

We've had a great start to 2025 in All Saints' and we can't believe how quickly time is flying! We have many opportunities for children to take a leadership role in school life and many extra curricular opportunities available for pupils.

In January, our Year Four pupils have been working with the NHS on a decider skills course which introduces them to a range of different techniques that can be used to manage emotions. The practitioners who are leading the course said our pupils had the best singing voices they'd heard from a Year Four class!

Across the whole school, we are having a push on keeping a positive mental attitude, fostering a growth mindset and trying to be resilient in the face of challenges! Our School Council are working with the Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists to help us ensure that we're mindful of our carbon footprint; they are due to complete some work in a couple of weeks in relation to renewable energy. Our Computing Leads took the initiative to work with the whole school to warn them of the dangers of online scams and how we can identify scams and take steps to protect ourselves from them. Max, our quiz master made sure to check everyone's understanding asking, "Does this seem too good to be true?"

Our swimming team came third in Derwentside's swimming gala. Fourteen of our Key Stage Two children were confident and skilled enough to represent our school and were complimented on the support and encouragement they showed each other. This term, our two House Captains of St. Aidan's House (our House of Perseverance), Martha and Freddie, took it upon themselves to organise a cake sale for Willowburn Hospice. They raised just under £200 for a wonderfully worthy cause. That week, our fencing team showed off their prowess, performing what they'd learned with their foil's linked to an electrically charged scoring machine.

We love to welcome families and visitors into school; most recently our Year Five pupils shared what they'd learned about forces, our Year Six pupils demonstrated what they'd learned in D&T (how to use a sanding block, screws, a drill, screw gun, batteries, a square and a saw), Computing (made websites), Music and Dance (We Will Rock You) and our Reception and Year One children welcomed a great team from Durham University to learn more about Chinese New Year...it's certainly been a busy few weeks!