



## Parent/Carer Newsletter

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*22nd January 2025*

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**“The elevator to success is out of order. You’ll have to use the stairs, one step at a time.”**

Joe Girard

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

<b>Thursday 16th January</b>	Dance Festival tickets available from 12 noon
<b>Wednesday 29th January</b>	Running Club Cancelled
<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 4
<b>Thursday 6th March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Monday 24th March</b>	History Workshop - Year 3
<b>Mon 24th - Tues 25th March</b>	Bikeability - Years 4 & 5

## Priority Messages

Dear Parents/Carers

This morning All Saints took part in the 10@10 active workout which was led by instructors at Braywick Leisure Centre 'Focus'. It is a great initiative which was launched on National Fitness Day last year. It requires the children to take part in an activity that gets them moving/exercising for 10 minutes. The instructors at Focus Leisure Centre provided a video link to their 10 minute workout (similar to a Joe Wicks style workout!), which was on display in the main hall for the children to join in at breaktime. In addition to this, the children had the option of running the active mile, skipping or playing football! It was lovely to see so many children choosing various activities to stay active during breaktime.

This initiative comes off the back of the recommendation from the Chief Medical Officer who says we should be providing opportunities for children to have 60 active minutes each day - with 30 minutes of physical activity happening at school. This is in addition to the two hours PE lessons the children are required to have via the curriculum.

So, we as a school, are always looking for ways to get the children active during playtimes. One excellent activity is using the active mile track and another is our Sports leaders setting up and delivering fun physical activities at lunchtime. We have officially begun this week with our Sports leaders timetabled each day to deliver different games or activities for the children who do not play football! The Sports Leaders have been brilliant so far and the children have really enjoyed the activities set up for them.

As always, keep a close eye on dates for the diary and further down in the newsletter we have a new section which is any SEND updates from Mr Parkin. This may include training that's been undertaken or links to useful sites/contacts for pupils who require additional needs.

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 - Lindgren



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### *Talk4Writing*

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“Dear Diary,

Last weekend at my nun’s was so much fun, but the tedious train and arduous journey to get there was not!”

Class Lindgren has been learning how to write diary entries that express the author's thoughts and feelings. Some children are excited to use their expertise, inspired by their favourite *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Horrid Henry* books.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Diary entry  
cold walk

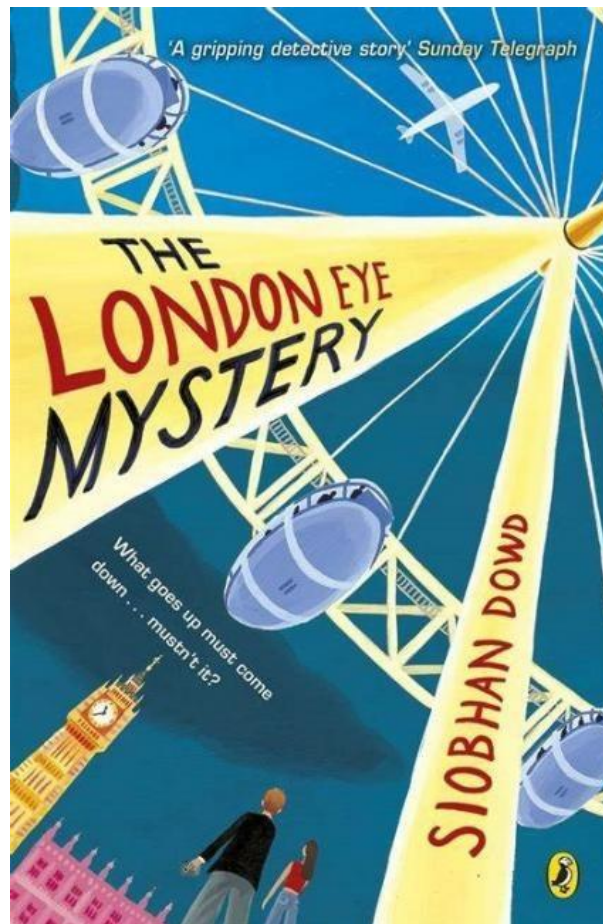
Today, I went to CGL because I was worried of stealing from the bank in town (I actually didn't). I was probably the first girl there and I think they should let more girls in. I was told that I have to get a shower from the workers' cabin, so I had to walk a bit to get there. I saw a cigarette box (a lot of them) and some matches. I found a lot of showers in a bucket but they were all short so I just took the longest one which was about 30 centimetres. Then I came back outside and tried what to do. I had to dig a five foot hole which took me really long, hopefully it's faster tomorrow. I was extremely tired and my hands were blistered so I decided to go and meet the other people in group A so I went to see if I could help anyone dig their holes. I saw a person halfway through their hole.

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### Guided Reading

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Deduction is the key to solving *The London Eye Mystery*! Ted Sparks, a teenager with Asperger's syndrome, is a brilliant detective who leaves no stone unturned. In our lessons, we've been working hard to analyse details and reason through various theories about Salim's disappearance. So far, no one has guessed the truth yet—exciting times ahead!



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
My theory

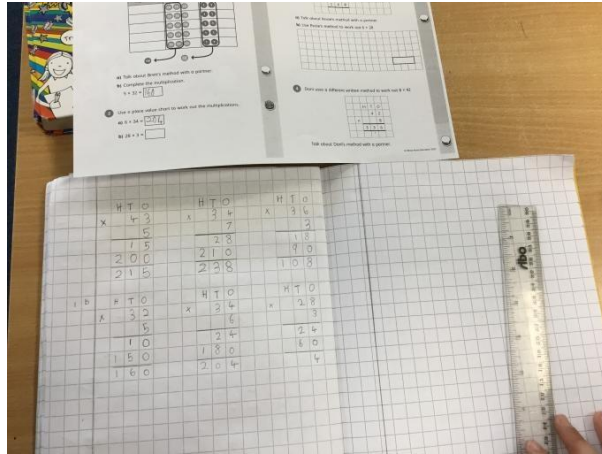
I think the man who offered the eye ticket was in a gang and someone else in his gang on the same ride kidnapped Suir and hid their cat.

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### Maths

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Mastering times tables is a top priority in Year 4, and Class Lindgren has been steadily improving through daily practice. Keep up the great work!



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## Computing

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"Programming with Scratch was fun, but website designing with Sway is even better!" — that's the consensus among Class Lindgren.

This term, we've started learning:

- that websites are collections of connected pages,
- how websites typically have a homepage, subpages, and clickable links (hyperlinks),
- the importance of making websites informative and interactive.

Our budding web designers are off to a great start!

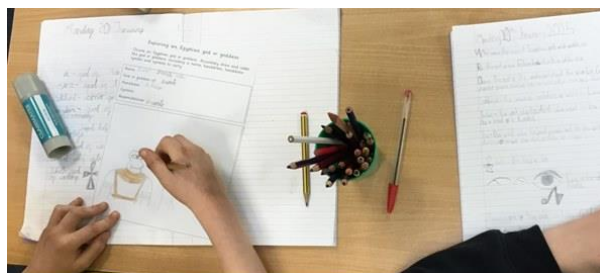
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## History

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Who were the ancient Egyptians? When did they live? What did they believe, and why did they mummify people? These are just some of the fascinating questions we've been exploring in our History lessons.

Since many children are eager to learn more, Year 4 will host a dedicated **Ancient Egyptian Day** on Friday, 14th February. We may even have a go at creating Valentine's cards in hieroglyphs! Parents, prepare yourselves—our lessons have sparked a strong interest in visiting the British Museum.



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## PE

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During Monday's indoor PE sessions, the children have been working on their dynamic balance and practicing cognitive skills like identifying areas for improvement and explaining what makes a good performance.

On Thursdays, outdoor PE focuses on mastering ball skills through fun, competitive games, cooperative activities, and group challenges.

With all this learning, we're having a great time staying active!



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### Science

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Our *Living Things and Their Habitats* unit has been a big hit with the class! We've been learning about animals, plants, and even mushrooms—and their unique characteristics.

The highlight of the term is still to come: on February, we'll host living eggs with hatching chicks at school. But shhh... it's a surprise!



On 2nd June, the teaching staff will be attending a training session on Emotion Coaching delivered by an Educational Psychologist. Emotion Coaching is a technique that helps children understand and manage their emotions. It can help children develop skills that can help them in the future, such as problem-solving and expressing their emotions in constructive ways.

We are also planning to offer a parental workshop on coping with anxiety in the very near future. This will be open to all parents. More details to follow.

Finally, below is a link to a Lego Club at Cox Green Library - they are putting on drop in sessions every Saturday for those children who love to build and play with Lego.

<https://www.windsorocks.co.uk/things-to-do/lego-club-at-cox-green-library>

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### *Tub2Pub*

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We are collecting used confectionery tubs as part of the Greene King 'Tub 2 Pub' campaign. Just bring your old tubs to school and we will pass them on to the pub. This is part of our Eco Schools initiative, encouraging the children to be more aware of their environment.

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### *Gingerbread Sale*

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I'd like to send out a big thank you to everyone who helped support the Year 5 gingerbread sale at the end of last term. I am pleased to announce that we raised £162.50 for Alexander Devine. The children had a great time making, packaging it and selling it. It was a lovely community activity, and we are looking forward to doing more events in the future.

If you would like to become a regular donor to Alexander Devine Children's Hospice then you can follow this link. <https://alexanderdevine.org/regulargift/>

Samuel Green

## PTA News



Thank you to everyone who made a donation to Bags2School this morning. We received a cheque for £33.20!



STAR OF THE WEEK	
3.1 - Shelly	<b>Sam</b> has really impressed us all with his hard work and dedication to his times tables, increasing his speed and accuracy whilst learning new times tables. It is great to see him so excited about our Times Tables tests on Fridays, always wanting to do better. Shelley Class' first Bronze 1 achiever. Excellent!
3.2 - Lovelace	<b>Evan</b> has really impressed us with his focus, enthusiasm and effort in all of our lessons, but particularly in maths this week. He always works methodically and aims to complete extension activities. He is an excellent talking partner and role model in our class and is a pleasure to teach. Well done!
4.1 - Owens	<b>F</b> has impressed us all with her progress in reading this term. She has been reading aloud and discussing the vocabulary and plot in our class discussions.
4.2 - Lindgren	<b>H</b> has made outstanding progress in her multiplication and division skills. She uses her skills in Maths lessons, working independently and helping others. Keep up the hard work and your beaming smile!
5.1 - Aquino	<b>A</b> has been working hard in class. We have noticed an excellent change in attitude to learning this term. She has been trying her best in Maths and English lessons, along with becoming a much keener reader. Well done and keep it up!
5.2 - Attenborough	<b>Zach</b> has impressed everyone with his hard work all week. He has been a star in all lessons and it is great to see how much he is maturing. Well done and keep it up!
6.1 - Hawking	<b>Sophie</b> has impressed us with her increase in confidence this week, participating in class discussions and reading out loud to the class. She also wrote an informal letter, adopting the features of language and style in an interesting way! Well done and keep it up!
6.2 - Hadid	<b>Kashif</b> has impressed us this week with his quiet determination in writing. He has worked hard to complete his informal letters and edited really effectively with his red pen. Well done and keep it up!

## 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	98.33%	1
Class Lindgren	98.21%	2
Class Attenborough	96.04%	3
Class Hawking	95.78%	4
Class Aquino	94.07%	5
Class Owens	93.33%	6
Class Lovelace	92.80%	7
Class Hadid	91.61%	8

## Yearly Attendance Table

Class	Attendance	Rank
Class Lovelace	97.12%	1
Class Shelley	97.11%	2
Class Hawking	95.17%	3
Class Aquino	95.12%	4
Class Owens	95.00%	5
Class Hadid	94.58%	6
Class Attenborough	94.31%	7
Class Lindgren	93.70%	8

## PE and Sport News



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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.

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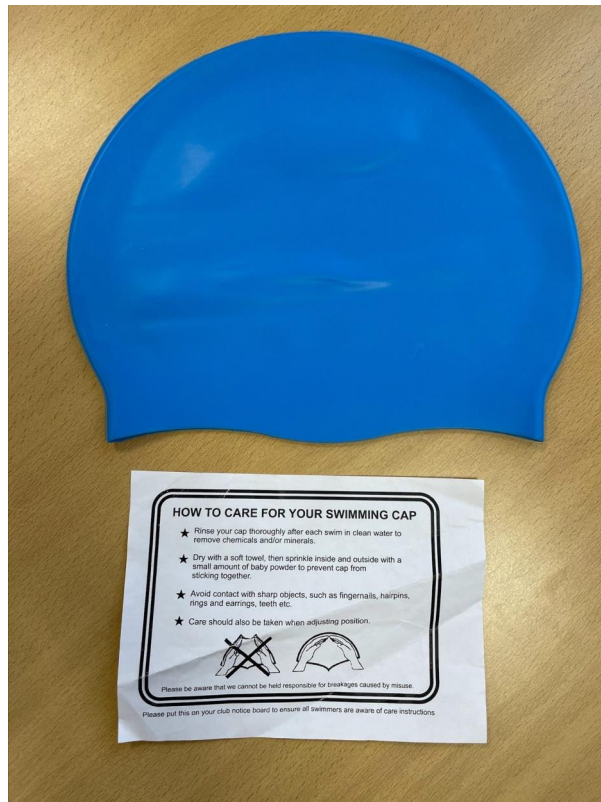
<https://www.allsaintsmaidenhead.org.uk/page/?title=School+Clubs&pid=37&action=saved>

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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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### *Bikeability Courses Confirmation*

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We will be running 2 courses on the 24th and 25th March.

Level 1 for Year 4

Level 2/1 for Year 5

Please check emails and letters coming home with your child for further information. Thank you!

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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 Sawie/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	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 <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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