



## Parent/Carer Newsletter

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*15th January 2025*

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**“The only impossible journey is the one you never begin.”**

Tony Robbins

### **Key dates for Parent/Carers**

<b>Thursday 16th January</b>	Dance Festival tickets available from 12 noon
<b>Wednesday 22nd January</b>	Bags2School Collection
<b>Wednesday 5th February</b>	Year 5 trip to Kew Gardens
<b>Wednesday 12th February</b>	Dance Festival - Attenborough
<b>Thursday 13th February</b>	Dance Festival - Aquino
<b>Friday 14th February</b>	Ancient Egypt Day - Year 4
<b>Mon 17th - Fri 21st February</b>	Half Term
<b>Thursday 6th March</b>	Woolley Firs - Year 6

### **Priority Messages**

Dear Parents/Carers

First of all, a big welcome back to the Spring Term and 2025! We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holidays and were able to spend quality time with friends and family.

As always, please use this newsletter to look out for upcoming dates and key events happening in school. So far, we have various trips or themed days for different year groups but one date that is always an exciting one to look out for is the 'Dance Festival'. This year, both year 5 classes will be taking part and performing at the Braywick Leisure Centre, both classes have been putting in the hard work preparing and rehearsing their class dances for the show on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February. This year the theme looks back 20 years to 2005 when the first Dance Festival was performed and schools are performing dances to the major events of that year. Our year 5's are recognising and celebrating the great 'Ashes Victory' for England when they defeated Australia for the first time in over 20 years at cricket! They will of course do this through the medium of dance and we can't wait to see what they produce!

**A reminder to all year 5 parents - tickets will be purchased online this year and will open on Thursday 16th January at 12.00 noon! You can purchase 1 ticket per child from this date so please read your email that was sent last week regarding ticket purchases.**

Further down in the newsletter we have our first class spotlight of 2025 from Class Lovelace with plenty of exciting lessons and topics coming up for them.

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)*





## Well Done!

Well done to all of you who completed the Ridgeway National Trail, a path from Avebury, Wiltshire to Ivinghoe Beacon, Buckinghamshire. They started the trail in August 2023 and completed it on the 29th of December 2024. They completed the 87 miles (140km) in 21 stages, walking an average of 4 miles each time. The trail is known as 'Britain's Oldest Road', with features dating back to the Stone, Iron and Bronze Ages.

The children didn't always find it easy but they kept going and they are really proud of their achievements.



## Class Spotlight - Lovelace



A big welcome back after the Christmas holidays. Class Lovelace have got straight into lots of new topics and new learning while being reminded of the good learning behaviours that we expect at All Saints Junior School. They have gained a cube or two for the Class Reward system, the Golden Tower. A cube is earned when 100% of the class have worked hard together on something, e.g all reading silently during the register or all spelling the date right in their books. You'll have to ask your child what happens when the tower of ten is complete!!

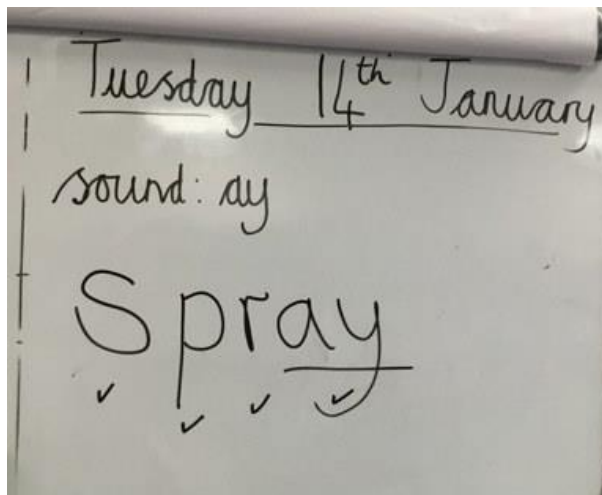
A day in the life of a Lovelace pupil, Tuesday 14th January 2025

Keen students in at 8.30am ready to start their learning. The first children through the door are very helpful setting up the classroom for the day; taking down chairs, giving out pencils and rulers and giving everyone their morning books so they can start their morning work. It was 4 times table and division facts today.





A prompt start at 8:50am for **phonics** followed by **Talk 4 Writing**. In Talk 4 Writing we are learning our description of The Magic Shop. Clearly, some of the children have been practising the text map they took home last week, as we have some very confident readers.





**After break we finished off our Talk 4 Writing lesson and had Maths**

In Maths we started with a rap to help us review our multiples of 10. We are continuing our work on multiplication facts and related division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables.

We have been looking at number facts for an array and the 2 multiplication and 2 division facts it shows.

What does this one show?

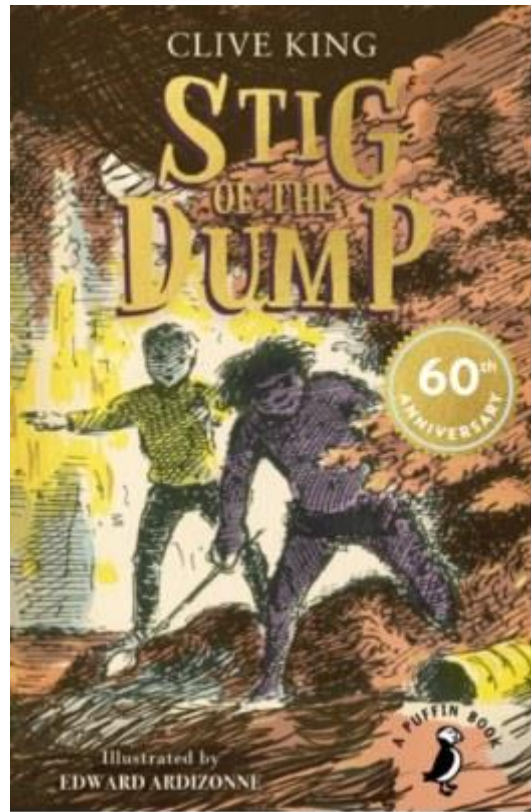


Later in the week we are going to use the times table facts we've been learning to solve 2 digit by 1 digit multiplication e.g  $23 \times 3 =$

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*Guided Reading*

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After Maths we settled down to read Chapter Two of our new **Guided Reading** book, Stig of the Dump by Clive King. This is starting off as an intriguing adventure as Barney makes a very special new friend. It is great as we can use all our historical knowledge from last term on Stone Age to Iron Age to wonder about this boy Stig. We have been learning some new vocabulary (lugged, toiled, dew) which you will see more about in the Comprehension homework this week. We always start a chapter by looking at some of the higher order vocabulary we will experience during our reading. This is so we can learn what the new vocabulary means so that when we read it we understand what is happening in greater depth.



After lunch, jacket potatoes were a popular choice in Lovelace today! Cheese and beans wins over tuna, Mr McKrell taught the class for Design Technology and French.

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## DT

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In DT the children are starting to learn more about the language of programming. They will soon be able to make their micro-bit light up in a unique sequence or pattern of their choice by writing a programme for it.





Tomorrow we will start our new **Science** topic, **Rocks and Soils**

Through this unit, children will compare and describe different kinds of rocks. They will also describe how fossils are formed and learn about the famous fossil hunter, Mary Anning. They will recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

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### *PE*

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This term we are learning different and fun netball games to practise our throwing, catching, dodging, attacking and defending teamwork skills. Here the children have wrapped up warm and enjoyed playing in different groups. Our outside PE sessions are on Thursday for this half term.











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### *Music*

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This term we are learning about pentatonic melodies and composition, with the theme being Chinese New Year. We will describe the features of Chinese New Year music using musical terminology, including: crescendo, temp, duration, dynamics and timbre. We will use glockenspiels to play a five note (pentatonic) scale and then play melodies using these five notes. We will build up to writing and playing our own pentatonic melodies.

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### *PSHE*

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This term we are thinking about our 'Dreams and Goals'. We are thinking about how we face new learning challenges and work out ways to achieve them. In teams, the children will be designing a garden for people who face a particular challenge.

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### *RE*

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In RE we are asking; 'Could Jesus heal people?' Were these miracles or is there some other explanation? We will retell Bible stories when miracles have happened and question whether Jesus really did perform miracles.

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### *ICT*

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In ICT we are looking at images and text to communicate a message effectively. We will look at desktop publishing and consider our choices regarding font, colour and type in an

invitation. We will build on typing skills and look at editing how we rearrange images and text on a page. Then we will use our skills to design a magazine page.

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## *History*

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In History our question is 'Why did the Romans invade and settle in Britain?' Children will learn about what was important to people in Ancient Rome and then move on to analyse the different reasons for the Roman Invasion of Britain. They will look at what made the Roman Army so successful and investigate how the Romans changed Britain and the legacy they left behind.

## **PTA News**

A huge thank you from the PTA to all the creative children who raised £126 through their wonderful cards/tea towels!!



Dear all,

If you're having a de-clutter to welcome a fresh start to 2025, our next Bags2School collection will take place on Wednesday 22nd January. All money raised will go towards the PTA and is reinvested back into the school.

Items collected are used but resaleable:

- Clothes
- Bed linen
- Pairs of shoes (tied together)

Please bring bin bags to school on Wednesday 22nd at morning drop-off, and place in the collection point by the main entrance.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes

The PTA

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*Here's a list of everything that they collect.*

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Clothes, handbags, paired shoes, hats, bags, scarves, ties, jewellery, socks and belts

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*Below is a list of things that they don't collect, sorry!*

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Duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, carpets, rugs, mats, soiled painted or ripped wet clothes, school uniform with or without logos and workwear.



STAR OF THE WEEK	
3.1 - Shelly	<b>Olivia</b> has really impressed us all with her quiet determination and hard work in every subject at the start of this new term. She is growing in confidence, which is wonderful to see! She is respectful, polite and always happy to help. A true role model to others.
3.2 - Lovelace	<b>William</b> has really impressed us with his focus, enthusiasm and effort in all of our lessons this week, particularly in maths. He has made excellent verbal contributions to the lessons and has worked methodically and accurately. He has also been extra organised and helpful within the class.
4.1 - Owens	<b>Nikita</b> has impressed us all with her hard work in all areas of the curriculum this week. She should be particularly proud of her achievements in maths. Nikita used her knowledge of factors and products to help others complete their multiplication jigsaws.
4.2 - Lindgren	<b>Johnny</b> constantly demonstrates outstanding effort and dedication in his learning. Recently, Johnny impressed us with his progress in maths, especially when he persevered with challenging reasoning problems and engaged in group work to find solutions.
5.1 - Aquino	<b>Naila</b> has helped others to succeed. This week, she was great during our dance classes; not only clearly remembering her own part but helping others with theirs. I feel she is going to be an excellent asset to our dance festival entry and I am looking forward to seeing how she improves our performance over the next few weeks. It is lovely to see her working so hard to improve her writing and maths in class too.
5.2 - Attenborough	<b>Eshaal</b> has impressed everyone with her attitude to learning this week. She has made a great start to the year. She presents her work beautifully and is developing at sharing her ideas with everyone.
6.1 - Hawking	<b>R</b> has impressed us with his determination in maths this week. He has listened attentively to the steps for completing long multiplication and has even been practising at home! His enthusiasm has been evident in class, working hard to complete tasks.
6.2 - Hadid	<b>Jan</b> has impressed us this week with an excellent start to the spring term. He continues to make great progress in all lessons and his focus in class has improved greatly!

## 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 Shelley	99.48%	1
Class Aquino	98.61%	2
Class Lovelace	96.00%	3
Class Hawking	95.97%	4
Class Owens	94.91%	5
Class Hadid	93.15%	6
Class Lindgren	91.93%	7
Class Attenborough	91.67%	8

## Yearly Attendance Table

Class	Attendance	Rank
Class Lovelace	97.44%	1
Class Shelley	97.06%	2
Class Aquino	95.19%	3
Class Hawking	95.13%	4
Class Owens	95.11%	5
Class Hadid	94.79%	6
Class Attenborough	94.28%	7
Class Lindgren	93.41%	8

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### *Friday Brownies with Girl Guiding Maidenhead has space for your daughter*

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Brownies welcomes all girls from 7 to 10 years old for nonstop fun, learning and adventure.

Brownies is full of firsts: your child can explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors, learn how to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.

They might grow their first plant, cook their first cake, put up (and take down) their first tent or go on their first fun-packed weekend away with guiding friends. There's something for every girl!

We run on a Friday evening from 5:30 to 7:00pm, every week in term time and look forward to hearing from you.

Find out more: [Brownies \(7-10\) | Girlguiding](#)

Register now: [Register a child | Girlguiding](#)



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## *Clubs*

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**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 3/4 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>

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## *Swimming Hats*

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We are delighted to announce you can now buy a blue swimming hat on Scopay for a reduced price of £3.50. Year 3 can purchase one ready for the summer term.



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***LAST CHANCE- Bikeability courses are returning to School***

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

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW! - DEADLINE SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY**



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/dqGvHLMttv> 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 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](#)

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*Extra-curricular Clubs List Spring 2025*

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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
Science Club	Mon	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025	Fizz Pop Science	£40.00	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Fencing Club	Tues	7.45 – 8.30 am	Years 3-6	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Little Musketeers	£80.00	Small Hall	45 mins	N/A
Indoor Games	Tues	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 4 – 6	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan – 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Mrs Sawley/Mr McKrell/Mr Parkin	£35.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Netball	Tues	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Year 4 – 6	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan – 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Mrs Thompson	£35.00	Playground	1 hour	Reception
Running Club	Wed	8.00 – 8.30 am	Years 3 – 6	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Running4everyone	£54.00	Field	30 mins	N/A
Football	Wed	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Maidenhead Magpies	Contact supplier	Field	1 hour	Reception
Music	Thurs	3.00 – 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 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Dhaaga Creative Sewing	£99.00	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Badminton	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-4	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Mrs Thompson	£35.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Growing Club	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Ms Nowaczyk	£5 per term	Outside Lindgren	1 hour	Reception
Art Club	Fri	3.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Art Peek	£84.00	Classroom	1 hour	Reception

## 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.

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

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