



## Parent/Carer Newsletter

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*13th November 2024*

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“If you really want to do something, you’ll find a way. If you don’t, you’ll find an excuse.”

Jim Rohn

## Key dates for Parent/Carers

**Sun 10th Nov - Sat 16th Nov**

Year 6 trip to

Rhos Y Gwaliau

**Thursday 14th November**

PTA AGM - 8pm

via Zoom

**Wednesday 20th November**

Year 3 visit to

Boyne Grove Library

**Thursday 21st November**

Year 4 - Walk to

Stubbings Nursery

**Thursday 21st November**

PTA Quiz Night

8 pm

**Wednesday 4th December**

Christmas Unwrapped

	Hadid 1.30-3.00pm
<b>Thursday 5th December</b>	Christmas Unwrapped Hawking 10.15-12.00pm
<b>Wednesday 18th December</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>Thursday 19th December</b>	Last day of Autumn Term - children finish at 1.30pm
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	INSET Day (School Closed to children)
<b>Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January</b>	Christmas Holiday
<b>Monday 6th January</b>	INSET Day (School closed to children)
<b>Tuesday 7th January</b>	Term 3 begins

## Priority Messages

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week there has been a lot going on in school! Our year 6's set off on Sunday on their residential trip to Rhos-Y-Gwaliau and are currently having a wonderful time! On Monday, the school came together to observe the two minute silence for Remembrance Day and today, in our assembly, we looked at Anti-Bullying Week 2024 and reflected on the theme of 'Respect'. Next week we will have a spotlight on the Rhos-Y-Gwaliau trip in the Newsletter so please look out for that as there are some amazing photos!

### Attendance:

This week the priority message is about attendance and what we can do together to support all families in achieving good attendance...

There is a wide range of international evidence that tells us that children who attend school regularly go on to achieve better outcomes, live healthier, wealthier and more enriched lives - and we want to make sure we are all doing everything that we can to make that happen for

all of our children. School is not just about academic success and attainment. It is also centered on learning about the world, about relationships and about individuals. It is about trying new things, making new friends, and finding a place in the world. To miss school is to miss the multifaceted experiences that shape the choices we make, the opportunities we have and the quality of life that we lead. Attendance is also an important protective factor and the best opportunity for children's needs to be identified and support provided. Research has shown associations between regular absence from school and a number of extra-familial harms.

With that in mind, I wanted to make clear about the procedures and measures in place to monitor and support attendance. Having completed one half term, we can now see trends in attendance and will be contacting families that have attendance below 90%. In this category, the children are considered persistently absent and we will be working with families to help facilitate a more improved attendance rate. Of course, we know children will become unwell and need a day or two to recover but **attendance below 90% would equate to missing over 20 days of school over one academic year.** Any holidays or trips during term time cannot be authorised and a fixed penalty notice will be implemented if they surpass 5 consecutive school days.

This week I will be reaching out to families that have attendance below 90% to raise that awareness and to offer support to improve their attendance in a collaborative way!

### **Donation Buckets for Children In Need**

On Friday it is BBC Children In Need day and we will have donation buckets on the gates in the morning. If you would like to make a donation that would be appreciated but it is optional. **The children will wear school uniform as normal and I will lead an assembly on Children In Need to raise awareness.**

### **And finally...**

Thanks to the link made by Tricia Knight, our school business manager, we were able to donate our previous pre-loved uniform to Changing Lives Malawi. They are able to distribute the clothing to schools in Malawi and ensure that it does not go to waste. In addition, the money raised from the non-school uniform day was able to pay for the shipping of the uniform to Malawi. The charity contacted us to say they wrote an article about our help and wanted to thank our school community for our efforts! I have included a link to the article should you wish to read it...

[https://changinglivesmalawi.com/2024/11/12/uniform-donation-all-saints-junior-school-  
maidenhead/](https://changinglivesmalawi.com/2024/11/12/uniform-donation-all-saints-junior-school-maidenhead/)

We hope you enjoy the newsletter and 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 - Aquino

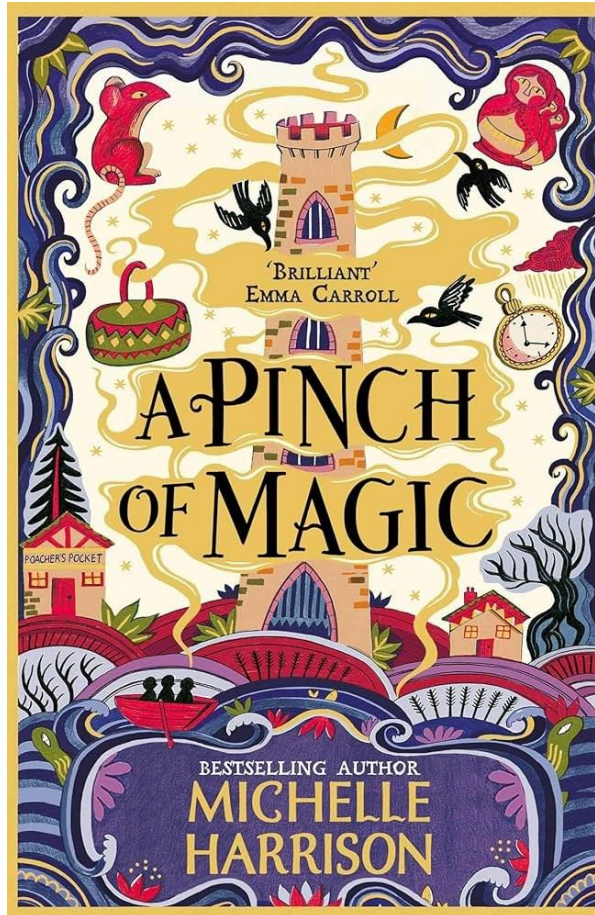


What a great start to the year with lots of things learnt in Aquino, our first day in September seems quite a long time ago now. It has been great getting to know all the children and I've really enjoyed their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. Judging by what we have done so far, I'm sure we have an exciting year ahead. For this class spotlight, I really wanted the children to explain their learning and make this their own. So, they are going to take over and explain what they have been up to and the learning that they wanted to share.

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*Reading*

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*My favourite topic is our book A Pinch Of Magic. The book is about a family curse which Betty, the middle child, tries to break. Betty is an adventurous character. I've learnt that adventures can lead into trouble. I've enjoyed the book and its twists, turns and suspense along with the art on the front and back. We have nearly read the whole book and we will move onto Wonder after we finish this book. That's the best thing we have done.*

*Bradley*

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### **Maths**

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*My favourite subject this term is going to have to be maths lessons. We have been focusing on multiplication and division. Mr Green has taught us different ways to solve harder questions. One of the things that I have enjoyed in maths is that the maths questions are improving my maths but are not boring! But my favourite bit about the subject is that Mr Green has taught me to never give up no matter how hard the work is. Keep pushing myself.*

*Hallie*

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## Science

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*My absolute favourite subject we have worked on this term would be hard to choose but ultimately it has to go to, science. The experiments were SUPER interesting. I like the experiment with ice when we learnt that cosy jackets keep air cold as well as warm.*

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## History

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*My favourite topic was the Tudors, for me it was very interesting. Especially, the trip to Hampton Court Palace if it wasn't for learning this then I probably would not know who they were. We learnt about Henry VIII's history some people thought he was good (long story*

short, he was not...). And the song that Mr Green added on the homework for the Tudors was so good!

Michael



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*Swimming*

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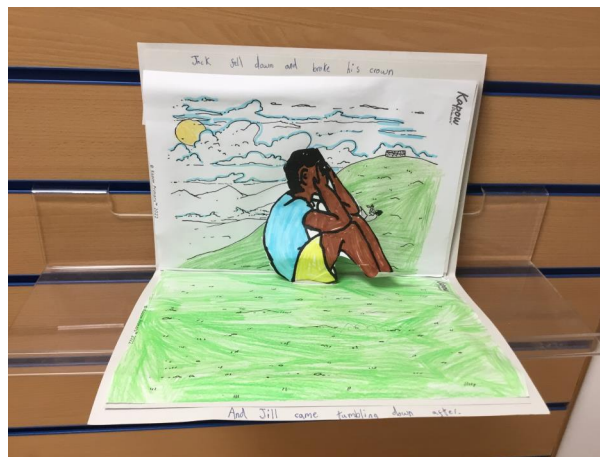
I loved the swimming sessions because it was fun and hard at the same time. It was nice traveling to the leisure centre and back to school. I also swam with my friend, Onali, which was a good experience because I could go underwater and wave to her. The most thing I enjoyed about swimming lessons is the jumping in, the game where you had to go underwater and get a toy and bring it back and of course, swimming itself.

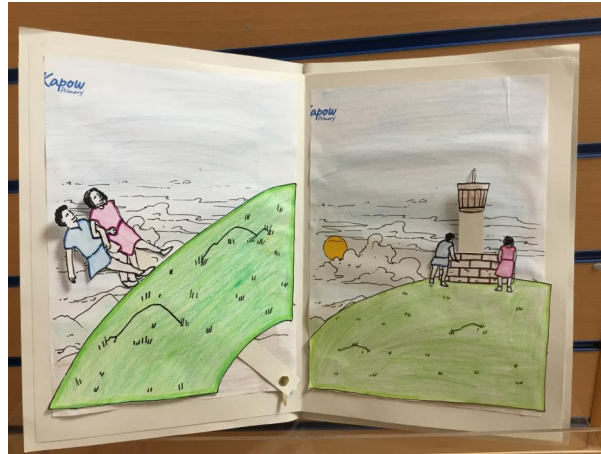
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### Design and Technology Pop-up Cards

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*It was really fun making a lever to make the character move! It was actually pretty hard to make the cards even though it looked easy! The pop-up books were about Jack and Jill. We had lots of fun making these with our friends.*

*Dominika*

*I loved making pop-up cards with Mrs Shaheen. I was the first to finish so I got to help everyone who needed help. I like helping people. My card turned out to be great and its mechanism worked really well. The reason I liked it most was because I like art and craft.*

*Ruhani*

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## *Writing*

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Finally, I wanted to show off some of the excellent writing that the children have done this term based on a passage from Harry Potter. The children used this as a basis for their own portal stories teleporting their colourful cast of characters to lots of incredible, fantastical destinations. I was particularly impressed by Class Aquino's enthusiasm for writing they all wrote very long and detailed stories that showed their writing skills. Here are some small samples of a couple of them.

Mr Green

Alendar Aval

Spuchkump was so tiny, he survived through the crowds with ease. As Shylar had to chase after him, which was a challenge not only because he was a tiny elf, but also because the rush hour commuters seemed looking towards him, as if she was a magnet attracting all of them. They passed empty, abandoned seats on one side of the road and on the other side there were supermarkets and record stores but nowhere appeared to sell magical potions. Could there really be a pet shop selling dragon eggs? Were there really spell casting wizards and witches? Might this not be some ludicrous trick the Tunderer had made up?

The slyeaky witcher, the sign read. It was a small, dismal-looking laundry mat. If Spuchkump hadn't pointed it out, then Shylar wouldn't have caught sight of it. Enthusiastic, Spuchkump

Happy Hotel Story by Haze

The dusty lit story night sky hood  
 OVER US. Hired was so magical for a hobbit  
 that he made into story and the stories like  
 super (at least X-ray thought) mysteriously in the crowd  
 mysteriously. The X-ray were finding it hard to keep up  
 They sat down facing vacuum cleaners stores, books and  
 on the other side of the road was fancy restaurants and record  
 stores but nowhere that looked as if it would sell potions and  
 magic broomsticks. This was just a regular street full  
 of dull people. X-ray was hoping to find a magic  
 wand. X-ray (he put a colorful pencil with a pencil)  
 was hoping to find a magic. Could this magical world  
 really exist? Or was this really school that took a lot of time?  
 Might this not all be some huge grand the school bully  
 and his friends had made up? Or was this all

## Caterlink Survey

Good afternoon

We are carrying out our annual pupil survey to assist us in improving our catering service to our customers and we would value the opportunity to survey the pupils at your school.

If your head of school would like your pupils to be part of this survey, we have provided the link below which can be shared with pupils, we have also provided as a QR code.

We will provide feedback to schools whose pupils complete the survey once results have been analysed. Many thanks in advance.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RLKQLHJ>

Scan the QR code



**We would ask that all responses are completed by 30th November.**

## **PTA - Events**

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### *PTA Quiz Night*

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Hello everyone

A reminder of the forthcoming quiz which will be held on Thursday 21st November at 8 p.m. Tickets are available through Scopy. A raffle will be held on the night, prizes include a £100 Amazon gift card. Donations for the raffle will be gratefully received, please drop in to the office or to Mrs. Sawle no later than Tuesday 19th November.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Best wishes

All Saints Junior School PTA

**Reminder: Quiz Night Thursday 21st November**

The revised PTA quiz night will be held on Thursday 21st November. Same time (8pm) and same format!

We're hopeful the new date will encourage more people to attend, and the event will be bigger and better than it has been in previous years.

For those that have already purchased tickets, rest assured that your ticket will be transferred to and valid for the new date. If you are unable to attend on the new date, please contact the school office or the PTA directly via [allsaintsjuniorpta@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsjuniorpta@gmail.com) who will be able to advise on a refund.

Thanks again for your support of the PTA and let's make the 2024 PTA Quiz Night the best one yet!

More details to follow.

Kind regards

All Saints PTA

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***PTA AGM***

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Hi everyone,

The annual PTA AGM will be held via Zoom at 8 p.m. on Thursday 14th November and everyone is welcome to attend. Please join using the link below:

<https://mcgrawhill.zoom.us/j/89558538877?pwd=pAYzgCOBsaPwbtd2vcyDC2lJvfN3m9.1&from=addon>

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

The PTA

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### *Quiz & Raffle*

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#### **PTA Quiz Night**

Hi everyone

Due to the overwhelming number of messages we've received from people who would love to attend the quiz, but are unable to do so due to its proximity to half term holidays, the PTA has taken the difficult decision to postpone.

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All Saints PTA

## Copas Christmas Turkey offer



### **All Saints Junior School PTA**

Hi everyone

Why shouldn't you sit next to a turkey at diner? Because he will gobble it up!

However, if you would like to turn the table and get a juicy turkey for your festive supper, why not enjoy this in the knowledge that you have helped raise money for the school's PTA fund.

If you are ordering a turkey this year, please consider ordering from Copas using the code in this flyer at checkout... ASJMPTA24

A promotional flyer for Copas Farm Shop. The top section features a photograph of a roasted turkey on a wooden platter, garnished with orange slices and herbs. The text 'BERKSHIRE ESTD 1957 ENGLAND' is at the top, followed by 'COPAS' in large white letters and 'VERY VERY SPECIAL TURKEYS' below it. A QR code is on the right. Below the photo is a dark blue banner with the text 'Christmas PTA Fundraiser!'. The middle section has a yellow background with the text: 'Order an award winning turkey from Copas and raise funds for All Saints Junior School!', 'Simply enter the code ASJMPTA24 at checkout and Copas Turkeys will donate 5% of your order value to the school PTA.', 'WWW.COPASFARMSHOP.CO.UK', and 'CALL: 01628 499 980'. The bottom section is a dark blue banner with the text 'Raise funds and enjoy an award winning turkey!'.

Thank you all for your continued support.

All Saints PTA

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*Reasons to volunteer with the All Saints PTA*

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## Reasons to volunteer with the All Saints PTA



### Support the school

Events held at school and funds raised enrich your child's learning and their school experience.

### It's totally flexible

Everyone can get involved, it's not as much commitment as you might think. You can put in as much or as little time as you want.

### It's fun & rewarding

Volunteering is a delightful and satisfying experience. Seeing the children enjoying events you've organised/ helped at makes it worthwhile.

### Be better connected to the school

Create closer links with the head, teachers, staff and other parents. Gain a greater insight by seeing how things work from both sides.

### Create lasting memories

Our children are at school for such a short time. They will remember the fun activities/ games we fund, learn using resources we buy and remember the events we hold.

### Have your say

Provide your input into how to raise funds as well as how funds we raise should be spent.

Several parents/ guardians/ carers and grandparents who volunteered with us have moved on now their children have gone onto secondary school. We desperately need new volunteers to ensure that the All Saints PTA is able to continue.

Anyone linked to the school (including grandparents) can volunteer. We're always looking for fresh ideas and suggestions- the more the merrier!

If you can help, please email [allsaintsjuniorpta@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsjuniorpta@gmail.com)

## Asda Rewards - Cashpot for schools with Parentkind



Between the 2nd September and the 30th November, when customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school too donate 0.5% of the value of their spend to. Plus, for every customer who chooses your school, Asda will put £1 into the cashpot.

If you go into your Asda app and go into Cashpot for schools you will be asked for the school postcode which is SL6 4AR it will then link with the school.

## PE and Sport Update



## 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 Shelley 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 Lovelace	98.86%	1
Class Attenborough	98.50%	2
Class Hadid	96.77%	3
Class Shelley	95.83%	4
Class Owens	95.33%	5
Class Hawking	92.58%	6
Class Aquino	90.62%	7
Class Lindgren	86.67%	8

## Yearly Attendance Table

Class	Attendance	Rank
Class Lovelace	98.52%	1
Class Shelley	97.05%	2
Class Hadid	95.47%	3
Class Aquino	95.28%	4
Class Owens	94.97%	5
Class Hawking	94.62%	6
Class Attenborough	94.35%	7
Class Lindgren	93.28%	8



STAR OF THE WEEK	
3.1 - Shelly	<b>Billy</b> has impressed us all by trying so very hard with his learning this week. He has listened really well this week and has impressed us. We know you can do it and believe in you. Keep up the good work!
3.2 - Lovelace	<b>B</b> has really impressed us with her focus, enthusiasm and effort in all of our lessons, particularly in writing. She role played and wrote an excellent 'telling off' for the Wolf in our story, using original and well thought ideas. She also presented her ideas confidently and proudly. Well done!
4.1 - Owens	<b>George</b> has been working hard on his reading and should be very proud of his progress. He has been impressing us all with his great general knowledge and answers in our class discussions. Keep up the good work George!
4.2 - Lindgren	<b>Robin</b> has impressed us with her version of a tale of fear. She has skillfully used the writer's toolkit to create suspense, following the underlying pattern with creative and innovative ideas. Well done Robin and keep it up!
5.1 - Aquino	<b>Bella</b> has shown compassion for those around her. It has been heartening to see her take time to make sure others in the class are okay. Just this week, we have seen her care for those who are injured, help others recite their poetry and encouraged her peers to do the right thing to name just a few. She has sprinkled a little kindness on others in the class, thank you.
5.2 - Attenborough	<b>Malaika</b> has impressed everyone this week with her attitude to learning. She always produces work to the best of her ability and has had a great first week back. Well done Malaika
6.1 - Hawking	<b>Sibu</b> has impressed us with his fantastic poetry writing. He followed the underlying pattern of the original poem very well and used metaphorical language to create a vivid image in the readers mind. Well done and keep it up!
6.2 - Hadid	<b>Stanley</b> has impressed us all with his outstanding commitment to all lessons to produce his best work. This week he has written an excellent description of Premium City from our class book 'The Last Wild' and solved many different types of fraction problems in maths. His attitude to his work has been an example to us all. Keep it up!

## Messages and Reminders

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### *Medication Reminder*

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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

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### *School Uniform*

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Please ensure you name all school uniform including the new PE tops. Thank you

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*Lost Property*

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

## Autumn Clubs 2024

ALL SAINTS JUNIOR SCHOOL CLUB INFORMATION – AUTUMN 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	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	uSports	£91.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Science Club	Mon	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	Fizz Pop Science	£40.00	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Fencing Club	Tues	7.45 – 8.30 an	Years 3-6	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	Little Musketeers	£48.00	Small Hall	45 mins	N/A
Cross Country	Tues	12.15 - 12.45 pm	Years 3-6	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct - 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2024	Mrs Thompson		Field	30 Mins	N/A
Indoor Games	Tues	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Years 4 - 6	24 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	Mrs Sawle	£35.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Netball	Tues	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Year 4 - 6	24 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	Mrs Thompson	£35.00	Playground	1 hour	Reception
Running Club	Wed	8.00 - 8.30 am	Years 3 - 6	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 11 Dec 2024	Running4everyone <a href="https://forms.gle/X5RdDYLQTgeiagbaA1">https://forms.gle/X5RdDYLQTgeiagbaA1</a>	£49.50	Field	30 mins	N/A
Football	Wed	12.15 – 1.15 pm	By invitation	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	TBC	Playground	2 x 30-mins	N/A
Football	Wed	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	Contact supplier	Field	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	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	Dhaaga Creative Sewing	£108.00	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Badminton	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Year 5 & 6	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	Mrs Thompson	£35.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Growing Club	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	Ms Nowaczyk	£5 per term	Outside Lindgren	1 hour	Reception
Football	Fri	12.15 - 1.15 pm	By invitation	27 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	TBC	Playground	2 x 30-mins	N/A
Dodgeball	Fri	3.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	uSport	£91.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Art Club	Fri	3.30 pm - 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 6 Dec 2024	Art Peek	£100.80	Classroom	1 hour	Reception

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