



Parent/Carer Newsletter

Wednesday 4th October 2023



"The simple act of listening to someone and making them feel as if they have truly been heard is a most treasured gift."

L. A. Villafane

Key dates for Parent/Carers

Mon 2nd - Sun 8th October	Dyslexia Awareness Week www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/support-us/awareness-events/dyslexia-awareness-week
Mon 9th - Wed 11th October	Year 5 & 6 Bikeability Level 2
Thursday 12th October	Year 4 Bikeability
Friday 13th October	It's not easy being wheezy Parent/Carer coffee morning 8.30 - 9.30 am in the School Hall
Monday 16th October	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 17th October	Netball After School Club Cancelled
Wednesday 18th October	Open Evening - New Parents 5.00 - 7.00 pm
Thursday 19th October	PTA Quiz Night - 7pm
Friday 20th October	Inset day
Mon 23rd - Fri 27th Oct	Half term
Tuesday 31st October	Class Owens Swimming Lessons begin
Sun 5th - Sat 11th Nov	Year 6 - Rhos trip

Priority Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another lovely week here at All Saints with the children fully immersed in their learning and different topics this term. I have really enjoyed walking round school to see so many different activities going on. In year 3, I've seen the children make delicious apple crumble in Design Technology. In year 4, I've seen the children learning new skills in tag rugby and competing in those PE lessons. In year 5, I've seen (and heard!) the instruments in music as they have been learning

about music notation. And finally in year 6, the children are producing beautiful pictures to go with their book reviews for their class book - The Last Wild. It really is a pleasure to go round and watch the children engage with these lovely activities!

In addition to these stand out activities we continue with our phonics and reading interventions for those children that require extra support, whether it is sounds gaps or reading fluency and comprehension. We have now started up our maths interventions for children requiring more support and will continue to review these through the year to monitor the progress those children are making.

Looking forward I would like to remind parents and carers to keep an eye on dates. Next week we have our 'Bikeability' instructors coming in to work with small groups from years 4,5 and 6. Those children that are taking part please ensure bikes have been checked, are safe and helmets are brought in.

For year 6 parents I believe a final Rhos-Y-Gwaliau meeting is coming up and the date for the final payment is 20th October. Please do check your Tucasi account to complete the final payment or your can contact the office if you are encountering any difficulties.

Finally, a reminder to spread the word about our Open Evening on 18th October! We would like to get as many existing and prospective new parents to come and see us in action and of course to talk to teachers, senior leaders and myself!

I do hope you all have a lovely rest of the week.

Mr Snipp

Executive Headteacher

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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)

All Saints Open evening



The poster features the ODST logo at the top left, followed by the school's crest and the motto 'Believe-Grow-Achieve'. The main title 'ALL SAINTS C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL OPEN EVENING' is prominently displayed in blue and black text. The date 'OCTOBER 18TH' is shown in large blue letters. A central collage of photos depicts a teacher interacting with students, a student writing, and a group of children. A prayer hands icon is also present. The event details 'Doors open at 5pm, parking onsite and Headteacher talk at 6.30pm' are listed. A white cloud contains the text 'Come and see for yourself An ambitious curriculum! A nurturing environment! Rapid school improvement!'. Contact information including the phone number 01628 622596, email office@allsaintsmaidenhead.org, and website www.allsaintsmaidenhead.org.uk is provided at the bottom.

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**OPEN
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**5.00PM -
7.00PM**

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Class Spotlight - Year 5 Attenborough

Science

In year 5 we have enjoyed learning about states of matter and carrying out a variety of experiments to test our theories.



PE

In PE year 5 have been working hard on their teamwork and ball skills.



Music

In year 5 we have been learning about musical notation in the form of Egyptian music. It was great to get the instruments out on a sunny afternoon!



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3.1 - Shelly	Louis for his fantastic knowledge on the Stone Age, applying it to his learning and asking questions to expand his current knowledge.
3.2 - Lovelace	Aadvay for his all round effort and excellent standard of work in all lessons. A great start to Year 3!
4.1 - Owens	Teju is a new member of the All Saints community and has settled in exceptionally well, demonstrating such qualities as: politeness, hard work and pride in her work.
4.2 - Lindgren	Hilary has recently joined All Saints and he has already made friends, done some great work, especially writing, and has demonstrated a great attitude to learning.
5.1 - Aquino	James every day without fail or distraction he does the correct things. He listens carefully and always tries his hardest. He rarely asks for rewards and always praises others.
5.2 - Attenborough	Marvellous for her effort and behaviour in all subjects. She is fully committed to improving every day, listens well and is an inspiration to others.
6.1 - Hawking	Yolanda for her engaged reading minutes each day and her quiz scores. She has really risen to the challenge of year 6 and should be very proud of all her work.
6.2 - Hadid	Ava for her improved focus and concentration. Ava is becoming more independent with starting a task and attempting to complete it on her own, before seeking help. A very mature attitude towards her learning.

Growing Club

We were very surprised when we visited our raised beds after the holidays. Many plants were dry, wilted and looking very sad. They desperately needed water! We agreed to appoint Water Monitors for every day, unless it was raining. Also, we used grass clippings to mulch around the dry plants, which is a sustainable way to reduce watering. Mulch stops water from evaporating and keeps it in the soil.

Our next job was collecting seeds. There are thousands of marigolds and calendulas seeds, and we want to sow them next year. We will keep the seeds in a paper bag, in a dry cupboard till February, when the next growing season starts.



Weed it or feed it?

Another urgent matter in September was weeds. There weren't too many of them, because we have cleared the raised beds before the holidays. However, some new appeared and needed to be pulled out, because they were using the space and nutrients meant for other plants. We understand that a

weed can be any plant, that we don't want to grow, so we discussed what should grow in each bed and pulled the rest. Weeds are not rubbish, though. They ended up in a compost pile and will serve us later.



Strawberries, more strawberries!

Flowers and tomatoes are great, but what we really want to have more of are delicious, sweet strawberries. Everyone agreed that we would like to have another patch of strawberries. This time, it needs to be much bigger, so that there is enough fruit for everyone. Without delay, we started propagating our strawberries to give them time to grow before winter. Now, we need to find a way to get another raised bed with fertile soil. Maybe parents could help?



How to have better crops?

That's a million-dollar question every gardener tries to answer. We know, that if our plants have enough sunlight, water and space to grow, the next thing we can improve is the nutrients in the soil. That is why we started making compost or even adding banana peels around the plants, hoping they will work.

After some research, we found out that another way of making soil more fertile is comfrey or nettle tea. Well, it was hard to find many nettles in our playground and we weren't sure if we want them

around, but comfrey would be great. It has beautiful flowers and bees love them. After they finish blooming, we could use the leaves to make natural, free plant fertiliser. That's why we planted a few black, slimy roots near the raised beds and we hope they will survive the winter and grow well.



The end of September means the end of tomatoes. We are enjoying the last fruit and planning preparation for winter, when we will move our GROWING indoors. Now, our Gardening Club is called Growing Club and we can relate it to our school's values. It makes us reflect on metaphorical meaning of many aspects of our work.



PE & Sport News

The Autumn term has started positively. Each year group are actively engaged in personal skills in the real PE curriculum. In addition to this...

Year 3 have been introduced to invasion game skills, developing footwork and ball skills.

Year 4 Lindgren have been enjoying their school swimming lessons at Braywick Leisure Centre. All the children have progressed in water confidence or swimming ability. Owens on the otherhand have been developing invasion game skills in the context of Tag Rugby.

Year 5 are involved in the Premier League Primary Stars Programme where a visiting coach works along side the class teachers offering a PE mentoring service over 6 week blocks. The children have focussed on invasion game skills in the context of netball.

Year 6 have incorporated different skills into circuit training and have been developing their invasion games skills in the context of hockey.

Swimming and Water Safety

Next term Owens will have curriculum swimming at Braywick. Please see Class Dojo or the school office to complete the form and return it ASAP.



We also have the fantastic opportunity to use Newlands school pool on Fridays afterschool with the intention of helping more children meet the curriculum expectations by the end of year 6. Individuals will be contacted by email. The intention is to create All Saints Swimming Club to provide extra-curricular water time to assist parents in finding quality swimming lessons for their child to develop. Places will be offered to different year groups on rotation throughout the year but we need to make it viable by filling all 24 places so watch this space.

We are planning to provide top up swimming lessons for year 5 in the spring term and give year 3 their curriculum swimming in the summer term. If your child has not yet visited the swimming pool please consider taking them, they love it and it's a great family activity to share!

PLEASE continue your child's swimming development by taking them swimming regularly or giving them swimming lessons. It takes lots of regular practice to maintain the progress they have made in school swimming. We're taking swimming lessons seriously, are you?

Learn a skill for life and enjoy the benefits of swimming.

Afterschool Sports Clubs

Last summer term children said they were keen for a dance club to run but only 6 children have signed up on Mondays. In order to make this sustainable we would like to encourage more participants. If your child is interested please contact Usports directly; the information is in the newsletter.

We're taking swimming lessons seriously, are you?

The new dates for Year 6 Badminton and year 5/6 Netball have been issued. Please return your form promptly to secure your child's place as spaces are limited.

The Lunchtime Football trial sessions have been a huge success. Specific children have been invited to attend Team Training to develop their football skills within their year group. Extra spaces will be offered on rotation during the year to give others opportunity. For example this term on Fridays the extra spaces have been allocated to year 6 and will then be offered to year 5 after Christmas. However, if your child is keen and has not been selected on this occasion they have the opportunity to take part in the after school club on Wednesdays with Maidenhead Magpies.

In the Spring term Year 4 will have opportunity to attend Badminton Club. It is also hoped we can introduce netball club to years 3 and 4. Other clubs will be considered in response to the survey and the children's needs.

It is hoped we can introduce after school fixtures for netball and football against other local schools once the children show good team sporting behaviour.

If there are any parents who are interested in sport, have any specific skills to share and are willing to volunteer some time we are keen to hear from you.

Afterschool Sports Club Routine

If your child is unable to attend a club after school, please inform the school office so your child can be accounted for.

Registers are taken at the beginning of an afterschool club so anyone absent can be accounted for.

If your child misses 2 consecutive weeks without explanation, their place can be offered to someone else. (This is only applicable to free clubs).

Clubs normally finish at 4.30pm, please arrive promptly to pick your child up.

Many thanks.

Mrs Thompson

Well Done!

Sorcha won 1st place at the Oxford Ice skating rink club competition. She has 3 more national competitions in October before she leaves her Mary Poppins dance behind and finds a new character to play. Sorcha forgot part of her dance today, but carried on and improvised and still won the competition as the judges had no idea she had changed the dance! Well done Sorcha





Yearly Attendance from September 2023

Class	Attendance	Rank
Class Shelley	99.05%	1
Class Hadid	98.67%	1
Class Attenborough	98.33%	1
Class Owens	97.78%	4
Class Lovelace	96.67%	5
Class Aquino	96.67%	6
Class Hawking	96.33%	7
Class Lindgren	95.56%	8

Messages and Reminders

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder to go on to the link below to give consent/not give consent for your child to have the flu vaccinations.

<http://www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/FluIM>

Schools unique code: BK109991

It's not easy being wheezy - Coffee Morning

Friday 13th October 2023

8.30 - 9.30 am

The Paediatric Respiratory Nursing Team at Frimley Health are holding a coffee morning where they can answer your questions and provide support.

The meeting will take place in the school hall.

PTA News



AGM/ QUIZ – TICKETS NOW ON SALE !!!

We're back, after the resounding success of our AGM/Quiz Night last year!

Come and join us, have a drink, enjoy an evening of fun for the grown-ups and support your PTA.

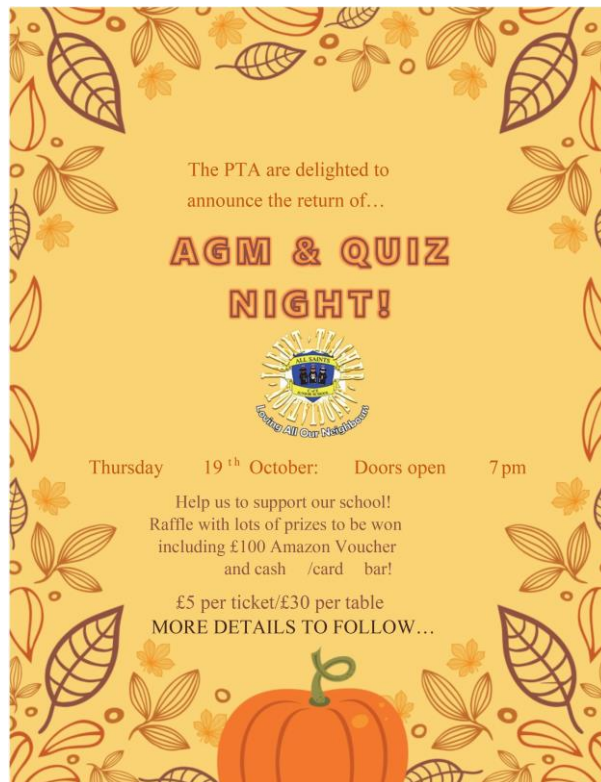
Here's all the info you need about the night itself:

- The event will be held in the school hall. We'll have a short AGM as required by the constitution of the PTA with voting for the relevant positions followed by a quiz night.
- Up to 6 x people per team, but don't worry if you don't have a team – we'll make sure everyone who comes along is teamed up!
- Tickets are priced at £5 per person/£30 per table of 6 and can be purchased NOW via Scopay/tucasi (within the "Products" section).
- Please note that in keeping with the school's efforts to be environmentally conscious, you will not be issued with a paper ticket. We will have a list of names on the door on the evening itself.
- Doors open at 7pm and the evening kicks off promptly at 7:15pm AGM, followed by Quiz 7:45pm and will wrap up at 10pm.

- Your ticket purchase will automatically enter you into our bumper prize draw to win £100 Amazon Voucher
- There will be an opportunity to purchase further raffle tickets on the night for a chance to win lots of goodies **PLUS** a bar and snacks, so remember to bring some money!
- If you have any questions about purchasing tickets, or the night itself, please don't hesitate to contact the PTA at: allsaintsjuniorpta@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

The All Saints Junior School PTA



PTA Raffle Prize Donations



If you could kindly donate raffle prizes for the PTA quiz night and future raffles this would be greatly appreciated. Please bring into the office before 19th October.

PTA Recruitment

Would you like to support your child and connect with the school community?

The PTA would like to welcome all new parents to the school. We are a group of parents who are always looking for more people to join our team. We need your enthusiasm, your skills, your ideas, your help and your time- as much or as little as you can offer! Everyone is welcome!

We want to organise social events for parents and children whilst hopefully creating a strong sense of community across All Saints school and raising vital funds at the same time. Since we started, we have raised over £5000 for the school through events such as Quiz nights, movie nights, dress down days and more recently the summer fair.

Our next event is our annual AGM and Quiz Night! Join us in school Thursday 19th October, doors open 7pm, where the PTA positions will be confirmed followed by fun packed Quiz! We are currently trying to raise funds to create an Eco Garden for the school!

We are recruiting for the roles of **Chair** and **Vice Chair** so if you are interested, please do let us know, we will circulate letters to parents with more information shortly on how to put yourself forward. Both roles are not time consuming, current officers provide one hour a month of their time during term time to attend meetings. We are a fun and collaborative group, here is a photo of us at last year's Summer Fair.



If you would like to get involved in the PTA then please get in touch, please reach out allsaintsjuniorpta@gmail.com

Thank you!

Current Clubs at All Saints Junior School

Autumn Clubs 2023

ALL SAINTS JUNIOR SCHOOL CLUB INFORMATION – AUTUMN TERM 2023									
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
After-school 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
Dance	Mon	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	11 th Sept – 4 th Dec 2023	uSports	£78.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Netball	Tues	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 5-6	12 th Sep – 10 th Oct 2023 Not 17 th Oct	Mrs Thompson	No charge	Playground	1 hour	Reception
Football	Wed	12.00 – 1.00 pm	Years 3-6	13 th Sept – 6 th Dec 2023	Maidenhead Magpies	TBC	Playground	30-minute sessions	N/A
Football	Wed	3.30 – 4.30	Years 3-6	11 th Sept – 4 th Dec 2023	Maidenhead Magpies	Contact supplier	Muga	1 hour	Reception
Music	Thurs	1.00 – 3.00 pm	Years 3-6	20 th April – 29 th July 2023	iRock	Contact supplier	Small Hall	2 hours	N/A
Sewing	Thurs	3.30 – 4.40 pm	Years 3-6	14 th Sept – 30 th Nov 2023	Dhaaga Creative Sewing	£93.50	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Badminton Club	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Year 6	7 th Sept – 28 th Sept	Mrs Thompson	No Charge	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Gardening Club	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Year 4 by invitation	14 th Sept – Thurs 19 th Oct	Ms Nowaczyk	No Charge	Outside Lindgren	1 hour	Reception
Indoor Cricket	Fri	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	15 th Sept – 8 th Dec 2023	uSport	£71.50	Hall	1 hour	Reception

iRock

Dear Parent / Guardian,

September bookings are now open for rock and pop band lessons at your child's school! This letter will tell you how your child could experience being in their own iRock band every week.

Our band lessons are not only fun but they can massively help develop your child's life skills: boosting confidence, supporting wellbeing, developing social skills and even helping to improve their academic performance.

How it works:

There is no experience necessary to join and all of the instruments are provided by iRock.

Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their band mates in 30 minute weekly lessons.

Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches who will guide your child through every session.

Lessons are available from Reception to Year 6 with children grouped by age. Children choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.

The band sessions build towards a concert at the end of each term, a great way to show you just how far they have come.

NEW Your child can achieve a brand new music qualification, regulated by RSL awards. More information about our new qualification coming soon!

NEW Access the iRock parent portal to see your child's band memories, song choice, manage your subscription and much more!

The highlight of your child's week for £38.95 per month (no payment in August). Our iRock subscription is designed to give parents full flexibility rather than having to commit to an entire year or term. The subscription guarantees a minimum lesson quota of 33 lessons in each academic year.

You can register your child's interest today by visiting www.irockschool.com, email info@irockschool.com or call **0330 174 2655**. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis.

Sewing Club



After school Sewing Club

For yr. 3, 4,5 & 6

Starting: Thursday, 14th September 2023

Hello children! Let's have some sewing fun! I am very excited to announce the sewing club for the Autumn term. Children will be doing creative sewing using different techniques and various types of fabrics.

This term, children will be making :

Applique Tote bag, Pumpkin decoration for Halloween/pumpkin pin cushion and Table mat for Christmas.

Course Details:

Duration: 11 weeks (Starting 14th Sept to 30th Nov)

Time: 3.30 to 4.40pm

Fee: £93.5 (All materials included), you can also pay by following childcare vouchers

- ***Edenred***
- ***Sodexo***
- ***Care4***
- ***Fidelity***
- ***Computershare***

Places are limited and will be allotted on a first come first serve basis. If your child would like to join, **please text/WhatsApp me to book the place.**

Thank you.

Anita Kulkarni

Mobile -07782253565

Email: anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk

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All Saints Juniors School

B O O K N O W

<https://eastberkshire-termtime.classforkids.io/term/520>

Dear Parents and Guardians,

uSports are pleased to announce that we will be delivering the following after-school clubs at All Saints Juniors School in the Autumn Term.

Dance

Year 3-6 | Monday | 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Indoor Cricket

Year 3-6 | Friday | 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Prices | £6.50 per session Best Wishes,

Charlie Hiscox uSports

How To Book

1. Click the 'Book Now' button or type in the link underneath
2. Scroll to find the right club and click 'Join Waiting List'
3. Add your child's details
4. Book your child's place
5. Pay for your session once we have confirmed and booked you on

Maidenhead Magpies - Football

ALL SAINTS FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



After School Clubs @ All Saints

Years 3-6 Every Wednesday 3.30– 4.30pm
Girls Years 3-6 Every Wednesday 3.30– 4.30pm

Starting W/C 11th September –Finishing W/C 4th December

Maidenhead in the Community, who are the community arm of Maidenhead United Football Club, are running weekly boys & girls Football sessions at All Saints These sessions will run after school from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. The club will be focused on developing ability, confidence and skill level in a fun environment. The sessions are run by coaches who have experience and are FA qualified.

CONTACT - MARK.NISBET@MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG
PLEASE BOOK THROUGH OUR WEBSITE
WWW.MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG

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Just turn up on Saturday 21st October
10.30am-12.30pm at our
Reading Music Centre, Stoneham Court,
100 Cockney Hill, Tilehurst,
Reading, RG30 4EZ
admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk

Feedback Form:

To help continue our school improvement we would really appreciate any feedback regarding school life whether it is something for us to improve or anything positive that we are doing right now. If you could fill out the form below, your feedback will be important for us moving forward.

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