



Parent/Carer Newsletter

Wednesday 3rd July 2024



“Reading is to the mind, as exercise is to the body.”

Brian Tracy

Key dates for Parent/Carers

Mon 8th - Wed 10th July

Bikeability

Friday 12th July

Year 6

Grenfell Park afternoon

Tue 16th - Wed 17th July

Year 6 Production - 7 pm - 8 pm

Thursday 18th July

iRock Concert

Tuesday 23rd July

Year 6 Leavers

Service for Parents

10.30 am - 11.30 am

Tuesday 23rd July

Leavers Party

5pm - 7pm

Wednesday 24th July

End of term

Finish at 1.30 pm

Thursday 25th July

Staff Training Day

Wednesday 4th September

Pupils return to school

Priority Messages

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very busy week with music festivals, triathlons, a visit from a poet and of course our transition morning yesterday!

Starting with our transition morning yesterday, we had all of our year 6 pupils spend the day at their new secondary school meaning we could move our current children into their new year groups and classes. It was a very successful morning with lots of smiling (slightly anxious) looking faces! The feedback from the children seemed to be really positive and all enjoyed their time with their new teacher. Of course there might be a handful of children who will feel a little anxious if they do not have every single friend from their friendship group but the teachers spent a long time to ensure all children had at least one or two close friends with them. If you do have any children worried about this, please remain positive and encourage as best you can because we always see the children settle into their new class and routines very quickly come September! The morning also saw our new year 3's arrive from Boyne Hill, Burchetts Green and a handful of other schools who got to spend time in their new environment and play with our current year 3's. It was a lovely morning and I am pleased to say all the new year 3's went home happy!

Last week saw our superb choir led by Mrs Morton take part in the spectacular Junior Music Festival, which was hosted by the Hexagon Theatre in Reading. The preparation from Mrs Morton and the choir was outstanding with a weekly rehearsal after school on Tuesdays, in addition to the big rehearsals with other schools before the event. The choir arrived at the Hexagon SIX hours before the performance to do one last rehearsal with the live band on stage before parents of all schools came along to watch the spectacular singing. It was simply an epic experience to see our children on stage with such talented musicians and sing so beautifully. We even had a teacher from another school comment on our children's superb conduct and beautiful singing! I know all the children loved the event and is an experience they will never forget. We will be taking part in the festival again next year where I believe the theme will be 'movie night' - cannot wait for that!





Last week also saw our YEAR 6's take on a mini-triathlon for the Brownlee Foundation Project. The event was non-competitive just for the children to have a fun and positive experience. The children were introduced to the disciplines of a triathlon; swim, cycle and finish with a 400m run! They did brilliantly with all pupils completing the course. The children loved the event and all received a medal for completing the triathlon challenge. We hope this will inspire some of our pupils to take up one or all of these events in the future and, you never know, we may have a future Olympic athlete amongst us!

Finally, please do take time to read the rest of the newsletter , we have key dates for the diary to keep an eye on and a brilliant class spotlight for Class Aquino in year 5.

Have a lovely week everyone!

John 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 - Class Aquino

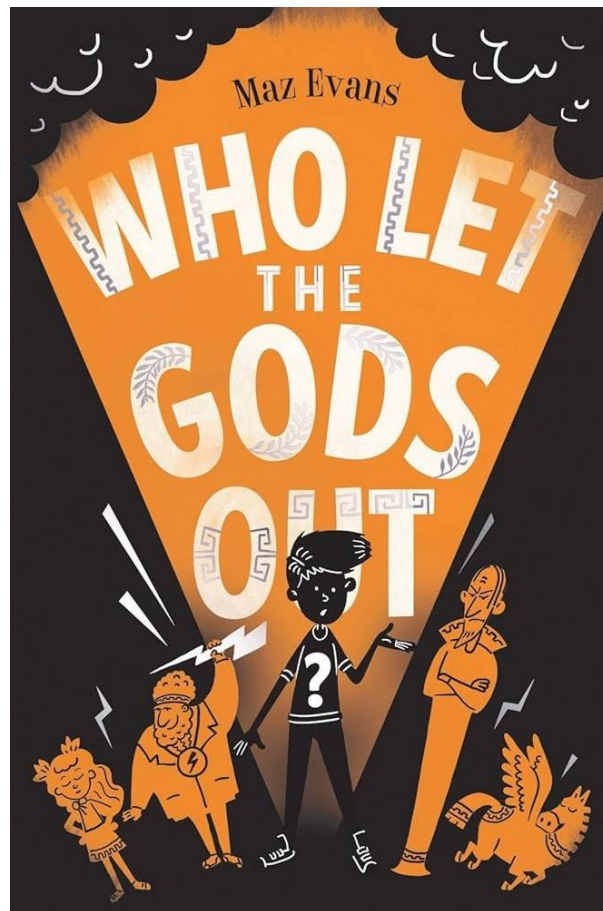


As this will be Aquino Class's last Spotlight of the year, I wanted to extend a massive thank you to all the children for making my first year at All Saints so fabulous. I really appreciate all the help they gave me in class with how to teach things like the Talk4Writing lessons and how generally things work around the school. It has been a great year and lots of fun has been had. This Spotlight will give just an inkling of a very busy term we have had. Well done all!

Reading

This term we started our new book, Who Let the Gods Out. The children have enjoyed how funny and ridiculous some of the characters are, coupled with the deep and serious nature of how dementia can affect families. We have used this book to branch out and do some extra learning around it.

"We got to act out the Zodiac Councilors lines. It was fun." Flossie



We've imitated one of the characters, Virgo, falling from the sky into a dilapidated cow shed by making our own sheds from card then dropping a rock onto them.





As the Gods in the book imprison someone beneath Stonehenge, we used this as an excuse to research into the ancient monument and the importance of the summer solstice.

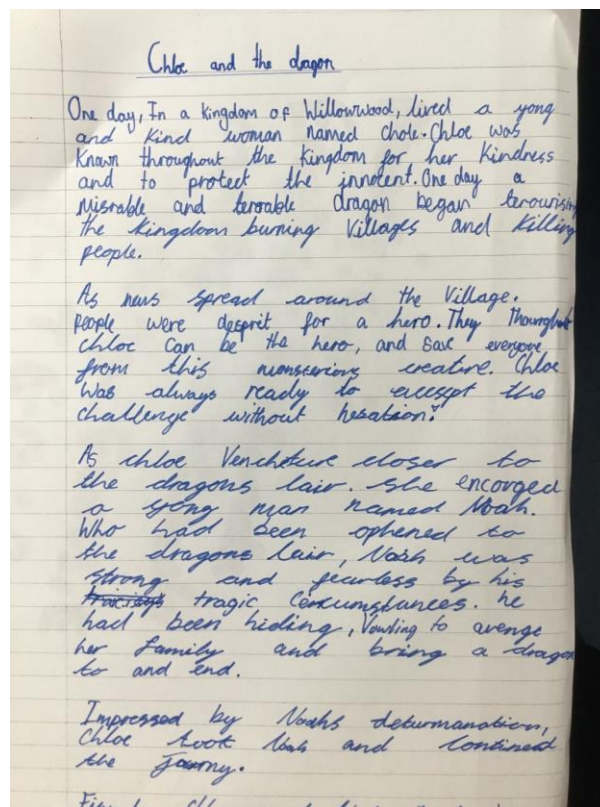
We've also looked at the Greek pantheon too, and the insane punishments that they dished out to those who have displeased them, like Sisyphus.



Writing

"Writing has always been my favourite thing about school. I love the thrill and excitement of your imagination speeding across the page; letting your thoughts run wild!" Kian

We have just wrapped up our latest creative writing task of a 'Slay the monster' story based on that of George and the Dragon. After decorating the room with flags and a dragon they made themselves, the children went on to create a varied cast of heroes of their own and set them off on some adventures. Here are some examples:



Dafeni and the twin destroyers

by suni

One enchanted Kingdom of Aurora Ridge there lived a young forgiving and understand girl named Dafeni. Dafeni always wanted to fight and bring peace to the Kingdom but people only thought that only men can fight but she wanted to prove that woman can also fight too. One faithful day her chance came, some body released the twin destroyers.

The desire of proving that she can fight was burning in her veins, so she packed all the necessary things she needed for this dangerous journey.

On her way she had to pass through the tunnel of ice, the twisty trees, the hill of ghosts and finally reached the mountain of nightmares and into the castle. She went deeper and deeper into the endless hallway of the twin destroyers castle.

As her heart pounded at every step but at that moment she spotted a girl. The two joined together has the girl said that her name is selleria and Dafeni introduced herself but to their dismay a horrifying sound vibrated through the hard rock walls it was the twin destroyers a two-headed beast with claws sharper than a vampire's fangs.

Dafeni quickly dodged the attacks and used her fire powers to burn it but it was useless. "use a shining spell" selleria suggested. "but then they will still grow back again." Dafeni answered. "just trust me" insisted selleria. "Okay hear goes nothing" replied Dafeni nervously and then Dafeni began to shrink them and it worked but they began to walk back. Dafeni distracted the twin destroyers just enough time for selleria to find the box where the twin destroyers were reeled.

Victoria, Nora, And The Shadow... Part 1

Once, in the empty, faraway land of Oldoria, there lived an adventurous and curious young woman named Victoria. Victoria was intelligent, shy, brave, but a little slow. The people there were pleased with her kind nature, and trusted her. But one day, parent's children went missing, one by one, which was unexplainable. Like Victoria, people became curious, and started wandering off into the dark forest, desperate to find their loved ones. More and more people went missing, soon, adults disappeared too! Victoria knew what she had to do.

Victoria packed her things, (sword, armour, water, all checks) and set off on her journey. She entered the forest, took a deep breath, and carried on. It was like a maze, it was massive and confusing. Along the way, an old woman lay on the ground. She had clearly tried to defeat the creature, and of course, failed. "Don't go any further, child. It's dangerous! GO BACK!" The old woman pleaded. "You are going after the wrong..." "I don't have time for your nonsense," snapped Victoria. "How dangerous could this stupid monster be?" And on she went. Broken bones and skulls lay motionless on the ground. Victoria accidentally stepped on one, the broken bones crunching under her shoe. "Ew..."

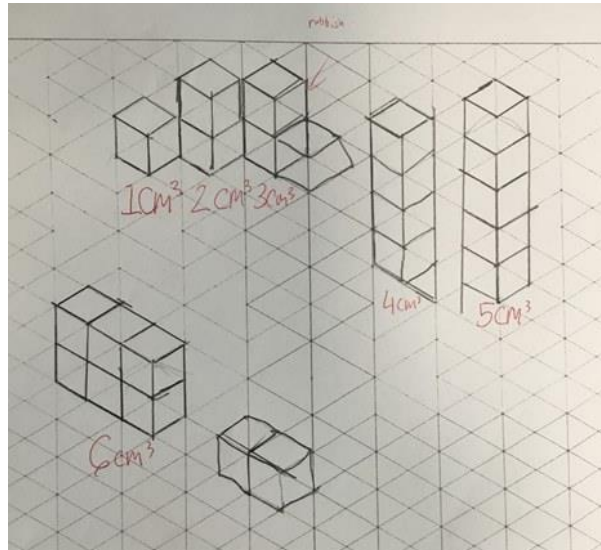
We were also lucky enough to have local poet Simon Mole come in and work with the children to kick start our next poetry unit. The children were amazed by his rap-based performances and wrote and performed some excellent poetry based on a spell's recipe.

"Simon Mole helped us write up our poems and it was so fun, and he was so funny." A



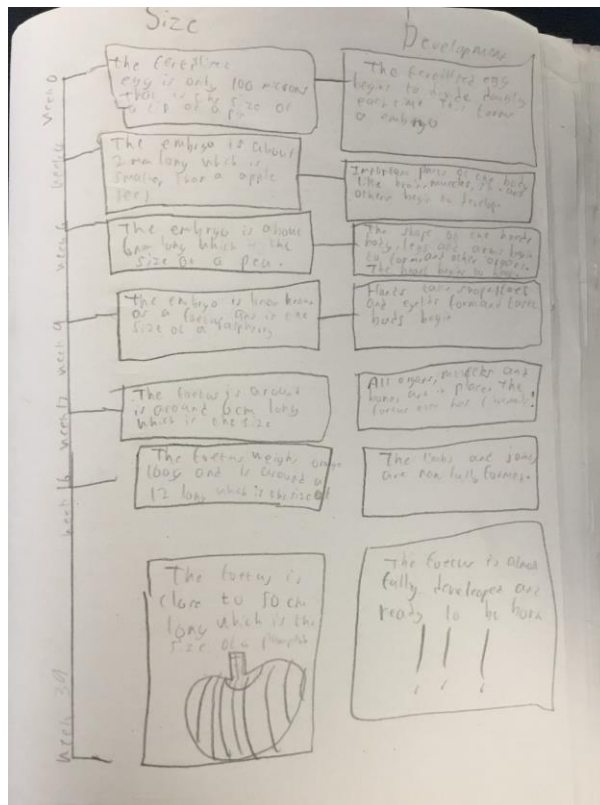
Mathematics

Aquino Class have been looking at measures, volume and capacity. We've been working with blocks to help us understand how volume works and having a great time drawing cubic drawings on isometric paper.



Science

In science, we have been looking at people and their growth and development. Here is a great example from... about how babies grow.



PE

"PE has been very exciting, fun and competitive. I love playing tennis and cricket." Emma

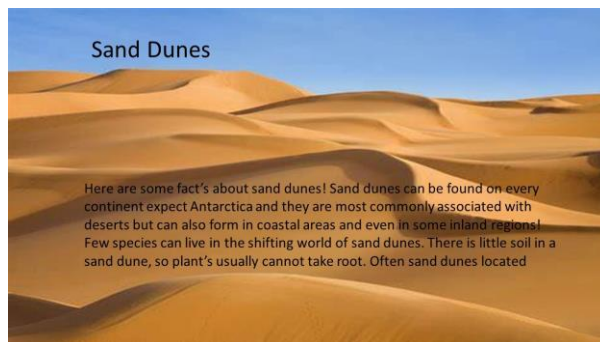
This term we had 'Coach Paul' again and have learnt some important cricket and tennis skills.





Geography

We have been looking at desert biomes and their features. We then used IT skills to build powerpoints about them.





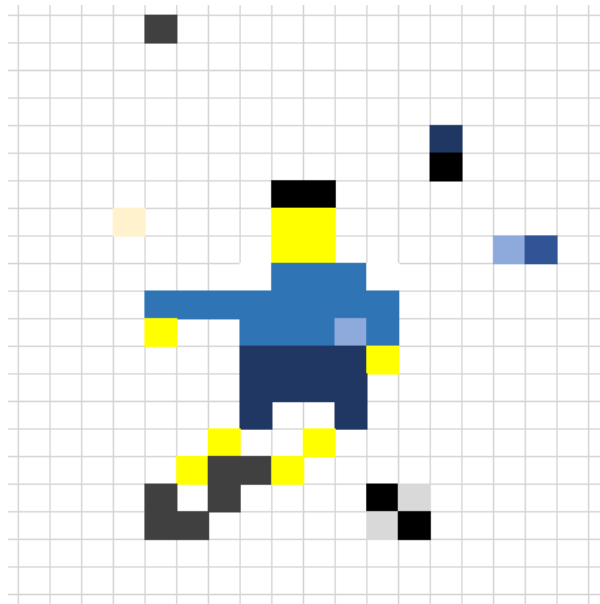
Computing

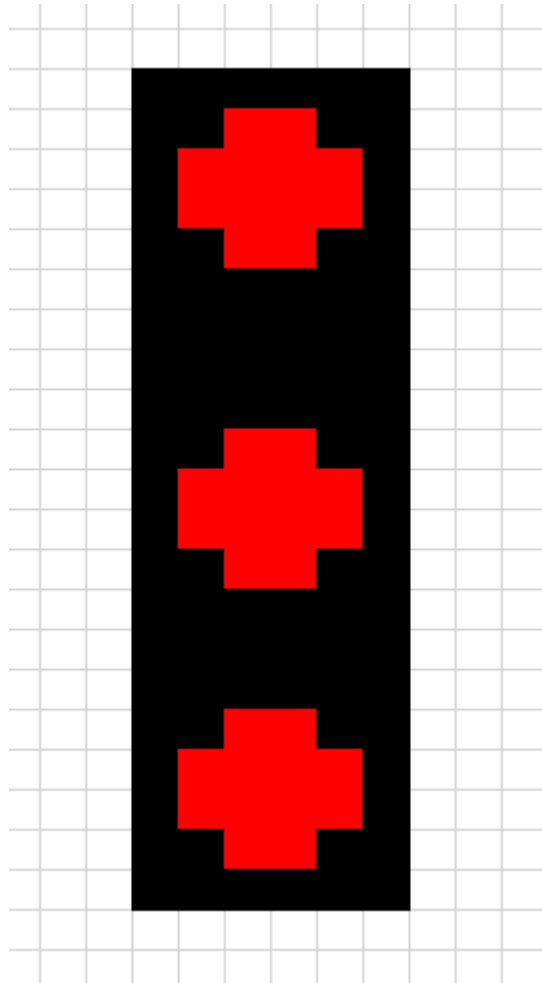
Last term the children created stop motion videos and added, edited and improved them. Follow the links to see some examples.

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The children have also been learning about the different ways in which computers work; how they produce pictures. They had a go at creating bitmap images using spreadsheets to show how they worked.





Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Dear parent/carer,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#). Sign up for FREE at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up from **Saturday 13th July**. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

If you have any questions, please contact advocacy@rbwm.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,

Maggie Ross

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PE and Sport Update



School Sports Clubs

This year we've been lucky enough to provide free clubs using the sports premium. Next academic year from September we will need to ask for a nominal donation of £3.50 per session to help towards sustaining and improving the provision we offer. We will communicate more information about the clubs for September in next week's newsletter.

Booking for extra-curricular school clubs will be on a digital form.

When completing the booking form you are giving permissions for your child to attend the relevant club. Please take note of the dates, including exclusion dates and times. These will also be on the club information table in the newsletter.

Your child's place is secure once the form is complete and payment has been received on Tucasi. If you require a payment plan, please contact the school office.

Dance Company Auditions – Wednesday 3rd July in the small hall 12-1pm

Calling all girls with an interest in dance and movement. You may already do dance or gymnastics out of school or just want to get started. You need to be in year 4-6 in September.

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Now is the time of year Jane Douglass our Community Dance teacher in the Sports Partnership is looking for talented girls to join the wonderful Junior Dance Company – who showcase at the Primary Dance Festival in February.

This year she would like the dancers to prepare a short (max 2 mins dance) to show her. Either as a solo, duet or small group (max of 4). They would need to be able to tell her the music so she can find it on her iPad or if it is something unusual, they would need to bring it themselves. It should be a fun thing for them to do if they enjoy dance. During the audition they will also be asked to show some basic dance skills.

If your daughter is interested and you missed this opportunity at school you can attend a

DIRECT AUDITION by booking a space on the link below.

Pupils can audition to take part directly after school at **Larchfield Community Centre** on **Monday 8th July after school**

They are particularly interested in pupils who will be in year 5 and 6 in September (we will audition those currently in year 3 but they would have to be very talented)

Please complete the form and contact the office for a parents information letter.

[AUDITION FORM - JUNIOR DANCE COMPANY SEPTEMBER 2024 - Google Forms](#)

Thank you.

Triathlon





Outside school activity opportunities

Maidenhead United Football Club have been running girls only sessions for the last 3 years, and we have had great track record in forming teams, generating a pathway for the girls to learn and have equal opportunity as the boys football sessions. They have limited spaces on their Tuesday evening Girls Sessions. Please contact them if your daughter is interested.

We have 2 sessions:

Tuesday, 4pm – 5pm, Year 1, 2 and 3

<https://ethicalticketing.org/maidenhead-united-in-the-community/event/544945758>

Tuesday, 5pm – 6pm, Year 4, 5 and 6

<https://ethicalticketing.org/maidenhead-united-in-the-community/event/312135501>

Yearly Attendance Table

Class	Attendance	Rank
Class Hadid	96.79%	1
Class Lovelace	96.12%	2
Class Shelley	95.75%	3
Class Hawking	95.05%	4
Class Attenborough	94.17%	5
Class Owens	93.84%	6
Class Lindgren	93.55%	7
Class Aquino	93.31%	8



STAR OF THE WEEK	
3.1 - Shelly	A has really impressed us with her cheeky smile, enthusiasm and love of school and learning. She has been a delight to teach, we wish you all the very best and are going to miss you.
3.2 - Lovelace	Klara has really impressed us with her focus, enthusiasm and effort in all of our lessons, particularly in English this week. She has creative ideas and has completed fantastic work with our innovation of 'The Magic Shop' and confidently read her work aloud to the class. Well done!
4.1 - Owens	Daysi has impressed everyone in our position and direction topic in maths this week. She can confidently describe positions on a 2-D grid as coordinates, plot specified points and draw sides to complete a given polygon. Well done and keep it up!
4.2 - Lindgren	Sereena constantly demonstrates outstanding effort and dedication in her learning. Sereena's compassionate nature, wise decisions and responsible behaviour set and example to her peers.
5.1 - Aquino	Zachary has impressed us with his poetry writing and performing. During our poetry session with Simon Mole this week he wrote and performed his poem excellently. He responded to the feedback and improved! We have also seen you helping others in class this week too. Great work!
5.2 - Attenborough	T has impressed everyone this week with his effort in all subjects, particularly English. He has had a really good week and shown great maturity throughout. Well done!
6.1 - Hawking	Sarina has impressed us all with her consistent application of our school values in everything that she does. Sarina has proven herself to be a wise, compassionate and responsible leader both in class and in sport and music activities. Thank you and well done!
6.2 - Hadid	Alex has impressed us with his sense of responsibility and leadership in PE. He is reliable and always follows instructions well. He demonstrates good understanding of key concepts and is a great role model in lessons. Well done and keep it up!

Messages and Reminders

Autumn Clubs

Information on the Autumn afterschool clubs have been emailed to you.

Gymnastics

Dodgeball

Sewing

Art

Running Club (before School)

We will email club flyers as soon as we receive them.

Menu Change - Thursday 11th July & Wednesday 24th July

On Thursday 11th July the menu will be:

Sausage Roll with Tasty Tatties and Baked Beans/Veg

Vegan Sausage Roll with Tasty Tatties and Baked Beans/Veg

Jacket Potatoes as normal

Only grab bags available on the last day of term.



Sunny Weather

Reminder to apply sunscreen to your child before school and ensure they bring a sun hat and a water bottle every day.

Lost Property



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

Summer Clubs 2024

ALL SAINTS JUNIOR SCHOOL CLUB INFORMATION – SUMMER 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	15 th April – 15 th July 2024	uSports	£78.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Multiports	Mon	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 5 & 6 by invitation	10 th June – 15 th July 2024	MNR Coaching	No Charge	Playground	1 hour	Reception
Science Club	Mon	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	22 nd April – 15 th July 2024	Fizz Pop Science	£80.00	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Baseball Club	Mon	Lunchtime	Years 4 & 5	14 th May – 9 th July 2024	Mrs Thompson	No Charge	Playground	30 mins	N/A
Netball	Tues	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 5 & 6	23 rd April – 9 th July 2024	Mrs Thompson	No charge	Playground	1 hour	Reception
Netball	Tues	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Year 4	30 th April – 9 th July 2024	Mrs Thompson	No charge	Playground	1 hour	Reception
Running Club	Wed	8.00 – 8.30 am	Years 3-6	5 th June – 10 th July 2024	Running4everyone	£27.00	Field	30 mins	N/A
Football	Wed	12.15 – 1.15 pm	Years 4-5 Boys	5 th June – 17 th July 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	No charge	Playground	2 x 30-mins	N/A
Football	Wed	3.30 – 4.30	Years 3-6	24 th April – 17 th July 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	Contact supplier	Muga	1 hour	Reception
Music	Thurs	1.00 – 3.00 pm	Years 3-6	TBC	ilock	Contact supplier	Small Hall	2 hours	N/A
Sewing	Thurs	3.30 – 4.40 pm	Years 3-6	25 th April – 11 th July 2024	Dhaaga Creative Sewing	£93.50	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Athletics	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Y 3& 4 By invitation	2 nd May – 18 th July 2024	Mrs Thompson	No Charge	Field/Hall	1 hour	Reception
Athletics	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Y 5 & 6 By invitation	25 th April – 18 th July 2024	Mrs Thompson	No Charge	Field/Hall	1 hour	Reception
Growing Club	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	By invitation	TBC	Ms Nowaczyk	No Charge	Outside Lindgren	1 hour	Reception
Football	Thurs	12.15-12.45pm 12.45 – 1.15 pm	Years 3-4 Girls Years 5-6 Girls	6 th June – 19 th July 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	No charge	Playground	30-minute sessions	N/A
Dodgeball	Fri	3.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Years 3 – 6	19 th April – 19 th July 2024	uSport	£84.50	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Cricket	Fri	3.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Years 3 – 6	19 th April – 17 th May 2024	Berkshire Cricket	No Charge	Field	1 hour	Reception

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