COLEBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"With God all things are possible"

Date: 18th December 2024

Dear Parents/Friends of the School,

The end of term has arrived and what a fabulous term it has been at Coleby school. The children have been incredible and we are very proud of them all. Today you will receive a short report which details how your child/ren performed in the end of term assessments we have recently carried out. We hope that this is useful but if you do wish to discuss it further, please contact your child's class teacher.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who joined us in church on Tuesday evening for our Christmas show, it was great to see the church so full. We all want to give a special mention to Mr Mason who worked so hard to put the show together.

The children certainly do deserve a well earned rest and we hope you all have a great Christmas and we will see you all back in school on Monday 6th January.

David Nicholson



** Please make a note of these dates **

DECEMBER:

19th: End of Term 2

JANUARY:

6th Start of Term 3
15th: Closing date for Primary Admission Sept 2025
23rd: KS2 Online safety workshops

FEBRUARY:

6th: KS2 Visit to the Holocaust Memorial Centre
14th End of Term 3
24th Start of Term 4

March

6th: World Book Day

April

4th: End of Term 4
22nd: Start of Term 5

Christmas Jumper Day

We all enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day. Many thanks for your kind donations, we raised £50 for Save the Children, which we have now sent across to them.

Pantomime

We loved our visit to the pantomime in Newark on Monday. The children were brilliant and thoroughly enjoyed the show, thank you to the Friends of Coleby school who funded the visit and to the parent helpers who came with us. As you can see, the children were loving their ice creams duringthe intermission.







PRAISING

LAST WEEK

CLASS 1

Ida for fantastic maths this week, finding 1 more and 1 less. You have such a positive attitude to learning.
Quinn—for your incredible writing in RWI—you are making amazing progress and working hard to keep your letters on the line.

LOWER KEY STAGE 2

Izzy—for super responses during guided reading, Mrs White says you always make such thoughtful comments.
Pippa—Fantastic attitude to learning, you always participate with great ideas.

UPPER KEY STAGE 2

Mason W for caring about those around him. Finlay B & Scarlett R for fantastic and inventive Santa trap designs.

BIRTHDAYS!!!

Evie E, Jessica N, Harry H all have birthdays over the Christmas holidays, we wish you all a happy birthday.

Philosopher's Cafe

Key Stage 2 have enjoyed the last RE lesson of the term in another Philosopher's Cafe. The children discussed the topic (Do you have to believe in God to be good?) and get to eat biscuits and drink pop. It's a very popular lesson!



Wreath Making

The children who attended the wreath making club had a great time and produced some stunning wreaths. Thank you to all of the staff who helped out with this extra-curricular activity and well done to all of the children who took part.



Community Events

Thursday 19th December 6.00pm **Coleby Family Christmas** All Saints Church

Friday 20th December 8.00pm **Carol Singing Around the Piano** The Tempest

Sunday 22nd December 9.30am **Parish Communion** All Saints Church

24th December 11.30pm **Midnight Mass** All Saints Church

Jonathan Broom-Edwards

Last Thursday we had a visit from Jonathan Broom-Edwards, who is an Inspire+ ambassador. Jonathan is a Paralympic high jumper who has won lots of medals during his career. Jonathan talked to the children about the highs and lows of his career and the importance of resilience when faced with adversity. We all enjoyed listening to Jonathan speak and are grateful for this opportunity, provided by Inspire+. Later in the year, we will be welcoming more ambassadors into school as well as a trip to the Mini-Olympics in Grantham.









PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 – CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN THE DATES OF 01/09/2020 AND 31/08/2021

This is to inform you about how to apply for a school place for September 2025. You can apply for a primary or infant school from 15th November 2024 to 15th January 2025.
If you live in Lincolnshire you will make your application to Lincolnshire County Council, even if the schools you list on your application are in another area. If you live outside of Lincolnshire you must apply through your home Local Authority but you can list schools in Lincolnshire. You must apply for a primary or infant school place even if your child already attends their nursery or pre-school.

The easiest way to apply is online at https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions/apply-school/2. Applications can be made online using most mobile devices.

The Bishop of Lincoln

Christmas 2024

What does Christmas make you think about? I hope you will hear the Nativity Story, with the baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and angels. I hope you think about special meals too, with the people you love, playing games and pulling crackers!

Christmas is also a time for giving presents. Picture a Christmas present in your heads – a box, covered in colourful paper. The edges of the paper are stuck down with tape, and there's a ribbon tied around the middle. There's a little sticky star in the corner and a gift tag letting you know who it has come from – maybe even from Santa!

Are you going to tear off the wrapping paper quickly because you're so excited? Or are you going to take the wrapping paper off very carefully?

For me, the Christmas Story is like a present all wrapped up. There are lots of stories in the Bible about Christmas, and for me, these stories are like layers of wrapping paper around a very special gift.

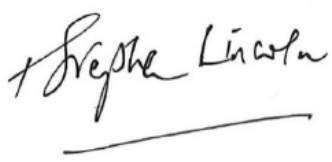
We hear about the angel Gabriel telling Mary that she is going to have a baby and that he is God's own Son. Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem, and the baby is born in a stable because there's no room at the inn. There are shepherds looking after their sheep when they hear this special news, and three wise men travel across the world to see for themselves and bring gifts for the newborn King.

When we hear these stories and imagine taking off the layers of wrapping paper, what is the gift that we find on Christmas Day?

Let me share some words with you from a beautiful poem by Christina Rosetti, which begins: 'Love came down at Christmas.'

I believe that the best Christmas gift is the one that God gives us in his Son, Jesus Christ. It is the gift of Love. The poem goes on to say: 'Love shall be our token, Love be yours and love be mine.' I hope that the gift of Love will be yours this Christmas, and in the love shared between family and friends, I pray you will know that God loves you too.

May your Christmas be filled with peace, joy and love!



The Rt Revd Stephen Conway
Bishop of Lincoln

Waterstones Children's Book Festival



We are proud to present the first ever Waterstones Children's Book Festival, taking place in the historic city of Lincoln from Friday 14 – Sunday 16 February 2025.

Including events with many bestselling and beloved children's authors, including Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Jamie Smart & Neill Cameron, Jacqueline Wilson, Rob Biddulph, Cressida Cowell, Alice Oseman, Phil Earle, Louie Stowell, Serena Patel, Tom McLaughlin and many more, the festival promises a variety of events and an array of other activities to suit all ages.

Featuring author events, events for schools, comic book creation and writing workshops, costume appearances, storytelling and craft activities, the festival will offer a family-friendly celebration of stories and illustration, to encourage the joys of reading, writing and drawing.



Events will take place in different locations across the heart of the city, including The Engine Shed, Southside, Lincoln Central Library, and our beautiful bookshop positioned on the High Street.

Tickets are on sale now and more events are to be announced



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