

St. Faith's Church of England Infant and Nursery School Family Newsletter



16th January 2026



Dear parents, carers, families and friends,

We have had a great week, albeit a cold and damp one!

The children and the children loved it when you joined us for the Writing in Action morning. Thank you to those of you that were able to come along. We have had some lovely feedback so far, including:

"It was really helpful to see how teaching was delivered, the different strategies used to make learning fun and engaging."

"Very helpful to see how all the parts of Writing in Action come together in a full lesson. I think my son was very happy and excited to share this."

"It's a real privilege to get an insight to what our child's day looks like."

Thank you for your lovely comments. If you attended and you haven't left any feedback, please do follow the link <https://forms.gle/sHWV33Y3mUKjzjTy8>. All the feedback is shared with our amazing staff.

This week the teachers have been looking at research on storytelling and the importance of reading and retelling stories. Storytelling is such an incredible tool for developing not only your child's communication and language skills (storytelling exposes children to a richer and more varied vocabulary than everyday conversation. For example, a study by Montag, Jones, & Smith (2015) found that books contain 50% more unique words than typical spoken interactions), but also their personal, social and emotional development (listening to and telling stories helps children understand emotions, empathy, and relationships. They learn to identify characters' feelings and relate them to their own experiences, fostering social awareness). Please do try to have a story each day – and it doesn't have to only be at bedtime!

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued love and support.

Warmest wishes
Amanda Konrath,
Head teacher



Compassion

Our value for this half term is Compassion.

The children will be learning about what it means to be compassionate to others, and how we can do this. They will also be recognising when others show compassion.

Please let us know when your child shows compassion at home, by returning the Values love heart to school, with your wonderful example of compassion.

Thank you.



Diary Dates – new dates highlighted	
Monday 19 th January	Numeracy Challenge talk for families 2pm
Thursday 22 nd January	Reading/Phonics Talk for families 9.10am (repeat from the Autumn term)
Friday 23 rd January	National Handwriting Day School Council visit Cloverleaf
Wednesday 28 th January	Family Drop ins 3.20pm
Thursday 29 th January	FOSF Toy Sale
Monday 2 nd February	National Storytelling Week
Monday 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week Marvellous Me Monday 
Tuesday 10 th February	Family Reading 8.50am - 9.10am
Tuesday 10 th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 11 th February	FOSF Valentine Disco
Friday 13 th February	Last day of the Spring term

Maths talk

We were delighted to welcome almost 40 people to Mrs Wallis' Numeracy Challenge talk on Wednesday, and a further 5 to the Zoom call at 5pm. The talk is repeated on Monday at 2pm in the school hall. Do sign up and come along if you are able.



Social Media

REMEMBER TO LOOK AT OUR CLASS PAGES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE <https://www.st-faiths.lincs.sch.uk/our-class-pages>
YOU CAN FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/StFaithsFamily>

White Rose Maths videos

Videos links are available to help your child with their Maths at home, and to give you an idea of how you can support your child. Please follow the link below for the videos.

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/home-learning?year=year-1-new>

This will take you to the Year 1 videos, as Year 1 is set as a default. You can use the drop-down menu to find Year 2 or Reception videos. The videos are broken down into units of learning and match directly to what the year groups are teaching. The Maths overviews for each term in the planning section on the class pages on our website will show you what unit they are currently learning.

Thank you.

If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.

Reading and Phonics talk

Next Thursday at 9.10am we are having a Reading and Phonics Talk for families. This is a repeat of the talk we had in the October, for new families or for those of you that were unable to attend last time. It is largely aimed at Reception and Year 1 families though all are welcome. We hope to see you there. Please email enquiries@st-faiths.lincs.sch.uk if you would like to attend. This will help staff to plan the session, when we know how many will be attending.

Thank you.

Parking

Please do not park on the school grounds if you do not have prior permission to do so. This is for the safety of our families. Our aim is to be preventative, rather than 'waiting for an accident to happen.' With this in mind, please also be mindful of others, especially pedestrians, when you are parking on the streets surrounding school. Thank you.