

The All Saints Herald



A Christmas Edition



Written by the Children, for everyone.

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Welcome to the eighth 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.

Eco Warriors

This term we have been incredibly pleased about the minimal litter on the playground. We have been kindly gifted £100 by the Friends of All Saints; we have used that money to make six planters, and after winter we will plant flowers and herbs that are safe for us to smell, feel, and see. We planned an assembly and it was very successful: we would like to remind you that every Wednesday is waste free Wednesday!



This means that on a Wednesday, we'd like to try not to use any nonreusable plastic, tinfoil or any litter in our lunch boxes. A good packed lunch uses reusable tubs. If you don't want something, don't chuck it in the bin and eat it later! It would be great if we could get to a place where we did this every day - including weekends!

Nothe Fort – A Class 6 Trip

In class 6 we had an amazing school trip where we got to experience being evacuees from World War 2. We were put in many different scenarios, one being put into an air raid shelter, where listened to the sound of sirens going off, and, they even hit the shelter with a broom and stones to simulate bombs going off in the area. We experienced washing clothes back in the 1940s and it was very different to what we are used to now. Washing the clothes included using a Victorian item (a posser) and tongues to put the clothes in the boiling hot water. When they had finish washing and drying their clothes they would go onto ironing them with a metal iron.



We also went to the shop! The shop included things like the rationing books and how much you were allowed to eat (it was not a lot). There were some surprising brands that are still going today such as: Cadbury's, Kellogg's and a couple more! Overall, it was stated by the whole of Year Six that they had a great day!

Carymoor – A Class 4 Trip

This term Class 4 went to Carymoor to learn about saving the world by preventing pollution and littering. We asked what made it an amazing experience: "They asked us to make dens at the end and the teachers poured water and stones on to test them. They even had a leaf mower to imitate thunder and rainstorms. We really had to make sure the dens were water and wind proof!" quoted a year 4 child.

Another child said, "For one of the challenges, we had to move a tennis ball with pieces of gutter to get in the bin – our team won 410 points by winning most of the challenges."



We asked what the best bit of the day was: One child stated that, "In the tunnel there was lots of things like gaming stuff, nappies, crisps packets, mac books and air pods. We learnt about how long these things would take to completely decay. As we left the tunnel we were heading into a field, which was muddy and wet, and we could see the sheep and cows."

Yeovil Town Fc tournament

Some of the Year 5 and 6 children were invited to play at the YTFC (Yeovil town Football Club) 6-a-side tournament - it was great fun. Out of 21 schools, All Saints came 7th. Some of the Year 6s stated, "It was very fun working as a team and meeting two of the players Frank Nouble and Sonny Blu Lo from Everton."



All in all, the team scored 15 goals, featuring a cracking freekick from Charlie D - Year 5. At the end of the tournament, the team had a group photo with all of the other teams. The tournament ended up being 4 hours long. Everyone enjoyed it as the team got to eat lunch on the home side of the stadium stands. They also liked playing against other schools as it taught everyone how to improve next time.

The Librarians

Inside our lovely library the librarians have added some new Christmas magic like the new cosy fireplace. The fireplace was made for all our children to sit around and read some Christmas stories, such as, Santa Claus is coming to Somerset and lots of versions of Christmas stories. In their after-school club, the librarians have been making soft, relaxing seats for the outdoor library - made from fabric and cotton stuffing.



They also have been making paper Christmas decorations from teared old books. We have created hearts, paper chains and many more decorations so children can enjoy Christmas whilst reading as many books as they want. Some of our librarians have been working hard writing to different people in our wonderful community, asking them to come in and read to our pupils. We hope this inspires children to enjoy reading and come into our library more often.

Class 6 and 5 Carol Concert

Recently, Class 5 and 6 have been preparing for their carol Concert which took place on Tuesday the 5th of December at Saint Cathrine's Church in Montacute. Here are some of the songs that they sang: Hark the herald, Carol of the bells, Holly and the Ivy, Torch, We Wish You a Merry Christmas and many more.



When the adults walked in, we were playing the hand chimes. Class 6 had 3 soloists, which were Eva, Alicia and George, as well drummers - Ruby, and Alfie. Class 5 has several brilliant readers during the performance, each of which read beautifully. There were two performances and they both went very well, over all the performances were outstanding.



Nativities

Year 1 and 2 Nativity

The show brilliant and everybody happily sang along. All of the audience could clearly hear the words that were being said and the children sang the songs very clearly. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were seen singing the songs after the show.

Children from Year 2 told us that they really liked the songs and their favourite bit was when they sang whoops a Daisy. It was really fun to be a part of it and we loved it when everyone joined in. Another Child, in Year 1 stated, "I loved the song: shout about this baby."

Year 3 and 4's Nativity

Year 3 and 4 have been working on a play called, 'Shine!' This performance is based on the story of Jesus's birth and how Jesus is the light of the world. We asked two Year 4s to describe their show in three words and they said, "Joyful, phenomenal, and exciting." The classes have helped each other and worked together to create a magical and amazing play full of emotions.

Nancy stated that she loved to speak in the play and learning all her lines and Elizebeth agreed and said, "I love to perform and learn about new things I can do to make it better." But all the children love to sing and perform the songs they learnt in about a week and a half. When we asked Year 3 and 4 what their favourite scene in the play was, they said when Jesus is born in the stables. Overall, everyone in both classes loved the play and are extremely excited to perform it to their families!

Music

Here at All Saints, the halls have been flooded with Christmas cheer! These past few weeks, classes have been practicing their hymns and jingles for their performances. Students have been rehearsing their solos and duos throughout the term.

Year six have enjoyed playing the hand chimes with the help of Mrs Rees – the All Saints piano and flute teacher. They played fantastically in front of their parents and really set the tone for their last carol concert.

On the 1st of December, our amazing choir performed their incredible songs alongside Mr Wood and Mrs Bowditch in front of many parents. They practise every Friday and just keep getting better and better!

A member of the choir stated, "It's magical and a great experience!" Our music ambassadors (Ben, Nadia, Grace, Amelie and Merideth) will continue to bring more music into our school.