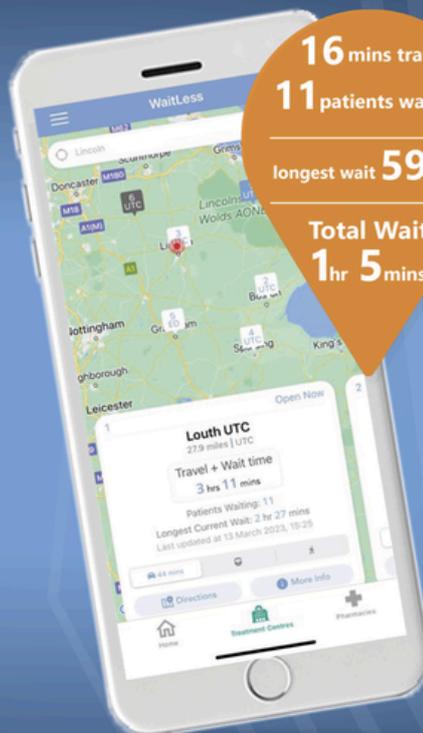
This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.

We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021



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Self Care

Treat aches, pains, coughs, and colds at home. Stock up your medicine cabinet with over the counter remedies.



Pharmacy

Visit your local pharmacy for advice on minor injuries, allergies, constipation, headaches, cold and flu symptoms, and earache.



Your GP Practice

Contact your GP practice about symptoms that aren't going away. They can offer you an appointment or signpost you to other services.



NHS 111

If you have an urgent health need but are not sure what to do, think NHS 111. Call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk. Available 24/7.



WaitLess

Download the WaitLess app to view live waiting times, queue numbers and travel-time information for our urgent care facilities.



Urgent Treatment Centre

Seek help for sprains, fractures, minor burns, and skin infections. Simply walk in or book an appointment via NHS 111.



Dental Treatment

For urgent dental care please contact your normal dental practice, or for advice out of hours call NHS 111.



Mental Health Crisis

If you are worried about your mental health, call 111 and choose Option 2. Available 24/7

In a medical emergency call 999. This is when someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk

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

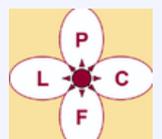
Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

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/>

Luminova - digital therapy enabling children to build confidence and manage their worries - luminova.app/lincolnshire

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Uber Eats

Important Dates

- **Monday 23rd February** - First Day of Term 4
- **Friday 27th February** - PTFA Toast
- **Wednesday 4th March** - Tractors in Schools Event for Reception and Year 1
- **Thursday 5th March** - World Book Day
- **Friday 6th March** - Year 1 Educational Visit to Lincoln Castle
- **Friday 6th March** - Mother's Day Sale for Year 6 (PTFA)
- **Monday 9th - Friday 13th March** - Year 6 Residential Visit to Hilltop
- **Thursday 12th March** - Mother's Day Sale for EYFS/KS1
- **Friday 13th March** - Mother's Day Sale for KS2

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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