

All Saints' Catholic Primary School

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We've eventually reached the last day of January and we've had a wonderful start to 2025! This week has been full of fun learning and visitors coming to see the great standards we set at All Saints'. Reception and Year One enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year while Key Stage Two welcomed two visitors this week to discuss our English texts and handwriting and our infants showed off their transcription and phonics! As always, we were extremely proud to show our pupils' work. Wednesday began with our Celebration of the Word at which we welcomed parishioners and then, at brektime, Martha and Freddie sold cakes to raise money for Willowburn hospice. We made a wonderful £183.80 – THANK YOU! Everyone was so generous with their donations that there were enough treats left over for all pupils to enjoy a free cake today...we hope you don't mind! Our Year Six pupils led a brilliant assembly today – also the first of 2025! It was lovely to hear about some of their learning in Music, Computing and English.

Miss Young – Year Four Spring Term

I apologise for the unexpected change to staffing in Year Four however, selfishly, Mrs. Hall, Miss Mather and I have loved having an extra week teaching our pupils! From Monday, Miss Young will be teaching Year Four for the equivalent of three days per week. We are certain that she will be impressed with our pupils and we look forward to welcoming her to our school.

School Lunches

Our three new lunch supervisors have made a great start to their life at All Saints' and we are very grateful to have them. This week, I gave feedback regarding school lunches to our catering team. Thank you for all feedback received. I am glad that families are enjoying the flexibility of choosing to eat a packed lunch one day and a school dinner the next. Before the new menu is in place, we will ask your opinions regarding choosing options in advance as I know, at the moment, there are mixed views between parents and pupils! If you have any questions regarding school lunches, please come directly to us. I have personally been the lunch supervisor in the hall since September so I will be able to help!

Monday – Year One Phonics Meeting

On Monday please join Mrs. Daniels at 9am or 2.45pm to learn more about the phonics screening check that takes place in the summer term for children in Year One and how you can best support your child.

Valentine's Event for Nursery Pupils

Families are invited to join Nursery at 10am and/or 2pm on Wednesday for a little event which we promised will be packed full of love!

Valentine's Disco

Our lovely Friends of All Saints' have organised a Valentines Disco for Friday 14th February. Tickets are on sale now for £3 and should be purchased by Monday 10th February so our FoAS can ensure the tuck shop is adequately stocked! Children will not receive a paper ticket but

they will be added to an attendance register. Infant children can bring their outfit into school and can get changed ready for their 3.30 start. Pupils will need collecting from the EYFS yard (like a rainy day) at 4.30pm. The junior disco will begin at 4.45 – 5.45pm. The junior children should come into school by the office door. They should be collected from the EYFS yard also at 5.45pm; no child will be able to walk home following the disco. Each child who attends will get a drink and a packet of crisps – they can bring an extra £2 for the tuck shop if they like!

Upsetting Online Content

The attached leaflet gives some tips on how you can help your child if they stumble across some upsetting content online – we hope you find it useful.

Blue Peter Badges

Thank you to Isla in Year Six for bringing to our attention that all children can apply for a Blue Peter Book Badge! Parents/Guardians must give permission for children to enter the competition so if your child wants to take part, please request the form from school. The children can then complete the book review in school time as part of a lunchtime club. For more information, please read the link. We will send applications off together, by post. If you would like your child to take part, please let us know by Arbor (in app message) and we will send the consent form out to you. The deadline for requesting the form is next Friday and then the club will begin after that – thank you!

[How to get a Blue Peter Book badge - CBBC](#)

Swimming Gala

Good luck to our pupils in Key Stage Two who are competing in a swimming gala on Monday...go team All Saints'!

Safer Internet Day

Please join our Computing Leads on Thursday at 9am as they lead a whole school assembly for Safer Internet Day. This year's theme is: Too Good to be True? Everyone is welcome to attend. These sessions are always extremely important and often deliver messages that adults may be surprised at...please do try to come along.

Teacher Tapp

Please take two minutes to respond to our questionnaire. There are currently 41 responses – the deadline to complete is 18th February – thank you!

Times Table Rock Stars

Year Group of the Week: **Four**

Players of the Week:

1st Imogen (Y6), 2nd Harry (Y5), 3rd MJ (Y4)

Small Saints: news from our nursery

This week in Nursery we have been finding out about Chinese New Year. We read the book, 'Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas' a Chinese New Year story and have made snakes from paper plates to celebrate the Year of the Snake. We even moved like snakes in the hall as part of our core strength activities. During this session, we also played 'Tidy the Room' by collecting beanbags with our feet, lying on our backs and bending our knees to grab the beanbag with our hands. It's not as easy as you might think! In Maths we have learned about heavier and lighter using balance scales: we know the heaviest object will go down and the lighter object will go up. On Wednesday we enjoyed a sporty day; in the morning we played games in the hall and we worked with Mr. Addison in the afternoon and had great fun!

Our Book of the Week: The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr

Our Song of the week: Dingle Dangle Scarecrow

Reminders: Label your child's belongings please

Upcoming dates:

Nursery Valentine's Event

This week's scripture: Luke 4: 14-21

The theme of the scripture: what is our mission on earth?

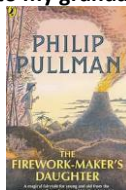
Link to British Values: tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

Looking for a good read?

Luke in Year Four recommends:

The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman (age 2+)

"The Firework Maker's Daughter is about a bold little girl who has a great interest in fireworks. I expected the book would be about an adventure because on the front cover, there is a girl walking in a bamboo forest and I was correct! My favourite part of the story was when Chulak said that Rambashi was his uncle because Lila was with him. I thought the ending was very good because it was happy and Chang and Lotus Blossom found each other! I would give this story four out of five stars because I really like adventures and this book is one big adventure. I would recommend this book to my grandad because he enjoys adventure books too."



Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mrs. Stephenson; Mrs. Conlin;
Mrs. Dunn; and Mrs. Pearson
Mrs. Turnbull (governor)

Our SENDCO is:

Mrs. Bryant
Mrs. Dunn (governor)

ATTENDANCE

This week's whole school
attendance has been:
98.2%

Our attendance target is 97%



Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Nursery Outdoor Learning every Wednesday Year Four swimming each Monday: spring first half term		
Mental Health & Wellbeing Week	Monday 3 rd February	-
Year One Phonics Information Session (adults)	Monday 3 rd February	9am or 2.45pm
Year One Sport Afternoon – PE kit please	Wednesday 5 th February	-
Safer Internet Day: Computing Leaders lead whole school assembly: all adults welcome!	Thursday 6 th February	9am
Reception Class Vision Screening	Thursday 6 th February	-
Year Five Assembly – all welcome	Friday 7 th February	9am
Year Six SATs Meeting	Monday 10 th February	3.30pm
Nursery Valentine’s Event	Wednesday 12 th February	10am or/and 2pm
Year Six Sport Afternoon – PE kit please	Wednesday 12 th February	-
Year Six attend Mass	Thursday 13 th February	9.30am
Welcome Meeting FHC Parish Centre– Parents	Thursday 13 th February	6pm
Year Two Assembly – all welcome	Friday 14 th February	9am
Valentine’s Disco	Friday 14 th February	3.30 – 4.30 and 4.45 – 5.45
Year Two Sport Afternoon – PE kit please	Wednesday 19 th February	-
Whole School Anxiety Awareness Assembly	Wednesday 19 th February	-
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 21 st February	-
School Reopens Spring First Half term	Monday 3 rd March	-

A full list of dates planned so far in spring term is available on our school website: allsaintslanchester@bwcet.com

Clubs available this half term:

Monday Drawing R – Y2	Tuesday Fencing Y3 – Y6	Wednesday Relax Kids	Thursday Show Tunes Y3 – Y6	Friday Sports Games Rec – Y2
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Sign up on Arbor

French and Brass available on a lunchtime

Wrap-around care available from 7.45am – 5pm each day