



Parent/Carer Newsletter

29th January 2025



"The Sun himself is weak when he first rises, and gathers strength and courage as the day gets on."

Charles Dickens

Key dates for Parent/Carers

Thursday 16th January	Dance Festival tickets available from 12 noon
Wednesday 29th January	Running Club Cancelled
Wednesday 5th February	Year 5 trip to Kew Gardens
Wednesday 12th February	Dance Festival - Attenborough
Wednesday 12th February	Parental Workshop on Anxiety 2pm in School (For more details see SEND section)
Thursday 13th February	Dance Festival - Aquino
Friday 14th February	Ancient Egypt Day - Year 4
Friday 14th February	Second Hand Book Sale - 3.30 - 4pm
Mon 17th - Fri 21st February	Half Term
Thursday 6th March	Woolley Firs - Year 4
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Monday 24th March	History Workshop - Year 3

Priority Messages

Dear Parents/Carers

A busy newsletter this week with plenty of updates from around the school and key information. As always, keep following the school calendar with up coming events!

For my message this week I want to focus on children being safe online. In a few weeks time we will have Internet Safety Day, which raises the profile of this issue, but I wanted to get ahead of that to point you towards a useful article we have read around the use of Whatsapp on smart phones.

WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages, as well as make voice and video calls. You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute. All you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number. However, children and young people can easily subvert the restrictions placed on its access. Although rated at 16+, all that is required is a phone number. All it takes is one child in a class to be on whatsapp, and all the others will wish to join. This can lead to increased vulnerabilities for child users. The NSPCC has released its own analysis about the dangers of the app. Please follow the link below for more information on this:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

This past week has seen our school pupil leaders continue to take significant roles in the running of the school. Our sports leaders have done a wonderful job setting up and running the lunchtime activities for the children. The focus this week has been Gaelic football and the children have really enjoyed the challenges!

This morning our Eco Committee led a brilliant assembly on the use of plastics around the world, what happens to plastic when thrown out and what we can do to change this. The children delivered the information so clearly and are very passionate about the topic. It made us all think about our use of plastics and we are beginning to put into place ways we can reuse the plastics we work with. Watch this space!

Finally, please do scroll down to see the sports updates! We are involved with many sporting fixtures and competitions so we have a lovely write up of all of these by Mrs Thompson further down.

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 - Attenborough



Attenborough class have been working hard so far this term in all subject areas, with some exciting weeks ahead.

Dance Festival

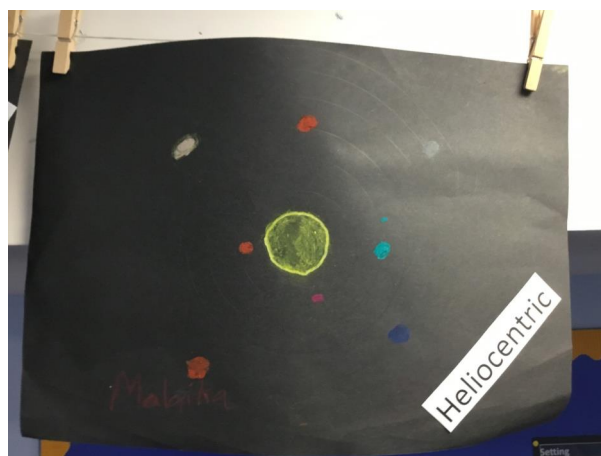
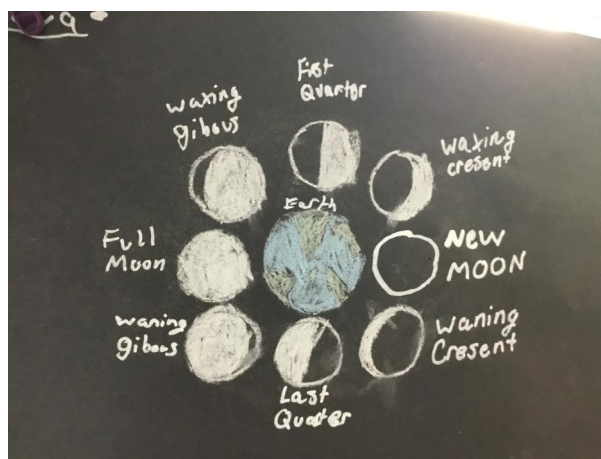
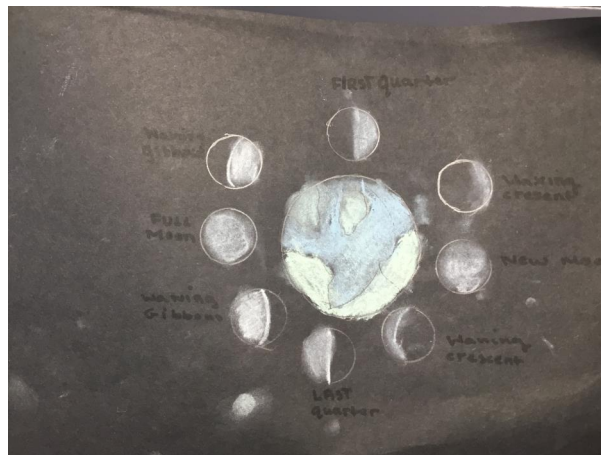
All of year 5 have been working on their cricket inspired dance which they will be performing as part of the dance festival in a couple of weeks' time.





Science

In science the class have enjoyed learning about the solar system and the phases of the moon, creating stunning artwork to decorated the class.





Reading

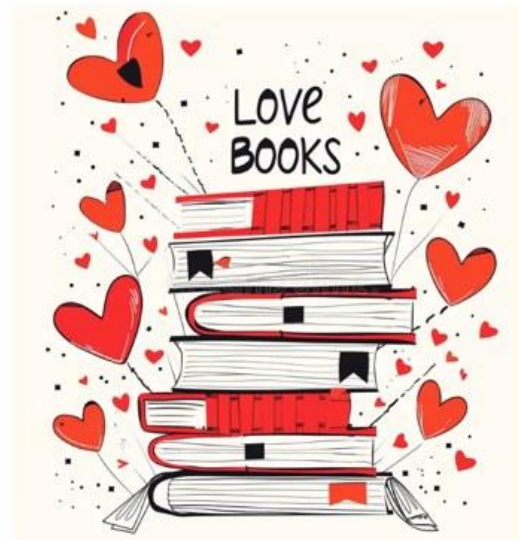
Next week year 5 are also visiting Kew Gardens to become plant scientists. This ties in with our reading book 'The Explorer' where children crash land in the amazon rainforest. This week the class built den's to replicate the experience of the story's children.





Second Hand Book Sale

To help raise money for the School Library



Second Hand Book Sale

14th February | 3.30-4pm
School Library

SEND Update from Mr Parkin

'A workshop to support parents to understand what may be contributing to their child's worries, how our thoughts, feelings and behaviours interact and practical strategies on supporting worries at home.'

We are pleased to be able to offer, in conjunction with our Educational Psychologist, a workshop for all parents/carers aimed at developing strategies to support children at home who are displaying signs of heightened anxiety. The rise in anxiety amongst school-age children is well documented nationally, so we are looking to support these children in partnership with their parents/carers.

The workshop will begin at 14.00 and last for one hour with time for questions. It will be delivered in a supportive environment.

If you would like to attend this workshop, please follow the link below and complete the short form. There is the option for anyone who would like to attend but is unable to on this date to register their interest for the future.

<https://forms.gle/rARbNwMeKSMvMkqgZ>



STAR OF THE WEEK	
3.1 - Shelly	Amayah has really impressed us all with her progress in her reading since starting in Year 3. It has been wonderful to see her starting to enjoy longer and more adventurous texts and improving her reading stamina and comprehension. Keep on looking out for that next exciting read!
3.2 - Lovelace	Emma has really impressed us with her focus, enthusiasm and effort in all of our lessons, particularly in Writing. She has wonderful, imaginative ideas and thinks carefully about how to improve her writing. She is always helpful in the classroom to both adults and children and is a fabulous role model. Well done!
4.1 - Owens	Poppy has impressed us all with her progress in her times tables knowledge. She should be very proud of her score in our practice multiplication check this week. It has been very good to see her confidence growing.
4.2 - Lindgren	Olivia has impressed us with her effort in following instructions across all subjects, consistently working to the best of her ability, and presenting her work with neat handwriting. She has been a role model with an excellent attitude to learning and kindness.
5.1 - Aquino	Arturo has been taking time and care to improve his work. Taking time to make sure that both his written and artistic work is presented brilliantly. He always tries his hardest despite the task and has a will to succeed. It has been great to see his confidence growing. Keep up the great work!
5.2 - Attenborough	R has impressed everyone with his hard work all week. He has been very helpful in the classroom and always comes to school with a smile on his face. He is calm in a crisis and should be proud of himself. Well done!
6.1 - Hawking	Sameer has impressed us with his focus in writing this week. We have been looking at writing informal and formal letters and using formal language. He was able to adapt his writing from informal to formal and worked independently in this. His choice of words in his formal letter were impressive! Well done and keep it up!
6.2 - Hadid	B has impressed us all with his quiet determination and focus in lessons this week. He is an outstanding reader, mathematician and is improving his writing style each week. 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 Hadid 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 Hadid	98.71%	1
Class Lovelace	97.20%	2
Class Hawking	95.16%	3
Class Lindgren	93.57%	4
Class Shelley	92.50%	5
Class Owens	92.11%	6
Class Aquino	91.11%	7
Class Attenborough	87.08%	8

Yearly Attendance Table

Class	Attendance	Rank
Class Lovelace	97.12%	1
Class Shelley	96.84%	2
Class Hawking	95.17%	3
Class Aquino	94.96%	4
Class Hadid	94.85%	5
Class Owens	94.83%	6
Class Attenborough	93.92%	7
Class Lindgren	93.70%	8

PE and Sport News



Events

Football matches – Wednesday 22nd January

It was a fantastic start to the season for both year 5/6 football teams.

A team against HolyPort 1:0 to us.

B team against HolyPort 3:0 to us.

Well done to all who took part.

If your child is keen to play football, please sign them up for the Wednesday After School Football Club with Maidenhead United. The lunchtime sessions are for team training and sometimes target other groups. When your child is in year 5/6 they will get the opportunity to play in matches and if already attending the after-school club on Wednesdays that will increase the possibility of being selected. In the summer term we start preparing for the following year so year 4 will be able to join year 5. There is also usually opportunity for year 3/4 to play in an inter-school tournament during the academic year. I hope this helps you understand our progression of provision at All Saints.

Netball match - Wednesday 22nd January



The netball team played AWAY against Courthouse. It was a super game, most children are new to netball this year and the improvement has been noticed. Some children tried out different positions, well done for their resilience and team spirit as it helped the team to victory 3:2 to us. Well done to the whole team and players of the match: Teju and Riaan.

If there are any other children especially in year 4/5/6 who would like to join netball club we are always on the look out for goal shooters. In the summer term we hope to invite Year 3 to join netball club.

Sportshall Athletics - Thursday 23rd January

This event is run by the School Sport Partnership as part of the School Games in Berkshire and is supported by Leisure Focus. This is a competitive and progressive event, and the intent is to develop the Social ME- Developing Teamwork, Cooperation with others & Leadership. This is a team event where everyone does 2 track (running) and 2 field (jumping or throwing). Having fun is the main message but also great sporting behaviours to support each other.

The Year3/4 team had some amazing performances within the team, 1st and 2nd places in some of their events. Overall, I was so impressed with the team spirit and proud of them as they came 4th out of 12 teams, well deserved for their achievements.





In the afternoon the Year 5/6 team also had some great results in the individual events, their fabulous sporting behaviour was noticed as they thought about team strengths and included everyone to boost moral as a whole team. The scores were very close, and they did an amazing job at coming 7th out of 12 overall.





Most of all everyone enjoyed it! Thanks to the staff who attended and the parents who got the teams there.

Any children keen to improve their athletic skills can join the running club on Wednesday mornings, run the active mile at lunchtimes and sign up for athletics club when we re-start it in the summer term after Easter.



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.



Extra-curricular 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
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
Nerball	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	Years 3-4	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
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

Big Chick Knit 2025

This Spring, Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service is asking for the support of local schools with our EGG-citing **Big Chick Knit!**

Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service is a local charity that provides specialist care and vital support to children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions, and their families, across

Berkshire and into surrounding counties.

Each year, incredible knitters and crafters from across our local area make knitted chicks and friends, each with a chocolate egg inside. This year, we are taking these chicks to new heights and are aiming to get all of Berkshire involved!

We need your help to make our Big Chick Knit a success and help bring smiles to the faces of local children with a life-limiting or lifethreatening condition.

Your school has very kindly agreed to hold a Creme Egg collection in which each child will bring in a Creme Egg or equivalent to help play a vital part in our Big Chick Knit. We hope this will be an inexpensive and fun way for your child to get involved and feel part of something huge happening in their local community, and each chocolate egg is equivalent to a £3 donation to our charity!

Your support can help children like Franke



Frankè has a genetic condition and a number of complex health conditions including severe heart abnormalities.

His mum Sarah lives with the heart-breaking uncertainty of not knowing how long she will have with her son.

With support from Alexander's **Frankè in our pool with Alexander's Nurse Carly** Care Team, she is determined to

Giving children like Frankè and do all she can to fill Frankè's life with joy and make precious his mum the support they need memories together.



Alexander Devine has opened up both of our worlds. I know I can leave Frankè with them and have peace of mind and utter trust that the wonderful and amazing team will love and look after my boy.

I am determined to do all I can to fill Frankè's life with joy and happiness and I am thankful that Alexander Devine helps me do that more than I thought would ever be possible.

We really hope you consider joining your school's efforts to support our children's hospice service this Spring. If you have any questions please contact your school for more information, or visit our website www.alexanderdevine.org/chicks to find out other ways you can get involved.

Thank you so much for your incredible generosity and support.

Tubs2Pubs

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.

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.

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