

St Sebastian's CoE Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter



Through our Christian Values, we strive to create an inclusive nurturing community where everyone can flourish, unlock their potential and widen their horizons.

Welcome to the new year! At school it already feels like we are into good routines of learning and rekindled friendships for the new year. It is always lovely to see how the children have grown over the summer and full of enthusiasm for their new classrooms, teachers and learning. At the end of the summer, the retiring School Council began to consider how to develop some School Rules based on our vision. The staff contributed to these on the training days and they are now becoming embedded in school life with every class member signing their own copy for display next to the Behaviour Ladder. These are the criteria by which children move their names up and down the ladder and have clarified this for lots of children and adults. Ask your child and see if they can remember them:

Our School Rules
Be kind to everyone.
Treat everyone how you want to be treated.
Always do your best.
Look after your environment.

Over the summer, the contractors have been busy resurfacing what was the 'black area' on the playground. The drainage in this area has been improved considerably which will hopefully stop children getting muddy if they fall on it. It has now been covered in artificial grass (the original plan was for a rubber surface but the contractor felt that the grass would be more hardwearing). The children are delighted with it and love the feel of it which is much softer than the last one and hopefully, more hardwearing.

The new School Council are proudly wearing their badges and starting to think about how to support Grantham Food Bank as part of our Harvest Celebrations – more information to follow.

Our value this term is Thankfulness. We have been thinking about how thankful we are for our beautiful world and combining this with Recycling Week - checking that we are thinking about what goes in our classroom recycling bins.

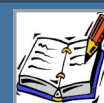
Thank you so much for all your support with ensuring children are in full uniform – they all look so smart. If you struggled to source school shoes or PE shorts (rather than cycling ones) – now is a good time to check again as shops are beginning to re-stock after the September rush. We do ask children about missing uniform and they often feel that they stand out without it.

Finally, our new Pandas are an absolute delight to have in school – they are already settled into school expectations and have impressed so many staff with their excellent attitudes to school and readiness to learn.

As ever, if you have any queries, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Bedford

Term Dates



SEND Parents Evening

Tuesday 24th September

Residential Parents Meeting

Wednesday 25th September
3.30pm

Shine in Church

Friday 27th September 2.30pm

Macmillan Coffee and Cake Fundraiser

Friday 27th September 3.30pm

Harvest Service in Church

Tuesday 8th October 2.00pm

EYFS Phonics Open Morning

Wednesday 9th October 8.50am

Year 6 Residential

Monday 14th-Friday 18th October

Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 15th October

KS1 Class News

Pandas

Pandas have had the Best first two weeks at school. We have made lots of new friends, played lots, started to learn phonics and (most importantly) had lots of fun.



Koalas

The Koalas have settled in well to Year 1 and they are enjoying learning about writing instructions in English.

Polar Bears

What a super start to the year in Polar Bear's Class. We have been following instructions to write secret messages and next week will be writing instructions to make bird feeders too.



In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

(Thessalonians 5:18)

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KS2 Class News

Tigers

We have had a great start to the term and already seeing some fabulous homework on skeletons for science, a model of the story the lion the witch and the wardrobe and here is a wonderful piece of art work linked with our work on the Stone Age. Well done Tigers.



Penguins



Penguins have been enjoying learning about teeth and their functions. We all enjoyed creating models of our own teeth.



Elephants

This week we went to the National Space Centre in Leicester. We had a fantastic time and really enjoyed expanding our knowledge about space.

Giraffes



This week the Year 6 children have been testing a new educational program called Spelling Shed! They have been enjoying the spelling and grammar games and will soon be receiving electronic homework via this platform. All in all, extremely positive feedback all round!

Stars of the Week

Freya W, Samuel, Addison, Kai,
Jaxon, Oliver J



Special Mention

Bodhi, Daisy, James, Oscar Y, Caleb I, Aadya

25 Values Points

50 Values Points

100 Values Awards

125 Values Awards

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Together in faith we aspire to achieve excellence

EYFS OPEN DAYS

DOES YOUR CHILD START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025?

Join us for one of our Open Days on
Wednesday 30th October at 2.30pm
Thursday 7th November at 2pm or 3.30pm

Call our school office or email
to book your place:

01476 565896
amy.parnham@gvsf.school

"This is a very welcoming and inclusive school. Parents
and carers are very positive about their children's
experiences. At the heart of the school are its values."

Ofsted report, 2023



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