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TO: ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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Dear Parents/Guardians

FEBRUARY 2026 – NEWSLETTER

We have had a very busy few weeks with plenty of news to share.

Congratulations

This week the school held the interview for the next head teacher of St Hugh's. There were 2 candidates interviewed. After a very full day of tasks, Miss Maria Blood was the successful candidate.

I would like to congratulate Maria on becoming the next head teacher in September 2026.

It is a privileged position, working with a successful and dedicated staff and governors and alongside yourselves as supportive parents. Maria brings 18 years experience as deputy head and is excited for the future and I wish her a happy and a prosperous future.

Assemblies and Liturgies

The children began the term celebrating Epiphany Mass with Canon Geoffrey. We were joined by parents and the children prepared the Gospel drama reading and singing with reverence, making it a special start to the new year.

We finished the term with Keystage 2 taking part in Adoration with Deacon Kevin.

The Infant children enjoyed a trip to St Peter and St Paul's Church this term. They discussed how we celebrate in Church saying Mass and prayers. The children talked about how families celebrate by having their babies baptised as they are joining God's family. The children also learnt about altar servers and how they help Canon Geoffrey celebrate Mass.

Mayor's Visit

The Mayor of Lincoln, Councillor, Bill Mara visited school on Tuesday 10th February 2026 for his official birthday. The Mayor answered a number of children's questions and they sang "Happy Birthday" and gave him a card with an illustration by Ethan and Shane from Year 5. He is the 819th Mayor of Lincoln!

Well-being news

The School Wellbeing Team hosted a tea and coffee afternoon this week. Parents were invited to join teachers and children for a biscuit and chat at the end of the day. It was a really successful and relaxing meeting. Thank you to everyone who came to support the event. The School Council and Mini Vinnie's cake sale was a huge success and was sold out. Thank you to all parents and children who brought in cakes, and Mrs Kendall-Piperissa and Miss Rudge for providing a selection of cuddly toys.

Music News

The Infant and Junior Choir and the Drummers have entered the Music and Drama Festival.

Mrs Hargrave –Nanton has been preparing a number of children in both Keystages for the poetry speaking competition. They have all been preparing for the event next term and we will keep you posted on how they perform.

Sport

Well done to our girls year 5/6 team, who came 2nd in their 6 a side Utilita Lincolnshire tournament this term. They played some excellent football and made it through to the final after a 5 v 0 win and without conceding a goal until the final. In the final they lost narrowly in a close game 1 v 0. They also had another tournament in February ending up runners up. Well done.

We resume swimming after the February half term at Yarborough Sports Centre. Mrs Cook's and Mrs Kendall-Piperissa's class will be attending. Well done to Mr Gosling's class who all did very well with their distance badges.

We were excited to welcome Liz McTernan to the school for the Great Athletes event earlier this term. Liz is a paralympic athlete who competed in Elite ITU Paratriathlon in 2011 where she won two silver medals at both European and World level and then again winning bronze in 2012. She then went on to become the second female wheelchair athlete to complete the Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawaii, in 2018. Charity Fund raising We celebrated all the children's exercises with a special whole school assembly. Well done to Hallie who received a special wrist band for putting so much effort into her exercises. It was an inspiring morning. Activities raised sponsorship money for charity.

PTA News

Thank you to the PTA who have been very busy. We finished the term with Palentine's Day which has boosted funds for the school. Monies raised will be split between school and the charity Let Them Eat Cake. Many thanks for your support.

Trips

Keystage one has enjoyed trips to the Castle this term. The children had an exciting time making shields so we could be seen on the battlefield. They held a pretend banquet and had great fun dressing up as king and queen, lord and lady, servers, jester and dancers! They walked all around the walls of the castle learning about the different parts. Finally they went down into the castle basement to explore some armour and try out archery skills.

Reception intake for 2026

We still have places available for September 2026 please use the link below.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school/2>

The national closing date for applications has now passed and the window for LATE applications is now open. We would recommend that any applications are made as soon as possible. Please do share this information with any friends or family members who may be in this position.

Finally

Thank you all for your continued support. Thanks also to all the Governors who played an important part in the headship interview. I hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing the children returning for their learning on **Monday 23rd February 2026**. I look forward to my final 3 terms working alongside everyone!

Yours sincerely

Gregory Hughes

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