



# Newsletter 7

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026



ST ANNE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Easter Message

This week has been a week of joyful celebration at St Anne's including our Easter Service, Easter songs and celebrations such as today's annual St Anne's tradition – The Easter Egg Hunt game. Thank you to all the parents who attended our Easter Service on Monday at church. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you. We will be introducing further opportunities for community involvement in the Summer Term. Each Class will be planning and delivering a Collective Worship at some point over the term, to which their parents and families are invited to join us. See the dates below.

**Year 3: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 8.55 - 9.15am**

**Year 6: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 8.55 - 9.15am**

**Year 5: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 8.55 - 9.15am**

**Year 2: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 8.55 - 9.15am**

**Year 4: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 8.55 - 9.15am**

**Year 1: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 8.55 - 9.15am**

**Year R: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 8.55 - 9.15am**

At our church service on Monday, we learnt that at Easter, we celebrate much more than chocolate eggs and spring flowers. At its heart, Easter is a story of hope, love and new beginnings. It reminds us that even in difficult times, light can break through darkness.

This message connects closely with our school values of **Compassion, Curiosity** and **Confidence**. Each of us has a "light" to share. We shine it when we show kindness to someone who is feeling left out, when we ask questions and share our learning, and when we choose to do the right thing - even when it is not easy.

Like candles, our light grows when we share it. A small act of kindness can spread, creating warmth and positivity all around us. It doesn't take grand gestures - sometimes a smile, a helping hand, or a kind word can make the biggest difference.

Over the Easter holidays, we encourage everyone to carry this message with them. Think about how you can continue to bring light, hope and love into everyday life.

We look forward to welcoming you back, ready to keep shining brightly together.

Happy Easter!

## Change to the length of the School Day

A letter has been emailed to you today with regards to a proposed change to the length of the school day. We propose to change our finish time for all children to **3:20pm**. Currently our finish times are **3:10pm** for Reception/KS1 and **3:15pm** for KS2. This is to ensure that we meet our obligation to meet the Department of Education's new minimum expectation of a **32.5 hour school week** for every pupil. Should the changes be approved, they will **come into effect from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**.

## Red Nose Day

It was great to see the children in their non-uniform and red noses today! We enjoyed some hilarious jokes during our celebration assembly!!! We raised over £100 which will be sent to Comic Relief. Thank you for your support.

## Morrisons Free Breakfast

Morrisons is helping families start the day the right way this Easter, with its popular Kellogg's 'Breakfast Clubs' returning to its Cafés nationwide to offer a free breakfast to adults and children throughout the school holidays.

Families visiting Morrisons Cafés can enjoy a free 'Kellogg's Breakfast', featuring a bowl of cereal and a portion of fruit. Kids and adults can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, served with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk, alongside a free apple or banana.

Running throughout the Easter school holidays and beyond across England, Scotland and Wales, the incentive helps to keep kids fed when schools are closed and extra costs can start to add up. Morrisons also offers its Kids Eat Free programme all year round, where children can enjoy a free meal with any adult meal purchased.

## Heating Oil Payments – FSM Entitled Families

In March, the UK Government announced that it would provide targeted support for households reliant on heating oil who are facing financial hardship because of the increase in heating oil prices and, as a result, are at risk of losing immediate access to heating or hot water.

The funding is being provided to areas with high levels of households reliant on oil as a top-up to the previously announced [Crisis and Resilience Fund](#) (CRF) and on behalf of Lincolnshire County Council, will be administered locally by the Lincolnshire Community Foundation.

As a result, eligible households will receive a £300 prepaid off-grid energy voucher. If the household has no means of





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receiving an electronic voucher, alternative methods will be explored on a case-by-case basis.

To qualify, households must:

- Have a below average income (under £36,000 combined household income)
- Have savings of less than £6,000 after the cost of oil
- Not be on a mains gas supply and use heating oil as the primary fuel for heating and/or hot water
- Be at risk of losing immediate access to heating or hot water due to a lack of heating oil
- Be able to pay the difference between the voucher value (£300.00) and the full cost of the heating oil, including delivery

Applications are now being accepted via the [Crisis and Resilience Fund: Heating Oil Support Scheme – Lincolnshire Community Foundation](#) and are limited to one per household.

Applications will be processed as soon as possible, with an aim to determine eligibility for complete applications within 2 working days, subject to demand and the complexity of supporting evidence.

Further information can be found at [Crisis and Resilience Fund: Heating Oil Support Scheme - Lincolnshire Community Foundation](#). The Lincolnshire Community Foundation can also be contacted via [crf@lincolnshirecf.co.uk](mailto:crf@lincolnshirecf.co.uk) or on 01529 572575.

Please note that the Lincolnshire Community Foundation will be closed across the Easter Bank Holiday weekend, from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 5pm and will reopen on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 9am.

## Term Dates

**Term 5** begins on: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 8.50am.

**Term 5** ends on: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 3.15pm.

**School will be closed on May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May.**

Our full list of Term Dates for this academic year can be downloaded from our school website.

## Attendance

If you need to take your child out of school during term time, please remember to complete an Absence Form which can be collected from the office or downloaded from our website. If the absence is for a doctor's, hospital or

dental appointment a copy of the appointment letter should accompany the form.

Please note absences for any other time off school during term time (e.g. family holidays, birthdays, another family member's appointment etc) will be unauthorised unless the absence is considered 'exceptional'.

Any unauthorised absences of 5 school days, whether this is cumulative or over separate occasions within a 10-week period, will be subject to a fixed penalty fine being issued.

## Free School Meals Entitlement (FSM)

If your financial situation has recently changed, you may find your child is entitled to Free School Meals based on benefits. Please visit [Free School Meals](#) to apply or contact the school office should you have any queries. Even if your child is in YR, Y1 or Y2 and gets lunch each day, it is still worth applying as you will be entitled to additional assistance in school.

## Absence & Illness

Please can all absences be reported at the school office via telephone, email or Parentmail (not via class dojo, adults in the playground or breakfast club staff). Please ensure you specify the nature of your child's illness, as 'unwell' or 'under the weather' are not sufficient to ensure our records are accurate. Please remember to keep children off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhea to avoid passing on infections.

Please use this helpful link for the NHS to check if your child can attend school or not [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

