



January 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all parents and carers for their invaluable support during our two autumn term inspections and for attending the delightful Christmas productions. We are truly fortunate to have such a wonderful community here at All Saints.

As I write this letter, the sun is finally shining! We have had a wonderful start to the new year. The children have returned to school with enthusiasm, energy, and a positive mindset. There have been some fantastic learning opportunities, as well as moments to reflect upon when focusing on our individual 'New Beginning' goals. Our Christian value for this half term is wisdom, and our Year 6 young leaders have exemplified this virtue by providing exceptional support to pupils across the school during our Prayer week.

'New Beginnings' Prayer Space at All Saints

Last week, pupils at All Saints were deeply engaged in a spiritual experience with the installation of a Prayer Space across the school.

Pupils were encouraged to create their own 'mountain' and reflect on a goal they wished to achieve, consider potential barriers and challenges, and contemplate the feelings they might experience upon reaching the summit, i.e. achieving their goal. After receiving training, our Year 6 pupils served as 'prayer guides' for pupils from other classes visiting the space.

Comments from some of our Year 6 pupils:

- "It was nice to help some of the Year 3s understand what they were doing so that they could engage in the activity."
- "I enjoyed helping the younger years to interact in all the activities and helping them learn about how they can ask for help from God."
- "I feel good that I can step up to be that role model and help the younger children."

A parent remarked, "It was amazing to hear how thankful the children are and to get a glimpse of what is going on in their minds."

We were deeply moved by the children's reflections, which culminated in a whole school collective worship where pupils shared their experiences of the space. Our heartfelt thanks to volunteers Mrs. Hopkins and Mr. Hopkins for making this event possible.

This week we had a fabulous cake sale lead by pupils from Class 3. Thank you to all who donated cakes. The total raised was a grand £163! Brilliant! Class 3 is incredibly proud of their "cake-o-meter" poster and eagerly anticipate seeing how much further the bar will rise over the next two terms. Brilliant work, everyone!

Mr. Wood and I had the pleasure of attending a highly productive FOAS meeting on Wednesday, 29th January. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who participated and to the FOAS for their outstanding support of our school. In these times of limited funding, every contribution is invaluable, and we deeply appreciate the dedication and effort of the FOAS.

The discussions about potential FOAS events were met with great enthusiasm and a strong commitment to making them a reality. Your continued support as part of our school community is extremely impactful. Thank you.

Round up of funds raised so far, this academic year 😊

- Paint & Sip £232.50
- Children in Need £298.11
- Christmas performances 50/50 split £400 to NSPCC & £400 to school resources
- Blow Away the Blues £197.50
- Class 3 Cake Sale £163.00
- FOAS Christmas Fayre £1,600 profit

What a fantastic way to start the new year!

Best wishes
Mrs Bowditch



Acorns Class

We have been enjoying our learning on 'People who help us'. We have focused on the police service, church and medical services so far. We are now looking at farming and how people in the wider community are all linked together.

In RE we have been exploring God and the story of creation. What the word 'God' means to different people and why it is so important to Christians.

In Literacy we have enjoyed books such as Zog and the Flying doctors and Hospital Dog. The children are doing amazing with their writing and are enjoying learning new words such as pondering, anxious and thrilling!

In Maths we have been further understanding the composition of numbers, looking closely at number bonds to 5. We are starting to explore terms such as odd and even, using physical resources such as numicon and building buses with different numbers of passengers.



In PSHE we have been exploring the **Zones of Regulation** and how we can identify which zone we are in as well as what tools we might use to help to self-regulate. We have been given a new kit from the Early Years Alliance to support emotional regulation, these are a set of stories focused on the character of Robbie the Rabbit. We look forward to enjoying these over the coming weeks.

In PE we are continuing to enjoy gymnastics. We will be starting balance bikes later in the term as soon as the weather improves.





Class 1

Dear Parents/Carers for this month's news please use your Login to j2e.



Class 2



Class 2 has started on our new topic called 'From A to B'. So far, we have learnt lots about how things fly and the history of flight.

We have spent time learning about the Wright Brothers and how they were successful in designing the first powered aeroplane flight in 1903.

We have completed several STEAM challenges including making paper aeroplanes to see what style would fly the furthest and making hoop loopers – these are different shaped paper fliers which flew a long way!

For details on how to make the hoop glider: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xI1_aSvkNMM

The children can explore different size hoops, different types of papers, different length of straws. Which flies furthest? Why do you think?

We still have lots of other activities to explore including how to make helicopters and will consider the ways things fly and stay in the air.

In Maths we have been learning how to collect data and represent it in a variety of ways. First, we learnt how to draw graphs and then we used j2e to represent the data in bar charts, block graphs and pie charts. We decided that the computer was easiest to use and the graphs looked much better and neater!

In RE we are thinking about what Christians believe God is like and have spent time learning the parable of The Prodigal Son. We used Godly play to recreate and tell the story





Class 3

Class 3 has been off to a fantastic and productive start this term!

In English we've been crafting our own narratives inspired by a warning story. Using a model text as a guide, the children have been learning key writing skills such as incorporating fronted adverbials, using powerful verbs, and adding dialogue. The results have been some truly exciting and imaginative stories!

In Maths our focus has been on fractions. Through the use of practical resources and hands-on activities, the children have created their own fractions to deepen their understanding. They have grown more confident in adding and subtracting fractions, showing great progress over the weeks.

In Science we've been busy investigating materials. The children carried out experiments to determine whether different materials are magnetic and explored the impact of friction on various surfaces. Working collaboratively in groups, they designed and conducted fair tests, developing both their scientific thinking and teamwork skills.

In Geography we have been delving into the fascinating journey of a river, from its source to the sea. Through hands-on learning, the children have explored the various stages of a river's lifecycle, including how it forms, its course, and the different landforms it creates along the way. To deepen their understanding, the children have been creating their own models using



plasticine, carefully crafting features like ox-bow lakes, tributaries, and deltas.

In Art the children have been exploring the art of Rosie Hurley and Quentin Blake. They have great fun making a tortoise in the style of Rosie Hurley and really impressed us by drawing in the style of Quentin Blake. They are now using Quentin Blake as an inspiration for a bird sculpture made from clay.



Can we also say a big thank you for donating such lovely cakes for our Class 3 cake sale. The children were so proud to sell them and we have raised £163 to go towards new art equipment for our playground!!!!

It's been a wonderful start to the term, and we're looking forward to more exciting learning adventures ahead!





Class 4

We've started back this year with lots of exciting activities.

Last week, we enjoyed two days of activities based on Prayer week. In our lessons, we looked at challenges and how we could use resilience to overcome them. We talked about how praying can help us with this. Mr and Mrs Hopkins and Year 6 worked with us to look at different prayer stations and complete different activities.

In Art we have started to look at the art installations on the fourth pillar in Trafalgar square. Using charcoal, chalks and pencils, we recreated some of these in our sketch books.



Science has been fun, as we have been learning about the different states of materials – solid, liquid and gas. During one of our lessons, we researched and investigated whether gas has a weight by weighing fizzy drinks.



On Monday, we had a great session from SCARF working with us to look at how to keep our mind and body healthy. We learnt about how different activities can help your bodies release chemicals to help us feel good both mentally and physically. We even got to meet Harold the Giraffe.

Finally, Class 4 are all very proud of Ella who decided to take the brave step to cut off her hair for the Little Princess Trust. Well done Ella – we love your new hair style and congratulations for raising £955 (to date) for a fantastic charity. The Target is £1,000! If you would like to donate [Fundraiser by Claire Little : Little Princess Trust](#) here is Ella's link:



Class 5

Dear Class 5 Grown-ups,

Can you believe it's already the end of January? If we haven't managed to thank you personally, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for the many gifts received over the Christmas period. Thank you!

English In line with our new topic, Ancient Maya, our English unit has been The Princess and the Warrior – a Mayan Legend. We have been learning about speech and dialogue to convey character and advance the story, as well as legends and the importance of traditional vocabulary.

Maths - Continuing our work on multiplication and division, we have also started work on decimals - place value, measurement – converting units, and geometry.

Art - In our lessons, we've started looking at Rae Smith and her work on War Horse, with a particular focus on set designs for productions.

Science – We are now focusing on properties of materials, we're utilising school resources and getting practical with mixtures, solutions, and irreversible and reversible changes.

PE - Our PE sessions have been a mix of outdoor kwiksticks and indoor mini muay thai. The children have really enjoyed the variety and are beginning to push the competitive side of hockey.

Music - In Music, we've been learning about Blues – particularly the Mona-Lisa Blues. We've been learning the blues scales and chords for the 12-bar blues on the glockenspiel.

Outside of normal lessons, we've also had Prayer Week, where we focused on our journey and the challenges and achievements that we experience along the way, and a SCARF (PSHE) workshop on The Rain – Calming the Busy Mind.

As always, this is just a snapshot of some of the things that we've been up to this month. Thank you for your continued support!



Class 6

It has been a busy month in Class 6! We kicked off our Buried Treasure topic with some exciting lessons and a fantastic trip. We crawled through tunnels to discover the treasures of Tutankhamun's tomb, evaluated a film's interpretation of how the pyramids were built and drew a giant timeline in the playground.



The year 6 children asked some fantastic questions about ancient Egypt and the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb during our trip. They were able to add to their existing knowledge and apply this once back in the classroom.

It was such a pleasure to take these children out and about again. They always represent the school in the best way possible and make it an enjoyable day out.

Week three became Prayer week, where we were lucky enough to take part in and help to run Prayer Spaces around the school. The year 6 children really blossomed with the opportunity to develop the spirituality of the younger children and fielded questions respectfully.



In amongst all of the extra experiences, we have been developing our report writing and narrative writing. We developed atmosphere through our 'alma' stories, a chilling story about a young girl. Our experiences helped us to bring our reports on 'The Opening of Tutankhamun's Tomb' to life. We continue to work on using more complex sentences in our writing and developing ourselves as accomplished writers.

Our Sponsored Spelling Challenge was a huge success with many personal bests achieved. Well done everyone!

The Class 6 Team