



Parent/Carer Newsletter

5th March 2026



You can give away happiness with a smile and a kind word.

Key dates for Parent/Carers

Tues 24th Feb - Tues 24th March

Class Lindgren

	Swimming Lessons
Thursday 5th March	Zones of Regulation 2.30 pm at All Saints
Thursday 5th March	Dress up for World Book Day
Friday 6th March	Book Swap
Thursday 19th March	I rock Concert 2.30 pm
Tuesday 24th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 26th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 26th March	Y4 Easter Service - 2.30 pm
Friday 27th March	End of term
Mon 30th March - Fri 10th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 13th April	Term starts
Wednesday 20th May	School Photographer Class photos
Mon 25th May - Fri 22nd May	May Holiday
Monday 1st June	Inset day

What's in the Newsletter this week?



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Dear Parents & Carers

Our first week back after half term was a busy one and we will continue that theme this week! Last week we began our inter house football tournament with each year group splitting into their houses and competing against each other in a mini-league format. Each year group will have a winning house as well as having an overall All Saints winner by adding up each year group's points accumulated. Once all year groups have completed their mini

tournaments we will announce the winner in assembly at the end of the week and report here in the newsletter next week!

Last Thursday, we hosted the annual Maidenhead Rotary Writing Competition finals where the winners from each school in Maidenhead were selected to read and perform their entries. The task this year was to write a poem about nature and Andrei in year 6 was our school winner. He was part of a group of children from all other schools to perform their poems to a large live audience and an overall winner was chosen. We are very proud to say that Andrei finished 3rd overall out of all schools and was delighted with the result. It was an inspiring evening to watch and listen to so many brilliant children share their wonderful work. Well done Andrei!



World Book Day

It's that time of year again when World Book Day is nearly here! World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 5th March** and we hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate our World Book Day in school by dressing up as your favourite character.

All Saint's Book Swap – This is a perfect opportunity for children to trade in books they have already read for another book that will interest them. A big thank you to all parents and pupils who have brought in books for the book swap! **The Book Swap will take place on Friday 6th March, during the school day.**

The image shows the type of activities the children will be doing on World Book Day, although we have spread plenty of other activities through the week!

Date	Activity	Details
Tuesday 24 th February	Create a Board Game competition - deadline	Get creative for World Book Day. Create a board game which represents your favourite book/character.
Monday 23 rd February – Friday 27 th February	Book Swap donations	Send in unwanted books for the book swap. Please only donate books for primary aged children that are in good condition and ready to go to a good home.
Wednesday 25 th February- Friday 27 th February	Scholastic Book Fair	Come along and purchase some brand new books! Children can use their World Book Day voucher to have £1 off of ONE book!
Thursday 5 th March	Dress Up for World Book Day	We invite children to dress up for World Book Day, you can dress up as your favourite book, book character or author.
Friday 6 th March	All Saints Book Swap	Children will be able to redeem their tokens for a new book, during the afternoon.

Thank you for reading and we hope you have a lovely rest of the week!

Mr Mckrell

Deputy Headteacher

And I will always guide you and satisfy you with good things. I will keep you strong and well. You will be like a garden that has plenty of water, like a spring of water that never goes dry.

(GNT Isaiah 58:11)

Ofsted

You may already be aware that Ofsted have changed the way they inspect schools and the format of their reports to parents. There is a short, informative YouTube video that explains this - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbl0FvY976g>

Spotlight - Shelley

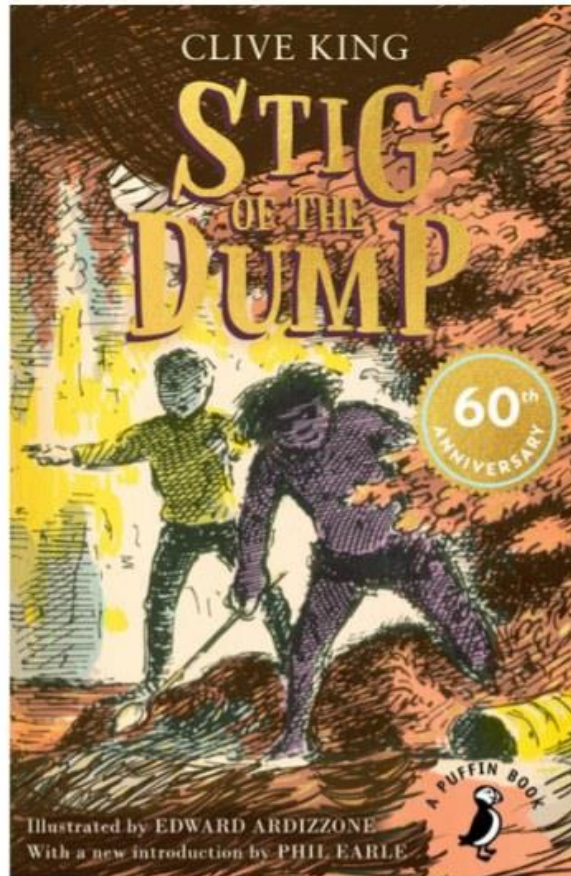
A grey, and very wet, first half of the Spring Term which left the children either with wet socks or trapped inside during break times, but it certainly did not hamper the enthusiasm and excitement for learning in class. The children continue to thrive in Year 3 and have shown great curiosity and determination. A, very busy, first term packed with a variety of subjects, including a setting description of the Magic Shop, multiplication and division (with groovy rock songs added), a Stone Age reading adventure, volcanoes, miracles, castle constructions, rocks and soils (who knew they could be so interesting) and so much more!

English Writing

In English, the children learnt, and were able to recite, a setting description of a Magic Shop by HG Wells. This provided them with a framework and toolkit to write a setting description of a shop of their own choosing. It was good to see the children magpie the vocabulary and structure used in the Magic Shop to improve their own descriptions. We continue to focus on improving punctuation and handwriting, in particular. The children are practising their handwriting every day and now need to start applying this consistently across all their written work.

Reading

Stig of the Dump, by Clive King, proved to be a discovery and adventure and linked fantastically with our prior Stone Age learning in History and our Science topic this term of rocks and soils. The children thoroughly enjoyed this adventure that attempts to solve an age-old mystery too!



Book Review

Book reviewed by: William

Title: Stig of the Dump

Author: Clive King

Non-fiction Fiction

What is the book about?
It's about a boy called Stig and some other boys who go to a dump.

Who would this book be suitable for? Age/interest:
Years 4-6 and anyone who likes books about Stig.

Would you recommend this book? Why?
Yes, because it's a good book about a boy who lives in a cave.

★★★★★

Book Illustration

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Title: Stig of the Dump

Author: Clive King

Non-fiction Fiction

What is the book about?
A boy called Benny and his Stone Age friend called Stig.

Who would this book be suitable for? Age/interest:
A person who likes History.

Would you recommend this book? Why?
I would because it's fun and it's a good book. I would rate it 4 out of 5.

★★★★☆

Book Illustration

Maths

Our focus has been on multiplication and division, learning written and mental methods to solve problems and finding patterns in the 2, 4 and 8 times tables that helps us to remember facts more easily. The children are applying this knowledge in the 99 Club too and are making great progress, motivated to reach the next level. They are now marking their own work, learning from the mistakes they are making.

Science

The children have been learning about different types of rock, and their characteristics and uses, and soil. The children loved knowing more about rocks and this led to many searches in the playground for that illusive new rock and maybe a sharp flint too. The children examined soil close-up with magnifying glasses and discovered how complex and interesting a bit of soil can be. They were amazed to find out that it is estimated that 1cm of new soil takes 500 years to form.





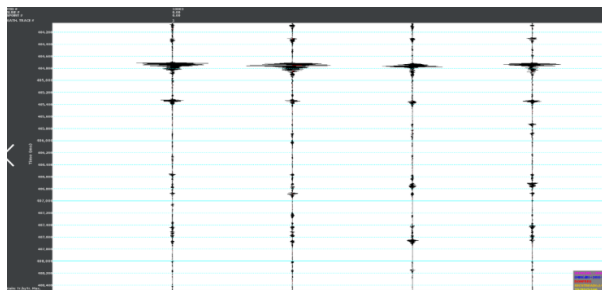
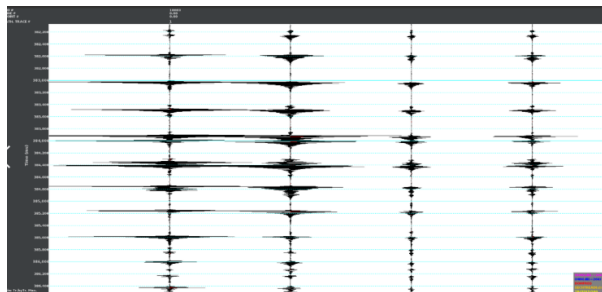
Geography

Volcanoes was a very popular topic and lots of facts and knowledge were gathered about the layers of the earth, tectonic plates, how mountains are formed, different types of volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis and so much more. We used atlases to find volcanoes and pinpoint the explosive Ring of Fire. A very certain highlight, however, was a visit from Mr O'Toole (a Shelley Class Parent) who came to share his knowledge of seismic waves, how they are measured and how the knowledge is applied and teaches us much about the layers of the earth and earthquakes. He also explained to the children how this knowledge is used when ground works are done for building projects. The children used their feet to create vibrations (their own seismic waves) and seismometers were used to record the strength of the waves. A huge thank you to Mr O'Toole for taking the time to come and share fantastic real-world knowledge and applications to complement the children's learning.





Here are some graphs showing the seismic waves (measured with seismometers) that the children made during Mr O'Toole's visit. The first one is when the children were taking turns to jump individually and the second is when they jumped as a class.



RE

In RE, we were learning more about Christianity and considering the question of whether Jesus could heal people. Did he perform miracles or is there some other explanation? We read, from the bible, the miracles of Jesus healing the leper, the healing of the blind man

and the man through the roof. We had many good, respectful and probing discussions and, in the end, most children (whether they believe it or not) concluded that Jesus did in fact perform miracles as he was the Son of God. This term we will discover what is good about good Friday and learn more about why Easter is so important to Christians.

DT

An exciting term in DT building 3D castles. The children designed and planned their castles on paper first, and then gradually built their castles with cardboard including turrets, battlements and drawbridges. Painting and decorating provided the final finish. Thank you to all parents for their support in supplying countless pieces of cardboard from home in various forms and sizes.





We kicked off this week with World Book Day activities. A first on-line session with Michael Rosen and the British Library introduced funny food stories from all over the world. The children have also already had an opportunity to write their own 10 Sentence Story.





Notices

School Swimming Lessons

Before half term class Owens completed their swimming lessons and now it's class Lindgren's turn at Braywick. This has been received positively and it's great to see the children enjoy the water. Please do consider maintaining their progression as....



by the end of year 6 children are expected to be able to swim:

- At least 25m
- Demonstrate a variety of strokes e.g. front, back and breaststroke.
- Perform self-rescue skills

Year 3 are swimming in the Summer Term, and we are currently trying to get some pool time for Year 6 to have extra swimming lessons too.

If your child has not yet visited a swimming pool please consider taking them, they'll love it and it's a great family activity to share!

Learn a skill for life and enjoy the health benefits of swimming.

Bikeability

These courses are returning to school in the Summer 1st – 3rd July, the exact dates will be confirmed subject to numbers attending.

This is an opportunity not to be missed!

1st & 2nd July, Level 1 for riders in year 4 who didn't do it in the Autumn.

1st & 2nd July, Level 2 for riders in year 5/6 who didn't do it in the Autumn.

3rd July, Level 3 for riders in year 6 only who completed level 2 in year 5 or in the Autumn.

Parents pay £5 whilst RWBW fund the remaining cost.



You will need in a serviced bicycle and if you are happy to share your bike with a friend it would help others complete the course. Please let the school office know.

Children will need their own helmet but if you need help with this, please contact the school.

Further information about the courses can be found below:

Level 1 is perfect for year 4. A course based on the playground, improving the skills for Level 2 in year 5&6.

<https://www.spokesci.com/bikeability-level-1>

Level 2 year 5&6 is a real cycling experience so that the students can deal with traffic on short journeys such as cycling to school.

<https://www.spokesci.com/bikeability-level-2>

Level 3 in ONLY for year 6 who have completed Level 2, training develops skills for cycling on complex, busy or fast roads and junctions with heavy traffic.

<https://www.spokesci.com/bikeability-level-3>

If your child has not mastered riding a bicycle yet, why not have that as your holiday challenge – skills for life and then they could take part in these courses!

Level 1 is perfect for year 4.

[Kids Bike Helmet RHOKIC Kids Helmet for Boys Girls Adjustable Childs Bike Helmet Multi-Sport Toddler Skateboard Helmets Age 5-13 \(White\) : Amazon.co.uk: Sports & Outdoors](#)

[Trespass Children's Cranky Cycle Safety Helmet, 48cm-52cm, Blue : Amazon.co.uk: Sports & Outdoors](#)

BOOKINGS ARE OPEN NOW – Deadline by FRIDAY 22nd MAY as we need to confirm numbers to Bespoke.

1. **Complete the consent form to register your child on the relevant course.** The link is available on the letter sent by email and a copy sent home with your child.
2. **You will then be added to the £5 payment on Tucasi** once spaces on the courses are confirmed.

- Spaces are offered on a first come first served as places are limited.
- Course will only run subject to demand and need a minimum of 12 children to take part.
- **Your child will need use of a bicycle, their own helmet and must already be able to cycle as these are NOT learn to ride courses.**

The next courses after these will hopefully run in the Autumn 2 Term but funding hasn't been confirmed yet so don't miss out on this opportunity!

SEND - Mr Parkin

Gems

A new date has just been released for our Managing Anxiety workshop, hosted by The Autism Group.

Managing Anxiety

Hosted by The Autism Group:

What to do when worries take over. Looking at what causes anxiety & some tried & tested strategies to tackle it.

Autism Support

For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.

Online:.

Wednesday 10th June 2026.

10am - 12pm

Booking link : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-anxiety-tickets-1541098209229?aff=oddtcreator>

If this is not what you are looking for, please look at our website for more information, please note most workshops/courses are either fully booked, waiting for a new date or have limited spaces available. <https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/>

We do have a variety of demand support which is accessible directly from our website and available 24/7.

<https://www.gems4health.com/about-adhd/>

<https://www.gems4health.com/about-autism/>

<https://www.gems4health.com/learn-more/>

<https://www.gems4health.com/gems-advice/>



**Virtual Coffee Morning
Eating and Movement**

Friday 13th March - 10:00 - 11:00am

Join our online informal discussion.

What to expect?

Respectful and supportive discussion including:

- What works for your family at meal times
- What are your concern areas around eating
- How do you support your child with eating
- How you handle food centric activities and celebrations
- Encouraging affirming movement
- Eating out

25 spaces available!

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.

Sign Up Today!

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/awaiting assessment/diagnosed)

To book your place contact GEMS:

 Gems.4Health@nhs.net  0800 999 1342

Zones of Regulation

Dear Parents and Carers

A date for your diary, Thursday 5th March at 14.30

All staff recently undertook training on the **Zones of Regulation**, delivered by an educational psychologist.

The Zones of Regulation provide a common language for people to express and understand their emotions, as well as tools and strategies to help them move between zones. The goal is to help individuals recognise and regulate their emotions, leading to improved self-control, social interactions, and overall well-being.

We are planning to pilot this approach in Year 4 before rolling it out across the whole school. We have started to do so already and have seen some positive outcomes. We feel that this is an approach that could also be used at home to help the children improve self-control and

their overall well-being. If used both at school and at home we believe that the consistency of approach will be very beneficial.

To support this approach we have booked a time and date for the educational psychologist to deliver a session to parents and carers. This session will cover an overview, its goals and how to implement it.

To help us with planning, could you let the office know if you are going to attend.

Mr Parkin

GEMS Autism Course

GEMS serves families who live or whose GP is based in East Berkshire (Slough, Windsor, Maidenhead, Bracknell). Whether you're early in exploration, awaiting assessment, or seeking strategies for everyday life post diagnosis, we welcome you.

Autism Course

A 3-week course

Hosted by Parenting Special children:

Topics Covered

What is autism? Sensory differences, anxiety and behaviour. Strategies and supporting the child. Assessment overview. Signposting and support available.

Autism Support

For parents & carers of children up to the age of 18.

Online:

Tuesday 10th, 17th & 24th March 2026.

7 - 9pm

Booking link : <https://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/autism-course-berkshire-east-march-2026/>

PDA - Demand Avoidance

PDA - Demand Avoidance *Hosted by The Autism Group*

This workshop will allow you to explore what PDA really means and how anxiety drives demand avoidance. Learn practical and compassionate strategies to reduce pressure, build trust and support autistic children and young people with a PDA profile in home and school settings.

Autism support for parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.

Online: Wednesday 11th March 2026.10am to 12noon

Booking link ; <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pda-demand-avoidance-tickets-1963181432512?aff=oddtcreator>

Our previous PDA workshop sold out in under 24 hours so please do not delay in booking your space.



STAR OF THE WEEK	
3.1 - Shelley	Cara continues to impress us with her fantastic learning behaviours and quiet determination. We can see that she is really challenging herself with her maths and handwriting, in particular. She is ready to take on trickier problems and is really improving the neatness and control of her handwriting. Keep it up Cara! Wonderful to see.
3.2 - Lovelace	L has impressed everyone with her work this week in Lovelace class. She always tries her best in class, is a good friend and follows our school's values perfectly. Well done this week and every week Lily!
4.1 - Owens	Jasraj has really impressed us with his focus and effort in all of our lessons this week, showing excellent independent ideas. He has a wonderful, positive attitude towards all tasks and is showing a good improvement in all his work. He is very helpful to the adults and is a delight to teach. Well done!
4.2 - Lindgren	Ilyas has recently demonstrated a much improved attitude to learning. He has engaged positively in all class activities and consistently made an excellent effort to achieve his best in every lesson. Thank you, Ilyas, Keep up this excellent attitude!
5.1 - Aquino	Lennie has been working hard lately at improving his reading, writing and maths. In lessons he has been striving to do the best he can. He has been answering questions and even reading aloud. Listening well and undertaking tasks. When working with peers, you help guide and focus members so the group can achieve together. Well done!
5.2 - Attenborough	Athena is an excellent student! She consistently demonstrates school values and sets a positive example to others at all times. In every lessons, Athena is prepared and eager, she gets herself actively involved in discussions and activities and is a willing and helpful partner to those around her. She is so kind, polite and thoughtful to those around her! She is simply always doing the right thing!
6.1 - Hawking	Aiden has impressed us with his reading. He has volunteered to read out loud, a main character from our class text. He has read with improved fluency each time, using punctuation, intonation and clarity in talking out loud. Well done and keep it up!
6.2 - Hadid	Rehan has impressed us with his times tables knowledge this week and his amazing progress in reading! He has been a great member of our class and we will miss him! Good luck and we hope you settle well in your new school!

Attendance

As we all know, good attendance is vital for our children to ensure their learning journey is not disrupted and there is a nationwide push to raise attendance in schools. Congratulations to Class Attenborough for winning our attendance award this week, can you keep the crown for next week? We will see!

Going forward, our school's attendance coordinator will be Mr Mckrell who will be monitoring our school's attendance and any individual attendance cases that arise through the year. If you have any queries, please do contact Mr Mckrell via the office.

Weekly Attendance Table

Class	Attendance	Rank
Class Attenborough	97.58%	1
Class Lovelace	97.00%	2
Class Hawking	96.82%	3
Class Lindgren	96.67%	4
Class Shelley	96.43%	5
Class Owens	96.30%	6
Class Hadid	95.83%	7
Class Aquino	90.00%	8

Yearly Attendance Table

Class	Attendance	Rank
Class Shelley	97.09%	1
Class Lovelace	96.75%	2
Class Attenborough	96.43%	3
Class Hawking	95.65%	4
Class Hadid	95.29%	5
Class Lindgren	95.11%	6
Class Aquino	94.64%	7
Class Owens	94.19%	8

Extra Curriculum Clubs - Spring 2026

ALL SAINTS JUNIOR SCHOOL CLUB INFORMATION – SPRING TERM 2026									
CLUB	DAY	TIME	YEAR	DATES	CLUB LEADER	COST	VENUE	DURATION	COLLECT FROM
Breakfast Club	Mon-Fri	7.45 – 8.30 am	Years 3 - 6	Mon-Fri	All Saints Junior School	£4.00 long session £3.50 short session	Hall	45 mins	N/A
Afterschool Club	Mon-Fri	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Years 3 - 6	Mon-Fri	ukids	Contact supplier	Small Hall	2hrs 30 mins	Small green side gate
Gymnastics	Mon	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	12 th Jan - 23 rd March	uSport	£72.50 for 10 wks	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Science Club	Mon	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	23 rd Feb – 23 rd March	Fizz Pop Science	£32.00 for 4 wks	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Fencing Club	Tues	7.45 - 8.30 am	Years 3 - 6	13 th Jan – 24 th March	Little Musketeers	£80.00 for 10 wks	Small Hall	45 mins	N/A
Indoor Games	Tues	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	13 th Jan – 17 th March	School run/ Mr Mckrell	£31.50 for 9 wks	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Netball	Tues	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 4 - 6	13 th Jan – 17 th March	School run/ Mrs Thompson	£31.50 for 9 wks	Muga	1 hour	Reception
Running Club	Wed	8.00 - 8.30 am	Years 3 - 6	7 th Jan - 25 th March	Running4everyone	£49.50 for 11 wks	Field	30 mins	N/A
Maths	Wed	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	14 th Jan – 25 th March	Magical Maths	£90.00 for 10 wks	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Football	Wed	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	14 th Jan - 25 th March	Maidenhead Magpies	Contact supplier	Field	1 hour	Reception
Yoga/ Dance	Thurs	7.45 - 8.30 am	Years 3 - 6	8 th Jan – 26 th March	Ethereal dance & fitness	£55.00 for 11 wks	Small Hall	45 mins	N/A
Music	Thurs	1.00 – 3.00 pm	Years 3 - 6	8 th Jan – 26 th March	iRock	Contact supplier	Small Hall	2 hours	N/A
Hockey & Basketball	Thurs	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	8 th Jan – 26 th March	Premier Education	£55.00 for 11 wks	Playground	1 hour	Reception
Sewing	Thurs	3.30 – 4.40 pm	Years 3 - 6	8 th Jan - 26 th March	Dhaaga Creative Sewing	£104.50 for 11 wks	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Growing Club	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	15 th Jan – 19 th March	Ms Nowaczyk	£5 per term	O/s Lindgren	1 hour	Reception
Art Club	Fri	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	9 th Jan - 20 th March	Art Peek	£90.00	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Kick Boxing	Fri	3.30 – 4.30pm	Years 3 - 6	9 th Jan – 20 th March	Samurai Kickboxing	£135.00 for 10 wks	Hall	1 hour	Reception

Easter Activities at All Saints

'Two of our after/before school club providers; Artspiration and Running 4 Everyone are holding Easter fun days on the same dates at All Saints this Easter! Book early to avoid disappointment, the details are in the attached flyers.'



Where: All Saints Junior School
When: Weds 8th & Thurs 9th April
Time: 10am - 3:00pm
Cost: £25.00 a day
Contact:
leila@running4everyone.co.uk
Book: running4everyone.co.uk/courses



Run, Jump, Fun! Athletics Camp

England Athletics qualified coaches
DBS checked & safeguarding trained
Sports 1st Aid level 3

Ages 8 - 11
School years 3 - 6

Small Classes
of up to 12
Children

artspiration
Art Scouts

Ages 8-11 (years 3-6) Cost:£55

20% proceeds go to
local Charity

Easter Craft Workshops 2026.

Wednesday 8th April: 10:00-15:00.

In the morning we will be painting on canvas, a vase of daffodils using brightly coloured acrylics with pattern, in your style, with step by step instructions from artist Laura Loveridge.

In the afternoon you can design your own tote bag using neon, pastel and bold Posca pens, images and templates provided to inspire! We will also design some fun cards attaching bows and googly eyes.

Thursday 9th April: 10:00-15:00.

In the morning we will be painting on canvas, a fun chicken with brightly coloured and neon acrylics with pattern, in your style, with step by step instructions from artist Laura Loveridge.

In the afternoon we will be marbelling MDF sheep keyrings and making button magnets. We will also collage a rabbit portrait with egg boxes, paint and posca pens.



All Saints Junior School, Westborough Road,
Maidenhead.

To book and more info:
artspirationevents@gmail.com

Reading Football Club

2nd Schools and Grassroots fixture of 2025-26 Season!

We're thrilled to welcome all our local schools and grassroots clubs! Your support truly enhances the atmosphere, and the players genuinely appreciate it. So, let's do it all over again!

Full details of how to get involved can be found below so please share with all your children, friends, family and staff and let us know if you require any further information.

You have been invited to Reading Football Club's 2nd Schools and Grassroots Fixture of 2025-26!

When?

Reading vs Plymouth Argyle

Saturday 14th March, 3pm kick off

Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

To redeem, please visit <https://tickets.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique voucher code: #AllSaintsJunior in the basket for each ticket. You can do this once you have logged in and selected your tickets which will be discounted by 50%.

How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique voucher.

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Voucher codes are valid up until midnight the night before the fixture.

If you have any questions about this offer, please email sales@readingfc.co.uk or call 0118 968 1313.

Come on URRRZZ!!

Messages and Reminders

Medication Reminder



If your child requires medication during the school day could you please fill in a medication form from the school office. Then please leave the medication with the form at the office. They will then ensure the first aider in the class knows and they will administer it when required.

Thank you

Lost Property



Lost property can be found under the shelter out side Year 3.

From all the staff here at All Saints Junior School, we hope you have a great week ahead!