

— 10th October 2025 —

St Andrew's News

'Everything you do, do in love'



Headteacher's Message

Firstly, thank you very much to all parents, relatives and friends that attended our Key Stage 2 Harvest Service last week. It was a lovely occasion and we particularly enjoyed hearing more about harvest from our Year 3 children. Well done also to our Collective Worship Leaders for taking us through each part of the service. We were delighted to be able to fill three large boxes of items for the Sleaford Community Larder, which were collected at the beginning of the week - thank you for all of your donations.

A reminder that bookings for Parents' Evening (Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October) are now live on Arbor. Bookings will close next Thursday evening at 6pm. Please ensure you have secured your appointment time ahead of this deadline.

Unfortunately, the Road Safety Awareness sessions booked in for our children at the end of September had to be postponed due to staff illness. I am pleased to say that this has been re-arranged for the spring - dates will be circulated nearer the time.

Enjoy the weekend ahead - 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

Staffing Update

Mrs Edwards has informed me of her intention to retire from her position as teaching assistant at the end of October. Mrs Edwards has been a member of staff here for just over six years, supporting in classrooms as well as at break and lunchtimes as a paediatric First Aider. Mrs Edwards feels this is the right time to make this decision and enjoy a new chapter in her life. Her last day working with the children will be Thursday 23rd October.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Abbiss, who will be moving on from her role as a Lunchtime Supervisor. Again, Mrs Abbiss' last day will be Thursday 23rd October.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish Mrs Edwards and Mrs Abbiss all the very best as they move on from St. Andrew's and thank them for their hard work and dedication to our school.

Online Safety Newsletter

The October issue of our Online Safety Newsletter is now available on our website (please [click here](#) to access). This month's edition includes useful information around YouTube, WhatsApp, AI, Italian Brainrot and managing digital spending.

Assessment Dates

Please see below for key statutory assessment dates for the coming academic year. It is vitally important that children are in school for their relevant assessments. A reminder that term time holidays cannot be authorised at any point in the year and this is particularly prevalent for the following dates:

Key Stage 2 SATs Week (Year 6) - Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May 2026

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check - Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June 2026

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check - Monday 1st June - Friday 12th June 2026

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Southwell Update (Year 6)



In History, Year 6 recently embarked on a journey back in time to Ancient Egypt, bringing the rich history and culture of this ancient civilisation to life. We had a fantastic experience day which was brimming with a variety of engaging activities that gave the wonders of this fascinating civilisation. One of the highlights of the day was the exploration of hieroglyphics, the ancient Egyptian writing system composed of intricate symbols and characters. The children had the opportunity to decode and write their own messages using these symbols. We also had the opportunity to look at mummification, artifacts, daily life as well as playing two Egyptian games. The day was a great success providing a unique opportunity for these young minds to delve into history and culture, igniting their curiosity about the world's fascinating past.



In Science, the children developed their conceptual understanding of the circulatory system by dissecting a pig's heart. The children were a huge support to each other and everyone had a role to play. At first, they identified the superior vena cava, aorta, pulmonary veins and arteries. We then opened it up to see into the chambers of the heart. They particularly enjoyed tugging on the heart strings. Pigs hearts are similar in size to human hearts which gave the children a real life comparison. The children were fascinated by the experience and inspired (future heart surgeons). It was a wonderful experience and true hands on learning.



Norwich Update (Year 5)



On Tuesday 30th September, Year 5 (and 6) pupils were given an incredible opportunity to step into the shoes of forensic scientists during an exciting, hands-on workshop run by Pulse Education Forensics. The day was packed full of fun, fascinating activities that captured the children's imaginations and challenged them to think like real investigators.

The morning began by exploring an important Computer Forensics and Online Safety session, where pupils learned age-appropriate advice for staying safe on social media and how to make responsible choices online.

Next the children learned real forensic techniques, such as:

- Taking fingerprints, exploring DNA and genetic identity
- Examining trace evidence like hair and fibres under a microscope
- Using UV light to search for clues at a crime scene and uncovering and analysing footwear evidence.

It was wonderful to see so many children completely engaged – eyes wide with curiosity, asking thoughtful questions, and handling equipment with growing confidence!

Finally, in the afternoon, it was time to put their skills to the test in a mock crime scene investigation. Working together in teams, the pupils:

- Collected and analysed fingerprints
- Searched for clues
- Pieced together evidence
- And ultimately solved the mystery by identifying the main suspect!

Throughout the investigation, the children demonstrated brilliant teamwork, problem-solving, and communication skills – all while having enormous fun. It was a truly memorable experience that brought science and learning to life in such a unique and inspiring way. We are so proud of how Year 5 and 6 embraced the challenge – we may have some future forensic scientists in our midst!





ST ANDREW'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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:

- High academic standards, consistently above national averages
- A strong christian ethos, recognised in our 2025 SIAMS inspection
- A well resourced environment, including a brand new extension housing Wrap Around Care provision
- An experienced staff team providing caring support for all children

Tour dates and times

- ✓ **Monday 20th October - 11:00am**
- ✓ **Wednesday 5th November - 1:30pm**
- ✓ **Thursday 6th November - 11:00am**
- ✓ **Wednesday 12th November - 4:00pm and 5:00pm**
- ✓ **Thursday 13th November - 1:30pm**

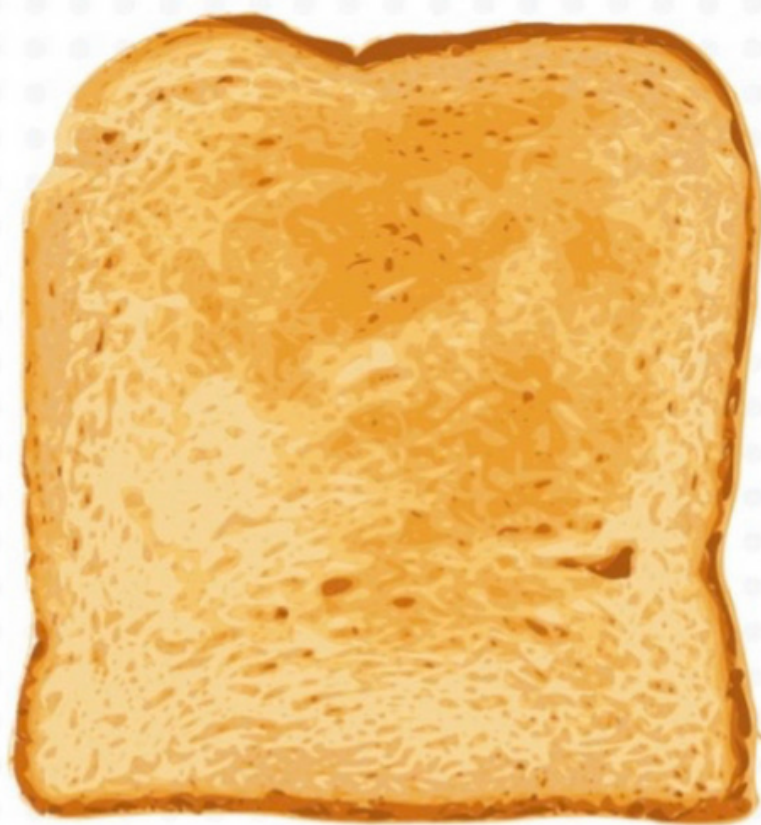
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Leasingham St Andrew's PTFA

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3rd and 17th October

A tasty morning break
treat!

20p a slice

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

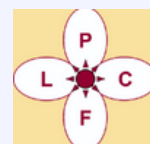
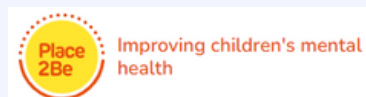
Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

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.



Your guide to health services in Lincolnshire



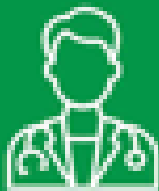
Self Care

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.



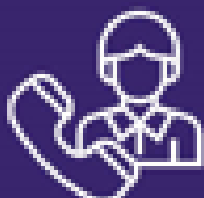
Urgent Treatment Centre

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

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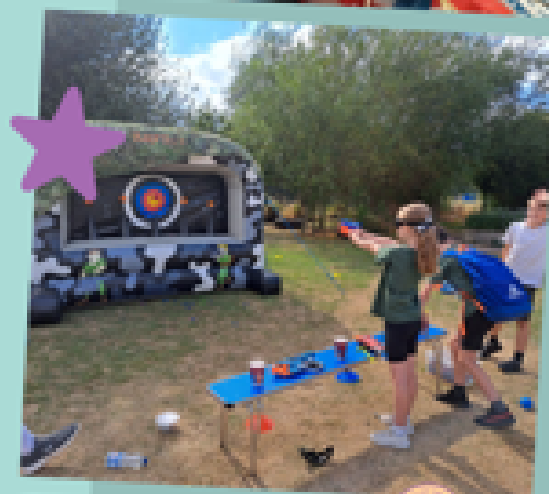
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VOLUNTEER AT ONE OF OUR
EVENTS.

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

If you would like to
get involved please
email the school.

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Important Dates

- **Monday 6th October - Friday 17th October inclusive** - Year 4 Swimming
- **Monday 13th October** - Reverend Al leading Collective Worship
- **Monday 20th October - Thursday 23rd October** - Black History Week
- **Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October** - Parents' Evening (4pm - 7pm)
- **Thursday 23rd October** - Last day of Term 1
- **Monday 3rd November** - First day of Term 2

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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