

All Saints C. of E. Primary School

October 2026 NEWSLETTER

Honesty Respect Love Faith Belonging Perseverance

God, who began the good work within us, will continue his work until it is finished." Philippians 1:6

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Pupil Numbers

Pupil numbers are as follows:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
56	59	59	59	58	59	59

****Please note that these numbers are accurate at the time of publishing and are subject to change****

Allergy Awareness at All Saints C of E Primary School

At All Saints C of E Primary School, the safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority.

Food allergies are becoming increasingly common, and for some children even a tiny amount of an allergen can cause a serious reaction. Recent national guidance and increased awareness of allergy safety remind us of the importance of everyone working together to create a safe environment for all children.

What We Do at All Saints

At All Saints we:

- ✓ Maintain an Allergy and Anaphylaxis Policy
- ✓ Provide annual allergy and anaphylaxis training for staff
- ✓ Create Individual Healthcare Plans where required
- ✓ Hold emergency medication and spare adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs)
- ✓ Work closely with families, healthcare professionals and catering providers
- ✓ Follow strict food hygiene and allergen management procedures
- ✓ Risk assess educational visits and activities involving food
- ✓ Teach children the importance of not sharing food

Whilst we cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment, we take every reasonable step to minimise risk and keep children safe.

Understanding the Difference

 **Food Preference:** when someone chooses not to eat certain foods.

Examples:

- "I don't like bananas."
- "I prefer pasta to rice."

Food preferences do not affect a person's health and wellbeing.

 **Food Intolerance:** when the body struggles to digest certain foods.

Examples:

- Lactose intolerance
- Some gluten sensitivities

Symptoms may include:

- Stomach ache
- Bloating
- Feeling uncomfortable

Although unpleasant, food intolerances are not usually life-threatening.

 Food Allergy

A food allergy is an immune system response to a particular food.

Common allergens include:

Peanuts	Tree Nuts	Milk
Eggs	Sesame	Fish
Shellfish	Soya	Wheat

Even **very small amounts** can sometimes trigger a reaction. For some children, an allergic reaction can become severe and lead to **anaphylaxis**, a potentially life-threatening medical emergency. If an allergic reaction occurs in school, staff will follow our emergency procedures immediately.

How Parents and Families Can Help

 Please Do

- Read food labels carefully.
- Inform school promptly of any new **allergy diagnosis** or medical information.
- Encourage children to wash their hands after eating.
- Remind children not to share food, drinks or treats.
- Speak to the school before sending in food for celebrations.

 Please Don't

- Send foods that contain nuts for shared activities or celebrations.
- Send homemade cakes or treats to share with classes unless agreed in advance with the school.
- Encourage children to swap snacks or packed lunch items.
- Assume that a small amount of an allergen is safe.

Keeping children with allergies safe is everyone's responsibility. Whether your child has an allergy or not, helping them understand the importance of not sharing food, washing hands after eating, and respecting the medical needs of others contributes to a safer and more inclusive school community.

By showing care and consideration for one another, we help create a community where every child feels safe, valued and able to thrive.

Diary Dates

Please see dates of events in **Parent & Family Handbook**. Here is a reminder of what is coming up next:

Monday 5th October 2026 - Harvest Contributions can start to come into school

Tuesday 13th October 2026 - Harvest Festival in school- 9am service.

Tuesday 13th October 2026 – Heights & Weights in school Reception & Year 6

Tuesday 13th October 2026 – Year 2 ‘pants talk’

Wednesday 14th October 2026 - Nursery Parents Bath, Book and Bed Event: 9.15-10 or 2.15pm-3pm

Thursday 15th October 2026 - Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshops: 9-9.45am or 2.15-3pm

Monday 19th October 2026 - Class RO Parents Ready Readers Workshop 9-10am

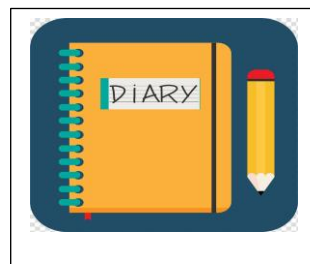
Tuesday 20th October 2026 - Class RBT Parents Ready Readers Workshop 9-10am

Wednesday 21st October 2026 - Flu Jabs in School- 9-12.30am

Wednesday 21st October 2026 - Parents Evening (**Except 3H – This will take place after the half term**)

Friday 23rd October 2026 - Staff Training Day- school is closed.

Monday 2nd November 2026 - Return to school for Autumn Term 2



Black History Month: *Honouring our communities*

This year, we will be marking Black History Month through the theme of “Honouring our Communities”. Throughout October, children will explore how people, families and communities help to shape the places where we live. Through stories, historical enquiry, discussion and creative activities, pupils will learn about the ways individuals and groups have contributed to their local communities and the wider world. Our aim is to help children reflect on the importance of identity, connection, respect and the value of the diverse communities that make up modern Britain.

As part of this work, every class will create a large collaborative collage inspired by the idea of community. Children will think about the people, places, traditions, events and experiences that make our school and wider community special. These individual class collages will celebrate the many different voices, experiences and connections that help our community thrive.

To support this project, children may wish to bring in photographs, copies of photographs, magazine cuttings, printed images or other suitable paper-based items that represent people, places or traditions that are important to them. Please note that any materials sent into school will be incorporated into the artwork and **cannot be returned**, so we ask that families do not send original or irreplaceable items. Photocopies or printed copies are encouraged wherever possible.

Parents Evening

Reminder parents evening appointments for **Wednesday 21st October 2026** will be bookable soon via Parent mail (**further information to follow**). Please be aware that each appointment is 5 minutes long to enable the event to run on time. As well as talking to your child’s class teacher, there will be a number of stalls and information available for free services you can access in the local community.

Harvest Contributions

Our families traditionally show so much kindness, compassion and generosity. Your contributions to our Harvest will directly benefit the local community food banks. Please give what you comfortably can **from 5th October**. Any fresh vegetables can be donated on the 12th and 13th October.

We will then arrange to deliver these to the food bank. Thank you in advance.

Academic Year 2026-2027

This year, we are focusing on four key areas to help every child thrive and achieve their best:

1. We are introducing a new approach to maths to help make sure all children:

- Remember important number facts more quickly
- Become confident and accurate with calculations
- Choose the best methods to solve problems
- Receive support quickly when they need extra help

2. We will make sure that every child develops the essential knowledge and skills they need before moving on to new learning.

This means:

- Identifying and addressing misunderstandings quickly
- Maintaining high expectations for all pupils
- Helping every child succeed across all subjects

3. Further Developing a Love of Reading

We are launching our new **Hooked-on-Books** approach to help more children be able to:

- Read more fluently and confidently
- Understand what they read more deeply
- Learn and use a wider vocabulary
- Enjoy reading for pleasure

We are particularly focused on ensuring that children with additional needs and those who may face barriers to learning make strong progress.

4. Preparing for the Future Curriculum that will be coming into place.

National curriculum changes are expected over the next few years. We will begin reviewing and updating our curriculum so that:

- Learning remains relevant and engaging
- Staff are fully prepared for future changes
- Children continue to receive a high-quality education

Recipe of the Week

Please see attached