

# The All Saints Herald

*Written by the Children, for everyone.*

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Welcome to the third edition of 'The All Saints Herald' – a newspaper written by the children of All Saints, for all. Over the next few pages, we aim to inform you of all the exciting clubs, trips, events and general 'goings on' around our wonderful school over the last half term.

## Reading Club

Each Wednesday after school, the children in Year One look forward to meeting up with Mr Wood for reading club. In reading club, they recall the phonics that they have practised over the past week. Last week, they practised learning the 'ch' sound. They did this by reading all the words that started and ended with 'ch', before colouring them in. While they completed their activities, they had music playing in the background, and had squash and tasty treats.

Some statements from the children who attended reading club last week include:

"I like reading with Mr. Wood."

"I like the treats."

"I like doing the sounds. We (have) done the 'Ch' (sound)."



## Year 5 Reading Corner

Polly and Daisy from Year 5 have made a reading corner to encourage everyone to read.

They said, "It was a struggle, and we are still adding final additions to it, but we are glad it makes people want to read!"

'A room without books is like a body without a soul.' – Quote by Daisy

Rules of the corner:

- Please be quiet in the Reading Corner
- If your shoes are dirty take them off so the carpet does not get dirty
- Only 4 people allowed in at a time



How they choose their next book to read:

When the children of Year 5 finish a book, they do Battle of the Books. The class librarians both pick a book and try to persuade the class to choose theirs.

This time Polly and Daisy were up. Polly chose 'Pog' - a book about animals in a forest, and Daisy chose a book about a group of imaginary friends. Polly won this week with Pog!

### All Saints Choir, Pianists and Guitars

During the previous term, the All Saints Choir sang many Christmas songs for all members of their community to enjoy. In preparation for Christmas, the school choir rehearsed and performed some carols and Christmas songs at following events: the lighting of the Montacute Christmas tree, the Christingle service, and the Christmas fete.



Mrs Roberts reported, "Over the weeks, the children grew in confidence both individually and as a group. They learnt how to use dynamics, harmony, and a tempo to enhance and improve the songs."



After our performance at St Cathrine's church Amelia from class 6, a member of the choir, quoted, "It was a fun thing to do, and we got to show our progress at the church through song."



Later in the term, the choir and guitarists performed to the rest of the school. Mr Belcher and Mrs Roberts were immensely proud. The school sang along to Christmas songs played by the pianists and loved all the music performed. Claudia, one of our school's music ambassadors, stated, "It was nice to see everyone showing their musical talents."



### Composers/ Artists of the month:

In January, our genre of the month was Big Band Swing. We listened to lots of classical music around the school. We thought that classical music would be good as a lot of children find it calming to work with the music on in the background.

### Facts about Big Band swing

The big swing bands organized their players into sections of brass, woodwinds, and rhythm and hired skilled orchestrators to write music for them. This structure encouraged a relatively simple compositional technique: sections were played off against each other, sometimes in counterpoint, sometimes in musical dialogue.

A big band is a type of musical ensemble associated with playing jazz music which became popular during the Swing Era from the early 1930s until the late 1940s. Big Bands evolved with the times and continue to this day.

As we are now in February, the music ambassadors researched some classical music artists; we decided to choose Joseph Haydn. He is a male, classical artist who has written and composed many symphonies. Fun fact: Did you know that his name is pronounced (hi-den) a lot of people say it wrong!!

### Facts about Joseph Haydn



Haydn was an Austrian Composer who was one of the most important figures in the development of the classical style in music during the 18<sup>th</sup> century. He was born on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1732, and he died in Vienna on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 1809 at the age of 77.

### Mindfulness

This year, 2023, Class 1 and 2 have been participating in a mindfulness club. Everyone who joined has been having a relaxing experience! These events are hosted at lunchtime. During these sessions, the children would lie down and gaze up at the luscious sky, pointing out amazing and weird cloud shapes, also in this club, they often take part in colouring as another way to be mindful. A child quoted, "It's been so fun; I never want it to end!"

Before each gathering ends, they wrap up with some new calming breathwork techniques, ready for the lessons ahead of them! After this, they pack up and go outside, letting out all their energy! One child also quoted, "I never want it to stop! We also had loads of other activities. We enjoyed lying down the most and the breathing techniques. We also had fun and relaxed."



"It was the best day ever that we had in our lives. And we enjoyed it very much and hope to do it again. Additionally, we learned to be calm to help us conquer everyday challenges!"

### World Book Day 2023

World book day is back! With more exciting activities than the previous years; making this day bigger and better than ever before! We have loads of fun activities for you to enjoy! This world book day we would like it if you would consider our theme - Books with maps. We don't mind what you dress up as, but please try to make sure it is a character from a book **NOT** a movie. If it is a book and a movie like: Harry Potter, Mary Poppins, Alice in Wonderland then it is acceptable.

This year we are holding a 100-word writing competition for all years. We will pick a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and a runner-up.

As some of you may know we are holding a BATTLE OF THE BOOKS for Ks2. You need to sign up on a sheet in the library where you can see all the details and what you will need to prepare.



We have more surprises in store for you too!

### Sports

A huge well done and congratulation to all of the children that have represented the school in the cross-country and football matches over the past month.

“The team spirits and sportsman/woman-ship between all the children has been second to none. It has been such a pleasure to see so many children wanting to take part and represent the school in the events – Well done Team All Saints! We couldn't be prouder!” – Mr Cashmore

### The Eco Warriors!

This term the eco team have been discussing what we can do to make our school eco-friendlier! We have had a few meetings over the past weeks where we recently discussed what we should do with our glue sticks; as they run out overwhelmingly fast and recycling the plastic casing is problematic. We have decided to purchase re-fillable glue sticks that are safe and easy to recycle, called Nexus U-fill. As shown here:



We have also discussed the proposition of recycling batteries, on behalf of our school community, by having a drop off bin for you and your children to use. To do this we would need a parent volunteer to help take the bins to a recycling centre when they become full – could this be you?

Please consider the impact of packaging when doing your child's lunchbox, such as reusing pots or containers to package food. If you could also help us to remind each other to put their food waste in the correct bins or show them which the correct bin is.

We are still collecting pens that have run out to be recycled.

LET'S GO ECO!

Many thanks, The eco team.



## Forest School

This year all our classes are having Forest School sessions with Miss Daniel in the forest area. The activities we do are helping us become resilient, independent and inquisitive learners. Miss Daniel wants all the children to have fun in the woodland environment as well as learn new skills, such as, building dens, lighting fairy fires and whittling hazel sticks. At Forest School we learn to believe in ourselves and that we can achieve anything if we persevere.

Forest School

In our school all the students have an amazing opportunity to have fun in the forest area. We all love it here is what some people think: "It's amazing!" Joseph year 4 said here "I made new friends," said Anna year 4 "I was myself loved building dens because it involved perseverance I built one den with my friend Morris."

Miss Daniel and Mrs Bull make loads of activities for us to do like making bread on the fire and learning to light fires with flint and steel.

We hope all the other classes have an epic time!

By Amelia Year 4

Forest School

Forest School is all about getting outside and grounding to wild life. Each week we have a session activity and we cooked apples then we made bread! My favourite subject is building dens we even made a real kitchen inside the den Mrs Daniel gives us sheets for our den and some kitchen stuff to. Sometimes we even make clay gags on the trees. There's also sticks like a stick line is where there's box lines and you have to balance on them it's a bit of a challenge really you have to pull your funny muscles good luck on that one. You also light fires. Eventually you have hot-chocolates with biscuits then you tidy up your play or game then it's home time.

by Morris

Forest School

In our school all the students have a chance to enjoy the forest area. The pupils enjoy fun activities. In forest school every everybody enjoys activities like making bread, building dens, whittling and playing in the mud kitchen. I enjoy using the stick line and Hot chocolate and building bows and arrows. Before we start with grounding ourselves and calming ourselves down.

Miss Daniel, Mrs Bull make loads of activities to do. One of the best is giants dance and wizard.

Hope you have an extraordinary time!

by Joseph year 4