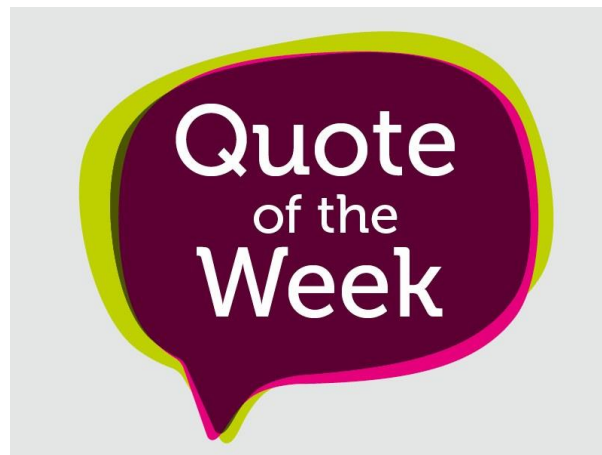




Parent/Carer Newsletter

6th December 2024



"Well done is better than well said"

Benjamin Franklin

Key dates for Parent/Carers

Wednesday 4th December

Christmas Unwrapped

	Hadid 1.30-3.00pm
Thursday 5th December	Christmas Unwrapped Hawking 10.15-12.00pm
Thursday 12th December	iRock Concert 2.45 pm
Monday 16th December	Y3 Service at 2pm at All Saints Church
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19th December	Last day of Autumn Term - children finish at 1.30pm
Friday 20th December	INSET Day (School Closed to children)
Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January	Christmas Holiday
Monday 6th January	INSET Day (School closed to children)
Tuesday 7th January	Term 3 begins

Priority Messages

Dear Parents/Carers

Last week the school took part in the 'Scholastic Book Fair' which was organised by Mrs Malhotra. This gave all the children (and adults) the opportunity to peruse through new releases and books from popular authors. The children had opportunities in the school day to visit the book fair to add to their 'wish-list' and parents very kindly paid for them! Not only is it a great resource for children and families to source new books, but by taking part and raising taking in over £1000 in sales, meant the school will receive a grant of £500 to

spend on books for our school library. So we wanted to say a big thank you to all parents that came along and parted money for books for their children! We hope you will feel it was worthwhile as it has contributed to the school receiving a healthy grant to purchase more books for the children in our library. A big thank you to Mrs Malhotra for all her hard work organising this and getting all those orders in place!

As we approach the end of this busy term, please do keep an eye out on the dates for the diary! Most notably, for year 3 parents, the Christmas service at All Saints Church on the 16th December at 2.00pm. In addition, we will have our Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch on the 18th December, if you have not ordered a lunch for that day, please do check your email where you will find the menu and let the school office know as soon as possible.

Further down in the newsletter we have a PE update and a spotlight on year 6. 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)





Social Media - reminder

There are lots of benefits to social networking. Children can stay connected to friends and family. They can also learn many different things, from make-up or gaming tutorials to making slime, or how to create their own videos.

Like most things, there can be negatives too. For children and young people there are risks that you should be aware of, to help keep your child safe on social media.

Please continue to help us support your children to make safe choices.

[What is social media? | NSPCC](#)

Class Spotlight - Year 6



Whilst the majority of Year 6 were at Rhos Y Gwaliau, the remaining children had great fun being off timetable for the week. Here are some of the activities that we did:

As it was Black History Month in October, we completed a research project on famous Black people, ranging from artists, sports personalities, civil rights activists and presidents! The children conducted research and then created a PowerPoint presentation. They then had an opportunity to present their projects to the rest of the class.



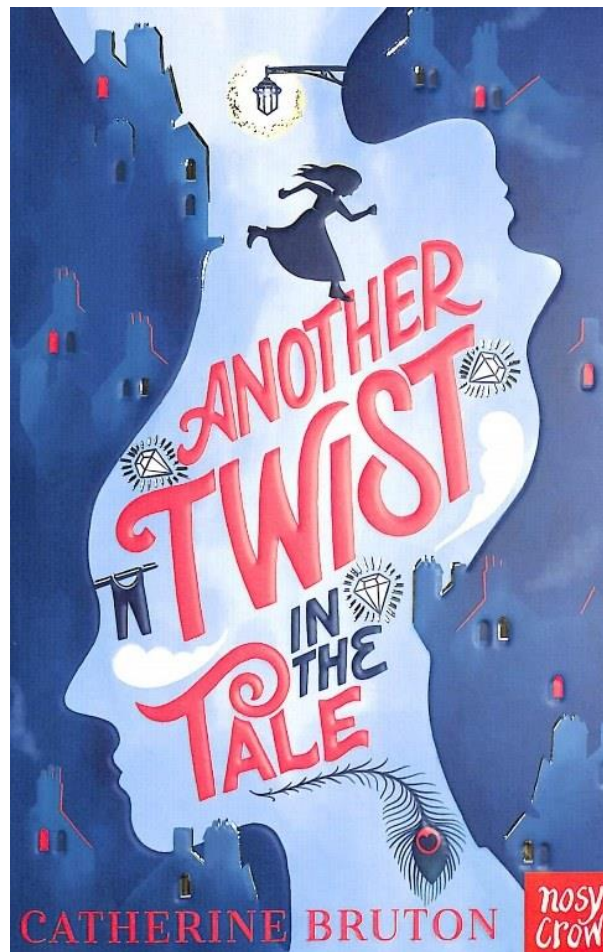
We still had some Maths lessons during the week – with a twist! We conducted an experiment to find out what fraction of different coloured Smarties were in one tube of Smarties. We then converted the fractions into decimals and found equivalent fractions! The children thoroughly enjoyed this lesson! Maths can be fun!!!



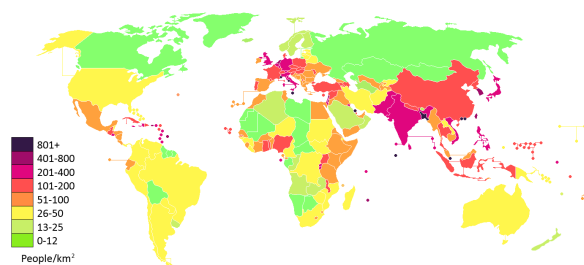
To celebrate Children In Need, we had a go at baking cupcakes, using the new oven in the Small Hall. The children had a great time, working in teams to design their cupcakes and decide which toppings to use. They then scoffed them all before any photos could be taken!!!



In Reading this term, we are reading Another Twist in the Tale, which is a spin-off of Oliver Twist! Written in the style of Charles Dickens, the challenging vocabulary has introduced the children to how life was like for poor children in Victorian times.

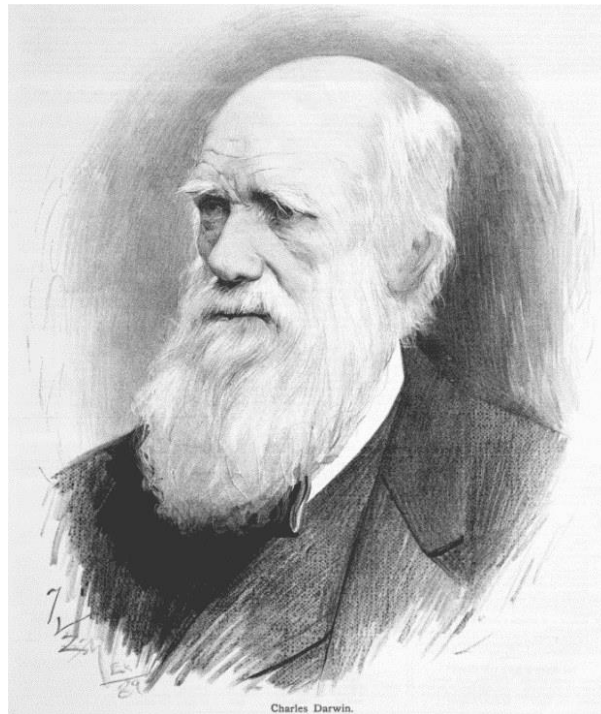


Geography this term is looking at what effects population change in countries. We will look at reasons for migration, how death and birth rates have been affected over the years and which countries have the biggest or smallest population.



In computing, we are going to be learning about coding language and how important the correct code is for instructions for a computer to complete a task. We will be learning this coding language using Logo and Python.

In Science this term, we are studying Evolution and Inheritance. The children will learn about Charles Darwin and his theories of evolution and how we inherit many of our features from our family members.



Quiz Night

This year's PTA quiz night was a huge success, raising £525 for the PTA fund and bringing this year's total to £632. We won't talk too much about Mr Harris' staff team, and definitely won't mention Heston Services or the associated quarter of a point!

The holder of the lucky entry ticket took away £100 in Amazon vouchers from our friends at McGraw Hill, and raffle prizes on the night included a voucher donated by the Cliveden Estate for a luxurious afternoon tea for four people and an Introduction to Padel experience, plus many other great prizes.

Huge thanks to all who contributed prizes, took part and helped organise, especially our excellent quizmasters, Vicky & Tim Fowler, our secretary, Lynn Barber who did so much but couldn't be there to enjoy it, and to Mr C for helping out with the logistics.

Next one in the Spring, perhaps....?

Gobble Gobble...

Don't forget that you can support the PTA by ordering your festive turkey at Copas Farm Shop: <https://copasfarmshop.co.uk> and using the code ASJMPTA24 before you check out. The turkeys are fantastic, you support a local business *and* we get a little bit back to help fund our upcoming projects.

PTA Projects

The eco garden project is being revisited for 2025 with a new plan for an outdoor classroom and the full support of school management - look out for more on this in January!

We are proudly supporting the school's provision of swimming lessons with a contribution towards transport costs, and we're very pleased to see the 10 iPads we bought last year giving the children's classroom experience a little boost.

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported one of our events and helped make this possible!

PTA People

At the AGM back in October, we voted in some new officers to the PTA committee. Nick Keir takes over as chair, handing over the Treasurer role to new member Ruth Swinnerton. Lynn Barber remains as secretary and we welcome Leah Robinson, Lyndsey Stockbridge, Amy Lovell, Lexie Sedgemore, Helen Bates and Sharon Weissler as committee members.

We all want to express our huge thanks to outgoing chair Catherine Simantirakis for all her hard work and calm leadership - a tough act to follow!

Finally, we'd like to send our very best wishes for a speedy recovery to our lovely school representative, Tracy Sawle, and we hope to have her back with us very soon.

School Days Direct Christmas Opening times

Please note that their usual Christmas shutdown period is approaching. The last day of operation will be Friday 20th December, and they will re-open on Thursday 2nd January 2025.

If parents require uniform for the start of term in January, they advise them to either visit the store before Friday 20th December or place their orders online by Friday 13th December to ensure delivery before Christmas (subject to stock availability).

Please be aware that the last delivery to school for online orders will be Wednesday 18th December. Deliveries will resume w/c 6th January 2025.

Orders which are placed during the closure will be processed upon their return in the New Year in the order which they were received.

PE and Sport News



Clubs

REMINDER: Please note from week commencing **Monday 18th November until Friday 17th January** all **outdoor** afterschool clubs (tag rugby, netball and football) will **finish at 4:15pm for safety due to the limited light.**

The office gets many enquiries about clubs. The links to sign up for Spring Term clubs with external organisations are all emailed and available on the website.

You will be able to sign up for school organised clubs (indoor games, netball, badminton and football team training) on Tucasi/ Scopay on Wednesday 11th December from 12noon.

Events

Its been a busy term so far so here is a glimpse of all the action since October.

Netball match – Wednesday 16th October

It was the first match away against Oldfield and the new Year 5/6 team did really well holding a closing match 1:0 to Oldfield. It was good experience and showed the team some elements to work on. Keep up the good work. Any new members are welcome to join netball club on Tuesdays after school.



Young Ambassadors Sport Leadership Training – Thursday 17th October

These children receive sports leadership training for being a good sporting role model, organised and keen to inspire others. Primary school pupils in years 5 & 6 can become a Young Ambassador (Sports Leader). This is designed to add value to our programme at school. We select 2 children from year 5 and 6 so we have succession in place. The day involves activities and planning time with Mrs Thompson about future activity back at school. The pupil leadership training at school is also taking place with some of year 6. You will hear more from them in the coming weeks.





Cross Country Y4-6 – Wednesday 23rd October

Two teams represented the school, consisting of one boy and one girl from year 4 – 6. It was organised by the School Sport Partnership and the PE Team at Altwood School. The competition is a friendly event against other local schools and consisted of a team event, plus an individual year group boys' and girls' event. The children battled hard and there were some close calls on positions. Ellie received our first medal place in this event. This keen bunch and anyone else interested have opportunity to practice at the running club on Wednesday before school and completing the Active Mile at lunch times. Good luck to you all in future events.







Fencing Taster – Wednesday 23rd October

Meanwhile back at school, the rest of the pupils experienced an exciting taster from Little Musketeers Fencing. Following the success of this a club was set up on Tuesday mornings and will continue after Christmas.





Inter- House Netball Tournament – w/c 5th November

After half term the whole school was involved in a fully inclusive netball tournament, which gives the opportunity for all pupils to get involved, develop their team skills and experience the emotions of a friendly competition in a safe environment. The game was progressively adapted for the different ages. Well done to everyone, as you can see the results were varied in each year group and sometime very close including the totals over the whole school. Most of all the children had a lot of fun!

	Griffin	Pheonix	Dragon	Pegasus
Year 3	3	6	2	1
Year 4	12	20	21	3
Year 5	1	7	5	0
Year 6	9	1	4	8
TOTALS	25	34	32	12





Invictus Festival – Tuesday 19th November

2 teams from year 5 and 6 participated in this event. It is designed to support broadening the participation profile of PE, school sport & physical activity in a safe, fun, appropriate and non-threatening environment while introducing a small friendly competition. It was for children to 'have a go' and try new activities with participation being the main focus. The children had great fun experiencing New Age Kurling, Danger Ball & Pillo hockey. Thank you to Mrs Ahmed who also came with us to make this experience possible.



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	98.33%	1
Class Hadid	97.10%	2
Class Lovelace	96.52%	3
Class Lindgren	96.55%	4
Class Owens	94.34%	5
Class Shelley	94.17%	6
Class Hawking	93.23%	7
Class Aquino	93.21%	8

Yearly Attendance Table

Class	Attendance	Rank
Class Lovelace	98.12%	1
Class Shelley	97.02%	2
Class Hadid	95.62%	3
Class Attenborough	95.38%	4
Class Owens	95.23%	5
Class Aquino	95.18%	6
Class Hawking	94.87%	7
Class Lindgren	93.31%	8



STAR OF THE WEEK	
3.1 - Shelly	Ibrahim has impressed us all with his consistent, fantastic efforts in Maths and in particular this week with his reasoning and pattern spotting when adding odd and even numbers. Well done also for his effort and hard work with his times tables. On to the next challenge now! We know you can do it. Keep up the good work!
3.2 - Lovelace	Anaaya has really impressed us with her focus, enthusiasm and effort in all of our lessons, particularly PE. She listens carefully to instructions and demonstrated excellent balancing skills. Anaaya brings happiness to us all with her bright smile and kind and helpful attitude and is a wonderful role model.
4.1 - Owens	Manvith has impressed us all with his speed and accuracy in Maths. More than this he has shown his ability to explain number operations to others. Manvith has been making a huge effort to speak out in class discussions and should be proud of his achievements. Please keep up the good work Manvith!
4.2 - Lindgren	Evie has made a great effort to achieve her best in every subject, especially in Talk4Writing, where she wrote an innovation of a Greek Myth. Evie not only followed the underlying pattern but also presented her text very neatly. Well done, Evie and keep it up!
5.1 - Aquino	A has been trying his hardest to improve his learning. This week it has been really clear how much he engages in his learning. He listens carefully in every lesson and takes an active part in class discussions. This has been particularly noticeable this week in Maths, where he has been simplifying fractions easily and helping others do the same.
5.2 - Attenborough	Nishta has impressed us this week with her effort in all subject areas. She always contributes positively to school and the classroom. She shares her ideas and general knowledge with others. She always completes work to the best quality and is a great example. Well done Nishta!
6.1 - Hawking	Eli has impressed us with trying hard to make the right choices in class. He has made a good effort to complete tasks independently and has supported some of his peers in lessons too! Well done and keep it up!
6.2 - Hadid	Yusuf has impressed us this week with an excellent attitude to his work. We have seen Yusuf apply himself well in all lessons and has been able to achieve great success in Maths and English. Keep it up!

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

School Uniform

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

Lost Property



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 th Sept - 16 th Dec 2024	uSports	£91.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Science Club	Mon	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	11 th Nov – 9 th Dec 2024	Fizz Pop Science	£40.00	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Fencing Club	Tues	7.45 – 8.30 an	Years 3-6	5 th Nov – 10 th Dec 2024	Little Musketeers	£48.00	Small Hall	45 mins	N/A
Indoor Games	Tues	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 4 - 6	24 th Sept - 10 th Dec 2024	Mrs Sawle	£35.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Netball	Tues	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Year 4 - 6	24 th Sept - 10 th Dec 2024	Mrs Thompson	£35.00	Playground	1 hour	Reception
Running Club	Wed	8.00 - 8.30 am	Years 3 - 6	18 th Sept - 11 Dec 2024	Running4everyone https://forms.gle/XSRdDYLQTeiagbaA1	£49.50	Field	30 mins	N/A
Football	Wed	12.15 – 1.15 pm	By invitation	25 th Sept - 11 th Dec 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	TBC	Playground	2 x 30-mins	N/A
Football	Wed	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	11 th Sept - 11 th 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 th Sept - 5 th Dec 2024	Dhaaga Creative Sewing	£108.00	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Badminton	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Year 5 & 6	26 th Sept - 12 th Dec 2024	Mrs Thompson	£35.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Growing Club	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	12 th Sept - 12 th Dec 2024	Ms Nowaczyk	£5 per term	Outside Lindgren	1 hour	Reception
Football	Fri	12.15 - 1.15 pm	By invitation	27 th Sept - 13 th Dec 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	TBC	Playground	2 x 30-mins	N/A
Dodgeball	Fri	3.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	13 th Sept - 13 th Dec 2024	uSport	£91.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Art Club	Fri	3.30 pm - 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	13 th 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!
