



— 6th December 2024 —

St Andrew's News

'Everything you do, do in love'



Headteacher's Message

Christmas is now very much upon us as we make final preparations for our performances and services over next two weeks. Children will today be bringing home tickets that have been ordered for next week's performances. A reminder that these tickets will be required to gain admittance for each performance in school. Tickets are not required for the Year 3, 4 and 5 Church Service on Tuesday 17th December.

In Collective Worship, we have been adding an item to our Jesse Tree each day, which has helped us find out a little bit more about people in the Bible who are linked to Jesus' family tree. The children have enjoyed adding the decorations and hearing more about these significant people.

It looks set to be a very busy end to this term - please do familiarise yourselves with the key dates for Christmas which are located within this latest issue of the newsletter.

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

Christmas at St. Andrew's

We are very much approaching Christmas now, which is reflected with festive items and decorations appearing across the school. This evening, we have our Christmas Fayre, which starts straight after school. Our thanks to the PTFA, who have worked incredibly hard to prepare this event. We hope as many of you as possible can join us for this community event to support our school.

We would also like to thank Manor Farm Shop in Leasingham for their kind donation of a Christmas tree, which is now adorning the front of the school. We have already started to decorate this - look out for further additions over the coming days.

Please see below for a range of photos of St. Andrew's at Christmas.



St Andrew's Day Services



It was lovely to be in Church on both Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November, for our St. Andrew's Day services. Year 2 led our EYFS/Key Stage 1 service on Thursday with Year 4 taking the lead for Key Stage 2 on Friday. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about St. Andrew and reflect on his life and how we might be able to apply some of his traits and qualities to our own lives. Reverend Al reminded us that St. Andrew was one of Jesus' disciples, and how they acted like a family, in the way in which they cared for and treated each other. This was linked back to our own school vision, where we strive to support and encourage everyone in our school family, through love and service.

Our thanks as always to Reverend Al, Mrs Hansford and Mr Vickers for their support during the services, and their ongoing guidance and encouragement for our whole school community.



Duke Jingle



Our Choir sang beautifully at the annual 'Duke Jingle' on the evening of Sunday 1st December. The children have been rehearsing on Tuesday evenings over the past few weeks in preparation for this community event, and I am sure that those in attendance will agree that they performed superbly. Thank you to Mrs Walker for her hard work in preparing the choir for this event and to Mrs Moseley for accompanying and supporting them on the day.

St. Andrew's Church Services at Christmas



St. Andrew's Church, Leasingham, will be holding the following services in the lead up to Christmas, which you are very welcome to attend:

- **Friday 20th December** - Traditional Carols and Readings (7pm)
- **Tuesday 24th December** - Children's Crib Service (3pm)
- **Tuesday 24th December** - Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service (9:30pm)
- **Wednesday 25th December** - Christmas Morning Service (11am)

School Office Opening Hours



A reminder to all parents that our school office opens at 8:30am every day, closing at 3:30pm. The telephone may not be answered outside of these hours. If you are reporting an absence, this can be done via emailing enquiries@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Building Work Update



The roof trusses have now been added to our school extension, which is now really starting to take shape. Please see below for the latest pictorial updates.



Online Safety Newsletter



Our latest Online Safety Newsletter is available on our school website, under the latest newsletters tab. This issue has some important updates on games, consoles, tablets and smart phones, which is particularly useful as we get closer to Christmas.

Christmas Dates

Please see below for a reminder of our upcoming Christmas dates. A reminder that 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

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

For the Key Stage 1 Evening Performance on Tuesday 10th December, children should arrive at school for 5:30pm, in order for them to get ready in time for the start of the show.

If you have requested tickets for the in school Christmas performances, these will be sent home with your child this evening. A reminder that these tickets will be required to gain admittance to the performances. Tickets are not required for the Year 3, 4 and 5 Christmas Service in Church on Tuesday 17th December.





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Is your child due to start school in September 2025?
We would be delighted to show you around our wonderful,
village school.

Please contact us to book a visit:

Tel: 01529 302388

Email: enquiries@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk



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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.

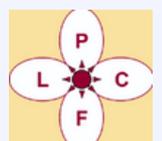
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/> Tel: 0808 800 2222

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.





LEASINGHAM ST ANDREW'S
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.

[enquiries@st-
andrews.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk)



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Uber Eats

Important Dates

- **Monday 9th December** - York Class Educational Visit to Rand Farm
- **Tuesday 10th December** - Norwich Class Educational Visit to Burghley House.
- **Friday 13th December** Profiles to be sent home this evening (Year 1 - 6)
- **Thursday 19th December** - Last Day of Autumn Term
- **Monday 6th January 2025** - First Day of Spring Term

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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