

— 23rd May 2025 —

St Andrew's News

'Everything you do, do in love'



Headteacher's Message

We have come to the end of a very busy, if short, Term 5. Over the course of this last few weeks we have seen the completion of our new build (photos included in this newsletter) as well as our Year 6 children sitting their SATs assessments. I would like to say a huge well done for the way in which these children prepared for and conducted themselves throughout the week - we are very proud of all of you!

Thank you to all parents, relatives and friends that attended our EYFS and Key Stage One Church Service yesterday. It was lovely to come together in Church for this special 'Ascension Day' service.

Communication has been sent out this week regarding lockers for Years 3, 4 and 5, as well as arrangements for Sports Day on 13th June. Please familiarise yourselves with this information ahead of our return to school on Monday 2nd June.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and restful half-term break ahead.

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

Southwell Update (Year 6)



This term we have spent a lot of time revising for our Key Stage 2 SATs. We have done many fun activities including scavenger hunts, Who Wants to be a Millionaire, Kaboom (an arithmetic game) and lots of fun quizzes. Year 6 have also enjoyed correcting mistakes on other people's test paper and learning from their misconceptions. Through our PE lessons, we have practiced measuring and converting units.

Last week, before each test, we enjoyed some fitness to get our bodies moving. We were very lucky to have some breakfast which had kindly been donated to the school by Sleaford Tesco. We are very grateful as this meant we were all filled up, energised and ready for our tests.

The staff are all incredibly proud of how the children have conducted themselves leading up to and during these tests. Next, we are all looking forward to celebrating our last term at Leasingham St Andrews with fun activities including sports day, cathedral trip, cinema trip, Year 6 performance and making lots more memories to take with us to secondary school.



Norwich Update (Year 5)



On Monday 19th, Year 5 set off on an exciting geography field trip to Snipedales Nature Reserve and Gibraltar Point. This hands-on experience was a brilliant way to deepen our understanding of rivers and coasts—and it certainly didn't disappoint! Our morning began at Snipedales, where we explored the early stages of a river's journey. The children identified key features such as the source, meanders, and valleys, and worked in teams to sketch and label what they observed.

One of the highlights was freshwater sampling at a confluence—the point where two rivers meet. Using classification keys and branching databases, the children investigated the fascinating creatures living in the riverbed. There was real excitement as we discovered how rich and diverse the river ecosystem is!

We also tested the speed of the river by timing how long it took an object to travel 10 metres—putting our maths skills to the test to calculate flow rate. It was great to see the children applying classroom knowledge in such a practical way.

After lunch in the woodland picnic area, we travelled to Gibraltar Point to look at the final stage of the river's journey: the mouth, where it meets the sea. We were amazed to learn that the river is tidal here, and seeing the salt marshes up close sparked lots of curiosity and discussion.

This trip truly brought our geography learning to life. The children were engaged, thoughtful, and respectful throughout the day—we were so proud of how they represented the school. A fantastic learning experience all round!



Value Certificates



In this morning's Collective Worship, we had the pleasure of presenting this term's value certificates. Our value this term has been endurance and each teacher chose 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 keeping going even when things are hard!

Congratulations to the following children:

York - Theo

Lincoln - Archie

Winchester - Ada

Canterbury - Nathan

Salisbury - The Whole Class (represented in the photo by Amelia and George)

Norwich - Brogan

Southwell - Louis



Building Update

As you will be aware from communication sent out earlier in the week, our extension has now been signed over to us. The old modular classrooms have now been demolished, with the building contractors set to remain on site over the coming weeks to complete closing tasks before the final sign off takes place. Our Year 4 children and staff are very much enjoying their new learning environment. Please see below for a selection of photographs.



Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Miss Charlotte Walsh to our team of teaching assistants. Miss Walsh joined us at the start of last week and will be supporting the learning in York Class. I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Walsh all the very best as she takes up her new role in school.

Supervision before and after school

May I take this opportunity to remind all parents to ensure that their children are fully supervised on the premises before and after school. There have been a few instances observed and reported to us recently whereby children have been unsupervised at these times. As a school, we cannot take responsibility for any incidents that occur before the start of the school day or once the children are dismissed to parents. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

Midday Assistant Advert



We are currently advertising for a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our dedicated lunchtime team. If you, or someone you know, enjoys working with children and has availability in the middle of the day, we would be very keen to hear from you. Please email enquiries@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk for further details.

Summer Term Dates



A reminder that the latest dates for the summer term are available on our school website. You can access these directly by clicking on this [link](#).

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.

Useful Links for Parents

Pharmacists are a parent's best friend this Bank Holiday! (from Lincolnshire County Council)

As we approach the Spring bank holiday weekend and half-term breaks, NHS Lincolnshire ICB is advising parents how to deal with a range of common childhood illnesses – by seeking advice from their local pharmacy.

Young children are more vulnerable to coughs, colds and infections because their immune systems are still developing. That means they tend to become ill more often than adults and take longer to recover, particularly when a large number of common illnesses are circulating.

Although it can be worrying when a child becomes poorly, the vast majority of illnesses can be managed at home using over-the-counter medicines available from a pharmacist. Parents are therefore encouraged to visit their local pharmacy first when their children become ill – and be prepared by taking a pharmacist's advice on available remedies.

Childhood illness can be very stressful for parents, especially those with very young children who aren't able to articulate exactly what is wrong with them.

In almost all cases, parents can manage their child's illnesses at home with over-the-counter medication that may ease symptoms, plenty of rest, fluids and TLC. If your child has symptoms that worry you or that you haven't seen before, a pharmacist may be able to offer advice.

If your child becomes ill in the night there is information available online at www.nhs.uk or you can contact NHS 111 online or call 111 if you need urgent medical advice but it's not a life-threatening emergency.

Pharmacies may also be able to offer treatment and prescription medicine for some conditions, without you needing to see a GP (this is called Pharmacy First). Conditions they can treat as part of Pharmacy First are:

- earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- shingles (aged 18 years and over)
- sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- sore throat (aged 5 years and over)
- urinary tract infections or UTIs (women aged 16 to 64 years)

If you go to a pharmacy with one of these conditions, the pharmacist will offer you advice, treatment or refer you to a GP or other healthcare professional if needed. They will then update your GP health record.

If you are not within these age ranges, a pharmacist can still offer advice, but you may need to see a GP for treatment.

Useful Links for Parents

What do you do when your child is unwell?

Parents and carers in Lincolnshire are being reminded to make sure they know how to deal with common childhood illnesses during the forthcoming bank holiday and half-term break. Young children are more vulnerable to coughs, colds and infections because their immune system is still developing. An adult may get two to four colds a year, children can get eight to 12 and most of these can be treated at home with over the counter medication and rest.

It can be difficult to know the best way to care for children when they become ill but Dr Sunil Hindocha, GP and Medical Director for NHS Lincolnshire ICB explains:

“All parents worry when their child is poorly, but most of the time childhood illness can be managed at home with advice from your pharmacist and lots of rest.

“Speak to your local pharmacist as a first point of call. They can advise on the appropriate over the counter medicines that are suitable for your child’s age. If you continue to have concerns and want advice use NHS 111 online or call NHS 111 to speak to one of their highly trained advisers.

Colds and bugs can be managed with pain relief, and cough mixture. It’s worth having a thermometer at home to check your child’s temperature.

You can check the NHS website (www.nhs.uk) for details on how to care for a child with a high temperature.

If your child has an upset tummy or flu it’s best to keep them away from the elderly and other children who can be vulnerable to infection. Children should learn good hand hygiene early and be encouraged to wash their hands regularly, particularly after playing, going to the toilet and before eating.

For more advice on staying well this winter www.nhs.uk/staywell



Lumi Nova is available to families in Lincolnshire in collaboration with Lincolnshire County council, NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board and Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. Lumi Nova is being piloted to support children and young people aged 7-12years to build confidence and learn lifelong skills to manage their worries through an intergalactic adventure game!

No referral required – the offer is instantly accessible to Lincolnshire families by visiting luminova.app/lincolnshire.

Your guide to health services in Lincolnshire



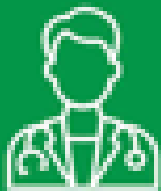
Self Care

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.



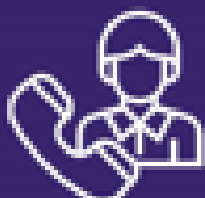
Urgent Treatment Centre

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

LEASINGHAM ST ANDREW'S PTFA NEED YOUR HELP

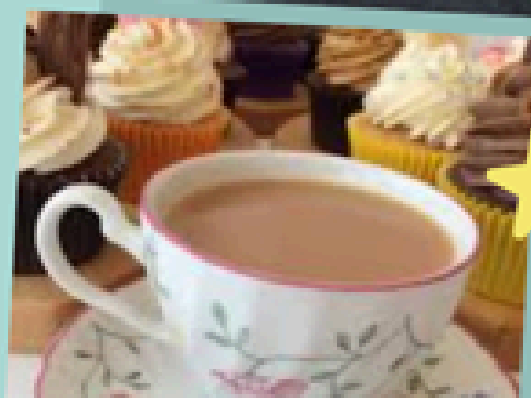
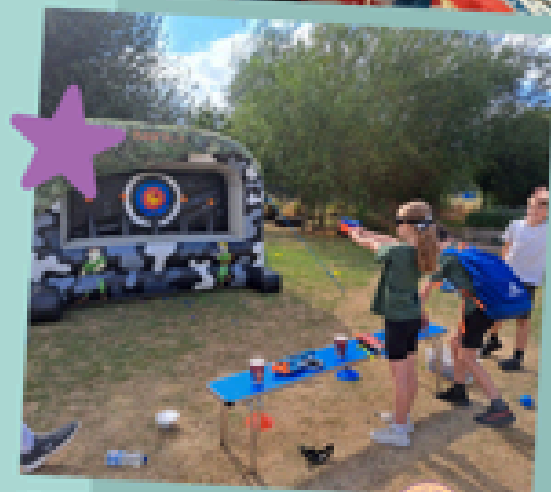
COME AND JOIN US!

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)



Turn your daily shopping into everyday magic for us with easyfundraising

You shop, brands donate to us. It won't cost you any extra!



 easyfundraising

Help us make a difference when you shop.
Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk



1 Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk

2 Sign up and search for us

3 Your favourite brands donate to us whenever you shop with them

Shop with 7,500+ brands including:

Booking.com

ebay

M&S

GROUPON



TUI

JOHN
LEWIS



Viking

ASOS



Uber Eats

Important Dates

- **Monday 2nd June** - First day of Term 6
- **Monday 2nd June** - Year 6 Fire Safety Workshop
- **Wednesday 4th June** - New Intake Meeting for parents/carers of children in Reception (September 2025) - 6pm
- **Thursday 5th June**- Year 6 Church School Festival (Lincoln Cathedral)
- **Monday 9th June - Friday 20th June** - Assessment Weeks in school
- **Friday 13th June** - Sports Day (reserve date 20th June)

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/>



St.Andrew's Church of England Primary School
Lincoln Road, Leasingham, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, NG34 8LS
Headteacher: Mr M W Baker

Telephone: 01529 302388
Email: enquiries@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk
Website: www.st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk
X: @LeasStAndrews

