



Parent/Carer Newsletter

18th December 2024



Key dates for Parent/Carers

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

The final week of this term has been busy but full of festive fun! On Monday, our year 3's led the school and parents with a wonderful Christmas service accompanied by year 4 as a choir. Last Thursday our iRock students performed a fantastic concert to the school and this Wednesday we celebrated Christmas with our Christmas lunch and jumper day.

Last Thursday all our pupils, who take part in iRock, led a fabulous concert to parents and the whole school. The children perform in groups with them all playing different instruments and some even singing! We had groups from all year groups and they were able to showcase their talents and progress during this term by performing songs. We had a few Christmas hits as well as some popular songs from the charts. The children were incredible - not only are they talented but to have the courage to perform in front of such a big audience was

very impressive and they should be very proud of themselves. We look forward to the concert at Easter! If you are interested in getting your child involved in iRock, please contact the office who have leaflets with all the relevant information.

Yesterday, we celebrated with the children by serving their Christmas lunch and singing some classic Christmas songs. In the morning, Mrs Morton led the whole school with a singing assembly which was great fun! 'Feliz Navidad' was a firm favourite with the children and even more enjoyable knowing our Spanish speakers in the school could sing along with this! A big thank you to Mrs Morton who has led on our singing assemblies!

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we hope you get to enjoy the break with friends and family.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter!

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)





Foodshare Donations

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas venture this year. All the Christmas goodies will be delivered to Foodshare this week.

Year 3 had a collection at the Christmas performance, on Monday, and raised a wonderful £76.00 which has been sent to Foodshare.



Message from Foodshare

We are truly touched and grateful for your recent donation of £76.00 towards our cause. Your support means the world to us and plays a vital role in helping us tackle the ongoing struggle faced by many individuals in and around Maidenhead.

As you may already know, the cost of living crisis continues to impact countless lives, leaving people struggling to make ends meet. Thanks to donors like you, we are able to provide much-needed assistance, ensuring that everyone has access to food, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Class Spotlight - Year 3



Our Year 3's led the whole school and their parents with a lovely Christmas service on Monday. It was slightly different to a traditional Nativity as they used readings from the Christmas story to narrate the tale and act out the key parts. This was accompanied by some beautiful songs which was sung wonderfully by the children. Our year 4's backed up the performance as the choir to help the year 3's sing. The effect was wonderful and with the setting of the church, it really was a lovely service for us to think and reflect as we approach the end of 2024.

A big thank you to the team in year 3 - Mrs Engelbrecht, Mrs Tucker, Mrs Frooms, Mrs Hallahan, Mrs Ifteker and Miss Cadle who were able to guide the children through the rehearsals, costumes and singing. A huge amount of work goes into these so thank you once again!

Eco-Committee and Class Lindgren's Festive Potting Event

On Thursday, 12th December, children from the Eco-Committee and Class Lindgren with their parents, came together for a creative workshop to decorate pots and plant indoor greenery. The vibrant, Christmas-themed pots were filled with poinsettias, spider plants, and Thanksgiving cacti, then offered for donations to support an eco-charitable cause. There are only a few left now, waiting to be taken care of.



Choose **one** charity that we will support with Christmas Eco-Market money.
Write your name in the last column

Charity	What they do	Your choice
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	The RSPB is a charity for the conservation of birds and nature. We bring people together who love birds and other wildlife, and who want to take action to restore the health and diversity of the natural world.	
Woodland Trust	We are the UK's largest woodland conservation charity. Our vision is a world where woods and trees thrive for people and nature.	
Manta Trust	The Manta Trust co-ordinates global manta and devil ray research and conservation efforts.	
The British Hedgehog Preservation Society	BrPS is dedicated to helping & protecting hedgehogs native to the UK.	
The Rivers Trust	We work with our member trusts to make our shared vision a reality: wild, healthy, natural rivers, valued by all.	

The chosen charity is **Manta Trust**, an organization dedicated to the conservation of manta rays. The children were deeply inspired by the work of Manta Trust after watching a fascinating webinar about these gentle giants—manta rays are not only mesmerizing and intelligent creatures but also an endangered species.

To learn more about their vital work, visit [Webinars Series | Talks and discussions for leading manta and ocean experts — Manta Trust](#)

The Eco-Committee has decided to make manta ray conservation one of their upcoming projects. Did you know you can even adopt a manta ray? Explore the option [here](#).

Exciting News from the Hedgehog House Competition!

Congratulations to Athena from Class Owens for creating the winning Hedgehog House in our recent competition!



The creativity and effort shown by all participants were truly amazing—well done to everyone who took part!



We'd like to remind everyone that while some houses, particularly those made of paper, are better suited for indoor use (perhaps as cozy homes for toy hedgehogs like our Welsh friend, Spiky), others were built to last. The sturdier designs, perfect for real hibernating hedgehogs and winter conditions, are now available for purchase outside the Year 3 classrooms.

Suggested donation: £15 or more—all funds raised will go towards purchasing a **wildlife camera**! This exciting addition will allow us to observe the nocturnal animals that use the habitats we've created and learn even more about their fascinating behavior.

For those curious about how to help hedgehogs and their habitats, why not join the Hedgehog Club? It's open to all students and meets every Monday from 12:15 to 12:30 in Class Lindgren. We'd love to see you there!

Thank you for supporting our spiky friends and helping us connect with nature!

Eco-Committee

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 them. Many thanks, The Year 5 team.

PE and Sport News



Events

Netball match - Wednesday 18th December

The new netball team had a fantastic 2nd match against Holy Trinity, where the ball went up and down the court. In the end the score was 4:1 to our opponents. Well done to the whole team and players of the match: M and Catherine.

Clubs

You can now book on to the Clubs for Spring Term. Please book on Tucasi under the product tab and check your emails for specific invitations.

Girls Year 3/4 Lunchtime Football starting Wednesday 15th January

Badminton Year 4 Thursdays starting 16th January

Indoor Games Year 4-6 on Tuesdays starting 21st January

Netball Years 4-6 on Tuesdays starting 21st January

Please see the the website and club information table for further details.

Link:

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

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	21 st Jan - 1 st April 2025	Mrs Sawle/Mr Mckrell/Mr Parkin	£35.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Netball	Tues	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Year 4 - 6	21 st Jan - 1 st April 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 - 2 nd April 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 Aquino 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 Aquino	98.89%	1
Class Hawking	98.71%	2
Class Owens	97.76%	3
Class Lovelace	96.25%	4
Class Shelley	95.38%	5
Class Hadid	92.90%	6
Class Lindgren	92.50%	7
Class Attenborough	88.61%	8

Yearly Attendance Table

Class	Attendance	Rank
Class Lovelace	97.88%	1
Class Shelley	96.92%	2
Class Owens	95.42%	3
Class Hawking	95.37%	4
Class Hadid	95.23%	5
Class Attenborough	94.95%	6
Class Aquino	94.90%	7
Class Lindgren	93.38%	8



STAR OF THE WEEK	
3.1 - Shelly	F has really impressed us all with how well she has settled into a new country, town, school and class. Despite not understanding English, she is always smiling and happy. She is a polite and respectful little girl who clearly loves learning - a real delight. We are so happy that you have joined class Shelley and know you will learn so much very quickly. Welcome!
3.2 - Lovelace	Zakriya has really impressed us with his focus and effort in all of our lessons, particularly in Maths this week. He has started to begin his work independently and asked for help if he has needed it. He always listens carefully and is a delight to teach. Well done and keep it up!
4.1 - Owens	Glomas has impressed us all with her hard work to improve both her reading and her times tables knowledge. She should be very proud of the progress she has made this term. Glomas has shown us her great rhythm in our class music lessons.
4.2 - Lindgren	James has made a great effort to achieve his best in every subject this week, especially in Talk4Writing, when he wrote a very interesting character description. James impressed us using uplevelled vocabulary and various sentence starters. Well done, James and keep it up!
5.1 - Aquino	Eryka has worked tirelessly to improve her reading and maths skills. We are so impressed by the effort she has put into every task and the positive, can do, attitude that she always shows. It has been fabulous to see her grow and achieve as a result. She is always quick to help and support others too. Never lose that positivity!
5.2 - Attenborough	Daysi has impressed everyone with her attitude to reading this week! She has been pushing herself to pass reading quizzes. We couldn't be prouder of her! Well done Daysi!
6.1 - Hawking	Aymen has impressed us with his determination to do better in his work. During assessments, he has been making more of a conscious effort to do his best. Well done and keep it up!
6.2 - Hadid	Ellen has impressed us all with her focus and determination in lessons, especially Maths, where she has made very good progress already this year. We have been impressed with her improved arithmetic skills and this was evident from her test scores. Well done and keep it up!

Messages and Reminders

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.

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!
