



Parent/Carer Newsletter

5th February 2025



“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”

C.S. Lewis

Key dates for Parent/Carers

Wednesday 5th February	Year 5 trip to Kew Gardens
Friday 7th February	NSPCC Rocks Event
Wednesday 12th February	Dance Festival - Attenborough
Wednesday 12th February everyone.	Parental Workshop on Anxiety 2pm in School. Open to (For more details see SEND section)
Thursday 13th February	Dance Festival - Aquino
Thursday 13th February	Movie Night
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

Mon 24th - Tues 25th March

Bikeability - Years 4 & 5

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Dear Parents/Carers

As always, we have a busy newsletter this week with some brilliant sports updates as we continue to play our football and netball fixtures this term. In addition, we are always entering as many festivals and competitions as we possibly can with a view to give as many children the opportunity to participate and represent All Saints - please do scroll down to read up on those!

This week Mrs Hammett-Bregger has entered the school into the 'NSPCC Rocks' event on Friday 7th February to recognise and celebrate NSPCC's Number Day. It is the NSPCC and Timestables Rockstars teaming up to create this event.

How does it work?

Learners will try to answer as many multiplication and division questions correctly as they can. The winning school and class will be based on the highest average number of correct answers per pupil.

Rules:

1. Every correct answer that a student gives, in any game type, between the hours of 7:30am GMT to 7:30pm GMT each day will contribute to their class and school score.
2. There is a 60-minute limit playtime per player, per day.
3. Each class has a minimum player count of 10. If fewer than 10 in the class play in the competition, their total will be divided by 10 regardless.

On the day each class will have an opportunity with the iPads to log into the event on TTRockstars to complete their session, however, pupils are more than welcome to log in at home either before or after school if they would like to use their normal TTRockstars log ins. We are looking forward to it and fingers crossed we can be a winning school!

As always, please do keep an eye on the school calendar for upcoming events and trips - lots happening this term!

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)

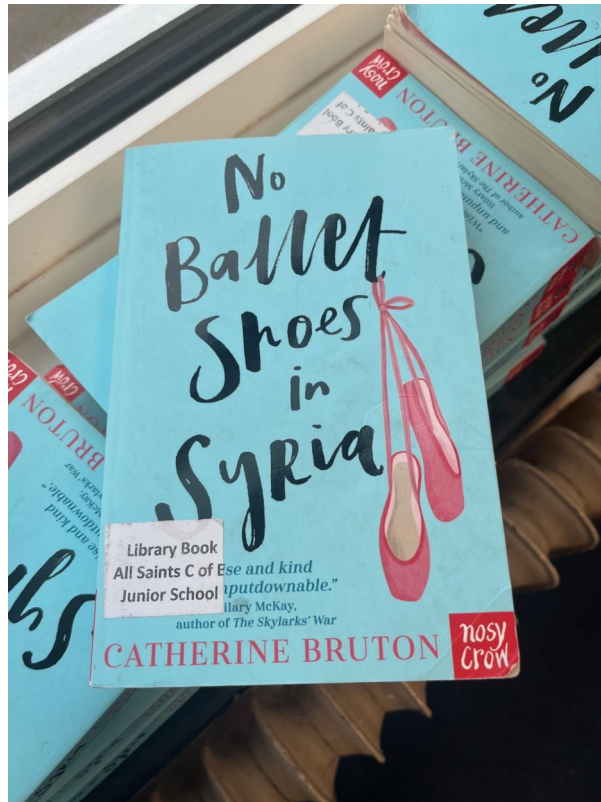


Class Spotlight - Hadid



This term for class Hadid and year 6 has started brilliantly and the children have continued to work so hard in all lessons. In writing the children are beginning to build their portfolio of independent writing which will be assessed and moderated in June. So far the children have studied and performed the poem 'The Tyger' by William Blake, before moving onto writing in different levels of formality. For this writing, the children read an extract from 'Short' by Kevin Crossley-Holland where a girl is spooked by a creature/monster at night in her house . We then set them the task to write four different types of letters in different formalities - They wrote a letter to dad, to their best friend, to the police and to the 'creature' - the children had great fun with this and could showcase their different writing styles.

In reading we have started the very powerful book 'No Ballet Shoes in Syria'. This book is about Aya, an eleven year old, who has just arrived in Britain with her mum and baby brother, seeking asylum from war in Syria. When Aya stumbles across a local ballet class, the formidable dance teacher spots her exceptional talent and believes that Aya has the potential to earn a prestigious ballet scholarship. But at the same time, Aya and her family must fight to be allowed to remain in the country, to make a home for themselves and to find Aya's father - separated from the rest of the family during the journey from Syria. The children are fascinated with this story as well as the background context of which the book is set - which has certainly led to some thought-provoking discussions.



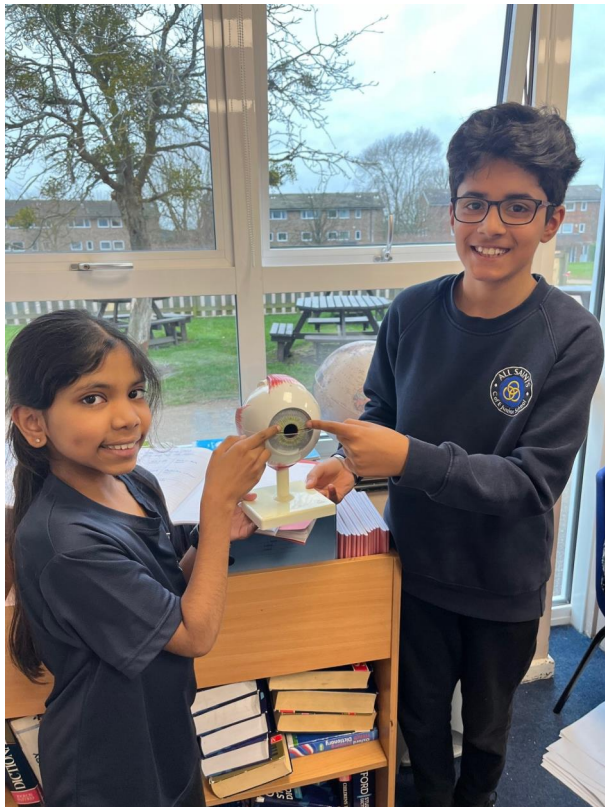
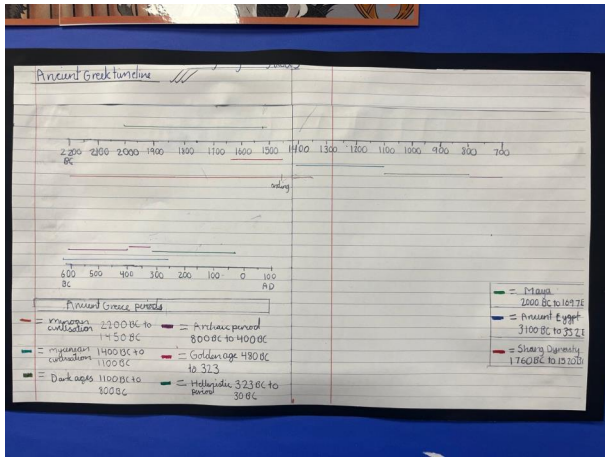
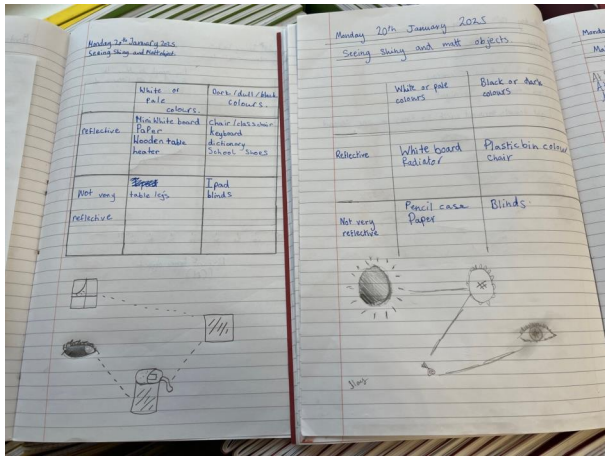
In science and the foundation subjects, the children have been learning about light, Ancient Greeks, an artist study and using core strength in PE.

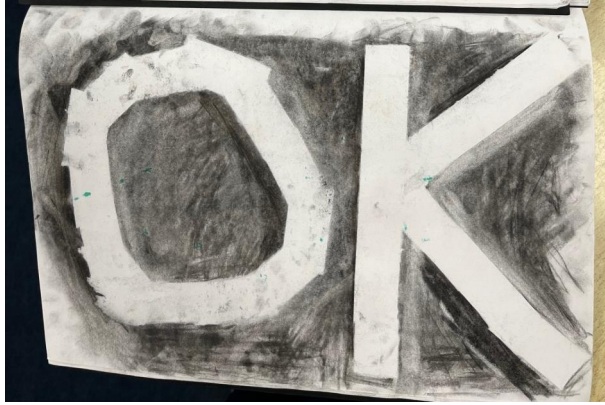
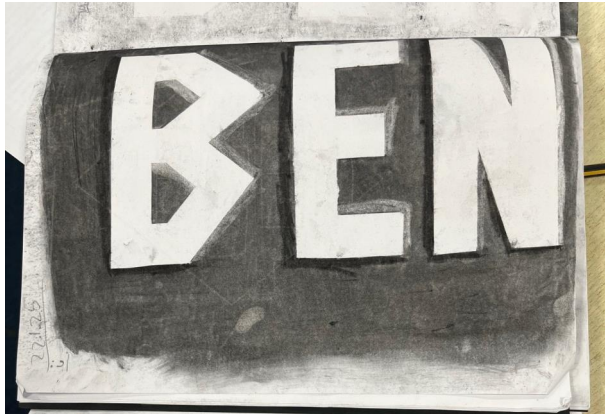
In science we have studied light from natural to man made sources, how it travels and can be manipulated to learning how the human eye sees. We have discovered that the eyes are the mechanism for letting light in but it is our brains that depicts the image and colour. We were even able to see our pupils dilate to allow more light in when dark and narrow when it is too bright. We have been able to label the eye and learn this whole process.

In art, the children have been developing skills in using different art styles, exploring effects with tools, understanding and applying chiaroscuro, and creating symbolic and expressive drawings. It encourages children to form their own opinions about art, understand the impact of techniques, and convey messages through their artwork.

In history, the children are studying the ancient Greeks - so far we have looked at our history timeline to see what was happening around the world and in Britain at the time. This gives the children great context to see just how advanced this civilisation was.

Finally in PE, the children have continued to develop their core strength and skills by shadowing their partners movements. This requires good balance, strength and reaction time, which links perfectly for their outdoor games of Tag Rugby. We have learnt core skills and begun playing competitive matches amongst each other.

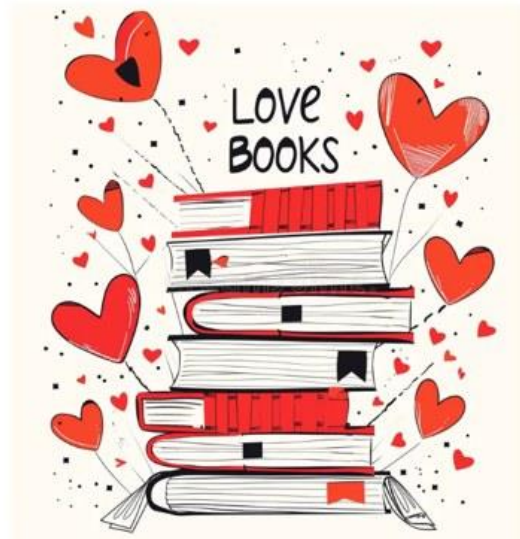






Second Hand Book Sale

To help raise money for the School Library



Second Hand Book Sale

14th February | 3.30-4pm
School Library

SEND Update from Mr Parkin

Parental Workshop Wednesday 12th February 14.00

Thank you to those of you who completed the Google Form for the Parental Workshop on 12th February. I have added 2 more questions and would be very grateful if you could use the link and answer these please.

There are still places available if anyone else would like to join us. Just click on the link.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSda4LP8rAu26DqkPihgEAKf29B0wfJkUaU4b5Sp112qvUBdng/viewform?usp=header>

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/rARbNwMeKSMvMkqg7>



STAR OF THE WEEK	
3.1 - Shelly	Tianna has really impressed us this week with her inspired writing when describing visiting a shop for the first time. It was clear to see that she had thought carefully about it and she used beautifully descriptive vocabulary. It has also been clear to see how much effort you are putting into improving your handwriting! Very well done!
3.2 - Lovelace	Sultan has really impressed us with his focus and effort in all of our lessons. He shows a love of learning and is trying very hard to work independently. He is showing improvement in his phonics, dictation sentences and handwriting and is trying hard to learn his times tables. Well done!
4.1 - Owens	William has impressed us all with his work in all areas of the curriculum this term. He is an avid reader and the class enjoy his book recommendations. William should be very proud of his Canopic jar and the care that he took in making it.
4.2 - Lindgren	Isla has impressed us with her engaging and well-presented diary entry, demonstrating great pride in her work. She diligently followed the underlying pattern and effectively used the writers toolkit. Additionally, Isla included advanced vocabulary discussed in Guided Reading, which improved the quality of her writing. Well done, Isla - keep up the fantastic work!
5.1 - Aquino	Eva has impressed us with her written and digital work. This week, she has written a brilliant suspense piece in our short burst write, using lots of the features in the toolkit. We are looking forward to being a little scared in your next piece of writing now too. She also led a great lesson during the Coding Club by showing us how to use scratch to create short animations. Keep up the great work!
5.2 - Attenborough	Arjan has impressed everyone with his hard work all week. He is focussed in all lessons and has been making excellent progress in writing and maths, particularly when multiplying fractions by integers. He was also a credit to the school when playing football on Thursday evening. Mr Mckrell described him as a 'rock at the back.' Well done Arjan!
6.1 - Hawking	Zunairah has impressed us with her inquisitive nature this week. She has been asking lots of questions for clarification to ensure she understands her work. A good example of what makes a good learner. Well done and keep it up!
6.2 - Hadid	Bessie has impressed us all with the progress she has made since September. Bessie has shown great determination and focus to improve her mathematical skills and her reading comprehension. She has been a delight to teach! Well done!

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 Lovelace 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 Lovelace	98.40%	1
Class Hadid	95.16%	2
Class Attenborough	94.58%	3
Class Hawking	94.19%	4
Class Owens	93.85%	5
Class Lindgren	93.57%	6
Class Shelley	91.67%	7
Class Aquino	85.93%	8

Yearly Attendance Table

Class	Attendance	Rank
Class Lovelace	97.20%	1
Class Shelley	96.55%	2
Class Hawking	95.11%	3
Class Hadid	94.87%	4
Class Owens	94.77%	5
Class Aquino	94.47%	6
Class Attenborough	93.95%	7
Class Lindgren	93.69%	8

PE and Sport News



Events

Year3/4 Badminton Festival – Tuesday 28th January

A group of excited Year 3/4 children were invited to represent the school at the above A&M School Sport Partnership event delivered by Altwood School. This competition was a great friendly skills-based festival, focussing on broadening participation to try new things and sits within our NEW category of competition of "**PERSONAL ME** - controlling emotions, behaviours and self-esteem". The children experienced a circuit of Badminton inspired skills e.g. The catch the bird, throw and go, egg and spoon, back and forth amongst others. Well done to the team.





Netball match – Tuesday 28th January

Netball Match – Monday 27th January



It was the return match at Home against Oldfield. The team worked well together with the ball going up and down the court. Teju scored 2 goals but it wasn't enough as the final score was 7:2 to them. Well done for showing great resilience and especially to the players of the match: Catherine and Marvellous.

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

Football B Team match – Wednesday 29th January

B team against Bisham 6:0 to us.

Despite the cancelled match on Tuesday the team showed resilience and determination giving an amazing performance on the pitch. Well done to all who took part and to player of the match: Maxim



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.

Football A Team match – Thursday 30th January

Our A team played Cookham Dean and ran out 2-0 winners in a very entertaining and tense game! Both teams played great football with chances at both ends. Brilliant defending from Arjan, Aturo and Alfie kept us in the game (along with great saves from Kyron) while the threat from Toby, Henry and Sahib meant we always looked like scoring. It was a lovely piece of skill from Henry which won a penalty and Alfie calmly converted to put us 1-0 up. In the second half it was more of the same as both sides missed chances to score, but it was Toby who went clear and superbly finished into the bottom corner to seal an excellent 2-0 victory! Player of the match was Alfie Wells who played superbly all game and led by example. A great game! Well done!



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 Sawley/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	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

Swimming Hats

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.



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.



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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 brings 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!
