

— 14th November 2025 —

St Andrew's News

'Everything you do, do in love'



Headteacher's Message

Firstly, I hope everyone enjoyed the half term break at the end of October. Since returning to school, we have been very busy, as you will be able to see from the content of this latest newsletter.

Thank you to all parents that took part in our recent survey. We are now analysing the results, and hope to be able to share feedback with you in the near future.

We have marked Children in Need today in school with our children enjoying wearing some of this year's accessories. Please [click here](#) for the link for online donations to this very worthwhile cause.

Please could I also draw your attention to the flyer in this newsletter for the PTFA non-uniform day (Friday 28th November) as well as our School Council appeal.

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

This Term's Value - Trust



This term, we will be focusing on the Christian Value of trust. Trust is a key value in our school, as well as in everyday life. We place trust in the children to make the right choices, linking in with our school vision. 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 been given an additional responsibility at home that you have trusted them to fulfil. Staff in school would be very keen to hear about opportunities the children have taken to demonstrate this value.



St Andrew's Day Services



We will shortly be holding our traditional St. Andrew's Day Church Services. The details of these are listed below:

Thursday 27th November - EYFS/Key Stage 1 Service (9:30am - St. Andrew's Church)

Monday 1st December - Key Stage 2 Service (9:30am - St. Andrew's Church)

Year 2 will be taking the lead for the 27th November service, with Year 4 presiding over our 1st December service. We look forward to welcoming parents, relatives and friends to these important services to mark St. Andrew's Day.

Armistice Day



On Tuesday 11th November, we held a special Collective Worship for Armistice Day. We were delighted to be able to welcome some of our military parents to help us mark this occasion. As well as this, children from York Class and Lego Club produced superb Poppy Wreaths, which took pride of place throughout the worship. Our Collective Worship Leaders told us more about Armistice Day and why we take this time to remember those who fought in past conflicts. This led us into a period of silence, which everybody present in the hall observed impeccably.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved in our Armistice Day Collective Worship.



Canterbury Update (Year 3)



We have really enjoyed the start of Year 3. One of our favourite things we have done has been in English where we have looked at 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. After writing some super sentence stacking lessons, this we are planning our own narrative about how the farmers will trap The Iron Man. We have lots of super ideas showing great enthusiasm to write. We can't wait for our grown-ups to read them!

We all have new holiday destinations on our wish list as we near the completion of our geographical unit of work looking at North and South America. We have loved using Atlas' and Google Earth to explore these areas looking at their location, climates as well as physical and human features.

We have loved our dance this term, we really embraced the chorography and being revolting children! Thank you to everyone who came to watch, it loved showing you all.

In maths we have been learning how to add 3 digit numbers, we have worked really hard on this using column method and practical equipment. This has really helped our confidence and we have used these skills within our subtraction work this week.

Finally, we have really enjoyed our science lessons looking at light. We particularly enjoyed our investigations into shadows - finding out whether materials were opaque, translucent or transparent. We completed a science investigation to find out whether the height of a light source changes the shadow - we found out this was the case. Mirrors blew our minds as we realised they can reflect light and that the images are inverted.



Salisbury Update (Year 4)



Year 4 have had an exciting start to the Autumn term. The class attended swimming lessons at Sleaford Leisure Centre during which the children made progress: confidence to take feet off the pool floor grew; tread water for a set time and be able to swim a width of the pool. Others showed endurance in the number of lengths swam while all were taught how to save lives. What was great to hear were many of the class wanting to build on last year's achievements.

More recently, in English, we started learning how to write an explanation text based on the human digestive system. To help us understand the basics, Year 4 were involved in an 'Experience Day' where they watched how food is mixed, pulped and pushed through the body; how nutrients are extracted and how the body deals with waste. This is helping the class as we start our sentence stacking lessons.

October was Black History Month in which we remember events and important people of Sub-Saharan Africa and Afro-Caribbean ancestry. Year 4 researched Wangari Maathai, who believed in connecting local actions to global results by empowering women; initiating the planting of over 51 million trees, to combat deforestation and improve women's livelihoods; was the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize and the first in East Africa to earn a doctorate degree.

In RE we are discussing 'What is the most significant part of the Nativity Story to Christians?' Our discussions started with understanding what symbols are; how and where they are used and then looking for key symbolism within the Nativity story, we know so well.

An amazing start to Year 4 and we are all looking forward to what the rest of the term brings.



Christmas Dates

It still seems a little early to mention Christmas, but this special time of year will soon be upon us. Most dates were sent out at the start of the academic year, but we have updated this list below with all dates and times of Christmas events. For the Christmas Party Days children may wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their usual school jumper/cardigan (normal rules apply for other items of school uniform).

Friday 5th December - PTFA Christmas Fayre (from 3:30pm)*

Monday 8th December - Key Stage 1 Christmas Production (2:30pm)*

Tuesday 9th December - Key Stage 1 Christmas Production (9:45am)*

Friday 12th December - EYFS/Christmas Production (2:30pm)*

Tuesday 16th December - Year 3, 4 and 5 Christmas Service at Church (9:30am)*

Tuesday 16th December - EYFS/Key Stage 1 Christmas Lunch and afternoon parties

Thursday 18th December - KS2 Christmas Lunch and afternoon parties

Parents are welcome to attend the starred (*) events. Please note that in-school productions (KS1 and EYFS/Year 6) will be limited to 2 tickets per family, per performance. Details of how to book these will be sent out in due course. We will let you know if any further tickets remain once the initial allocation period closes. The Year 3, 4 and 5 Christmas Service at St. Andrew's Church will not require any form of pre-booking.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas events over the coming weeks.



WANTED



School Council are looking for donations of



GOOD

All children require football boots in KS2 to play football and due to the expense some children are sadly missing out.

condition football boots size 12 and above



We know how quickly children's feet grow and would greatly appreciate any donations of boots in a good wearable condition to help all children access taking part in football.

If anyone has any boots to donate, please leave them at reception and Mrs Mohr and school council will sort them, clean them if needed & pass them on to Mrs Pledger.

Many thanks

St Andrew's School Council 😊



Non Uniform Day

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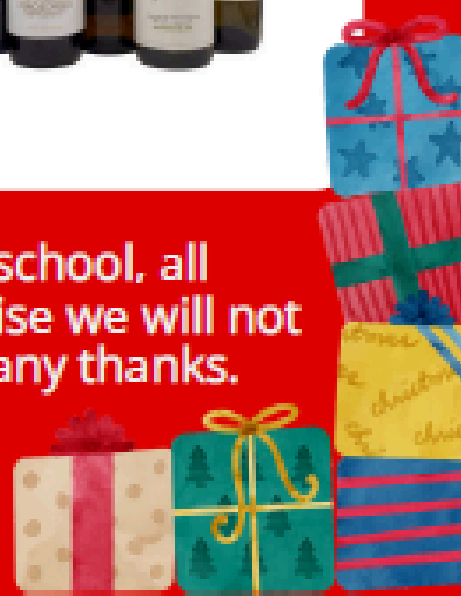
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28TH

Enjoy a dress down day in exchange for chocolates or a bottle towards the school Christmas Fayre.

Please leave donations on the trolleys that will be available near the front of the school



Please note: as we are a nut free school, all packaging must be unopened otherwise we will not be able to accept your donation. Many thanks.





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Is your child due to start school in September 2026? We would be delighted to show you around our wonderful village school, offering:

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Tel: 01529 302388

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



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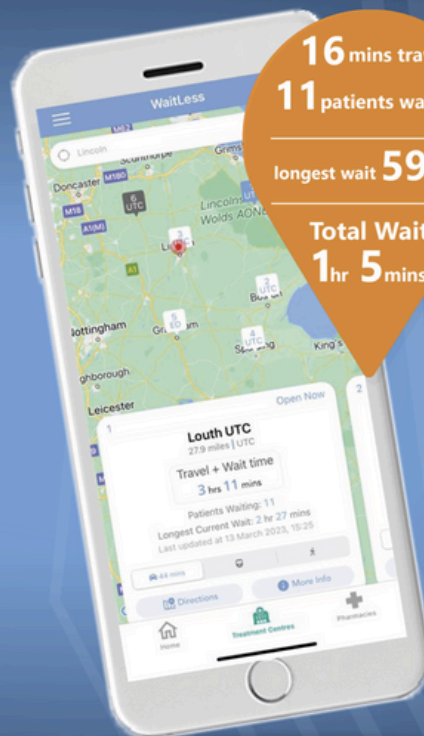
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Treat aches, pains, coughs, and colds at home. Stock up your medicine cabinet with over the counter remedies.



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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

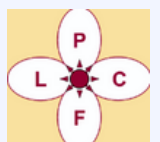
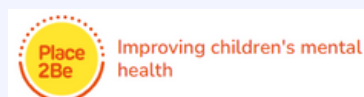
Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

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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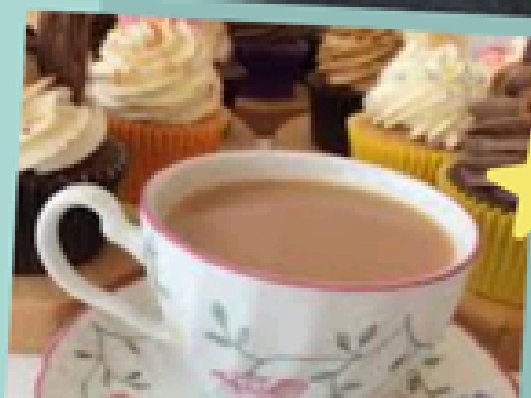
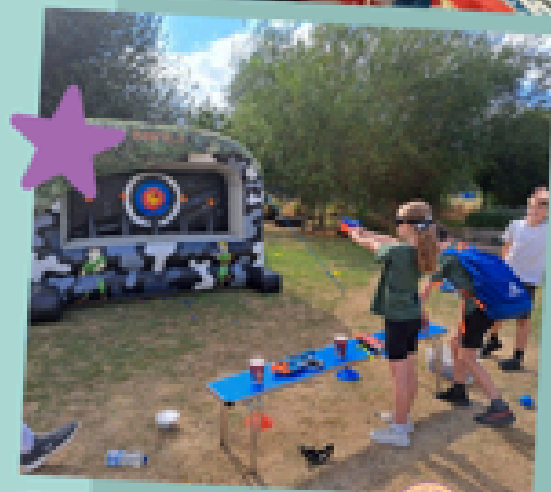
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VOLUNTEER AT ONE OF OUR
EVENTS.

OR HELP ON A REGULAR BASIS
PLANNING AND ORGANISING OUR
EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

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Important Dates

- **Monday 17th November** - Year 5 Educational Visit to Museum of Lincolnshire Life
- **Tuesday 18th November** - Year 4 Educational Visit to The Collection (Lincoln Castle)
- **Friday 21st November** - PTFA Toast
- **Monday 24th November** - Open the Book Collective Worship
- **Thursday 27th November** - EYFS/KS1 St. Andrew's Day Church Service (9:30am)
- **Friday 28th November** - PTFA non-uniform day (to support the Christmas Fayre)
- **Monday 1st December** - KS2 St. Andrew's Day Church Service (9:30am)



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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