

Parent/Carer Newsletter

18th November2026



"Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day."

Alice Morse Earle

Key dates for Parent/Carers

Monday 16th Nov - Friday 15th January	Outdoor Clubs finish at 4.15 pm
Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th November	Book Fair
Wednesday 2nd December	Christmas Wreath Making
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17th December	Year 3 Christmas service 2pm - 3pm
Friday 18th December	End of Term - 1.30pm finish.

What's in the Newsletter this week?



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Berkshire Music Trust - Woodwind Lessons

Extra Curriculum Club Information - Autumn 2026

Priority Message

Dear Parents & Carers

A busy week last week with the return of our year 6's from Rhos-Y-Gwaliau. They are full of stories from their action-packed week and many are wearing their Rhos hoodies! In time we will get the children to present to the school all about the trip, the different activities, what they learnt and give children in years 5, 4 and 3 a chance to ask questions!

Last week, we had a visit from the Berkshire Music Trust who put on a fantastic concert for the whole school. We watched in awe at the level of skill from the musicians who played a variety of classics from TV and film which the children could recognise. The idea of the concert was to showcase the woodwind instruments such as clarinet, saxaphone, flute and the oboe. In addition, Maestros music are offerering individual lessons for pupils to learn a

woodwind instrument of their choice privately with details being sent out last week. If you did not receive that information and are interested, please do contact the office who can help.







We had another visitor last week in Wayne Dixon who led a lively and very entertaining assembly around the bible story of 'The Lost Sheep'. What was really nice was the message behind the jokes and singing which was that we are all special and we should all treat each other in that way. The children loved his assembly and if you find the children blurting out 'I lost my sheep' over the next few weeks, you now know the reason why!!





And finally, just to point you in the direction of the school calendar, next week we will have the book fair running from Wednesday 25th November to Friday 27th November. Further down the calendar we have Christmas Wreath making which is run by the PTA on the 2nd December and a few other Christmas events as we apporoach the Christmas holidays.

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)



Class Spotlight - Shelley



How quickly winter has arrived! We have an exciting but busy five weeks ahead, packed with new learning opportunities and festive preparations. The children have now started auditioning and rehearsing for their Nativity performance at the church, which will take place during the final week of term. It is always a special occasion and one that we greatly look forward to sharing with families.

English

In English, at the end of last term, the children completed their innovation poems based on *The Sound Collector*, and it was lovely to see the delight they brought to so many parents at parents' evening. This term, however, our focus has shifted to persuasive writing. The children are currently internalising our model text, *Hawk Ridge Farm Park*, and have also begun building a toolkit of persuasive language and techniques to help them write their own engaging advertisements. They have practised turning polite questions into commands containing imperative ('bossy') verbs and have discovered how the use of powerful adjectives can entice and persuade the reader.

Reading



In Reading, we continue to enjoy *Charlotte's Web*. With many of the story's threads now coming together, the ending is fast approaching. The children have particularly enjoyed the book's quirky humour while also learning more about rural life in the United States. We had a lively class debate about the showing and racing of pigs at fairs, and we were impressed by the children's sensitivity and conviction when discussing the arguments both for and against these practices.

Maths

In Maths, we are continuing our work on addition and subtraction. Mentally adding and subtracting tens and ones to and from three-digit numbers has certainly proved challenging for some children, but we will continue to practise and explore different strategies to help everyone develop confidence and accuracy when solving problems. The written methods that we are now moving on to will be a great help to many children.

Science

Our previous Science topic on magnets was enjoyed by all. The children loved investigating magnetic forces and discovering the power of magnets through practical experiments. This term, we are learning about *Food and Our Bodies*. The children have explored what a balanced diet is and learnt a great deal about the importance of trying and eating a wide variety of foods. They have been encouraged to look critically at their plates and check that they are getting everything they need to maintain healthy bodies. We will soon be looking at our bones and how our muscles help us move.





History

Our History topic on the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age revealed many mysteries and proved incredibly engaging.

Geography

We are now moving on to Geography, where we will be learning all about volcanoes and attempting to answer the question: Why do people live near volcanoes? An afternoon spent creating volcano artwork using oil pastels provided a fantastic introduction to the topic and helped spark the children's curiosity.











PSHE

In PSHE, our focus this term is *Celebrating Difference*, where we will be exploring diversity, inclusion, and the importance of respecting and valuing one another. We will also be talking about bullying, speaking up, kind words, and words that hurt.

RE

In RE, we will be considering the thought-provoking question: *Has Christmas lost its true meaning?* This will encourage the children to reflect on the significance of Christmas for Christians and how it is celebrated in modern society.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a busy and enjoyable term ahead.



STAR OF THE WEEK	
3.1 - Shelley	**Sofia** has really impressed us this week with her improved effort and focus in all aspects of her learning. We can clearly see that she is really making an effort to be ready to learn, listen to feedback and make improvements in her writing, reading and maths. Keep up the good work, Sofia.
3.2 - Lovelace	**Elliot** has impressed everyone this week with his consistent good effort in all lessons. He has been working hard in all areas and we couldn't be prouder of his progress. Well done Elliot!
4.1 - Owens	**Riya** has impressed us with her focus, effort and enthusiasm in all of our lessons this week. She has written her own Firework Poem carefully and accurately and has worked hard in our maths lessons using the 9 times table. She always has a fabulous attitude, a beautiful smile, is a kind and caring friend and a delight to teach. Well done!
4.2 - Lindgren	**Fatima** in class Lindgren, impressed us this week with her hard work in writing and excellent reading. This week she wrote an exellent poem about fireworks that included everything in our toolkit. Also Fatima read beautifully in Open the Book in front of the whole school. Well done!
5.1 - Aquino	**Florence** has been demonstrating an increased confidence and improved work ethic. We have noticed that over the last few weeks she has been more confident when it comes to completing her own work. We have also been really impressed with her focus in Maths lessons. She has shown she understands how to convert equivalent fractions and can do so confidently. Well done, keep it up!
5.2 - Attenborough	**Finley** has been a responsible, engaged and resilient learner! Since the start of the year, he has demonstrated a calm, positive and hard-working attitude in everything he does. It's been lovely to see him take pride in his work and successes, and how much he's grown! Even now, he doesn't let his injury stop him from giving learning his best! Welll done!
Year 6	**Deyana** has impressed us with her leadership skills this week. When Year 6 were baking cupcakes, she led her group very well and demonstrated great team work skills too. This enabled her group to work together methodically to produce some wonderful cupcakes!

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 winning our attendance award last week! Our final attendance numbers were as follows:

Our current whole school attendance sits at 96.4%

Nationally whole school attendance is 95.7%

Locally in RBWM, whole school attendance is 95.9%

Our target for whole school attendance is 96%

Our school's attendance coordinator is 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.

Class	Attendance	Rank
Class Hadid	**100%**	1
Class Aquino	99.29%	2
Class Owens	98.00%	3
Class Lindgren	97.33%	3
Class Shelley	96.80%	5
Class Hawking	96.54%	6
Class Lovelace	96.00%	7
Class Attenborough	95.70%	8

Woodwind Lessons - Berkshire Music Trust



Full Club List

ALL SAINTS JUNIOR SCHOOL CLUB INFORMATION – AUTUMN 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	2.5 hrs	Small green side gate
Lunchtime Cheerleading A2	Mon	12:20 – 1.00pm	Years 3 - 6	9th Nov – 14th Dec 2026 Excludes **2nd Nov INSET**	**School run**/ Premier Education Book on Tucasi	£18.00 for 6 wks	Small Hall	40 mins	N/A
Dodgeball A2	Mon	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	9th Nov – 14th Dec 2026 Excludes **2nd Nov INSET**	**School run**/ Premier Education	£30.00 for 6 wks	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Science Club A2	Mon	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	9th Nov – 7th Dec 2026	Fizz Pop Science	£40.00 for 5 wks	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Fencing Club	Tues	7.45 - 8.30 am	Years 3 - 6	15th Sept – 8th Dec 2026	Little Musketeers	£88.00 for 12 wks	Small Hall	45 mins	N/A
Indoor Games A2	Tues	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	3rd Nov – 8th Dec 2026	**School run**/ Mr Mckrell	£24.00 for 6 wks	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Netball	Tues	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 4 - 6	8th Sept – 8th Dec 2026 **Excludes 20th Oct**	**School run**/ Mrs Thompson	£48.00 for 12 wks	Muga	1 hour	Reception
Running Club	Wed	8.00 - 8.30 am	Years 3 - 6	16th Sept – 9th Dec 2026	Running4everyone	£49.50 for 11 wks	Field	30 mins	N/A
Lunchtime Street Dance A2	Wed	12:20 - 1:00pm	Years 3 - 6	4th Nov – 9th Dec 2026	Dance Inspired	£30 for 6 weeks	Small Hall	40 mins	N/A
Boys' lunchtime Football	Wed	12:15 – 1:15pm	Invited Years 3-6	16th Sept - 9th Dec **Excludes 21st Oct**	**School run**/ Maidenhead United Book on Tucasi	£25 for 11 wks	Field	30 mins	N/A
Football	Wed	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	9th Sept – 9th Dec 2026	Maidenhead United - Magpies	£117 for 13 wks	Field	1 hour	Reception
Gymnastics	Wed	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	9th Sept – 9th Dec 2026	uSports	£94.25 for 13 wks	Hall	1 hour	Reception
iRock	Thurs	1.00 – 3.00 pm	Years 3 - 6	Sept – Dec 2026	iRock	Contact supplier	Small Hall	2 hours	N/A
Sewing	Thurs	3.30 – 4.40 pm	Years 3 - 6	10th Sept – 3rd Dec 2026	Dhaaga Creative Sewing Contact supplier	£120.00 for 12 wks	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Badminton A2	Thurs	3:30 – 4:30 pm	Year 4-6	5th Nov – 10th Dec 2026	**School run**/ Mrs Thompson	£24.00 for 6 wks	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Growing Club	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	17th Sept –10th Dec 2026 **Excludes 5th Nov**	**School run**/ Ms Nowaczyk	£5 per term	Lindgren	1 hour	Reception
Girls' lunchtime Football	Fri	12:15 – 1:15pm	Invited Years 3-6	18th Sept - 11th Dec **Excludes 23rd Oct INSET**	**School run**/ Maidenhead United Book on Tucasi	£25 for 11 wks	Field	30 mins	N/A
Kick Boxing	Fri	3.30 – 4.30pm	Years 3 - 6	18th Sept – 11th Dec 2026 Excludes **23rd Oct INSET**	Samurai Kickboxing	£135.00 for 11 wks	Hall	1 hour	Reception

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