



St Hugh of Lincoln

Catholic Primary School

In faith and love, we learn and grow.

Weekly Newsletter



16th January 2026

Dates for the diary

January

23rd Y4 Class Mass at 9am parents are welcome
23rd Bears at Bedtime KS2 at 4.30-6.25pm

February

13th Reception Class Learn and Share for parents in school hall at 2.45pm.
16th-20th – Half Term

March

3rd Author visit for World Book Week
6th Y2 Class Liturgy 9am parents are welcome
9th Woking Music Festival KS2 School Choir at G Live
13th INSET Day
20th Y1 Class Liturgy at 9am parents are welcome
27th Final day of Spring term early finish 1pm

April

13th start of the Summer Term

Mrs Grace

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our newsletter for week 2 of the Spring Term. This week our Gospel focus was The Baptism Of Our Lord - Matthew 3:13-17

We thought about how water is very important in baptism. It is used to show that we are starting a new life with God. Water is also important for other reasons. There are many ways that we use water every day. The children have been sharing their ideas for how many ways we use it and how we could save water so that we do not waste it.

A special highlight this week was in Tuesday's whole school assembly when Seren from Year 3, supported by Isla from year 6, shared her experience of living with Type 1 Diabetes. She educated all of us on what this condition is and how she manages living with it every day. We were really struck by her bravery and her willingness to help others understand. She shared her own slides speaking with confidence and was able to answer questions from the children at the end of her presentation. Well done Seren! We all really enjoyed learning from you. Wishing you all a very pleasant and peaceful weekend. God bless, Mrs Grace



Safeguarding updates

Online Safety warning

Thank to one of our parents, we have been made aware of an alarming online 'challenge' that we felt we should make you aware of. It seems to be originating on Youtube Kids.

The Hangman Challenge video apparently initially looks as though it is people playing the normal paper game "Hangman" (so wouldn't appear suspicious to a parent or to the child), however, part way through the videos it changes and shows detailed methods of suicide. Please be vigilant when your children are playing online.

Safeguarding

We seek to provide a safe and happy environment for all children. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, or dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible the same day.



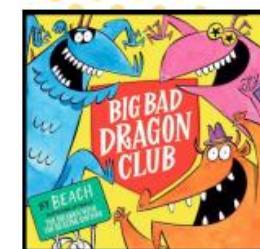
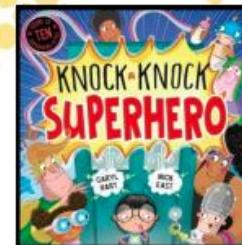
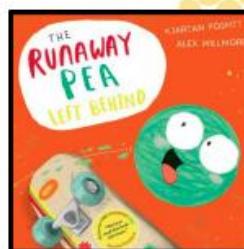
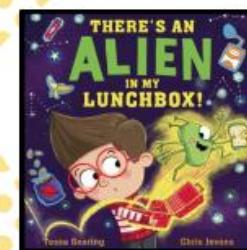
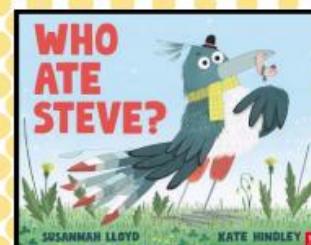
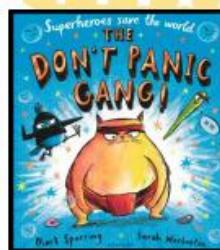
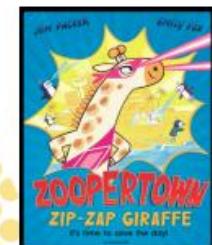
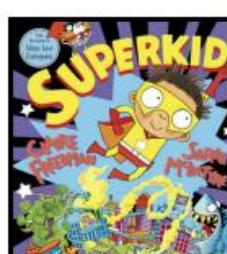
Hampshire Book Recommendations

Please see below this month's book recommendations from Hampshire Library. This can support you with finding engaging books for your children at home. If your children love Supertato, these books could be for them!

Best wishes,
Miss Butler



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you will like these...

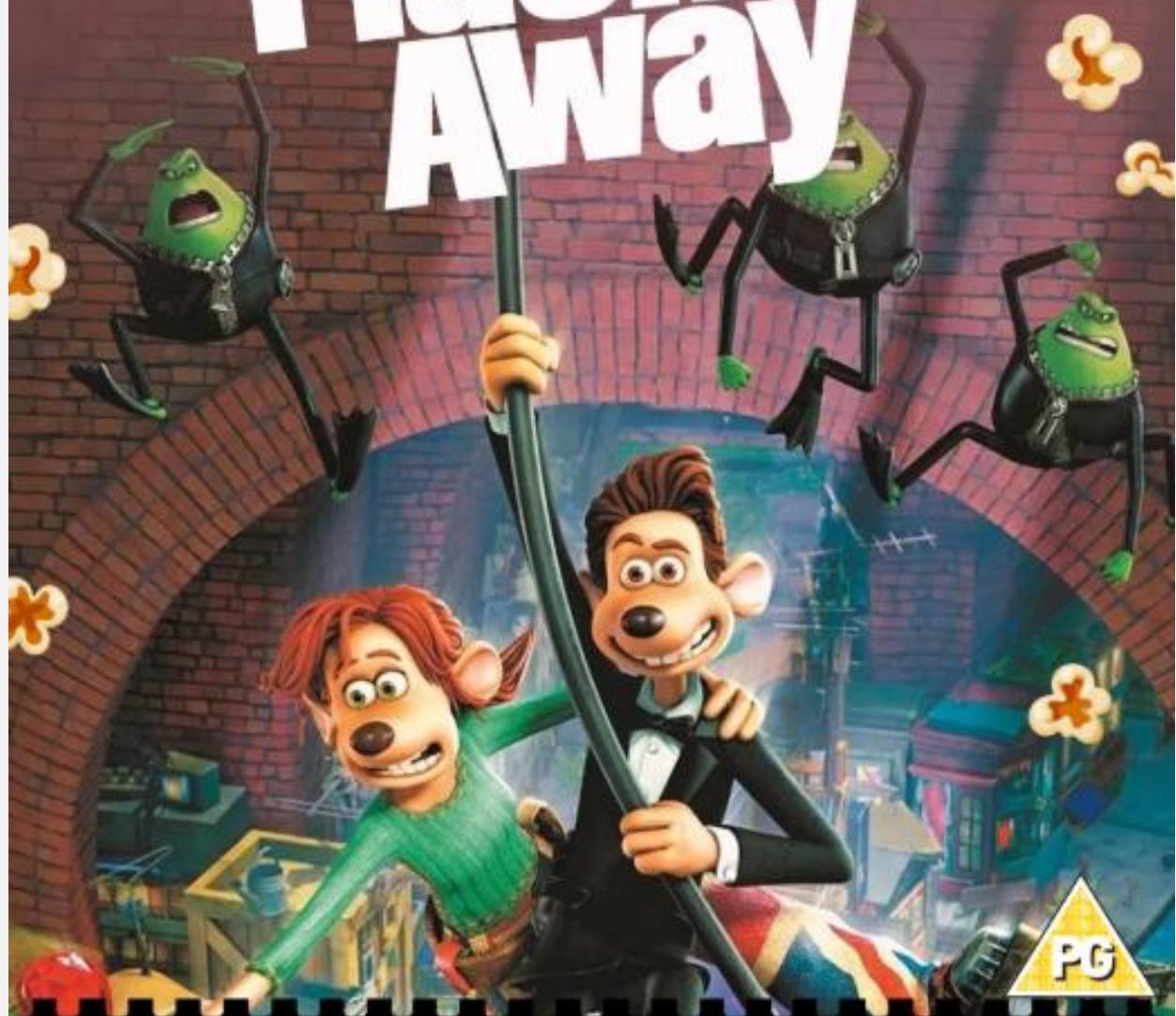


The Friends. Jan 2026: Bears at Bedtime KS2

KS2. Bears At Bedtime.

Date: Fri 23rd Jan

Flushed Away



Time:
4:30-6:25pm
Location:
School Hall

Click here
to book on
Classlist.

Includes
Popcorn &
Squash

The Friends Feb 2026 Events

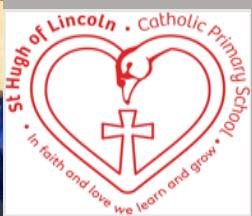
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05	Friends Meeting.	TIME TBC
THURS	School staff room	
13	Year 4 & 5	
FRI	Valentines Bake Sale	15:15
27	School Disco	TIME TBC
FRI	Classlist booking not yet open	

Reception - Saint Bernadette

In maths this week, Reception have been using Numicon, counters and part-part-whole models to explore the composition of the number 5. This practical, hands on learning will really help them with their long-term goal of being able to recall these number bond facts off by heart – well done Reception!



**Read Write Inc.
Phonics**

Group C – <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GIV0DekK/8tVqykIN>
Ditty - <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/R7OmxbF3/Z6ZKYZKh>

Year 1 - Saint George

In RE this week, Year 1 learnt about Jesus in the temple. We listened to the Gospel story and then wrote 'wonder' questions about Jesus as a child. We wondered whether Jesus lived a normal life like children today. Did Jesus learn to walk like us? Did he help his parents at home with chores? In Science, we continued our learning about materials and their properties. We used our soft toys and a range of other objects to explore different materials, before deciding which would be the most suitable for a teddy bear.



Read Write Inc. Phonics

Green group- <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ZkIF1uLf/aahcp8SY>

Orange group - <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/msmjfM3L/T9M1a9vF>

Yellow group- <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/msmjfM3L/T9M1a9vF>



Year 2 - Saint Francis

Another superb week –well done! Continuing with our joined learning in English and Master Readers, the children this week completed a fact file about foxes: their habitat, appearance, diet and interesting facts. Maybe ask your children some questions and you might learn even more about them! In Maths, we have been continuing with money. This week in RE, Year 2 have learned about John the Baptist, Jesus' baptism and how important water is religion and in our lives. In Science, we have explored further objects and whether they can bend, twist, stretch or be squashed. Finally, pupils are gaining more insight into fresh and processed foods, how cheese is made and the journey of a crisp; from potato to being sold as a crisp in our shops!.



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Phonics

Blue Group: <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/rJLzk0bG/2MMEP6HC>
Grey Group: <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/k36HMnIb/6UkPSxGN>

Read Write Inc.
Spelling

This week's spelling rule: Adding the suffix -ing

If a word end in a short vowel (a,e,i,o,u) and a consonant, double the consonant before adding –ing. Example: spotting.

Focus words: here, why, walk, tall, your



Year 3 - Saint Veronica

This week in history we have learnt about the Amesbury Archer. This was a skeleton from the Bronze Age that was dug up in 2002 near Stonehenge! We looked at a few of the 100 objects that were dug up near the site and have learned that he was probably an archer and a metalworker. We also learnt that he was not actually from Britain but would have walked from the Alps in Europe to get here. We completed a match up activity and discovered some of the potential beliefs of Bronze Age people.



**Read Write Inc.
Spelling**

Our spelling rule this week is: Adding the suffix -es

For example: lady → ladies, baby → babies, multiply → multiplies

Orange words: often, enough, through, accident, island, breath

Year 4 - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

In RE this week, the children enjoyed working in small groups where they were tasked with role-playing a discussion about who they thought Jesus was. It was important to include the prophecies of Isaiah and the rules about ritual cleanliness in their discussion. The children based their learning on the scripture Matthew 8:14-17, where Jesus heals many people at Peter's house, including Peter's mother-in-law. This passage helped them understand how Jesus' actions fulfilled Isaiah's prophecies and showed his compassion and authority through healing.



Our special focus in spelling this week is: recapping adding the prefix 're'.

Examples: reappear, reheat, renew.

Orange words: various, grammar, guard, ordinary, perhaps, suppose.

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Year 5 Saint Raphael

This week, Year 5 got some hands-on experience experimenting with different materials and separation techniques for their Science topic 'Separating Materials'. They used sieving to separate sand and rice and looked at how different factors affected the outcome. They also experimented with magnets and wrote up the steps to their investigations. Over the next few weeks, the children will be using different separation techniques and varying factors to plan and record experiments.

In English, the children have really impressed us with writing their persuasive letters from 'Jim', the main character in our text 'Street Child', to 'Rosie' who he is appealing to take him in from the workhouse. They have used exaggeration, emotive language and rhetoric questions to great effect. Their clarinet lessons have continued, and they have shown great responsibility for caring for their instruments and a wonderful desire to learn – keep it up Year 5!



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Spelling

Our 6 orange words are: pronunciation queue recognise recommend relevant restaurant rhyme



Year 6 - Saint Maximilian Kolbe

The children were excellent role models in Mass on Friday – leading the proceedings and being so clear and articulate. Father Rob was very complimentary. In Maths this week we are tackling algebra – looking at rules, expression and formulae. In RE we continue our look at the gospel of John and are using Godly Play to relive the miracles. In science we are building on our work last week on classification and are looking at microorganisms. The children are working in groups and are investigating who can grow mould the quickest and what are the best conditions. We also looked at harmful and useful microorganisms.

Our 6 orange words are: Exaggerate, Existence, Sacrifice, Available, Controversy, Environment

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Spelling**





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- Social, Emotional & Mental Health
- Cognition & Learning
- Physical & Sensory
- Navigating the System & Signposting to Support

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Date: Wednesday 14th January 2026 - Wednesday 11th February 2026
Time: 9.30am - 11.30am
Location: St John's Primary School, Knaphill

To book your place, please complete the link below or speak to your school SENCO

Rachel Pickard: rpickard@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk

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Thank you to all the parents and carers who make voluntary contributions to our School Development Fund.

At St Hugh we want to provide the best education to enable every child to thrive, and with your support, your child can enjoy even richer learning experiences.

Our School Development Fund turns parent contributions into meaningful enhancements, from vibrant classrooms to exciting opportunities that go beyond the everyday curriculum. Whether it's upgrading facilities, investing in innovative learning tools, or creating inspiring spaces, your donation helps ensure your child has the best possible environment to learn, grow, and thrive.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, the School Development Fund has already supported a range of exciting improvements and enrichment opportunities, including:

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- Upgraded classroom technology, including interactive whiteboards and tablets
- Our new History Timeline
- Choral Singing Programme

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