

— 27th June 2025 —

# 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

The month of June has been very busy, with lots of exciting events taking place in the life of the school.

It was lovely to welcome so many parents and family members to our annual Sports Day on 13<sup>th</sup> June. The children thoroughly enjoyed the range of events, and I think a number of parents relished the opportunity to take part in their races, too! Thank you for your support of this event.

Today, all children have spent time with their new class teacher for September, as part of our 'Move Up' day. Full details of class teacher allocations for the 2025/26 academic year were sent out to you in yesterday's letter.

The weather forecast for Monday and Tuesday predicts more very hot weather - please ensure that children are coming into school with water bottles (containing water only), sun hats and with sun cream applied. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend ahead.

Mr M Baker  
Headteacher

# Canterbury Update (Year 3)



On Wednesday 25th June Year 3 were transported back in time to Ancient Greece. We began the day being greeted by Adam, our Greek warrior for the day! We started by considering how Ancient Greek soldiers were prepared for battle. We were fascinated at the different armour, the helmet and the shields. We thought it was funny to watch Mrs Bell get dressed up and show she was the stronger warrior with her shield!

Following this, we were told the story of the King of Persia who wanted to attack Greece and take all the cities for himself. He claimed all he wanted in return for peace was earth and water. In those days this meant that if you were given this gift you were accepted as the leader. As a class of Athenians, we voted to reject the offer from the Persian king. It was decided that all the city states of Greece would help to defeat the Persians. We split our class into two armies – the Persians and the Greeks – an epic battle commenced as we retold the rest of the story. The Ancient Greeks won!

Next, we had another important Job as Athenians – we became members of the government. We had decisions to make as a group of people to make Athens great and one of the best city states. Using democracy, we voted on many decisions such as: who we should build a temple in dedication too; should we go to war with Sparta and which god should we follow. We emersed ourselves into this role and took it very seriously, all the grown-ups were really impressed with our reasoning.

After lunch, we looked at Ancient Greek writing. Using papyrus, wooden pens and ink we used the Greek alphabet to be able to write a simple sentence. We found this really good fun but quite tricky to match up the letters and the sounds. We all did a fantastic job. Finally, we played two games – 5 lines and Latrunculi. These were quite strategic games for us to play – working in pairs we had to try to defeat our opponents. We were very successful

Overall, we had a brilliant day and we enjoyed all the different activities. The day really embedded our understanding of Ancient Greece.





# Salisbury Update (Year 4)



Year 4 have been incredibly busy during Term 6.. Recently, we visited the Energy from waste Centre in Lincoln, a trip that chimed with our school vision beautifully in terms of 'being positive participants in the world community.'

The class were fascinated to learn how their household rubbish can be recycled and turned into energy to heat and light their homes. Alongside this, the children learnt about the carbon footprint involved in the making of some simple toys and discussed whether all the energy involved was worth it. In another workshop, they talked about the use of excess packaging, how much of it was recyclable and the eventual cost to the environment. They then had a go at redesigning packaging for several children's toys. The day culminated in the weighing of the class's lunch box rubbish. Watch out for news on how we did later in the term!

Last week, Salisbury class joined children from other schools to participate in the Church School's Festival at St Deny's Church, Sleaford. The day was spent taking part in workshops that included: learning about St Deny, brass rubbings, learning the Lord's Prayer using sign language, observational drawing of the church interior and discussing how different cultures depict Christ through artwork. The children enjoyed a picnic lunch and the day rounded off with the children taking part in collective worship. Again, this trip linked to our vision in respect of showcasing their talents, to be their very best through love and service.

For more on Salisbury Class's busy weeks, please follow us on 'X' (formerly Twitter) and our school web page.



# Staffing Update

We will sadly be saying goodbye to both Miss Savage and Miss Coucom during the final weeks of term.

As you will be aware, Miss Savage began her teacher training with us last September, taking this path after working at the school as a teaching assistant. Miss Savage will complete her teaching placement with us in the coming days, with her last day here being next Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Miss Savage has worked incredibly hard over the course of this year (supported by Mrs Bell) and we know that the children in Year 3 have benefited from her teaching during this period. We are pleased that Miss Savage has secured a teaching position at another school for September and we wish her all the best as she prepares for taking on this role.

Miss Coucom will be leaving us at the end of the school year, in order to begin her journey into teacher training at another Lincolnshire school. Miss Coucom has been a valued member of our teaching assistant team over the past few years, also taking the lead with our School Council. She feels now is the right time to pursue teaching as a career and we wish her all the best as she begins her training in September.

I would like to say a big thank you to both Miss Savage and Miss Coucom for their hard work and dedication to our school.

## Open Classrooms

We are delighted to invite all parents and carers into school on the afternoon of Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July to visit their child's classroom. This will be an informal event, running from 3:40pm – 4:10pm, for your child to show you their classroom, where they sit and some of the work on display. We would ask that parents and carers enter the school via the main entrance (this will be opened at 3:40pm) with their children, who will show you to their classroom. The school bell will ring at 4:10pm, which will denote the end of the Open Classroom session, at which point we would ask you to vacate the building (again by the main front doors to school)

We are sure that your children will be really proud to show you their learning environment and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us on the 7<sup>th</sup> July.

## Odd Socks Day

Our School Council have organised an Odd Socks Day on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Children and staff will be invited to wear odd socks to school, in exchange for bringing in items required by Sleaford Community Larder (please see [link](#)). The School Council invite donations of these items to be left on the trolleys which will be placed in the school car park before school on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to support this worthwhile cause.

# Year 5 Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to our Year 5 Maths team, who entered and won the Mathematics Competition at St. George's School on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

The competition is an annual event that has been taking place for nearly twenty years. Our team competed against other local primary schools, taking part in four rounds of questions with the intention of developing mathematical and thinking skills further, whilst maintaining a sense of fun. Our team fully displayed our school vision and values throughout the afternoon, and were delighted to be awarded the trophy as the winning team. Well done - we are very proud of you!



## Changes to school entrance and exit

Our building work has now completed, barring a few items of extra work to take place in the summer holidays. This has now opened up access around the whole of the school, which was previously restricted by fencing. Therefore, from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June, the following changes will take place to entrance and exit arrangements:

### **Entrance**

Year 4 - via side green gates (along with Year 5 and 6)

### **Exit**

Year 3 - via side brown gates (along with Year 1 and 2)

Year 4 - via side green gates (along with Year 5 and 6)

Parents and carers that use the Wraparound Care facility would have received communication from Andrew's Angels as to the changes for drop off and collections. This will now be via the green gates - the brown side gates will now be locked before and after school.

Thank you for your co-operation with the above changes.

# Attendance

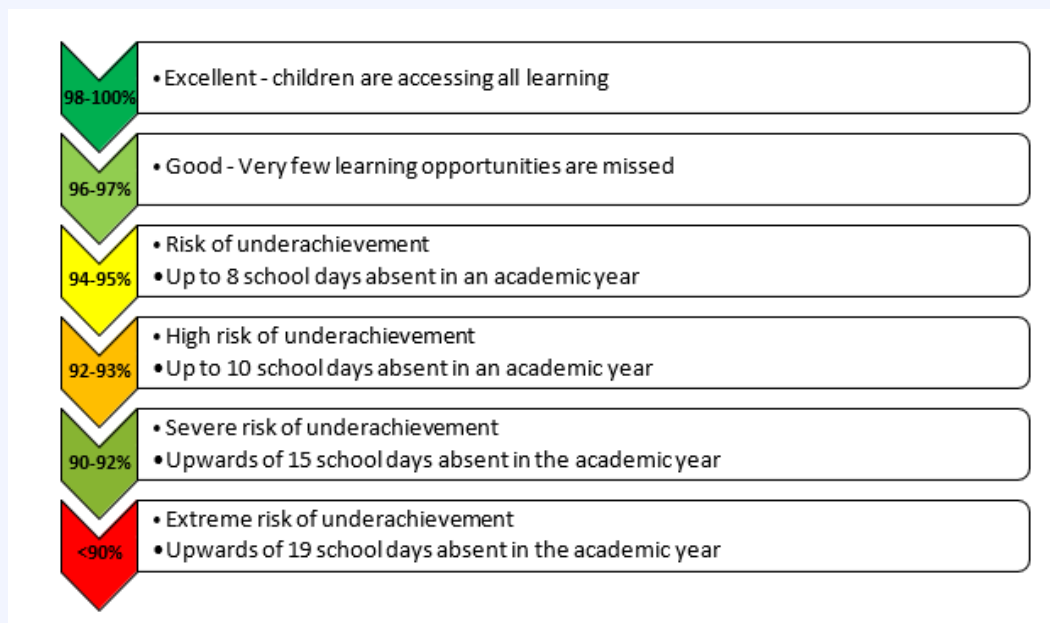
A reminder that our attendance policy can be found on our school website, under the policies section (or by clicking [here](#)).

Government policy on attendance changed in August 2024, as outlined via the letter sent to all parents at the end of last academic year (please click [here](#) for a copy of this letter).

The Department for Education (DfE) emphasises that term-time holiday should be avoided. Absence during this time can significantly impact your child's education (see graphic below for more details). We kindly request that you plan holidays during breaks to minimise disruption in learning. Any such absences will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

If you believe there are exceptional circumstances that require a term-time holiday, please submit a written request to the school as soon as possible. We will assess each case individually and provide guidance accordingly. However, if we determine that the circumstances do not qualify as exceptional, we will notify you in writing, indicating that you may be subject to a penalty notice issued by the local authority, which could result in legal action.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



# Clubs

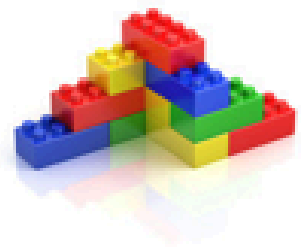
A reminder that all clubs will finish for the 2024/25 academic year at the end of next week. My thanks to all adults that have given up their time to run these activities for our children - it is greatly appreciated.

# CAN YOU HELP SUPPORT OUR WELL-BEING CLUB?

St. Andrew's Church of England Primary School,  
Leasingham

We're reaching out to our fantastic local community!

Our Well-being Club, running at lunchtimes here at St. Andrew's C of E Primary School, Leasingham, offers a safe, nurturing space for children who may need a quieter environment or a little extra emotional support during the school day.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We are looking for donations of Lego, toy cars, and train tracks (of any size, type or condition) to help enhance this space. These toys are brilliant for encouraging creative play, social interaction, and teamwork, and they offer children a way to relax and build friendships in a fun, calm setting.



## WHY IT MATTERS:

The Well-being Club plays an important role in promoting mental health, emotional well-being, and positive social skills—things that are more important than ever.

Thank you so much for supporting the happiness and well-being of our pupils!

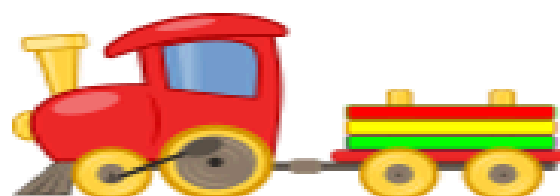
#CommunitySupport #WellbeingInSchools #StAndrewsLeasingham #CreativePlay

#MentalHealthMatters

#TrainTracksAndCars

#LegoForWellbeing

#SupportOurChildren







# LEASINGHAM ST ANDREW'S PTFA

Friday  
11th July

## NEED YOUR HELP FOR THE UPCOMING SUMMER FAYRE

Can you help on a stall? Or  
would you like to be involved  
in planning or setting up the  
fayre?

If you can help please leave  
your name and contact  
number at the school  
reception.







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# FINLEY'S FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY

10:00 - 17:00

RUSKINGTON VILLAGE HALL  
PLAYING FIELD

## Music & Children's Activities

Dance-A-Thon

Raffle Prizes

Food Vendors

Stalls

Kids Picnics

Fire Engine

....& much more

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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

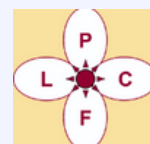
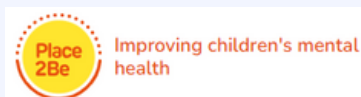
## Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

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/>

**Luminova** - digital therapy enabling children to build confidence and manage their worries - [luminova.app/lincolnshire](https://luminova.app/lincolnshire)

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



# Your guide to health services in Lincolnshire



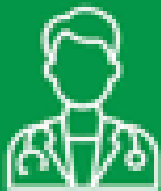
## Self Care

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](https://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.



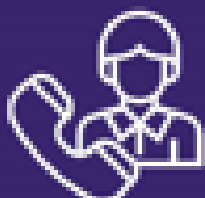
## Urgent Treatment Centre

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



# LEASINGHAM ST ANDREW'S PTFA NEED YOUR HELP

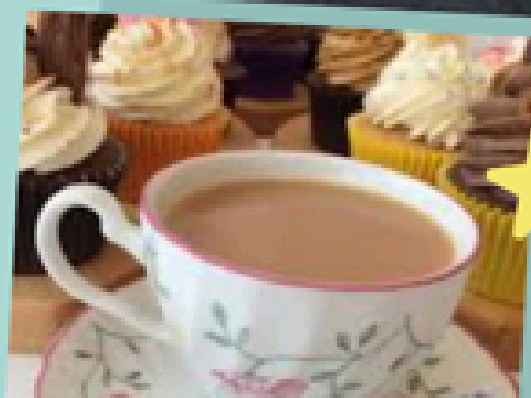
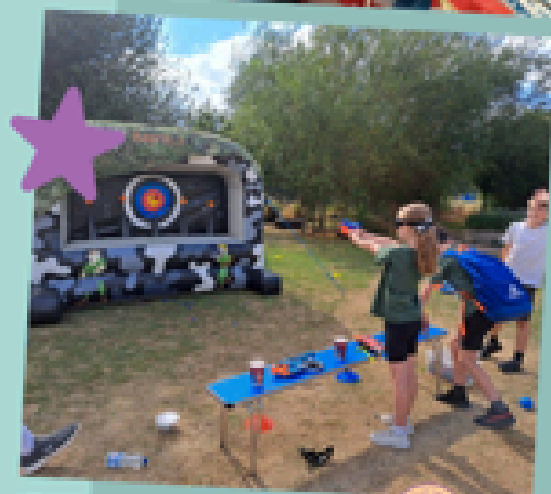
COME AND JOIN US!

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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# Important Dates

- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July** - all clubs finish for 2024/25 academic year
- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 3 Sports Crew Event
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July** - Rev Al to lead Collective Worship
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July** - Odd Socks Day
- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July** - PTFA Summer Fayre
- **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July** - Annual Academic Reports due home

# 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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