

— 26th September 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

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through this first term of the academic year. We seem to be hanging on to some pleasant autumn weather at the moment, but colder days are sure to be upon us soon. Please can I remind everyone to ensure that children are coming into school with coats on colder days, so they are well-prepared for going outside at break and lunchtime.

Our latest newsletter includes lots of information on what has been taking place in school over the past couple of weeks, as well as future events. Please can I draw your attention to arrangements for booking appointments for Parents' Evening via our online system, Arbor.

Wishing you a pleasant and enjoyable weekend ahead.

Mr M Baker  
Headteacher

# Staffing Update



I am delighted to announce that Mrs Curt gave birth to a baby girl earlier this month. Congratulations to Mrs Curt and her family on the birth of Nora and we send our very best wishes as they enjoy life as a family of four.

Mrs Cottis will begin working in Year 1 from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. She will be teaching Year 1 on Mondays and Tuesdays, forming a job share with Mrs Mohr who will teach the class on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Our thanks to Mrs Mohr for teaching the class full time during the first few weeks of this academic year.

Mrs Cottis will also be teaching Year 2 on a Friday, with Mrs Walker teaching the class from Monday - Thursday. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Cottis the very best as she begins her role next week.

## Collective Worship

As you are aware, Collective Worship forms an integral part of our school day. We have had some lovely feedback from children, staff and outside visitors on these sessions, so much so that the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education have asked us to be involved in a case study for Collective Worship. The link below will take you to this case study (entitled 'The Wow Factor'), which gives a flavour of Collective Worship in our school. We feel honoured that the Diocese have asked us to be involved in this Case Study, and hope that it may serve as inspiration for other Church schools within our locality.

To access the article, please [click here](#).



# Key Stage 2 Harvest Church Service



A reminder that our Harvest Service will be taking place for children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) on Thursday 2nd October. This will begin at 9:30am in St. Andrew's Church, with Year 3 taking the lead. Parents, friends and relatives are very welcome to attend this service. Ahead of this, we would like to ask for donations of items currently required by Sleaford New Life Community Larder. Please [click here](#) for further details.

We would be very grateful of any donations that you can make, which will be delivered to the Community Larder. Please could any donations be brought into school between Monday 29th September and Thursday 3rd October. Thank you in advance for your support of this cause.

## Phonics Presentation



We would like to invite parents and carers of children in Reception and Year 1 to a Phonics Presentation on Tuesday 7th October at 3:40pm. Mrs Moseley (EYFS and Phonics Lead) will be giving a short presentation (around twenty minutes) on how we teach phonics at St. Andrew's and ways in which you can support this at home. This is primarily for parents of children in York Class (Reception) but is also open to any parents of children in Lincoln Class (Year 1) who may have missed last year's presentation or wish to attend as a refresher.

If you would like to attend this event, please email [enquiries@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk), letting us know the number of adults that will be attending. This event is for adults but on this occasion, we do have a separate room supervised by a member of staff for any school-age children from St. Andrew's. If you need to use this facility, please can you include the names of the children that will be attending on your confirmation email. Please could you confirm attendance by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

# Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings have been arranged for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (4:00 pm – 7.00 pm on both evenings). We hope you will be able to make an appointment to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and the progress they are making.

We would recommend that parents/carers attend without children where possible. If this is not possible, please ensure that you keep your children with you at all times (we will not have provision for children to be left in the hall while the appointments are taking place).

Teachers do try very hard to keep each meeting to ten minutes so other parents/carers are not delayed. If you require more time after the ten-minute appointment, please make alternative arrangements with the class teacher.

Bookings for Parents Evening will open on Arbor on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm, closing on Thursday 16<sup>h</sup> October at 6pm. Please note that there will be no clubs during Parents' Evening week.

We look forward to welcoming you into school for these meetings at the end of October.

## Attendance Policy

At our recent Standards Committee Meeting, the school's attendance policy was updated and approved. This includes important legislation set out by the Government's '[Working together to improve school attendance](#)' publication. Please familiarise yourselves with this policy, which can be accessed by clicking this [link](#). A reminder that there is no entitlement in law for parents to take children out of school during term time to go on holiday. Any such absence may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



# Positions of Responsibility

Over the past few weeks, we have completed the process of elections and appointments for a number of positions of responsibility in school. These include House Captains, School Council, Collective Worship Leaders and Mental Health Ambassadors. These are very important roles, which give the children the opportunity to live out our school vision, through serving and aspiring to be positive participants in the world community. It also presents as an opportunity to display the British Value of democracy. Congratulations to all children appointed to these roles - we look forward to seeing the impact of your work in school over the course of the year.



## Macmillan Cake Morning



We were delighted to hold our MacMillan Cake Morning today for the children in school. Each class spent some time in our hall, which was transformed into a café for the event. The children enjoyed some juice and their choice of a delicious selection of cakes donated by parents and staff.

We joined many others today in supporting this very worthwhile event. Donations from thousands of MacMillan Coffee Mornings, big and small, help raise vital funds to support the three million people in the UK living with cancer, from the moment they are diagnosed, throughout treatment and beyond.

Many people associated with the school have been affected by cancer, either themselves or friends and family. We were proud to support this cause today and our total raised currently stands at £188. It is not too late to donate, so you can help to increase this total by following the link below.

I would like thank all the parents that donated to this event, the staff for their hard work in organising this and for the children for the way in which they demonstrated our school values and vision in taking part.

[Macmillan Just Giving Link](#)



# 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

Please contact us to book a visit:

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



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# Macmillan Cake Morning Photos



# 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

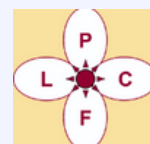
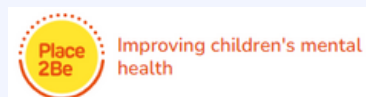
## Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

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



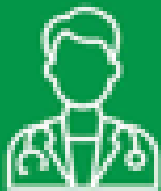
## Self Care

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.



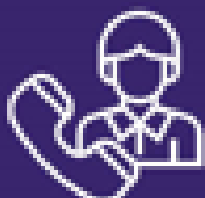
## Urgent Treatment Centre

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

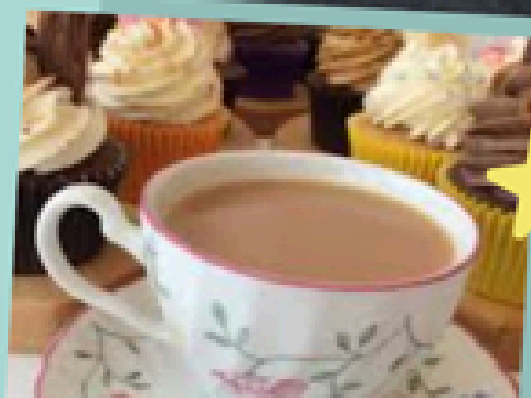
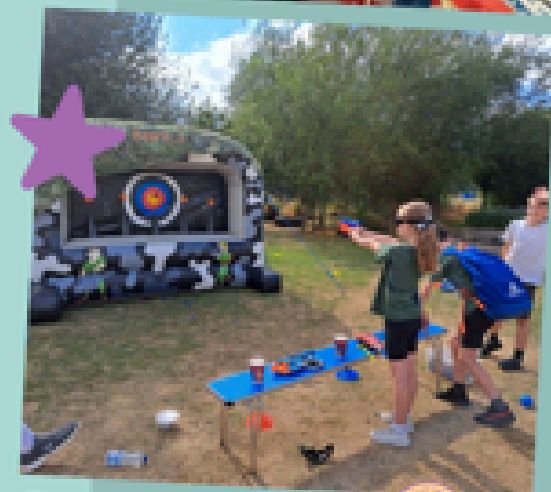
COME AND JOIN US!

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  
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# Important Dates

- **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September** - Open the Book leading Collective Worship
- **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September** - Year 5 and 6 CSI Day
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** - KS2 Harvest Service (9:30am at Church)
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October inclusive** - Year 4 Swimming
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October** - Reverend Al leading Collective Worship
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** - Black History Week
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** - Parents' Evening (4pm - 7pm)



# 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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