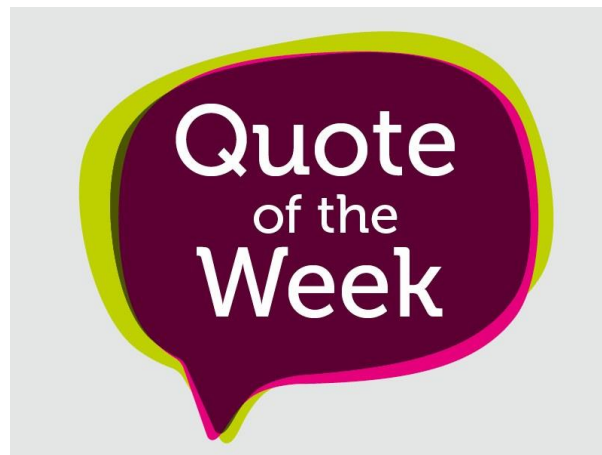




Parent/Carer Newsletter

11th December 2024



"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

Maya Angelou

Key dates for Parent/Carers

Thursday 12th December

iRock Concert

	2.45 pm
Monday 16th December	Y3 Service at 2pm at All Saints Church
Monday 16th December	Last day for Foodshare Donations
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19th December	Y5 Gingerbread Sale at 1.30 pm
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

As we approach the end of term and begin a few Christmas festivities next week, the children have continued to work hard learning the curriculum! All year groups are either working on their writing innovations or independent work as well as approaching the end of their guided reading class books. It is a busy time of year coming to the end of different units

of work but we are also using this time to assess the children. At the end of each big term all classes will assess the children to see how they are progressing, find the gaps in their knowledge and help inform planning going forward. With that in mind, we want parents to know how they are getting on and will be sending their maths test papers home after marking for you to look at and to see how they are getting on.

Just to note, in years 3-5 the two papers are out of 50. Pupils achieving 26 or above indicates they are meeting age-related expectations and 43 or above indicates they are working at a greater depth. In year 6, the three papers are out of 110. Pupils achieving 57 or above are meeting age-related expectations and pupils achieving 95 or above are working at a greater depth. We hope you will find this useful and will bring more context to future parents evening's going forward.

A few reminders for next week so please keep checking the diary! On Monday 16th December, the year 3 pupils will be leading Christmas singing and taking us through the Christmas story. They will be backed up with year 4 as their choir for the service and we are really looking forward to celebrating with them. They will perform to the school on Monday morning and **will perform for year 3 parents at 2pm Monday afternoon, at All Saints Church.**

Next Wednesday, 18th December will be our Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch day!

All children can wear a Christmas jumper or a smart jumper for the day instead of their school jumper. In addition, all the staff will be serving the children their Christmas lunch (providing they have ordered) on the same day. Please note that you must have ordered the Christmas lunch by today, this is to allow the kitchen staff to order the correct amount of food for the serving. If you have not ordered a lunch, we are unable to serve the children and they would need to bring a packed lunch on the day. **So, please order by the end of today if you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch next week!**

Finally, a reminder that the children will be finishing the term **next Thursday 19th December at 1.30pm**, the Friday will be a staff inset and training day.

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)

Please support our Christmas venture this year - Foodshare collection

As Christmas draws closer, we'd like to ask for your help with our Christmas venture for this year. As part of looking outward at All Saints we are going to be supporting Foodshare this Christmas, as they help families in our local area during the holiday season. We would love to collect festive treats that can be given out to Foodshare clients along with their usual food bags for the holiday season. This could include items such as mince pies, chocolates, Christmas cakes/puddings or any other food items that you think could be enjoyed as a special treat during the holidays. If you can help by adding an item or two to your food shop, it would be very much appreciated. We will be collecting from now until Monday 16th December, so please send any items in by then so they can be distributed to Foodshare families in time for Christmas.

Many thanks for your support.

Year 5 Gingerbread Sale

To support the Alexander Devine Hospice this Christmas the children in Year 5 had the idea of putting together a gingerbread biscuit sale. Next week they are going to be making and packaging their own biscuits designs these will then be offered for a suggested donation of £2 for Alexander Devine.

These lovely sweet treats will be available outside Year 5 on Thursday 19th December after school at 1.30.

We'd all love to see your support for then. Many thanks, The Year 5 team.

Books and Biscuits

This term Mrs Tucker's Books and Biscuits lunchtime book club were given the opportunity to read Maisie v Antarctica by Jack Jackman before it was even released in the shops! We have loved reading it together and sharing our thoughts on the action. We then wrote book reviews and sent them to The Reading Agency. They were so pleased to receive the children's reviews and said that the publisher and author would be thrilled to read them. Thank you to The Reading Agency for the free books.

Here are some of the children's thoughts.

What did you like about the book?

I liked the bit where she had to stop time and sort the fire out!

...where she had to explain to her father that she hadn't meant to stop time.

...when she got saved by Nathan during the whiteout!

...where it was Christmas and she said that Santa hadn't been to her yet.

...when she had to save the paper with the co-ordinated on it.

.. the part was really exciting where she almost got caught by the leopard seal.

I loved it. I didn't want it to end. I wanted more! Now I can't wait to read the next one in the series!

Maybe their reviews will inspire you to add the book to your reading list!



Reading Update:

- 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! The support was phenomenal and we have been able to replenish our lovely library with many, many more books for the children to enjoy!



If there are any children who are awaiting a delivery of a book from the Book Fair (that had already been paid for and were on order) please come and collect your book from me this week.

Mrs Malhotra

Well Done!

Over the weekend, Charlie in Year 6 Hadid Class, competed in a swimming gala part of the Let's Dive Swimming school. There were over 50 children from the ages of 9-16 years who were from across Berkshire. Charlie had completed 3 rounds where he won medals for coming 2nd. Place, Third place and 4th place.



Class Spotlight -



Back next week

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 using this link:

<https://www.allsaintsmaidenhead.org.uk/page/?title=School+Clubs&pid=37>

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.

School Swimming

This has been received positively and it's great to see the massive improvement the children are making, Congratulations!

Year 5 are finishing their lessons at school but please do consider maintaining their progression as by the end of year 6 children are expected to be able to swim :



- At least 25m
- Demonstrate variety of strokes e.g. front, back and breaststroke.
- Perform self rescue skills

Year 4 are swimming in the Spring Term and Year 3 will be doing this in the Summer Term. We are also considering if we can give Year 6 some swimming lessons too.

If your child has not yet visited a swimming pool please consider taking them, they love it and it's a great family activity to share!

Learn a skill for life and enjoy the benefits of swimming.

We are delighted to announce you can now buy a blue swimming hat on Scopay for a reduced price of £3.50.



Bikeability courses are returning to School

This is an opportunity not to be missed, at the end of March/ beginning of April TBC and sometime in the Summer Term!



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.

We hope to offer places in the Spring Term to:

Year 5 level 2 (so not to disrupt year 6 SATs)

Year 4 level 1

Progressing to Summer term

Year 6 level 2

Year 6 level 3 (those who did level 2 in year 5, I'll check numbers to see the group size)

Year 4 level 1 (those who didn't do it in the Spring)

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 SUNDAY 19th JANUARY** <https://forms.office.com/e/dgGvHLMttv> 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.**

Year 4 level 1

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

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

If your child has not mastered riding a bicycle yet why not have that as your holiday 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](#)

New school clubs list Spring 2025

ALL SAINTS JUNIOR SCHOOL CLUB INFORMATION – SPRING TERM 2025									
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
Tag Rugby	Mon	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	13 th Jan - 31 st March 2025	uSports	£77.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Science Club	Mon	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	13 th Jan - 10 th Feb 2025	Fizz Pop Science	£40.00	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Fencing Club	Tues	7.45 - 8.30 am	Years 3-6	14 th Jan - 25 th March 2025	Little Musketeers	£80.00	Small Hall	45 mins	N/A
Indoor Games	Tues	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Years 4 - 6	14 th Jan - 25 th March 2025	Mrs Sawie/Mr Mckrell/Mr Parkin	£35.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Netball	Tues	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Year 4 - 6	14 th Jan - 25 th March 2025	Mrs Thompson	£35.00	Playground	1 hour	Reception
Running Club	Wed	8.00 - 8.30 am	Years 3 - 6	8 th Jan - 2 nd April 2025	Running4everyone	£54.00	Field	30 mins	N/A
Football	Wed	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	15 th Jan - 26 March 2025	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	16 th Jan - 3 rd April 2025	Dhaaga Creative Sewing	£99.00	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Badminton	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Year 4	16 th Jan - 27 th March 2025	Mrs Thompson	£35.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Growing Club	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	16 th Jan - 27 th March 2025	Ms Nowaczyk	£5 per term	Outside Lindgren	1 hour	Reception
Gymnastics	Fri	3.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	10 th Jan - 28 th March 2025	uSport	£77.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Art Club	Fri	3.30 pm - 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	10 th Jan - 21 st March 2025	Art Peek	£84.00	Classroom	1 hour	Reception

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 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	97.92%	1
Class Hawking	97.73%	2
Class Lovelace	96.96%	3
Class Owens	95.19%	4
Class Lindgren	95.00%	5
Class Hadid	93.14%	6
Class Shelley	92.50%	7
Class Aquino	87.86%	8

Yearly Attendance Table

Class	Attendance	Rank
Class Lovelace	98.02%	1
Class Shelley	96.65%	2
Class Attenborough	95.57%	3
Class Hadid	95.42%	4
Class Owens	95.23%	5
Class Hawking	95.10%	6
Class Aquino	94.59%	7
Class Lindgren	93.44%	8



STAR OF THE WEEK	
3.1 - Shelly	L has really impressed us all with her hard work and dedication in everything she does, and especially in writing her own version of the 'Sound Collector' poem. She is always one of the first to start her work and does it with enthusiasm and determination. Keep up the good work and you will succeed in everything you put your mind to.
3.2 - Lovelace	Cerys has really impressed us with her focus and effort in all of our lessons, particularly in English. She reads confidently to the class and has written an excellent 'Sound Collector' poem using original and interesting ideas. She is a very caring and helpful friend and a wonderful role model.
4.1 - Owens	Freddie has impressed us all with his hard work in arithmetic and learning his times tables. He is very kind and will help others who are struggling. It has been good to see his smile coming through even when he is finding things hard. He should be very proud of his work this term.
4.2 - Lindgren	Quoc Anh has impressed us this week with perseverance and dedication to his work in every subject. His hard work and commitment to achieve his personal best were impressive, especially during challenging assessment tests. Well done and keep it up!
5.1 - Aquino	Eliyah has been taking her learning from different lessons and applying it to other lessons. In Science this week, she took the writing explanation text skills that we have been covering in English lessons and used them to create an explanation for why the world is a sphere. It is this great cross curricular linking that shows how truly engaged in her learning she is. Well done!
5.2 - Attenborough	Tabshir has impressed everyone with his attitude to all lessons this week. He particularly impressed in music lessons where the class are covering the blues! Well done!
6.1 - Hawking	Sibu has impressed us with always making the right choices and for being a polite member of the class. He always quietly completes his work and supports others when needed. Well done and keep it up!
6.2 - Hadid	Jan has impressed us all this week with his desire to learn and improve his knowledge on percentages! He has shown great determination when learning this and can now apply this to many problem solving questions. In addition, he has written an excellent newspaper report so far. Keep up the good work!

Messages and Reminders

Change of Lunch Menu - Tuesday 17th December 2024

Sausage, with Chips, Beans or Peas

Vegetarian Burger (No Bun) with Chips, Beans or Peas

or Jacket Potato

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.

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