

— 6th March 2026 —

St Andrew's News

'Everything you do, do in love'



Headteacher's Message

Welcome back - I hope you and your families enjoyed the half-term break.

This week has been filled with wonderful activities and celebrations across our school community. Yesterday, the whole school participated in World Book Day, with each class engaging in a variety of book-themed activities. A particular highlight was our staff reading bedtime stories to different classes – an initiative that the children thoroughly enjoyed and which reinforced our collective commitment to fostering a love of reading.

On Wednesday, York and Lincoln classes welcomed a visit from Tractors into Schools, an experience that proved both educational and thoroughly engaging. The children were fascinated by the opportunity to learn about agricultural machinery and spent time with the lambs, creating memorable moments that extended their understanding of rural life. Further details and photographs are available on our social media platforms, and within this newsletter.

As we look ahead to next week, our thoughts turn to our Year 6 children and staff, who depart on Monday for their residential visit to Hilltop in Norfolk. This is an exciting opportunity for our oldest pupils to develop independence and create memories that will undoubtedly remain with them for years to come. We wish them all the very best and sincerely hope the weather proves favourable for their visit.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr M Baker



School Vision

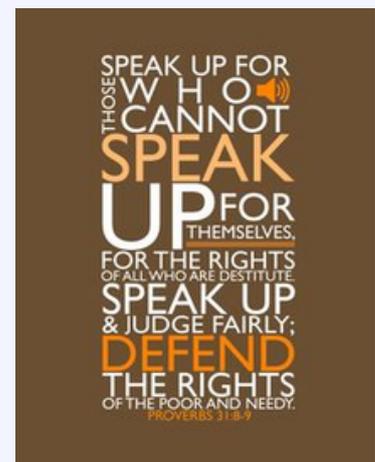
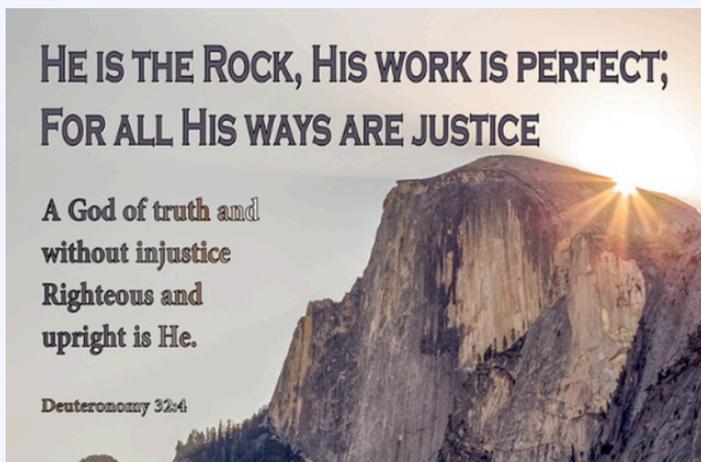
At St. Andrew's, we seek to be a safe and happy environment, inspiring our school family to be positive participants in the world community. A place where we are all encouraged, through love and service, to be the very best.

'Love one another, as I have loved you'

John 13:34

This Term's Value - Justice

This term, we will be focusing on the Christian Value of justice. Justice is a key value in our school, as well as in everyday life, particularly in ensuring that everyone is treated fairly and equally. 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 that they have sought justice for someone else, or have been trying to raise awareness for a particular cause. Staff in school would be very keen to hear about opportunities the children have taken to demonstrate this value.



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings have been arranged for Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April (4:00 pm - 7.00 pm on both evenings). We hope you will be able to make an appointment to discuss your child's attainment and progress so far this academic year.

We would recommend that parents/carers attend without children where possible. If this is not possible, please ensure that you keep your children with you at all times (we will not have provision for children to be left in the hall while the appointments are taking place).

Teachers do try very hard to keep each meeting to ten minutes so other parents/carers are not delayed. If you require more time after the ten-minute appointment, please make alternative arrangements with the class teacher.

Bookings for Parents Evening will open on Arbor on Monday 16th March at 6pm, closing on Thursday 26^h March at 6pm. Please note that there will be no clubs during Parents' Evening week, as these conclude for the Spring Term the week prior.

We look forward to welcoming you into school for these meetings at the end of this term.

Canterbury Update (Year 3)



On Thursday 12th February 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 the prehistory! We then got to touch and look at Stone Age tools, weapons and clothing! We were amazed by 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 Spring Term learning about the Mayan Civilisation in History and then completing a couple of English topics based on chocolate. The class really enjoyed performing their take on Michael Rosen's poem 'Chocolate' and then going on to write a poem based on their own experiences of chocolate.

Highlights include celebrating Shrove Tuesday with pancake making and tasting as well as learning why we celebrate Shrove Tuesday, the different traditions found in the country plus how it fits within the Church calendar. Thanks to Mrs Robinson who made this happen.

The children also loved taking part in the 'Funniest Potato Person Competition' in PSHE. There was a great deal of hilarity in both the designing and making of the characters.

Linked with our current Science theme of 'Sound', Salisbury class enjoyed meeting Dan from School of Noise who delivered a workshop on 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 2026 and we are all looking forward to what the second half of year 4 will bring.



Staffing Update



We will sadly be saying goodbye to Miss Louth, who will be leaving us on Friday 20th March. Miss Louth has worked at St. Andrew's as a Midday Assistant, and more recently as Midday Controller, taking care of the organisation of routines at lunchtime. Additionally, Mrs Lee, who has generously supported our sporting endeavours as part of the Carre's Outreach programme on Friday afternoons over several years, concluded her time with us on Friday 27th February. Both individuals have made meaningful contributions to the life of St Andrew's, and we extend our warmest wishes as they embark upon their next chapters.

Parent Governor Election Result

Following my letter in January inviting nominations for a new Parent Governor, I can confirm that Mrs Elizabeth Richards has taken up this position. Mrs Richards 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 Mrs Richards our very best wishes as she begins her role and responsibilities as a school governor.

Online Safety Newsletter

The latest edition of our Online Safety Newsletter has now been published. In this issue, you will find information on mobile phones, new parental controls for YouTube and Social Media Algorithms. To access the newsletter, please follow the link [here](#).



Scholastic Book Fayre

The Scholastic Travelling Book Fayre will be visiting our school from Thursday 19th March - Wednesday 25th March, from 3:30pm - 3:50pm in the school hall (entry via the front school doors). 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 QR code - please have your mobile phones/card details available (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 20th March. To mark this, we will be holding a non-uniform day on the 20th March, to support Comic Relief. Please adhere to our uniform policy for expectations for non-uniform days, which states:

On designated non-uniform days, children may wear their own clothes, provided they are appropriate for a school setting. Jewellery, make up, nail polish, face paint or coloured hair spray are not allowed.

Donations can be made online for this event (suggested donation £1 per child) - please see the link within the Comic Relief icon above. Please note that we will not be collecting any money in school for Comic Relief.

Please see below for a special additional fundraising event for Comic Relief by Year 5

As part of Year 5's PSHE learning last term, the children were challenged to think about how they could make a positive difference to the lives of others who may be less fortunate than themselves. The class decided to organise a cake sale to raise money and support others, developing their sense of responsibility and courageous advocacy. The sale will take place on Thursday 19th March, the day before Red Nose Day, and will be fully organised and run by the Year 5 pupils. We would be very grateful for any cake donations, which can be brought into school from Tuesday to Wednesday so the children can prepare for the event. Cakes will be sold for 50p, with pupils able to buy up to two cakes each. Any remaining cakes will be sold to parents at the end of the day. Thank you for supporting our Year 5 pupils as they take the lead in making a difference.

LAS TRACTORS INTO SCHOOLS

We're supporting
British food and
farming.



Why we run this initiative?

The Lincolnshire Agricultural Society is a Member organisation of farmers and growers as well as many other key industries. Our mission is to educate the community about food, farming and the countryside.

Our Tractors into Schools initiative brings agriculture to life beyond the Showground, giving pupils hands-on experiences that help them understand where their food comes from and to inspire the next generation.



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loaves of bread a year!



Lincolnshire dairy farmers produce

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of milk a year



There are more than

168,000 PIGS

in Lincolnshire



Leasingham St Andrews

Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop

Surprise someone special with a lovely gift!

 Year 6 – 6th March

 KS1 – 12th March

 KS2 – 13th March

 One gift per child

 £2 per gift

 Please remember to pay in advance via Arbor 

Leasingham St Andrew's
PTFA present...

EASTER FAMILY BINGO!

Friday 20th March

doors open 5:30pm • eyes down 5:45pm

- £5 per bingo card
- Payment via Arbor
- Easter treats to win!
- Raffle
- Refreshments available



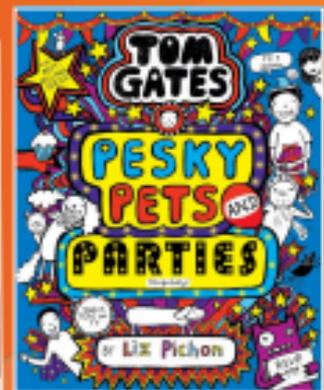
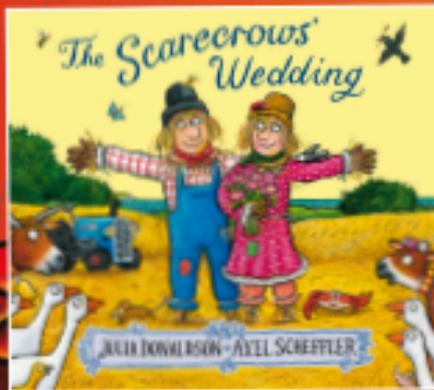
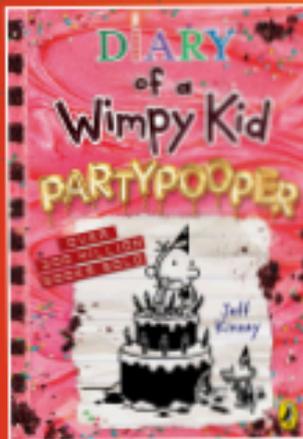
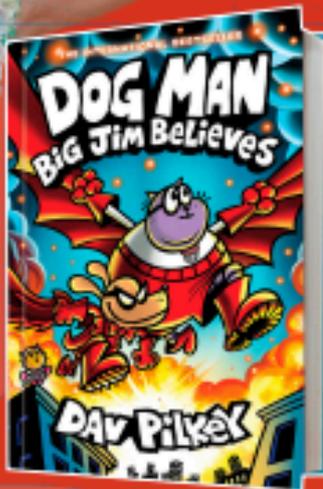
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AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!

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GO ALL IN.

National Year of Reading 2020

DATE: 19/3 - 25/3

TIME: 15:30 - 15:50

LOCATION: St. Andrew's Church of England Primary

Scan to pay securely online!



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

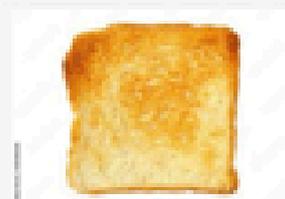
Wednesday 29th April 1.30-2.30pm

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

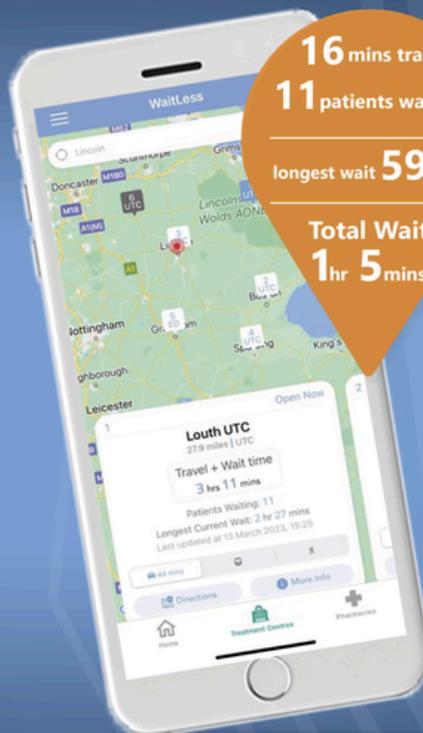
This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.

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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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

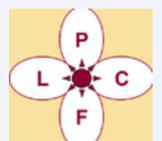
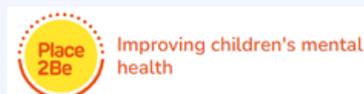
Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

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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Important Dates

- **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
- **Thursday 19th March** - Travelling Book Fayre Arrives (see details in this newsletter)
- **Friday 20th March** - Comic Relief
- **Friday 20th March** - PTFA Toast and Easter Bingo

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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