

Newsletter



December 2024

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a fantastic term at school, with the children continuing to amaze and astound with their achievements and their kindness and generosity. Their lights do genuinely shine brightly each and every day. None of that could happen without the hard work and dedication of the adults in school and the love and care that parents and carers provide.

Please do try to find time to over the Christmas break where you can to recharge and spend quality time with your loved ones. I wish everyone in our school community a safe, happy, and enjoyable time and I look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 7th January**.

Best wishes,

Andy Mawdsley
Headteacher



Children Shine in Christmas Shows

Our youngest children performed for the first time on stage in the Big Little Nativity this term and did so fantastically well. They showed such confidence in the singing and acting after only such a short time in school. Well done to each and everyone of them, a super retelling of the Christmas Story. Our Year One and Two children continued the festive fun by sharing how Christmas is celebrated around the world. Another super show to get us into the Christmas spirit.



Fun in the Snow

Snowfall appears to be a less common event, but our children made the most of it when it came this term. Snowballs were flying all over the field with some great team work produced some gigantic balls of snow alongside snowmen of all shapes and sizes! A fantastic day of fun for both staff and children to enjoy.



An Amazing 44 Years of Dedicated Service

After a combined 44 years of service to All Saints Primary School, Brian and Jackie Beniston are retiring at the end of term. Brian started school at All Saints back in 1963, pictured here proudly captaining the school football team in 1968. He returned to All Saints as our Premises Officer in 1999 and was joined on the Premises team by his wife and lifelong partner Jackie, six years later in 2005. The pair have been dedicated servants to our school, caring each and every day for not only the site, but for all the children and adults who come here every day. We wish them all the very best for their retirement and look forward to seeing them in school as they continue to volunteer in support of All Saints. Heartfelt thanks to them both.





The Little Red Hen and The Enormous Turnip

The Year five children produced a fantastic Harvest performance this term. Sharing messages of kindness, generosity and sharing through the story of the Little Red Hen and the Enormous Turnip. Some fabulous acting and narration from a year group who certainly have some talented actors and singers. Thanks for all the donations to our Harvest Collection to the Coalville Foodbank.



All Saints Wins Spirit of the Games at NW Leicestershire Sports Awards

After another wonderful year of Sport and Physical Activity at All Saints, we were proud to receive the Spirit of the Games Award at this Years North West Leicestershire Sports Awards.

The award celebrates our achievements and recognises the way our children have shown respect and sportsmanship along the way. We were selected to win the award out of all the schools in North West Leicestershire. The awards ceremony comes at the end of another year in which every child at All Saints has had the opportunity to represent the school in a wide range of sports events both in school and across North West Leicestershire. We look forward to even more success in 2025.



Key Dates

Spring Term School Opens - Tuesday 7th January 2025

Half Term - Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025

School Closes - Friday 11th April 2025

Summer Term School Opens - Monday 28th April 2025

May Day - Monday 5th May 2025

Mid Term Break - Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

School Closes - Wednesday 9th July 2025





Canopy of a Thousand Dreams

Children at All Saints have recently created leaves as part of an important National Project. The canopy of light celebrates trees and their vital role in life and remembrance. Each leaf represents a wish, hope or dream for the future, symbolising the shared vision for a world shaped by those who have come before us. We are able to live as we do today because of the service and sacrifice people have made.

Created by hundreds of children from local schools, communities and individuals from across the country, the leaves remember and reflect a collective spirit and aspirations for a brighter tomorrow.

We are very proud that our children have contributed to such an important project. Pictured are some of our Year 6 children who were lucky enough to be involved.

If you wish to visit the canopy it is at National Memorial Arboretum, Croxall Road, Alrewas, Staffordshire, DE13 7AR.

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Christmas Decorating Morning

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Christmas decorations morning again this year. It is always wonderful to see so many parents and carers enjoying spending time in school with the children across the classes. If you enjoyed your time in school and have any spare time to listen to our children read during the day, please let us know. If you were not able to be with us, please join us for our Easter Craft morning in April.



EYFS Fun at Statfold Museum

Ladybirds and Bumblebees had an absolutely incredible day at Statfold museum in Tamworth this term. The children loved learning all about the trains. In particular they learned about Alpha the Engine who travelled across the world.



All Saints Remembers

Alongside children from Belvoirdale and St Clares Primary Schools our children performed a song as part of the Service of Remembrance at the Clock Tower in Coalville. Another memorable performance and a fitting tribute to those we remember each year.



All Saints Sport

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More Team and Individual Success for All Saints Table Tennis Players

Our boys and girls table tennis teams again did really well in this years North West Leicestershire competition at Newbridge High School. The girls teams finished 5th and 4th placed respectively and the boys teams finished 5th and 2nd. The A team only just missed out on the trophy by two points in a very closely contested final against a strong team from Whitwick St.John. We had several players playing for the first time from Year 4 and 5, so things look good for next year.



Leicestershire Basketball League

Our Year 5 and 6 children recently took part in the first of this seasons Leicestershire Basketball League competitions. The League ran over two weeks and involved eight games. The teams grew in confidence each game and won four out of their seven games, finishing equal fourth place overall against teams from across the county. Well done to everyone who played.



Hope Hamilton Basketball

In preparation for this years basketball competitions we welcomed Hope Hamilton School, from Leicester, over to Castle Rock for a friendly series of warm up games. We have been linking up with Hope Hamilton for several years now and not only in basketball. Our Shine Squad welcomed children from their School Council to All Saints last summer and we continue to develop links between our two Church schools. We will be playing more basketball with them in January and our Shine Squad will be visiting Hope Hamilton in the summer term.



Sports Hall Athletics

Our young athletes from Year Five and Six competed in this years Sports Hall athletics festival this term at Ashby Ivanhoe School. There were some super performances in the relays, with All Saints winning three races. They all jumped and threw with enthusiasm and eventually after lots of counting up we finished a creditable 8th out of 14 teams. Not only did our children compete hard, they did so with good sportsmanship, always letting their lights shine brightly.

