



# Parent/Carer Newsletter

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*Wednesday 6th March 2024*

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**You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.**

Wayne Gretzky

## **Key dates for Parent/Carers**

**Thursday 7th March**

World Book Day

**Thursday 7th March**

Author visit - Years 3 & 4

**Thursday 7th March**

Author visit - Years 5 & 6

**Thursday 7th March**

Footy & Booky Quiz online

Years 5 & 6

**Thursday 7th March**

Easter Cracked - Hadid

1.30 - 3.00 pm

**Friday 8th March**

Easter Cracked - Hawking

1.30 - 3.00 pm

**Tuesday 12th March**

Easter Chicks for Sale

**Wednesday 13th March**

Preloved uniform sale

<b>Friday 15th March</b>	Anglo Saxon & Viking day Year 4
<b>Tuesday 19th March</b>	Parent Consultations
<b>Wednesday 20th March</b>	Raffle tickets returned
<b>Thursday 21st March</b>	Parent Consultations
<b>Friday 22nd March</b>	Raffle
<b>Friday 22nd March</b>	Class Attenborough last swimming lesson
<b>Tuesday 26th March</b>	Easter Celebration - Year 4
<b>Thursday 28th March</b>	End of term <b>School finishes at 1.30 pm</b>
<b>Friday 29th March - Friday 12 April</b>	Easter Holiday
<b>Tuesday 16th April</b>	Bags2School
<b>Saturday 15th June</b>	<b>Save the date for the</b> Summer Fete

## Priority Messages

Dear Parents and Carer

We have a very busy newsletter this week with all our usual features and additional updates for reading, the potato book character competition and our Fairtrade campaign!

With three and half weeks to go in this term, there is a lot coming up in the school diary so please do take time to read through the different events in the calendar before the Easter holidays.

One event coming up in two weeks time is our parent consultation evenings. Bookings are now available via the school website. You can access this by clicking on the quick links tab in the top right corner of the page and click on 'Parents evenings bookings'. If you have not set up an account, you would have had an email from the office with a link to do this as you need to log in to book an appointment. If you cannot find this email, please contact the office who can send the link and book your appointment as well. So any issues, please contact the school office!

Finally, a reminder that we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. The children can dress up as a character from their favourite book or an inspirational figure from the book 'Little People, Big Dreams'. (pictured)

A short message from me this week! I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and exciting updates from our wonderful pupils!

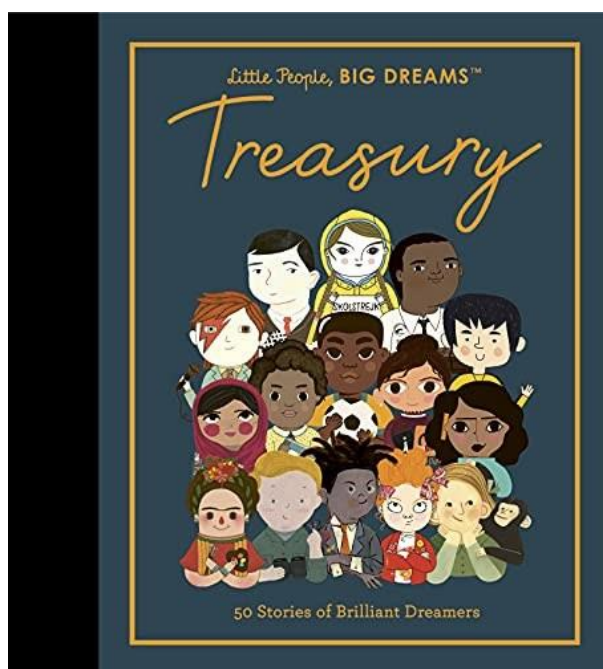
Mr Mckrell

Deputy Head

*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)



## Reading Update:

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*We have been very busy these last few weeks with all things books and reading!!!*

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First of all, we were incredibly lucky to have TWO virtual author visits for Years 4, 5 and 6, courtesy of Maidenhead's Big Read. On Friday 23rd February, Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to meet the author Tom Palmer, who has written the book series **Football Academy** and **Rugby Academy** and lots of books based on World War 1 and 2, such as **Armistice Runner** and **D-Day Dog**. On Wednesday 28th February, Years 4, 5 and 6 had the opportunity to meet the author AM Howell, who has written books such as **Peril on the Atlantic** and **The Garden of Lost Secrets**. The children enjoyed learning about what it takes to become an author, how long it takes them to write their books and all of the research needed to base their stories on real facts. Some lucky children were also chosen to ask the authors some questions, virtually! Here are the links to the author's websites to find out more about them and their selection of books: [Home](#) | [A M Howell Author](#) [Tom Palmer](#) | [Children's Author](#)



Thank you to everyone who attended and purchased books from the Scholastic Book Fair last week, your support was vital for the school receiving FREE BOOKS! It was wonderful to see so many children excited about new books to read!



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### *Potato Book Character Competition*

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A HUGE thank you to all of the children and families who participated in the Potato Book Character competition. The entries were all fantastic and made my job very difficult to choose the winners!! The creativity and imagination in creating the potato characters was exceptional and I hope the children enjoyed making them!

The winners were awarded a £5 book voucher to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair last week. The winners were:

**Year 3 – Arlo in Class Lovelace**



**Year 4 – Mia in Class Owens**



**Year 5 – Ellen in Class Aquino**





**Year 6 – Holly in Class Hadid**



**And our overall winner was Michael in Class Owens!**





Well done and thank you to everyone who took part!

This week we have lots more to look forward to on World Book Day this Thursday, with the children dressing up as inspirational characters from the Book Series 'Little People Big Dreams' or as any Book Character. We are also lucky to have the author Kate Poels visit us, in person, on Thursday, as well as taking part in lots of other wonderful book related activities!

Mrs Malhotra

## Class Spotlight - Aquino



It seems like only yesterday that it was our turn for a spotlight and here we are again. Just like last time I got the children to help me by commingling on their experiences and learning opportunities of just some of the activities that we have had this term and last. Varnikaa and S summed it up nicely, *'This term was amazing,'* and I can't help but agree. We've had presentations from Authors, trips and visits and much, much more.

It is worth mentioning right up top about all the fantastic reading that has been happening in Class Aquino this term. We have four word millionaires in our class and more that are close. Keep it up everyone!

*'I really enjoyed the Fire Service because they showed us round the fire engine and talked about what to do if you are stuck in a fire.'*

Maidenhead Fire Service came in and gave us a talk about fire safety, and a tour of their fire engine. Aquino properly grilled them. I personally was blown away by the calibre of the questions they asked such as: How far from Maidenhead do they travel in their job and how do you feel when confronted by fire? Along with being given lots of important information about how to keep safe in the home. Particularly, the importance of smoke detectors.





We have really been enjoying our class text too, *The Explorer*. We have been discussing how characters change and we are looking at the best ways to survive in harsh environments. As part of this, Mr Harris took the children out and taught them how to light a fire with flint and steel.







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### *Science*

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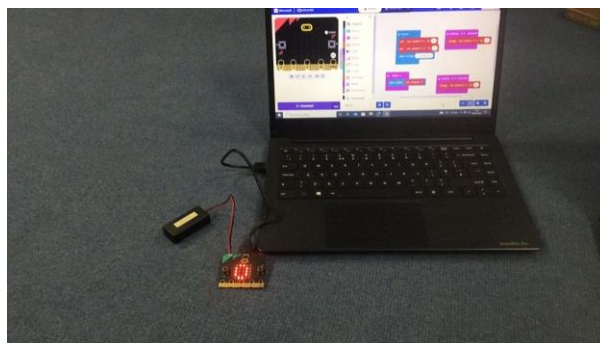
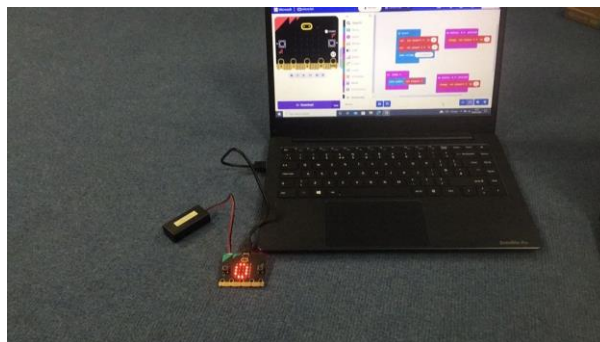
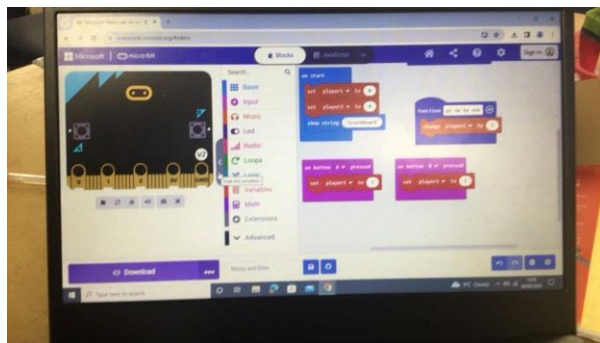
In Science, the children set out a fair test recording how the friction in different surfaces caused objects to roll different distances. They headed out around the school testing any surface they could find and compiled their results in graphs and tables.





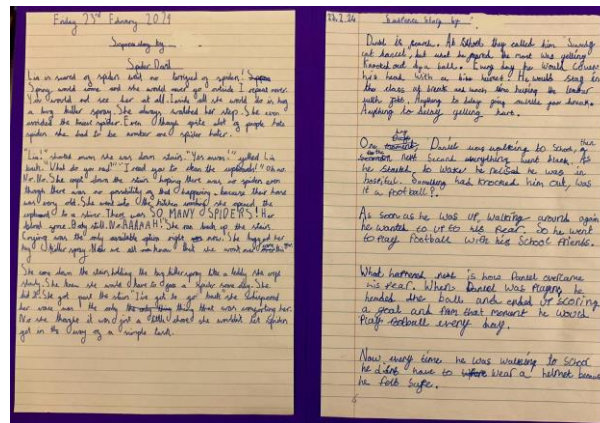
*'I like Micro:bits because it is a small computer, and you can transport data to another Micro:bit.'* R

In Computing, we have been working with the BBC Micro:bit programming them to make all kinds of cool devices from 'Love Predictors' to pedometers to track their steps. Although the part the children enjoyed the most was transmitting messages from one to another across the school!



It has been brilliant this term to see how much Class Aquino's writing skills have developed. We have been looking at the characteristics of suspense writing in stories and then applying it in our own. It has been great to read their stories and see their creativity and their own styles coming through.

Finally, I just wanted to share some of the great Blitz art that the children completed last term. The children produced these by masking areas blending paint colour and creating silhouette skylines.







## Fairtrade Campaign results



We are thrilled to share the outstanding results of our recent Fairtrade campaign, which lasted for an inspiring six weeks. The entire school came together to promote ethical and sustainable practices, and the outcome reflects our collective commitment to making a positive impact on the world.

Each class took the challenge seriously, competing in a friendly contest to collect Fairtrade logos from various products.

We are delighted to announce that **Class Lindgren** emerged as the front-runner, collecting an impressive 200 Fairtrade logos, **Class Hadid**- 185 logos and **Class Owens**- 163. The three classes will be rewarded with a Fairtrade Hot Chocolate Party before the Easter holidays. Congratulations!

The results of the Fairtrade Campaign extends beyond the mere collection of logos. Through this initiative, our students gained valuable insights into the importance of fair trade, ethical consumerism, and the positive impact their choices can have on communities around the world.

A big thank you to every child, parent, and staff member who actively participated in this campaign. Your collective efforts have not only made a difference in the lives of those who produce Fairtrade goods but have also contributed to raising awareness about the importance of ethical consumption.

**Well Done!**



Alfie was a mascot at Brentford v Chelsea at the weekend and he walked out with the Chelsea captain Chilwell. Alfie got to watch the first team warm up as well.

Even though Chelsea didn't win, it was such an amazing game and such an amazing experience. He was captured on sky sports and BBC match of the day walking out with the team.

## **PTA Spring Raffle**

### **Fundraising for Ipads, Eco Garden and the Year 6 Leavers Party**

On the 8th March your child will come home with an envelope with Raffle tickets to sell to family and friends.

Please write your child's name and class on the stubs and return along with the correct money, in the envelope provided, to the school office by Wednesday 20th March 2024.

Tickets are £1 each

Thank you for your support and good luck!

All Saints PTA



#### Big Chick Update

Thank you to everyone who came to our stall on Tuesday it was a great success. Amazingly we sold every chick which is incredible and all the money raised will go straight towards the great work done by Alexander Devine.

Fear not if you were unable to get your hands on a chick or two (or would like another), the message has gone back to the coop and another eggcited flock is on the way to us for next week!

Cracking job everyone!



## PE and Sport Update

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*Bikeability courses are returning in the Summer term*

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This is an opportunity not to be missed, sometime in June or July!

Parents pay £5 whilst RWBW fund the remaining cost.



Bespoke are able to provide 12 free bicycles for effectively 24 children to complete the course.

If you need help with a helmet, please contact the school.

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW OR WE'LL MISS OUT! You do not need to pay anything at this stage.**

Please complete the form using the link below or QR code here **BY THURSDAY 22nd FEBRUARY** <https://forms.office.com/e/UYPpmykDiu> so we can understand the demand as a course can only run if 12 children take part. **Your child will need their own helmet and must already be able to cycle as these are not learn to ride courses.**

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

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*Level 1 is perfect for year 4.*

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

If your child has not mastered riding a bicycle yet why not have that as your half term challenge – skills for life and then they could take part in the above!

[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](#)

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### *Girls Football*

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In conjunction with International women's day

**Girls Sessions are FREE.**



With International women's day taking place on the 8th March and the FA girls incentive of Girls week Maidenhead United FC have decided to offer FREE Girls development/advanced sessions and weekend sessions for the next block.

We want to encourage all girls to join in participation.

### **Date**

### **Link to book on**

### **Sunday**

10am – 11am

Dedworth Middle School

Year 1 – 6

<https://ticketpass.org/event/EEZTRG/girls-sunday-morning-club-at-dedworth-5>

### **Monday**

5:50pm – 6:50pm

Braywick

Year 7,8&9

<https://ticketpass.org/event/EZZVKC/girls-only-year-789-advanced-football-invitation-only-4>

### **Tuesday**

4pm – 5pm

Maidenhead United Fc

Year 1 – 3

<https://ticketpass.org/event/EKYTJM/girls-year-1-3-development-football-4>

### **Tuesday**

5pm – 6pm

Maidenhead United Fc

Year 4 – 6

<https://ticketpass.org/event/ETEPCW/girls-year-4-6-development-football>

### **Apprenticeships**

Do you know any 16–19 year olds and have a passion for sports.

Maidenhead United FC's Apprenticeship course is now open.

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### *Afterschool Sports Club Routine*

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If your child is unable to attend a club after school, please inform the school office so your child can be accounted for.

Registers are taken at the beginning of an afterschool club so anyone absent can be accounted for.

If your child misses 2 consecutive weeks without explanation, their place can be offered to someone else. (This is only applicable to free clubs).

**Please note from this week all outdoor afterschool clubs (namely netball and football) will now finish at the normal time of 4:30pm, please arrive promptly to pick your child up.**

Many thanks.

Mrs Thompson

## 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 Hadid 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 Hadid	97.33%	1
Class Shelley	97.15%	2
Class Owens	94.06%	3
Class Aquino	92.00%	4
Class Lovelace	90.91%	5
Class Hawking	90.67%	6
Class Lindgren	90.20%	7
Class Attenborough	86.00%	8

## Yearly Attendance Table

Class	Attendance	Rank
Class Hadid	96.77%	1
Class Shelley	96.06%	2
Class Lovelace	95.99%	3
Class Hawking	95.14%	4
Class Lindgren	94.15%	5
Class Attenborough	93.98%	6
Class Owens	93.85%	7
Class Aquino	93.66%	8



STAR OF THE WEEK	
3.1 - Shelly	<b>Maddie</b> for her brilliant enthusiasm in class. Her contributions are always excellent and that reflects the super work she is producing everyday. Keep it up!
3.2 - Lovelace	<b>Saydee</b> has really impressed us with her focus, enthusiasm and effort in all of our lessons, particularly in writing. She writes her sentences accurately and carefully and always checks her work. She listens carefully to instructions and is always a fabulous classmate.
4.1 - Owens	<b>H</b> for his positive attitude towards his learning this week. He has worked very hard to stay on task and contribute to class discussions. Well done and keep it up!
4.2 - Lindgren	<b>Devin</b> has demonstrated improved attitude to learning and staying positive. He has shown resilience in challenging situations and he impressed us with mature decisions concerning his learning. Well done and keep it up!
5.1 - Aquino	<b>Vanshika</b> has shown an excellent dedication to her work. All week she has been working excellently. She always tries her best in class to complete all work to the best of her ability. Her kind, polite attitude makes her a pleasure to each
5.2 - Attenborough	<b>S</b> has had a really positive week. She has worked hard and produced some excellent pieces of work in class. Well done!
6.1 - Hawking	<b>Jude</b> has really impressed us all with his formal and informal writing this week. He has understood the audience and purpose for each of his letters. Jude has also demonstrated his ability to work with different groups of children.
6.2 - Hadid	<b>Dean</b> for his understanding of formal and informal styles of writing. He has used the features of each style, very well, to produce 4 different letters, thinking about the choice of vocabulary and grammar, carefully! Well done and keep it up!

## Messages and Reminders

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### *Bags2School*

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Our next Bags2School collection will be Tuesday 16th April, which will be a perfect time to sort through old clothes after winter in preparation for the finer spring and summer weather!

Please drop off your bags outside reception before 9 am.

They will accept:

Clothes

Paired Shoes

Handbags

Hats

Scarves and Ties

Socks & Belts

Soft toys

Household linen

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### *Calling raffle donations!*

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To help raise funds for the school, the PTA are organising a raffle prize draw, which will take place in March. We have some exciting prizes to be won but we are looking for additional donations to support our fundraising.

The PTA would greatly appreciate it if you have any items you can kindly donate. Please drop these in the office as soon as possible. Alternatively, we also welcome any donations from local businesses. If you are aware of any that may like to contribute to our raffle draw prizes, please email the PTA at [allsaintsjuniorpta@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsjuniorpta@gmail.com) . Thank you.

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### *Lost Property*

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

## Current Clubs at All Saints Junior School

### Spring Clubs 2024

ALL SAINTS JUNIOR SCHOOL CLUB INFORMATION – SPRING TERM 2024									
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	Sports4kids	Contact supplier	Small Hall	2hrs 30 mins	Small green side gate
Gymnastics	Mon	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 18 <sup>th</sup> March	uSports	£65.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Netball	Tues	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 5 & 6	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs Thompson	No charge	Playground	1 hour	Reception
Football	Wed	12.15 – 1.15 pm	Years 3-6	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	No charge	Playground	30-minute sessions	N/A
Football	Wed	3.30 – 4.30	Years 3-6	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	Contact supplier	Muga	1 hour	Reception
Music	Thurs	1.00 – 3.00 pm	Years 3-6		iRock	Contact supplier	Small Hall	2 hours	N/A
Sewing	Thurs	3.30 – 4.40 pm	Years 3-6	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Dhaaga Creative Sewing	£85.00	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Badminton Club	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Year 4	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Mrs Thompson	No Charge	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Growing Club	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Year 4 by invitation	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Ms Nowaczyk	No Charge	Outside Lindgren	1 hour	Reception
Indoor Cricket	Fri	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	uSport	TBA	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Football	Fri	12.15-1.15 pm	Years 5 & 6	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	No charge	Playground	30-minute sessions	N/A

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*iRock*

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

September bookings are now open for rock and pop band lessons at your child's school! This letter will tell you how your child could experience being in their own iRock band every week.

Our band lessons are not only fun but they can massively help develop your child's life skills: boosting confidence, supporting wellbeing, developing social skills and even helping to improve their academic performance.

How it works:

There is no experience necessary to join and all of the instruments are provided by iRock.

Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their band mates in 30 minute weekly lessons.

Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches who will guide your child through every session.

Lessons are available from Reception to Year 6 with children grouped by age. Children choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.



The band sessions build towards a concert at the end of each term, a great way to show you just how far they have come.

**\*NEW\*** Your child can achieve a brand new music qualification, regulated by RSL awards. More information about our new qualification coming soon!

**\*NEW\*** Access the iRock parent portal to see your child's band memories, song choice, manage your subscription and much more!

The highlight of your child's week for £38.95 per month (no payment in August). Our iRock subscription is designed to give parents full flexibility rather than having to commit to an entire year or term. The subscription guarantees a minimum lesson quota of 33 lessons in each academic year.

You can register your child's interest today by visiting **[www.irockschool.com](http://www.irockschool.com)**, email **[info@irockschool.com](mailto:info@irockschool.com)** or call **0330 174 2655**. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis.

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### *Sewing Club*

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#### ***After school Sewing Club***

**Open for yr. 3, 4,5 & 6**

Starting: Thursday, 11th January 2024

Hello children! Let's have some sewing fun! I am very excited to announce the sewing club for the Spring term. Children will be doing creative sewing using different techniques and various types of fabrics.

This term, children will be making:

**Apron, wall hanging for Mother's Day and Bag charm for Easter.**

#### **Course Details:**

***Duration: 10 weeks (Starting 11th Jan to 21st March)***

***Time: 3.30 to 4.40pm***

***Fee: £85 (All materials included), you can also pay by following childcare vouchers***

- **Edenred**
- **Sodexo**
- **Care4**
- **Fidelity**
- **Computershare**

Places are limited and will be allotted on a first come first serve basis. If your child would like to join, **please text/WhatsApp me to book the place.**

Thank you.

Anita Kulkarni Mobile -07782253565 Email: anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk Follow us on  
facebook.com/DhaagaUK

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### *uSport - Gymnastics & Indoor Cricket*

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Spring 2024

**0118 449 2641** info@ u-sports.co.uk [www.u-sports.co.uk](http://www.u-sports.co.uk)

**All Saints Juniors School**

**B O O K N O W**

**<https://eastberkshire-termtime.classforkids.io/term/564>**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

uSports are pleased to announce that we will be delivering the following after-school clubs at All Saints Juniors School in the Spring Term.

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### *Gymnastics*

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Year 3-6 | Monday | 3.30pm - 4.30pm

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### *Indoor Cricket*

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Year 3-6 | Friday | 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Prices | £6.50 per session Best Wishes,

Charlie Hiscox

uSports

### How To Book

1. Click the 'Book Now' button or type in the link underneath
2. Scroll to find the right club and click 'Join Waiting List'
3. Add your child's details
4. Book your child's place
5. Pay for your session once we have confirmed and booked you on

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### *Maidenhead Magpies - Football*

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**ALL SAINTS  
FOOTBALL AFTER  
SCHOOL CLUBS**





**After School Clubs @ All Saints**

Years 3-6	Every Wednesday	3.30– 4.30pm
Girls Years 3-6	Every Wednesday	3.30– 4.30pm

Starting W/C 8th January –Finishing W/C 18th March

Maidenhead in the Community, who are the community arm of Maidenhead United Football Club, are running weekly boys & girls Football sessions at All Saints These sessions will run after school from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. The club will be focused on developing ability, confidence and skill level in a fun environment. The session are run by coaches who have experience and are FA qualified.

CONTACT - [MARK.NISBET@MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG](mailto:MARK.NISBET@MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG)  
PLEASE BOOK THROUGH OUR WEBSITE  
[WWW.MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG](http://WWW.MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG)

**UNITED AS ONE**

### Feedback Form:

To help continue our school improvement we would really appreciate any feedback regarding school life whether it is something for us to improve or anything positive that we are doing right now. If you could fill out the form below, your feedback will be important for us moving forward.

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

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