



HEADTEACHERS NEWS

MARCH 2026

End of Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful Easter weekend and were able to enjoy some quality time together with family and friends.

I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredibly busy few months at school. March, in particular, was filled with opportunities for our children to shine.

Instrumental Concert

We were delighted to welcome families into school for our instrumental concert. The children performed with confidence, enthusiasm, and pride, showcasing not only their musical talents but also the dedication and hard work they have put into their learning. We are extremely proud of every pupil who took part.

Governors' Easter Bingo

A special thank you goes to our Governors for organising the Easter Bingo event on Friday 27th March. The hall was full with extra tables and chairs required! It was a lovely community occasion, enjoyed by many families, and we are very grateful for their continued support and commitment to the school. Thanks goes to Mrs Hayley Thurlow for being a fabulous bingo caller.

Easter Service

On Monday 30th March, we focused on our whole-school theme of 'Acting Easter'. Throughout the day, classes visited a range of reflection stations, giving pupils the opportunity to explore and respond thoughtfully to different parts of the Easter story.

Our Easter Service on Tuesday 31st continued this theme beautifully. Classes created powerful freeze-frame scenes, while members of the School Council led the service by reading the narrative and guiding us through the Easter journey. This resulted in a calm, reflective occasion that allowed us all to share in the important message of hope.

One particularly poignant moment was the dressing of the crosses, accompanied on the piano by Mrs Rees, which added greatly to the sense of reflection.

We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Rees and Revd Gary Edmunds for their valued support in making this special service so meaningful.



Bunny Run

The Bunny Run, held on the final day of term, was a fantastic event enjoyed by pupils across the whole school. It was a joy to see so many smiling faces, plenty of laughter, and an abundance of bunny ears as everyone took part.

We would like to thank Sam Aspey for kindly sponsoring the All Saints Cross Country Club for this event. Our thanks also go to Miss Harrup and the dedicated members of the Cross Country Club for organising such a successful and fully inclusive activity.

The Cross Country Club continues to grow in number and enthusiasm. Its members are always ready for a new challenge and warmly welcome any future support or sponsorship.

Easter Bonnet Parade

What a glorious afternoon it was for our Easter Bonnet Parade! The creativity on display was simply fantastic, and the children loved showing off their imaginative bonnet designs. Thank you to parents and carers for your support—your efforts truly made the event extra special. Thank you to Miss Soper for being the perfect Easter bunny sharing the sunshine with spring time daffodils.

We wish you all a happy, healthy Easter break and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the summer term on Tuesday 21st April.

With very best wishes

Mrs Bowditch

FOAS LATEST NEWS

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 10th May – Saints Hills Fun Run

Please join us again for this fabulous event as a runner or a supporter! Sign up to run now at: bit.ly/saintshills26

You can also sign up to donate a cake for the event on Classlist if you cannot make the event itself.

Friday 10th July – FOAS Summer Party

Save the date – more details nearer the time.

Any queries please feel free to contact us via Classlist or at: thefriendsallsaints@gmail.com

REMINDER

School lottery is a simple way to support the school while having a bit of fun too!

Tickets cost just **£1 per week**, and you can either buy a **one-off ticket** or **set up a weekly direct debit** – whatever works best for you.

There is:

- **A guaranteed winner from our school every week**
- **The chance to win the national £25,000 weekly jackpot**
- **Entry open to parents, family members, and friends**

Best of all, **all proceeds go directly back into the school**, helping us to improve resources and opportunities for the children.

Please copy link below into your browser for more information -

[Support All Saints Church School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)

Textile Bin - please keep filling our textile bin. The bin will be permanent as long as we use it enough, so remind any local friends and family that they can use it too.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school – it really does make a difference.



ACORN NEWS

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What an exciting month with our learning on Fairy Tales. We have explored Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Billy Goats Gruff and Jack and the Beanstalk. We tried porridge and created a graph of our favourite toppings. We explored creating bridges for the troll to hide under, even having to come into school via our own bridge! Luckily there was no troll under it!



In Drawing club, we found a class favourite in Trapdoor! The growth in the children's imagination and creativity as we explore different texts and cartoons has been fantastic.

In RE we have been learning the story of Easter and creating Easter Gardens.

In Maths we have been building our knowledge of numbers up to 20 and 3D shapes



We enjoyed a STEAM challenge with the stacking cups to see how high we could get them!





CLASS 1 NEWS

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This month, Class 1 explored the lives of Mary Anning and David Attenborough, two influential figures in natural history. Their discoveries and contributions have inspired curiosity and critical thinking, connecting children to the importance of science in understanding our world. Children engaged in activities that highlighted Anning's fossil discoveries and Attenborough's conservation efforts, fostering discussions about the environment and evolution.

In maths, Class 1 have focused on weight and mass, and before this were revising addition and subtraction methods using number lines. These concepts are essential for everyday problem-solving and help children see the relevance of maths in real-life situations. Through fun activities, such as weighing items and solving maths problems, children practised their skills.



This month, children learned about animal classifications, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish. This knowledge is crucial for understanding biodiversity and the natural world. Hands-on activities allowed children to classify animals and discuss their traits, sparking excitement about local wildlife. Parents can support this learning by encouraging outdoor exploration, deepening appreciation for nature.

This month, we celebrated World Book Day with activities that inspired a love for reading.



During World Book Day, Children enjoyed storytelling, character dress-ups, and discussions about their favourite books, enhancing their imaginative thinking. The enthusiasm for reading was evident as children shared their experiences. Our highlights were playing croquet on the field, making potions to return Alice to human size, painting the roses red (to save poor Alice's head)! We thank Mrs Westcott and all the staff and community who supported making our day feel magical.

Class 1 had a very exciting careers week, and were curious and interested in the guests who came to speak to us to share their experiences. Thank you for inspiring us for the future!



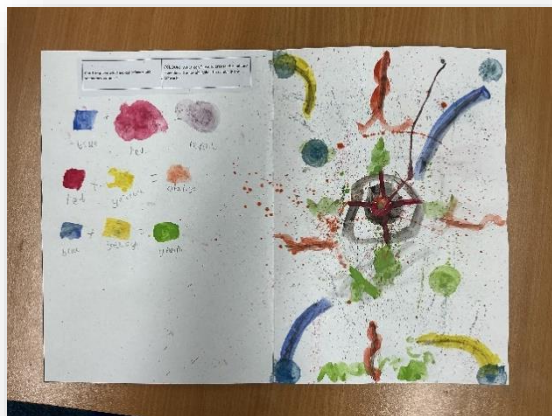


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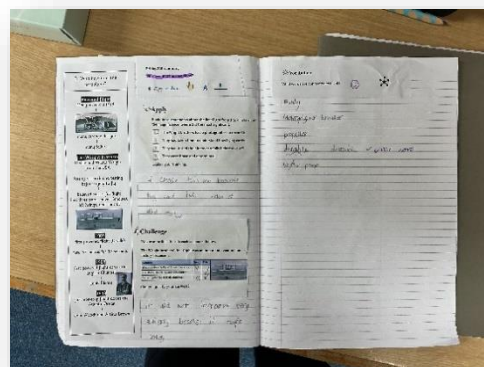
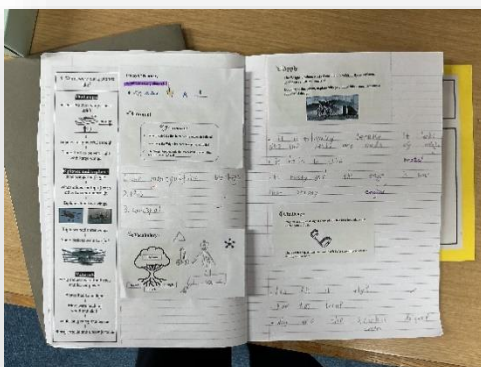
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Class 2 have had a wonderfully busy month! The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning during our Class Praise and Share, and we are all incredibly proud of the progress they have made.

In art, we have been exploring expressive painting. The children have been learning how artists use colour and brushwork to show feelings and ideas. We discovered the three primary colours - red, yellow and blue, and experimented with mixing them to make the secondary colours of orange, green and purple. The class explored colour mixing using both watercolour and ready-mix paint, before creating their own expressive artwork using a range of tools and brushes. Their creativity has been fantastic to see!



In history, we have continued our learning about the history of flight. The children explored what early aeroplanes were like and how they were able to fly using air, motion and lift. We found out that early planes needed to be very light and had large wings to help them rise off the ground. The first aeroplanes were *biplanes* - aircraft with two sets of wings stacked one above the other.



World Book Day was a wonderfully fun celebration! Thank you for all your support with the fantastic costumes - the children looked amazing. We had a brilliant time learning to play croquet, painting the roses red, and making magic potions, just like Alice did in *Wonderland*. Lunch was a fantastic Mad Hatter's tea party and we had fun designing new hats for the Queen of hearts. The classroom and school was filled with the magic and wonder of Wonderland itself, beautifully created by Mrs Westcott.





CLASS 3 NEWS

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Year 3 have been working incredibly hard this term and have lots to be proud of! The children are especially proud of the cushions they have designed and sewn. They showed great creativity in their designs and demonstrated fantastic perseverance while learning and applying new sewing skills.



They have also continued to develop these skills in an art project called '*Cloth, Thread and Paint*'. As part of this, the children created beautiful pieces of artwork on calico cloth inspired by the style of Alice Kettle. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they experimented with combining textiles and painting techniques.



In Geography, Year 3 have now finished their learning about rivers. The children can confidently name a range of river features and explain why people have historically built settlements near rivers. They have explored rivers in the UK as well as some of the most famous rivers around the world, showing great enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the topic.

Science

Class 3 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about light and shadows. They understand that we need light to see things and can name natural light sources and light reflectors. We carried out some investigations on how shadows are formed and have used both torches and sunlight to explore how a silhouette is formed when an **opaque** material/object blocks **all** the light, so the shadow formed is black and distinct. We had great fun chalking our shadows on the playground until the fire crew hosed them all away!



On Comic Relief Day, Class 3 arrived buzzing with excitement and some wonderfully wobbly painted noses for Red Nose Day!

They listened brilliantly during a workshop from The Dorset and Somerset fire and rescue team, learning how to stay safe at home and out and about.

The highlight was meeting the crew outside; there were lots of “WOWs!” and huge smiles, especially when the children had a go with the hose (and created a few unexpected splash zones!).



CLASS 4 NEWS

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World Book Day got March to a magical start and a literary great which we enjoyed delving into. In English, we explored the various characters from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and wrote in role as them. We acted out the Jabberwocky, and the children did gyre and gimble around the classroom and Tyler and Archie's enactment of the father and son made us chuckle but acting out each verse helped our understanding of the different word classes of nonsensical words.



In maths, the children showed great prowess drawing quadrants to plot and use coordinates.

In science, the children have become atoms in the different states of matter and we all thoroughly enjoyed (even if we made a bit of a mess making a non-Newtonian fluid!) exploring different states of matter.

Which chocolate will melt first, and why?





You are correct, Louie!

Our magic self-inflating balloon.



We continued to act out the Easter Story.

Jesus being taken by a rather friendly-looking guard after he was betrayed by Judas.





Jesus and the robbers on the cross.

Outside the tomb.



These boys are always this deep in thought!



Art

This half term, Class 4 have been studying still life painting. We have compared the traditional style of Cezanne with the more contemporary works of Hilary Pecis.



We have now created our own still life arrangements in order to photograph them, before painting in the style of Cezanne.





CLASS 5 NEWS

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What a busy and exciting month it has been in Class 5!

We started March celebrating World Book Day, where the children stepped into Wonderland (in their incredible costumes) and immersed themselves in the magic of reading! The children took part in lots of fun and creative activities inspired by the story.



A very special visit from the fire service also took place this month. The children loved meeting the firefighters, learning about fire safety and exploring the equipment used in their vital work.



In English, the class has been captivated by *The Eye of the Storm*, a short film featuring an anonymous airship pilot making a melancholic journey into a mysterious, powerful storm. The children have impressed with their imaginative theories about the story, the pilot and his dragon companion, showing a real flair for critical thinking and creative interpretation.



PE has been action-packed, with the children enjoying both netball and gymnastics. Their skills, teamwork and determination have really shone.

In Science, the focus has been on the properties of materials. The children have carried out experiments to test solubility and have explored different methods for separating mixtures, developing both their investigative skills and scientific reasoning.





CLASS 6 NEWS

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It has been a wonderfully busy and creative few weeks in Year 6, and we are delighted to share some highlights from across the curriculum.

Art – Personality Chairs Inspired by Yinka Ilori

In Art, the children have been exploring the work of designer Yinka Ilori, known for his bold colours and storytelling through furniture. Using his work as inspiration, Year 6 designed and created their own “personality chairs”. Each chair reflected something unique about the child – their interests, character, and identity. The imagination and individuality they showed were fantastic!



PE – Strategy and Teamwork on the Court

This half term in PE, we have been focusing on **strategy and tactical thinking**.

- In **dodgeball**, pupils explored how to work as a cohesive team by planning defensive formations and offensive plays.
- In **basketball**, they developed skills in attacking and defending, learning how to move into space, mark opponents, and make thoughtful passes.

It has been great to be able to get outside this term to enjoy the sunshine and make the most of our learning.

English – Writing a Balanced Argument Inspired by RE

In English, Year 6 have been sharpening their reasoning skills by learning how to write a balanced argument. Drawing on discussions from RE about different beliefs on how the world was created, the children practised presenting both sides fairly before forming their own conclusions. Their ability to debate respectfully and think critically has been truly impressive. We were lucky to have Mrs Hopkins join us for our debates so she was able to share her ideas on the creation theory too!

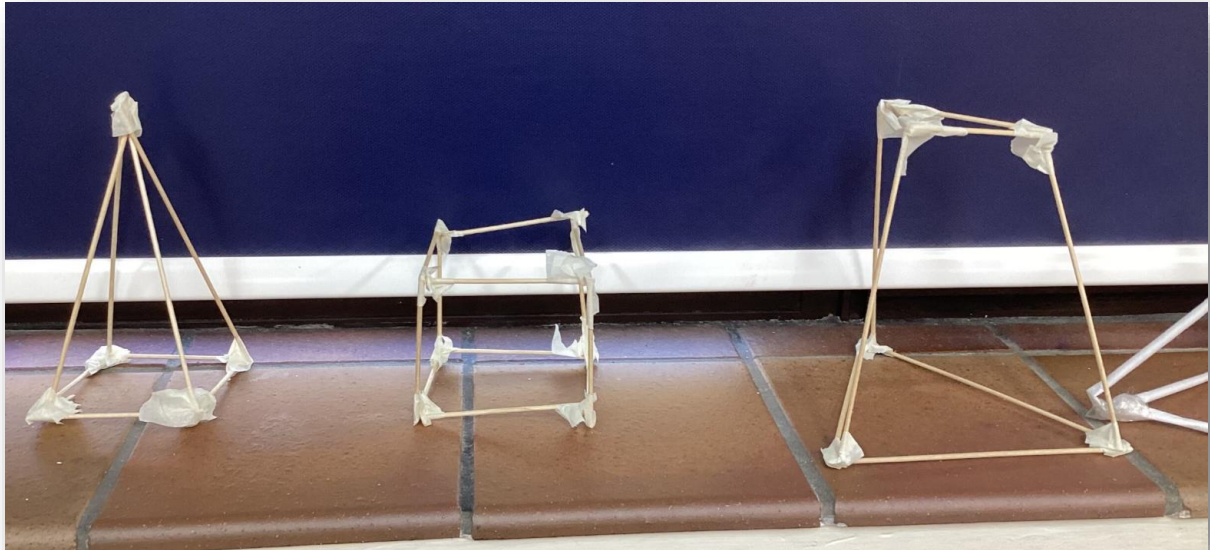
Science – Exploring Light and Colour

In Science, Year 6 have been investigating the fascinating world of light. We explored how white light can be split into the colours of the rainbow and then tested whether combining those colours again would recreate white light. The children loved the hands-on exploration and were full of curious questions!



Year 6 Boosters – STEAM Finale

We ended our Year 6 booster sessions with a fun STEAM challenge. The children worked collaboratively to design and build 3D shapes using wooden sticks, straws and tape. This activity brought together creativity, problem-solving and teamwork, along with biscuits and squash, for a perfect finish to our booster programme.



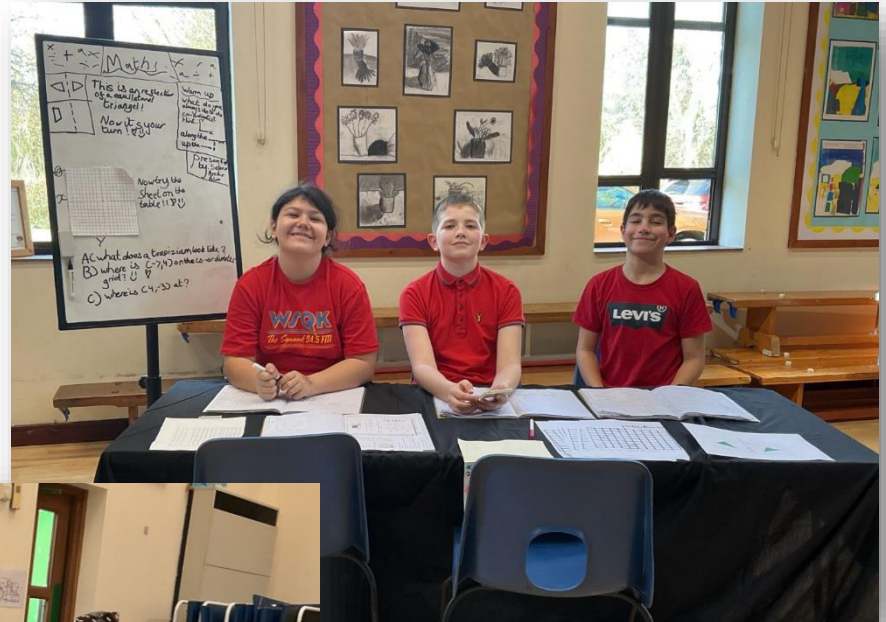
Spelling Bee Success

Our Year 6 **Spelling Bee** was a huge success! The children challenged themselves brilliantly, showing determination and resilience as they worked through increasingly tricky words. It was lovely to see them supporting and encouraging one another.



Praise & Share – Thank You for Joining Us

A big thank you to all families who came to our recent Praise and Share event. The children were so proud to celebrate their achievements and show you the work they have been producing across the curriculum. It meant a great deal to them to have you there.



Thank you again for your continued support. Year 6 continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, curiosity and maturity. Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing year 6 ready for their final term at All Saints where we have lots of exciting things planned.

Warm regards,

The Year 6 Team