



THE WASP

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BRINGING PRE-HISTORY TO LIFE

This week, Year 6 have launched their topic of Stone Age-Iron Age. The children learnt what people ate through the ages; they placed artefacts on a timeline and experimented with different types of beaks to introduce their evolution

work in science. The children showed great **tolerance** and **respect** when learning about this aspect of our history. Some were **aspirational** in their costumes and they all showed great **resilience** in trying to (safely) start fires with flint.

LEARNING TODAY FOR LIVING TOMORROW

A GREAT RUN FOR A GREAT CAUSE

In the blistering temperatures of last weekend, our very own Mrs Gage, achieved a phenomenal high: she completed the Great North Run for Cancer Research. After she caught her breath, Mrs Gage said: "The heat

was brutal to be honest, but then in the last 800m of the race we had a storm with a torrential downpour. I went from boiling to drenched in four seconds! Definitely not one to forget!" Well done Mrs Gage. You have shown a tremendous amount of **resilience**! If you would like to sponsor visit: <https://greatnorthrun2023.enthuse.com/pf/louise-gage>



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 16th September
11+ Verbal

Saturday 23rd September
11+ Non-verbal

Sunday 1st October
Civic Service (St Denys')
3pm-4pm

Wednesday 18th October
Y3 Egypt Day

Thursday 19th October
School photos

Friday 20th October
Term 1 Ends

Monday 30th October
Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 31st October
Term 2 Starts

Sunday 3rd December
Santa fun run

Friday 15th December
Christmas disco



Attendance in school

In order to get the most learning out of school of course attendance is key. If children are well enough they should be in school every day. We appreciate sometimes it is difficult to know whether your child is fit enough for school. Please read this useful guide from the NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

PE kits

Physical education is a vital part of your child's school week. Could parents please ensure that their child has a PE kit in school. PE kits can stay in school for the term. If your child forgets their kit we will try to offer an alternative. With that in mind, if you have any items you could donate, please drop them off at the front office.

Water bottles

Please make sure all children have a water bottle in school. We want to make sure everyone stays hydrated!

School uniform

The children are still looking really smart this week—thank you. Please remember that trainers are not part of school uniform but ties are. It would also help us if you could name all uniform. After this week, we shall start writing names on any uniform that are not labelled.

School timings

We thought it might be helpful to remind everyone of the school day timings so that we can have a punctual start to the day.

8.40am Front gate open
8.45am Internal doors open
8.55am School day starts
9.10am School gate closes
3.10pm Front gate open
3.15pm Reception and KS1 home time
3.25pm KS2 home time

If you are late in the morning, please go to the front office. Your child will be marked as 'late' in the register.

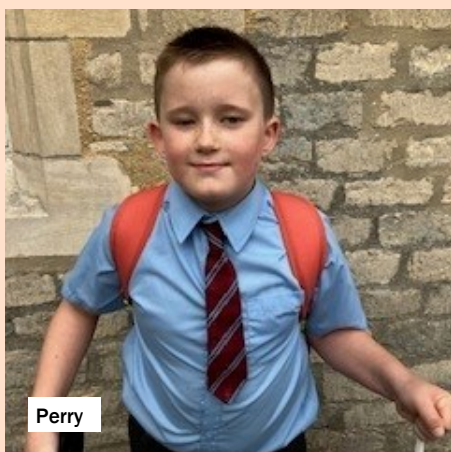
Reading

There is no doubt that the single best thing you can do to support your child's learning is to hear them read. All children from Reception to Year 6 would benefit from reading aloud at home. Ask questions about the story or the characters; talk about the illustrations; predict what might happen next; compare it to other similar stories and discuss why authors have made certain word choices. It will make such a difference.



Headteacher's message

I am so pleased to tell you that I have had another wonderful week at William Alvey. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know the children, parents, carers and staff a little more. There are so many people that have caught my eye this week and far too many to mention individually. However, I would like to make special mention of three children:



Perry

I spoke to Perry on Thursday morning as he came to school with a huge bag of rubbish and a litter picker. He told me how he picks litter up on the way to school. I am super proud of him and wish there were more community heroes like him. Sleaford is beautiful and we all have a role to play in keeping it like that. I hope Perry proves an inspiration to us all in this respect.



Finley

I had a quiz with Finley that ran for two days this week. Finley laid down a challenge that he could name more countries than me. I took up his challenge, kept it going for two days, but he eventually broke me. When I dried up, Finley then reeled off several other countries that he knew. What a genius and I am glad to say I lost to the better man. Well done, Finlaey!

I had a lovely start to my week when Annie came to tell me about her amazing achievements over the weekend. Annie attended a gymnastics competition in Leicester on Sunday. Annie took part in a variety of gymnastic disciplines and won the gold medal for her routine on the beam.



Annie

Could I make two small requests to parents please. The first is to take note of the recent letter I sent out about helping us protect two of our children who have severe nut allergies. The second is to encourage your children to read the article in this week's WASP by Mrs Risdell and see if you can help them find the answer to her question about how many times it rained in Sleaford in the forty days after St Swithin's day this year. I've tried to find the answer but have failed. I'm hoping there is a genius out there, like Finley, who will be able to answer Mrs Risdell when she comes into Monday's assembly.

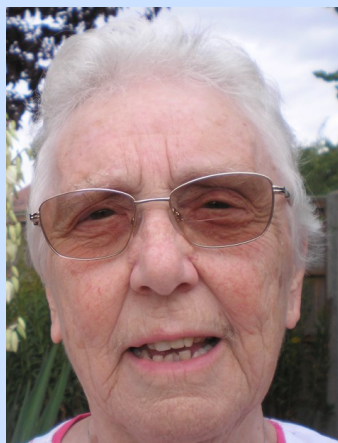
I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Farrington

UNUSUAL WEATHER

Written by Mrs Risdell (Bishop's Visitor)

It was so good to see you all back in school Assembly last Monday. How unusual to be starting the Autumn Term in a heat wave! But we are becoming used to hearing about unusual weather all around the world these days – heatwaves and wild-fires, heavy rain and floods, melting ice etc - in these times of climate change and global warming. We need to think about and pray for all the people affected by these traumatic events.



I wrote a piece for the WASP at the end of last term about old weather sayings and the legend of St Swithin and asked you to count the days when it rained during the 40 days after his day.

When I asked in assembly how many had read the piece only a handful of children said they read the WASP! I have been asked to repeat the information and you have been asked to read it before next Monday when I hope to see you again. Of course you will have to think back about how the weather was during the holidays because the all important 40 days are gone already. I will tell you what I counted next Monday!

Here goes. Have you heard the old sayings, “Red sky in the morning, shepherds warning” and the weather will likely turn bad? Plus, “Red sky at night”, shepherd's delight” means it will likely be sunny and good. See what happens if you see a lovely sunrise or sunset!



The other old saying is about St Swithin.....

*St Swithin's Day if it does rain
Full forty days it will remain.*

*St Swithin's Day if it be fair
For forty days twill rain no more.*

So who was St Swithin and where did this story come from? He was a well loved Bishop of Winchester and died in 862AD and had asked to be buried in a simple grave outside where the rain could fall on it. This was done, but 100 years later the cathedral was restored and a special new tomb was built and

they moved him inside. This happened on 15th July 971AD and forty days of terrible weather followed. So the legend grew up that supposedly the weather on 15th July determines the weather for the next forty days!

This year it DID rain on that day and I asked you to count the days of rain and test it out!

Apparently modern weather records do not really prove it but it is interesting none the less and it means St Swithin is still remembered and you can test it out every year.

Looking forward to seeing you again next week to ask if you read the WASP!



Earn a Blue Peter reading badge

We all know how many incredible readers we have at the Alvey, and now you can earn a Book badge! Designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; to earn your badge, just share your love of books with us by answering some questions. Visit: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

Communication with school staff

Staff will respond to emails between 8am and 5pm Monday-Friday. If you have any queries, we encourage you email the school admin address: admin@william-alvey.lincs.sch.uk or call: 01529 302772 or come and see us if you can.

Parking near the school

Please be mindful when parking near the school. Parents should not be parking at any neighbouring properties like the cemetery or at Checker's down the road.

Car park barrier

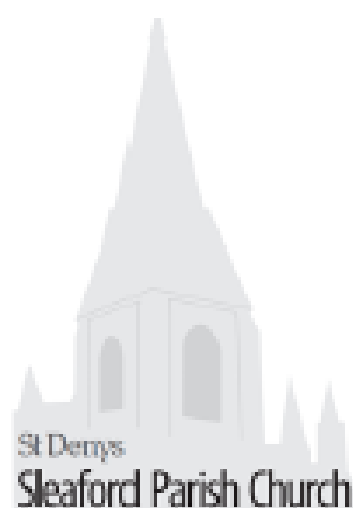
Please make sure you do not walk underneath the car park barrier at the front of the school. Please ensure you use the pedestrian access to the side of the school.

PLEASE



NO PEANUTS OR

NUT PRODUCTS



Commitments

Rehearsals on Fridays:
7-8pm

Services on Sunday
mornings:
9.30-11am

Services on 4th Sunday
evenings:
4.20-6pm



Join the choir at St Denys, Sleaford

The choir at St Denys is seeking junior members to join them from September 2023.

- ⇒ Develop your musical skills further
- ⇒ Receive awards for different levels of singing
- ⇒ Contribute to church services throughout the year, including at special festivals like Christmas
- ⇒ Receive choir pay for both rehearsal and service attendance

Want to know more? Contact Lee: lee.rooke@gmail.com or come along to a taster session: Friday 29th September @ 7pm



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Advance Notice



The gate on the boundary between Lollycocks Field and the Council car park off Eastgate will be closed on weekdays, from Monday 2 October 2023 onwards.

**This gate will be closed from 8am - 4pm
Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays.**

**This is when the car park is at its busiest with cars.
There is no defined path for pedestrians through the car park.**

Please instead use the path which runs straight through Lollycocks, from the bridge by the leisure centre and onto Eastgate. This path was recently widened, resurfaced and given a new ramp onto Eastgate for better accessibility, as part of the Witham/Slea Blue Green Corridor Project.

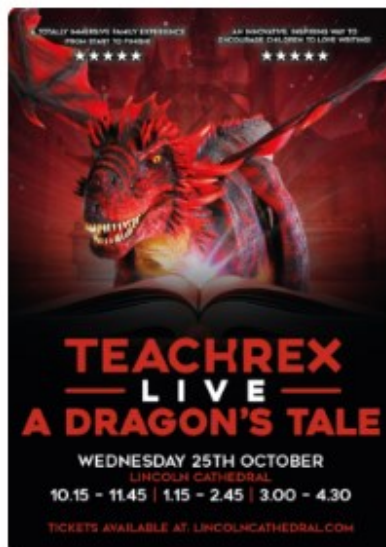
The gate will be open outside those times for those wishing to access Lollycocks and the leisure centre, for example, during public parking hours.

Saturday 16th
September

BOOK
SALE

10-1 at Rainbow
Stars

Family Events



Teach Rex: Dragons!

Wednesday 25 October 2023

This October half-term get ready to be blown away by the wonderful Teach Rex team with their amazing dragons. Tickets available on www.lincolncathedral.com. Don't miss it!

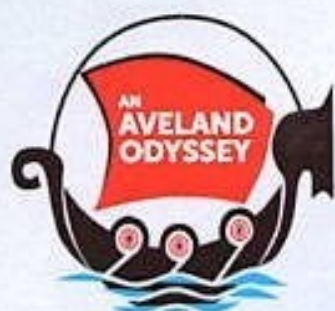
BOOK NOW



Rhubarb Theatre presents...

Friday 27 October 2023

The Gruffalo and The Kiss that Missed interactive storytelling in the Chapter House. Tickets available on the website. Hurry, it gets booked up! <http://lincolncathedral.com/events/half-term-fun-rhubarb-theatre-storytelling/>



AN AVELAND ODYSSEY:

THREEKINGHAM VIKING FESTIVAL

**SAVE
THE DATES**
Saturday 16th
and Sunday 17th
September
2023

Danes Field, Threkingham. NG34 0AP
Just South of A52 Between Grantham and Bicker



Set sail with us for Threkingham, where each day the Vikings Great Heathen Army will re-enact the 870 AD Battle of Stow that took place on this very spot!

Meet the Viking Army in their vast living history encampment, get hands on with their equipment and learn how to live and fight as a Viking. With activities for all ages, an archaeological dig for children, and a comprehensive lecture programme. Watch the violent Battle of Stow unfold before you!

**FREE
EVENT**

Help us Recreate
the Battle
of Stow



Keep checking our website for more details:
www.theavelandhistorygroup.com

as well as our Facebook page: The Aveland History Group



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