

Dear Friends and Colleagues -

As we begin the summer term, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to you all following the Easter break. I hope that the Easter season has offered you time for rest, renewal and reflection, and that you return encouraged and refreshed for the term ahead.

The summer term is often full, fast-paced and richly rewarding, bringing with it opportunities for learning, celebration and growth across our school communities. The Lincoln DBE is deeply thankful for the commitment, care and leadership you continue to provide so faithfully in service to your pupils, families and colleagues.

As we move into the early weeks of term, we are pleased to promote a new set of collective worship resources for St George's Day (23rd April) for primary and secondary schools to use.

The resources can be found here: [Curriculum: collective worship — National Society for Education](#)

St George was chosen to be the patron saint of England in 1350 by King Edward III. Although George never lived in England, he was chosen by King Edward to be the patron saint because of his qualities. George was known for being brave, strong in his beliefs, and willing to stand up for what he thought was right.



This theme is rooted strongly in Scripture. In his first letter to the Corinthians, St Paul encourages believers with these words:

“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.”

(1 Corinthians 16:13)

These words echo the life and witness of St George and offer a powerful focus for collective worship, inviting pupils to reflect on what it means to live with courage, integrity and kindness in their everyday lives.

The Collective Worship resource has been thoughtfully designed to be invitational, inclusive and inspiring. It offers historical background, biblical connections and practical guidance, supporting schools to explore themes of bravery, faith, fairness and standing up for others in ways that are sensitive to the diverse experiences within your communities. We hope you will find it a helpful and flexible resource as you plan worship this term.



As you look ahead to the remainder of the summer term, we wish you every success in all that lies ahead – from assessments and transitions to enrichment activities, worship and celebration.

Please remember that you are not working alone. The Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education team remains ready to support you and your staff, whether through advice, training, school visits, governance support or simply a listening ear.

Thank you for all that you do in nurturing learning, faith and flourishing in our Church schools. We look forward to continuing to work alongside you in the months ahead.

With every good wish for a positive and fruitful summer term,

Canon Paul Thompson
Diocesan Director of Education

Gracious God,

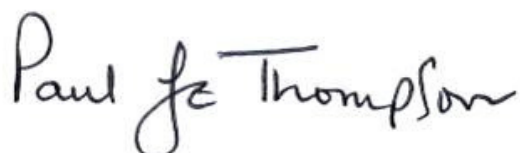
We thank you for the gift of a new term and for the hope and renewal of the Easter season.

Bless all who lead, teach and support in our Church schools.

*Grant wisdom where decisions are needed, patience where challenges arise,
and courage to stand firm in what is good and right.*

*May our schools be places of learning, kindness and flourishing,
and may all who enter them know something of your love and peace.*

Amen.



Guidance for RE leaders and teachers.

Following a number of parental concerns and complaints in recent months, our Diocesan RE Adviser, Gillian Georgiou, has produced a guidance document for RE leaders and teachers. You can find the document [here](#).

This guidance is intended to support colleagues to understand what is appropriate and inappropriate in the RE classroom in line with statutory requirements and expectations.

If you have any questions about this guidance or about RE more generally, please contact Gillian at gillian.georgiou@lincoln.anglican.org.

SIAMS – the published list of schools likely to have a SIAMS inspection in 2026-27



The new list of church schools likely to receive a SIAMS inspection in the academic year 2026–2027 has now been published. It is available on the diocesan website at <https://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/siams> and is also attached for your convenience. Please check carefully to see whether your school is included.

Please note that schools that were last inspected before the Covid pandemic are on an eight-year inspection cycle, whereas schools inspected after the pandemic are on a five-year cycle.

Please remember that the DBE team is here for all your training needs, support and guidance related to SIAMS.

Please see our professional development programme [here](#) or contact us by e-mail or phone for more information.

Calling all Secondary and Primary Schools attending the Lincolnshire Show

Are you attending the Lincolnshire show in June?

Would your pupils be interested in singing or performing a drama in the Diocesan tent?



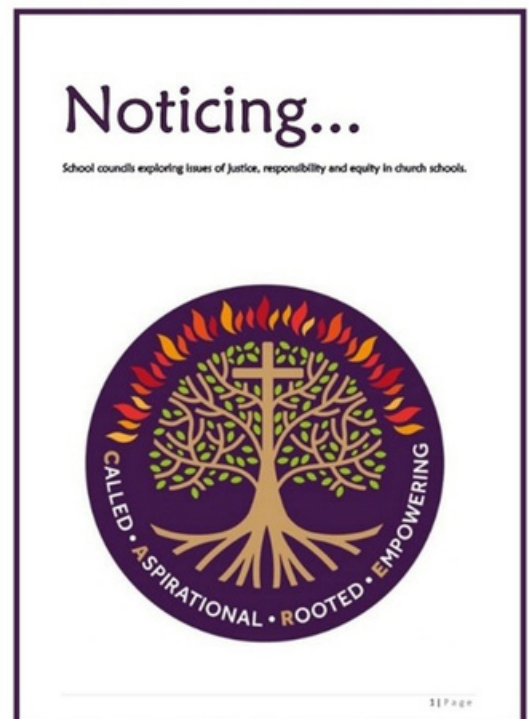
We'd love to invite schools who are attending or considering attending the Lincolnshire Show on the 17th and 18th June to come and either sing or perform a drama or musical piece in the Diocesan tent. If you are able to help, there will be financial support for the cost of your coach to get there. We are looking for two schools each day. For more information or for school to be involved please contact lynsey.norris@lincoln.anglican.org

New Resource from the LDBE – Empowering Pupils to Make a Difference

We'd love to introduce a new resource written by the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education to support your school in developing pupil voice, social justice, and meaningful action. This resource has been created to help pupils independently identify issues of injustice, reflect on what matters to them, and take responsibility for driving change. It is ideal for pupil groups such as school councils and provides clear, accessible support for staff working alongside them.

The materials focus on current issues of social justice and align with national Church of England priorities, including racial justice, sustainability, and care for the environment. They also support the Church of England's *Growing Faith* initiative by encouraging spiritual flourishing, building stronger and more connected communities, and creating natural opportunities for faith to grow within school life.

Through discussion, debate, and reflection, the resource supports oracy and critical thinking, offering practical prompts that act as a springboard for pupils' own ideas and actions. Clear links are made to wider learning areas such as human rights, protected characteristics, and British values, ensuring this work complements and strengthens existing provision.



**The resource is available to purchase for just £60.
You can buy it here: <https://payhip.com/b/FbTaf>**

Thursday 14th May, 2.15-2.45pm (the afternoon post SATS)

Join Joe Wicks live from a Picture News school as he leads a high-energy workout for children to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week.

Schools across the country will be taking part together, discovering how moving our bodies can boost our mood, build resilience, and support our mental wellbeing.

All you need to do is join the live session and get your pupils ready to move! Suitable for: All children in KS1 and KS2.

[Register here](#)



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RE Cluster

Tuesday 28th April, 1:30pm-3pm



Preparing for SIAMS: Empowering All, a culture of active Justice and Responsibility

Thursday 30th April 2026, 10am-12pm



Assesment in RE

Wednesday 6th May 2026, 1pm-3pm



Headteacher Briefing

Thursday 7th May 2026, 10am-11am



Governor and Clerks to Governor Briefing

Thursday 7th May 2026, 5:30pm-7pm



Collective Worship Cluster

Tuesday 12th May 2026, 4pm-5pm



Governor Church School Induction

Thursday 14th May 2026, 4pm-6pm

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