



THE CONINGSBY CONNECTION!

SEPTEMBER 2026 WEEK 2



We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled back into school this term. They have returned with enthusiasm, positivity, and a real eagerness to learn, making the start of the year a fantastic success. Across the school, there has already been some excellent learning taking place, with children demonstrating curiosity, resilience, and a determination to do their very best. Alongside their classroom achievements, pupils have embraced exciting enrichment opportunities, helping to develop new skills, interests, and confidence.

It has also been wonderful to see new friendships forming and familiar ones growing even stronger. The kindness, respect, and sense of community shown by our children truly reflect the values we hold dear at Coningsby St Michael's.

Coningsby St Michael's continues to be an absolute delight to be part of, and we are excited for all that this term has in store. Thank you to our families for your ongoing support as we work together to help every child

Believe, Aspire and Succeed.

HOW LAAT SUPPORTS SCHOOL

Our role is to support our schools and help them thrive. We bring together colleagues with expertise across education, finance, HR, estates, health and safety, data and operations, who work alongside school teams to provide advice, support and practical help. By sharing this expertise across LAAT, we can ease pressure on busy school leaders and give them more time to focus on what matters most: giving every child the best possible education.

What does LAAT do?

We provide specialist support in areas including:

- Education and school improvement – leadership development, curriculum, teaching and learning, assessment and inclusion.
- Finance – helping schools manage resources effectively and meet financial and regulatory requirements.
- People and HR – recruitment, employee relations, wellbeing, training and professional development.
- Payroll and pensions – providing accurate and reliable administration for school colleagues.
- Operations and administration – supporting the efficient day-to-day running of schools.
- Health and safety – helping schools maintain safe environments for pupils, staff and visitors.
- Data and insight – supporting informed decision-making and school improvement.
- Governance – working with school and Trust governance structures to ensure effective processes and compliance.

What doesn't LAAT do?

Being part of LAAT does not mean every school becomes the same. Schools retain their individual identity, character and connection to their communities.

LAAT does not:

- Decide how individual schools organise their classes or classrooms.
- Set day-to-day school routines.
- Choose class names, displays or decorations.
- Decide which trips, celebrations, events, clubs or enrichment activities take place.
- Interfere with PTAs or Friends groups.
- Decide which local traditions schools maintain.
- Replace the relationship between schools, parents and their communities.
- Dictate how schools engage with their local communities.
- Set each school's calendar and events programme.
- Control how schools communicate with families, provided they meet Trust standards.
- Make every spending decision for schools; school leaders manage their delegated budgets within the Trust's financial framework.



PROUD TO BE PART OF LAAT!



At Coningsby St Michael's, we are immensely proud to be part of the Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust (LAAT). As a family of schools, we share LAAT's vision of Excellence, Exploration and Encouragement, all powered by Equity.

These values are at the heart of everything we do. We want every child to experience excellence in their learning, explore new opportunities with confidence, and feel encouraged to achieve their very best. Most importantly, we are committed to ensuring that every child receives the support, opportunities and care they need to thrive, regardless of their starting point.

Being part of LAAT means that we benefit from working alongside other schools, sharing expertise and continually striving to improve outcomes for all children. The Trust has high aspirations for every pupil and encourages us to be ambitious in our vision, ensuring that every child is supported to achieve success both academically and personally. Together, we are creating a nurturing, inspiring and inclusive environment where every child is empowered to Believe, Aspire and Succeed. We are proud to be part of a Trust that places children at the centre of everything it does and shares our unwavering belief that every child can flourish.



WANTED!!!



★ YEAR 6 PREFECTS WANTED! ★

Could This Be You?

At Coningsby St Michael's, we are looking for enthusiastic, responsible and caring Year 6 pupils to become our new School Prefects.

As a Prefect, You Will:

- ✓ Be an excellent role model for younger children
- ✓ Help during Collective Worships
- ✓ Welcome visitors and proudly show them around our school
- ✓ Support staff and pupils across the school
- ✓ Represent our school values every day
- ✓ Be someone others can look up to

We Are Looking For Someone Who:

- ★ Follows school rules consistently
- ★ Is kind, respectful and trustworthy
- ★ Is a good listener
- ★ Is a supportive friend
- ★ Shows responsibility and leadership
- ★ Is proud to be an advocate for our school
- ★ Always tries their best

Being a Prefect Is a Privilege

This is an exciting opportunity to make a real difference to our school community, develop your leadership skills and help make Coningsby St Michael's the best it can be.

Do You Have What It Takes?

Could **YOU** be our next Year 6 Prefect?

Apply now and show us why you would make an outstanding role model for our school community!

Application forms are to be collected in Mrs Eden's office.

CREATING AN IRRESISTIBLE PLACE OF LEARNING!

At Coningsby St Michael's, we are committed to making our school an irresistible place of learning. We believe that children thrive in environments that inspire them, spark their curiosity and make them feel valued. An outstanding school is not just about excellent teaching and learning. It is also about creating spaces that are welcoming, attractive and designed with children in mind.

Over the past year, we have invested significant time, effort and resources into improving our school environment. We wanted every area of the school to reflect the high aspirations we have for our pupils and to ensure that our surroundings are as engaging as the learning that takes place within them.

We are delighted with the improvements that have been made across the school. New flooring has transformed many of our learning spaces, replacing tired carpet tiles with bright, modern and durable surfaces that have instantly refreshed classrooms and communal areas. The difference has been remarkable, creating spaces that feel lighter, airier and more inviting.

One of our most exciting developments has been the creation of our beautiful Enchanted Forest Library. This magical space has quickly become a favourite with children, providing an inspiring environment where they can develop a love of reading and immerse themselves in wonderful books.

Our commitment to inclusion has also seen the development of a dedicated SEND Hub, providing a nurturing and supportive environment where children can access the help they need to flourish and succeed. Alongside this, improvements to our Forest School area, including new pathways, have enhanced accessibility and opened up even more opportunities for outdoor learning and exploration.

Our youngest learners have also benefited from investment in new furniture within EYFS, creating engaging and purposeful spaces that support play, discovery and early development.

While we are incredibly proud of what has already been achieved, we are equally excited about what lies ahead. Plans are already underway for a new Sensory Room and additional Inclusion Spaces, ensuring that we continue to meet the diverse needs of all learners and provide the very best environment for every child.

These developments are far more than cosmetic improvements. They reflect our unwavering commitment to providing a school where children feel inspired, safe and excited to learn every day. We are proud of the progress we have made and look forward to continuing our journey of making Coningsby St Michael's an irresistible place to learn, grow and belong. ✨

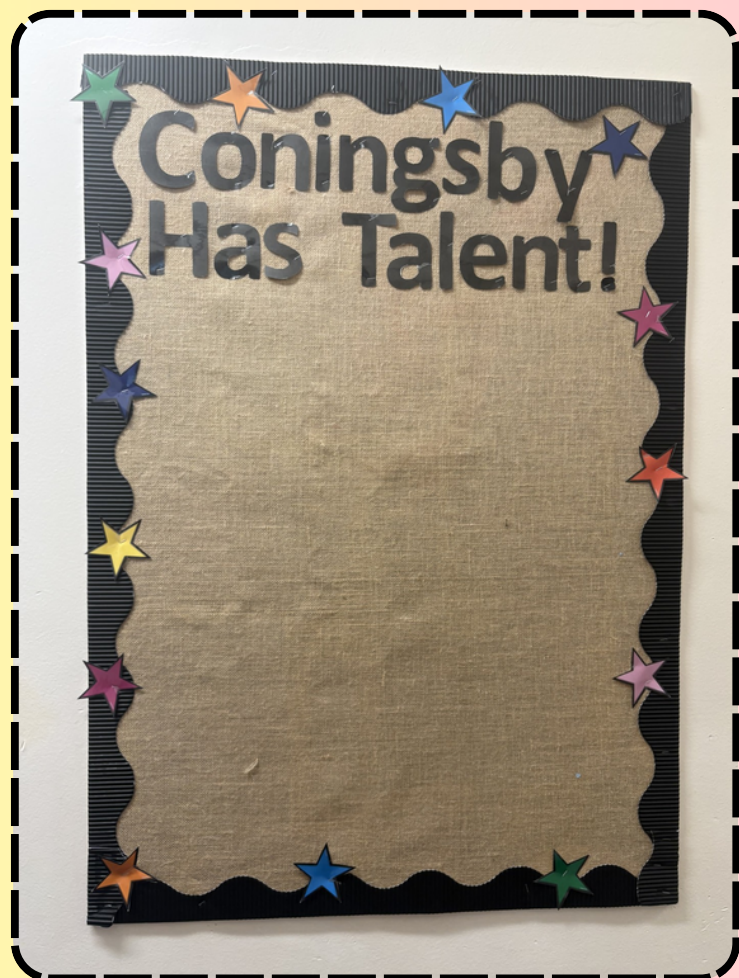






Our investments outdoors!





CONINGSBY HAS TALENT!



Celebrating the Many Talents of Coningsby!

At Coningsby St Michael's, we know that our children are talented in so many different ways, and we want to celebrate those achievements with our whole school community!

Whether your child has achieved something through sport, swimming, music, dance, drama, martial arts, Scouts, Beavers, Brownies, Guides, horse riding, gymnastics, or any other club or activity, we would love to hear about it. We are creating a special Celebrating Our Talents Board and our aim is to fill it with photographs and achievements that showcase the incredible talents, dedication and success of our pupils. We know Coningsby is full of talented children, and we want everyone to have the opportunity to shine!

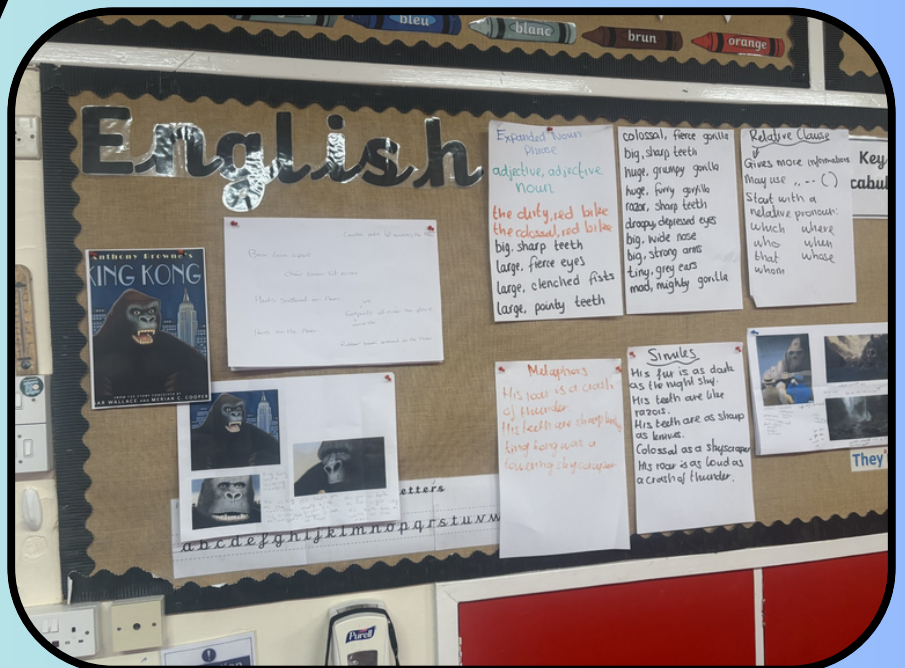
Has your child won a medal? Passed a grading? Learned a musical instrument? Performed in a show? Achieved a swimming award? Taken part in a community project? We want to celebrate it all!

Please send photographs and a brief description of your child's achievement to our school enquiries email address. I will ensure they are printed, displayed and shared so that we can celebrate the wonderful talents of our children together.

Let's show everyone the amazing things our pupils achieve beyond the classroom and fill our board with success stories that make us all proud!

☀ We know Coningsby has talent... help us show it off! ☀

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?



SUPPORTING ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is one of the biggest factors in helping children achieve their full potential. National guidance continues to place a strong emphasis on the importance of children attending school regularly, and within LAAT we share the ambition that all children should strive for 96% attendance or above.

We understand that there will be times when children are genuinely unwell, and we are committed to working closely with families to support good attendance and overcome any barriers that may arise. By working together, we can ensure that every child has the very best opportunity to succeed both academically and socially.

☀️ Introducing Our Attendance Rewards Scheme! ☀️

To help encourage and celebrate excellent attendance, we are launching a brand-new attendance reward initiative for all children.

Every pupil will receive their own Attendance Chart and have the chance to earn stickers and win some exciting prizes along the way.

Here's how it works:

- ✓ Achieve 96% attendance or above for the week
- ✓ Earn a sticker for your attendance chart
- ✓ Fill a row on your chart
- ✓ Visit Mrs Eden and choose a reward from the Prize Box

And trust us... Mrs Eden had great fun shopping for the prizes! 📺

We hope this new initiative will be a fun way to celebrate the commitment and resilience shown by our pupils. Every day in school counts, and we can't wait to see our attendance charts filling up with stickers and lots of children earning rewards.

***Every Day Counts. Every Lesson Matters. Every Child Matters.
Let's work together to make this our best attendance year yet!***

