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WRITTEN BY MRS SWAIN

New Sensory Circuit Inspires Children

In a heartwarming act of generosity, funds from Mr. Tinsley's (one of our incredible parents) charity football match have been used to install a permanent 'sensory circuit' outside the SEN (Special Educational Needs) room at our school. You may remember from a previous WASP, that Mr Tinsley had organised the charity football match to raise funds for the SEN department to show his gratitude for helping his son, Rocky, to settle in at the William Alvey.

The new sensory circuit is a thoughtfully designed space, incorporating activities that are meant to alert, organise, and calm students. This initiative is already proving to be hugely popular among children in all year groups.

The SEN team, who have long envisioned such a space, expressed their gratitude: "This is something that we have wanted in school for a long time. It will benefit children in all year groups hugely. We are so grateful to Mr. Tinsley for making this possible."

The sensory circuit is already being embraced by students and staff alike, creating a positive and supportive environment that caters to the diverse needs of our children

From everyone at the school, a huge thank you to Mr. Tinsley for his generosity and for making a real difference in the lives of our students.



LEARNING TODAY FOR LIVING TOMORROW

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 5th March
Year 4 to Nene Valley Railway.

Thursday 6th March
World Book Day

Tuesday 11th to Thursday 13th March
Book Fayre in the School Hall

Thursday 13th March 9am-10.30am
Coffee Morning to support Mental Health

Friday 14th March
International Maths Day

Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th March
Parents' Evenings

Friday 21st March
Red Nose Day

Wednesday 26th March
Children of Courage Awards Rotary Club

Tuesday 1st April
Easter Service at St. Denys

Friday 4th April

End of Term 4

Tuesday 22nd April
Start of Term 5

Monday 12th-Thursday 15th May
Year 6 SATS week. Free breakfast club for Year 6 pupils.

Monday 19th May
Maths day for Reception, Year 1 and 2

Tuesday 20th May
Maths days for years 3-6

Resilience

Tolerance

Aspiration

Respect

LOVING THE LIGHT



WRITTEN BY MR FARRINGTON

I hope you and your families had a lovely time over half term. I have noticed a significant difference since returning to school on Monday. Whilst only a small thing in one sense, it has made a huge, positive difference to me. The small thing is

light. This is the first week for as long as I can remember when I have driven to, and from, school in the light. That has lifted my mood. It may be a coincidence but the tired, foggy feeling in my head has gone too. Spring is on its way, and I do hope the change of season is helping you too. It was lovely to hear about Amaryllis and the success she is having at swimming. It was equally great to hear about how proud Esme's mum is of her for achieving her blue belt at kick boxing. Mum was impressed that Esme showed lots of **resilience** practising new kick boxing moves, which were difficult to master. Well done girls – I am super proud of you both!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Mr Farrington



Staff join 'Big Sleepout' to support homelessness



As part of our focus on **Courageous Advocacy**, our school is finding ways to help those less fortunate, especially people without a home. Last year, we made bivvys out of crisp packets to keep people warm and dry while sleeping outside. This year, we're trying something new.

On Friday 14th March, a group of staff from William Alvey will join Peterborough's Big Sleep Out. This event aims to inspire our students and might even lead to our own school sleep out to raise money for homeless people in our local area. The Big Sleep Out raises awareness and funds for two charities: Light Project Peterborough and the Posh Foundation, both doing great work in the community. Between 1st October 2023 and 30th September 2024, 979 people sought support at LPP's Garden House, and 546 of them were moved off the streets and into accommodation. These numbers show how important and impactful their work is.

We hope our involvement will not only raise awareness but also inspire our students to take action and make a positive difference. Anyone who wants to, can donate using our 'Just Giving' link: https://www.justgiving.com/page/william-alvey-primary-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



Chef of the Week

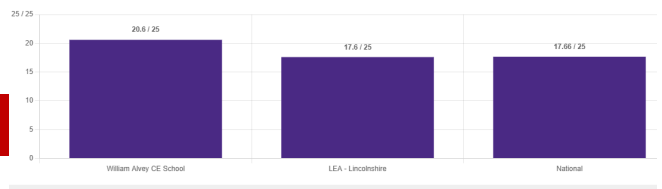
Cookery Club have decided to appoint a 'Chef of the Week' each week. Congratulations to Charlie, the first recipient who gained the award for an outstanding effort and superb **respect** for others during cooking lessons,



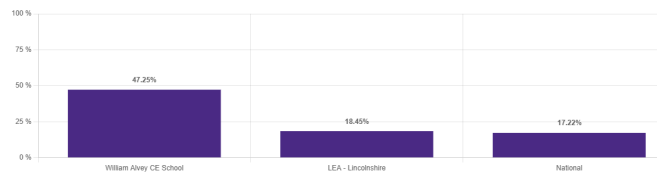
Terrific Times Tables

Written by Mrs Saunders

Being able to quickly recall times tables is an essential skill to enable children to succeed in many areas of maths. In June, all Year 4 children in the country take part in a government set multiplication check consisting of 25 times table questions. Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) allows Year 4 the chance to practise. These results show our current average score as well as how we compare to the local and national results at this point of the year. We are really proud of our pupils for these amazing results! Well done Year 4 children!



Percentage of pupils who scored 25/25



Did we make Pom Poms? "Oh Yes We Did!"

Mrs. Ringrose's class recently embarked on a creative and exciting project, making pom poms to support this year's Billingham Amateur Dramatics Association's production of Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood. Their hard work and enthusiasm were rewarded when they were invited to watch the dress rehearsal on Friday, 14th February. The children had a fabulous evening at the theatre, soaking up the lively atmosphere and enjoying the performance. One of the highlights of the night was when Hatton took on the role of 'judge' and helped Robin Hood pass sentence on the Sheriff of Nottingham. It's wonderful to see our children engaging with the arts and supporting local talent.

Year 6 WW2 Day

Our Year 6 students stepped back in time for an exciting and immersive WW2 Wow Day on Wednesday. Dressed in WW2 outfits, they transformed our school into a vibrant historical scene. The day began with a visit from the Thorpe Camp Visitor Centre, who brought history to life with various WW2 artifacts. Next, the students enthusiastically participated in a 1940s dance session led by Mrs. Savage. The children also had the unique opportunity to experience an air-raid in our own shelter, providing them with a poignant and educational experience. A big thank you to Mrs. Savage and Thorpe Camp for making this day a success.



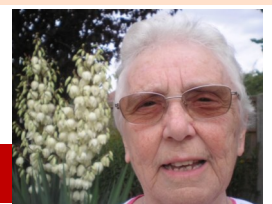
A Visit From the Bishop

Written by Mrs Risdell

Good to see you all in school again last week. Hope you had a good holiday. Last Sunday at St Denys church we welcomed Bishop Stephen of Lincoln to share our worship and preach to us. One of the Bible readings was the story of Jesus on a boat with his disciples on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus was asleep and a storm blew up and the wind and waves were so fierce that even the fishermen disciples were afraid. They woke him up and he calmed the storm and they went safely to shore. The Bishop reminded us of other stories in the Bible about water: Noah told to save the animals from a great flood by building a boat to keep them safe; Moses told to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and the waters of the Red Sea parting to let them through; and John the Baptist baptising Jesus in the River Jordan and the dove came down on his head and God proclaimed him his Son.



I hope you have heard all these stories. When I was chatting to the Bishop afterwards I told him about the Alvey School and how you all come to the church once a term. I showed him the gravestone of William Alvey and he was very interested to learn that we put flowers on it on Alvey Day. We also found we had both been on pilgrimages to the Holy Land over the years and had taken trips on a tourist boat on the Sea of Galilee and had encountered some stormy weather! The photo is one I took of a tourist boat on the Sea of Galilee. They are made to look like the ones the disciples would have known. A really old one thought to be from Jesus's time was found in the mud by the shore. I also told the Bishop how much I enjoy my contacts with you all at school as the Bishop's Visitor.



Join our Coffee Morning



Parents who are wishing to find out more about the new Mental Health Support Team can come into school on **Thursday 13th March**
9am-10.30am



Miller Magic Big Band

VE Day

80th Anniversary Concert
with a 2 course
fish and chip supper

Friday, 9th May 2025

Masonic Lodge Rooms

40s dress optional or
wear something red, white and blue



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Duncan & Toplis, Northgate (cash / cheque)

Raffle and Bar / 7 for 7.30pm

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Sleaford

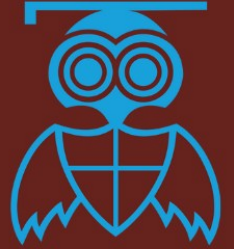
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