

— 16th January 2026 —

St Andrew's News

'Everything you do, do in love'



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

Headteacher's Message

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break and the associated festivities.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school over the past two weeks as we move into this new Spring Term. Although the term ahead is short, there are lots of events taking place in what promises to be a very busy few weeks.

Today, children in Years 2 - 6 have taken part in online safety workshops, provided by the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership. Please take the time to ask your children about what they have learnt about in these workshops. Our thanks to the Stay Safe Partnership for leading these highly valuable sessions for our children today.

Finally, yesterday was the deadline for applying for Reception places for September 2026. However, Lincolnshire County Council will still accept late applications or amendments up until Thursday 12th February. Please email schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk for further details.

Have a lovely weekend - thank you for your continuing support.

Mr M Baker
Headteacher

This Term's Value - Courage



This term, we will be focusing on the Christian Value of courage. We expect all of our school family to follow and fulfil the school's vision, in being positive participants in the world community. One way of doing this is by showing courage, whether it be through work in the classroom or by standing up for something that they believe in. On our first day back, our Collective Worship focused on Epiphany, and the Wise Men's journey to visit Jesus in the stable in Bethlehem. We heard how the Wise Men showed courage in following God's command to take a different route back to the East, going against King Herod's request to inform him of Jesus' whereabouts. We reflected upon how we can be more like the Wise Men, by showing courage to stand up for what is right in this term ahead.

Are there opportunities for your children to show this value at home or in other activities outside of school? It may be that they have shown courage to try something new. Staff in school would be very keen to hear about opportunities the children have taken to demonstrate this value.



Dates



Our key dates letter for the Spring Term was emailed to all parents at the end of last week. You can find a copy of this letter on our website by clicking this [link](#). Should any of the advertised dates change, we will endeavour to give you sufficient notice.

A Guide for Parents/Carers on Managing Children's Digital Lives

The Children's Commissioner for England has produced a guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives, designed to demystify some of the issues such as the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits, what you should and shouldn't be doing, and the often complicated parental controls on individual social media platforms, to help make talking to your child about them easier.

An introductory blog on the guide from the Children's Commissioner can be viewed here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/blog/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-childrens-commissioner-launches-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

The guide, along with an Activity Pack for children, can be accessed here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

We hope you find the above resources useful.

Curriculum Letters

This term's curriculum letters for each class have now been published on the school website. They can be found by visiting the class pages and following the relevant link. The curriculum letters give key information as to what the children will be covering in each class, in all subjects, over the course of the Spring Term. If you have any questions around curriculum content in your child's class, please speak to the class teacher.

Social Media



We are delighted to inform you that, in addition to our 'X/Twitter' site, we are also now on Facebook. You can find and follow us on Facebook by searching for St. Andrew's Church of England Primary School Leasingham. All posts on 'X/Twitter' will also appear on Facebook, so you can follow us on either, or both, of these online platforms.

Attendance Matters

At St. Andrew's, we take the attendance and punctuality of our children very seriously. We monitor this on a regular basis and will look to put in place intervention and support where necessary, particularly where attendance levels are not where we would expect them to be (as per our policy, this is classed as anything below 95%).

We know that children do get poorly and can be too unwell to be in school. When children are kept off school for illness, it is important that you contact the school via email (enquiries@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk) or telephone (01529 302388) by 9:30am. This process should be repeated on each and every subsequent day of absence. The school has robust and thorough processes that we follow when children are absent and no reason has been given. This can result in a home visit/welfare check if we are unable to make contact with you. Full details of our procedures for attendance can be found in our policy ([please click here](#)).

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. [Click here](#) for the NHS guidelines that say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

Please see below for a graphic demonstrating the impact that poor attendance and punctuality can have on your child's education. If you have concerns about your child's attendance or punctuality, we are here to support. Please do not hesitate to contact us via enquiries@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk.



Year 6 Parents Meeting - SATs and Hilltop Residential Trip



Parents and carers of children in Year 6 are invited to a meeting on Monday 9th February at 5:00pm in the school hall. At this meeting, we will provide final details for the impending residential visit to Hilltop (Monday 9th - Friday 13th March 2026) and give you the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

During this meeting, we will also be sharing information about the end of Key Stage 2 SATs assessments, which children in Year 6 will undertake during the week commencing Monday 11th May. Again, there will be an opportunity to ask questions about these assessments.

The meeting is for parents and carers only - the children will all receive the same information in a child-friendly presentation in class at a later date. Information from the meeting will be available for any parents/carers unable to attend.

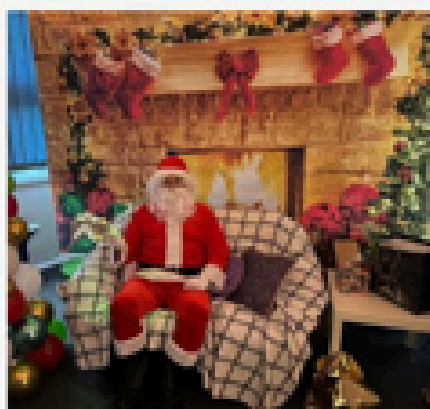
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Meeting

We will be inviting parents and carers of children in Year 4 to a meeting on Wednesday 11th February at 5pm in the school hall. At this meeting, information will be given about the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check, which children in Year 4 will take during the month of June. The information will include the format of the assessment, along with practical tips as to how you can support your children at home. There will be opportunities during this meeting for parents and carers to ask any questions they may have about the Multiplication Tables Check.

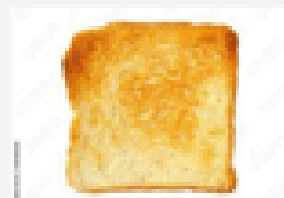
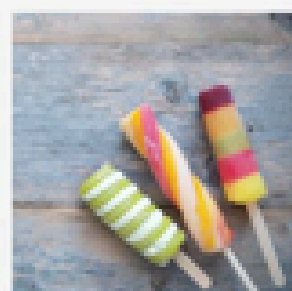
The meeting will be for parents and carers only, with the children receiving all the information they will require in class. If you are unable to attend, information regarding the content of the meeting will be available once this has taken place.



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

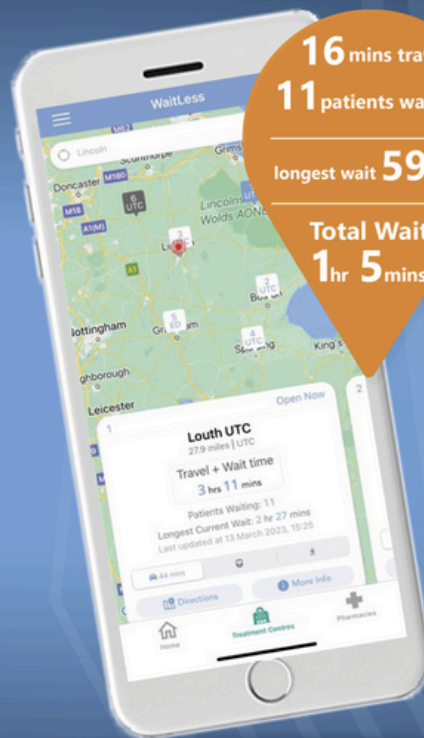
This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.

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

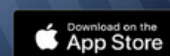


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Your guide to health services in Lincolnshire



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

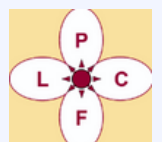
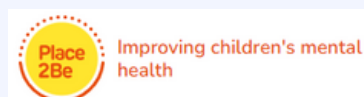
Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

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

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



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Uber Eats

Important Dates

- **Friday 23rd January** - PTFA Toast
- **Monday 26th January** - Spring Term clubs begin this week
- **Monday 26th January** - Open the Book leading Collective Worship
- **Tuesday 3rd February** - Year 6 Educational Visit to The International Bomber Command Centre
- **Tuesday 3rd February** - Year 4 School of Noise Workshop

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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