

All Saints C. of E. Primary School

September 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

Head Teacher: Mrs J. Beech

Welcome back to the New School Year

Really good to be back together again after the Summer break. It was a positive start back and nice to welcome all the staff, children and families back. The children were happy to be back amongst their friends and teachers following a familiar routine. They have settled well to the routines, structures and expectations.

During whole school worship the children were asked what makes All Saints school 'Our Place' and what kind of school they think we are. Here are some of their responses we wanted to share with you

All Saints is... **Loving Respectful Spiritual A family A place we belong fun!**

Staffing News

We welcomed back Mrs. Pocock from maternity leave this new school year. She is teaching with Miss Whistance in year 3. We also welcome to our teaching team and new to the school Miss Creedon who is teaching in year 4 (class 4C). We also have a new lunchtime supervisor Mrs Phillips.

Changes to weekly celebration assemblies

We are still all about celebrating and recognising the children's achievements in school and outside of school. The new times for the different year groups are as follows:

Monday morning: 9am-9.20am Years 1, 2 and 3

Thursday morning: 9am-9.20am Years 4, 5 and 6

Pupil Numbers

Pupil numbers are as follows:

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

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

Open day tours for prospective nursery and reception places for September 2027

Friday 9th October 2026 – 9:30am, 2pm and 4:45pm

Thursday 5th November 2026 - 9:30am

Please contact the school office 0121 567 0033 / office@allsaints-sch.co.uk to book on a guided tour of your choice

Diary Dates

1st- 31st October 2026 - Black History Month

Tuesday 13th October 2026 - Harvest Festival in school. Contributions/ donations welcome

Wednesday 14th October 2026 - Bath, Book and Bed: Let's Read together!' event:

Nursery (am) - 9:15am-10:00am

Nursery (pm) – 2:15pm-3:00pm

Monday 19th October 2026 – RO Ready Readers 9:00am-10:00am

Tuesday 20th October 2026 – RTB Ready Readers from 9:00am-10:00am

Wednesday 21st October 2026 - Flu Vaccinations Reception – Year 6 (letters and permissions will follow for this)

Wednesday 21st October 2026 - Parents Evening & Stalls

Thursday 22nd October 2026 - Children break up at the end of this day for October half term

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

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

Updates to PSHRE curriculum

Look out for a letter that provides families with information and links about the PSHRE (Personal, social, health and relationship education) content we will be teaching in this school year, particularly the statutory Relationships and Health Education elements.

The key points regarding the new PSHRE curriculum at All Saints are:

- We will **NOT** be teaching sex education at our school in any year group.
- New units to All Saints curriculum are – safe and unsafe exposure to the sun and dental health and the benefits of good oral hygiene.
- Adolescent changing body will *still* be mainly taught in Year 5 as it has been for many years and comes under the statutory Health education.
- We have renamed our PSHE curriculum to reflect the statutory area of relationships so it is now called PSHRE (Personal, Social, Health, Relationships, Emotional).
- Parents cannot withdraw their children from any aspects of PSHRE as these areas are now statutory.

Harvest Festival

We will be collecting any contributions for our Harvest Festival week commencing the 5th October ready for a service in school on 13th October. If you can help with packets, tins or boxed foods that would be very generous and we would be grateful. This year we will be donating to the local Food Bank where our local community and families will benefit. Any fresh produce (fruit, vegetables) can be bought into school on the 12th October and 13th October. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Spelling with Grammarsaurus

This year, through our work with Grammarsaurus, children will be learning how words are built — not just memorised! We'll be focusing on etymology and morphology in spelling, which means understanding where words come from and how words are made up of smaller parts called morphemes, such as:

- Base – the core part of a word that carries meaning (e.g. help, move, play)
- Affix – a morpheme that is either a prefix or a suffix
- Prefix – a part added before the base to change its meaning (e.g. un-, re-, mis-)
- Suffix – a part added after the base to change its form or meaning (e.g. -ed, -ing, -ful, -ness)
- Stem – a word part that includes a base and may also contain other morphemes (e.g. lovely, dangerous, laziness).

Over the next few weeks, we will share more information with you- watch this space!

Attendance Matters: Leave of Absence During Term Time

We know that family time is important, but we would like to remind parents that the Department for Education (DfE) expects children to attend school every day that the school is open. By law, schools may only authorise a leave of absence during term time where the Headteacher is satisfied that there are **exceptional circumstances**. Any request must be made in advance and will be considered on its individual merits. Please be aware that family holidays, trips and other leisure activities are **very unlikely to be considered exceptional circumstances** and will not normally be authorised. Where a child is absent without authorisation, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. In line with national regulations, if a pupil accumulates 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period, the Local Authority may consider issuing a Penalty Notice to each parent. We therefore ask all families to arrange holidays and other non-essential activities outside of term time wherever possible, helping us to maximise every child's learning opportunities.

100% Rewards Club

A reminder to all families that our eligibility for our 100% Rewards Day has begun for Autumn Term. Children that achieve 100% attendance for each term are rewarded with a day off timetable to take part in fun activities. To be in with a chance to be eligible for the 100% club at the end of the Autumn Term, your child needs to attend school every day before registers close.

WoW!

A reminder that we are continuing our healthy habits initiative- WoW (walk to school once a week) which the children enjoyed last academic year. The children were engaged with this project and trying to help where they could to either:

- Walk to school
- Scoot or bike ride to school
- Park and Stride (park further away from school so that they can still have the opportunity to be physically active and walk some way to school)

Try to encourage these healthy habits at least once per week in order to improve health and wellbeing. Your children enjoy collecting the reward badges too!

Wrap-around Care

Parents have a right to request what is available for care of their children around the school day. This means requesting what services are available for:

- Before School (Breakfast Club);
- Afterschool (Afterschool Provision) and
- In school holidays

Schools should, wherever possible, consider the practicalities and possibilities of offering these services or signpost families to where they can access services at other locations.

At All Saints we already offer:

- Breakfast Club 7.30-start of school day
- Afterschool Provision- 3.15 to 6pm

There are charges and a booking system for using these services. These can be found in your Parent & Family Handbook. We do not currently offer wrap around care in the school holidays.

In our annual survey in the Summer, we gave families the opportunity to request and register interest in holiday care. The results were as follows:

32% would be interested in paying for one week of childcare in the summer holiday if it was available (but not necessarily the same week). This is less demand than previous years.

30% would be interested in paying for two weeks of childcare in the summer holiday if it was available (but not necessarily the same two weeks). This is less demand than previous years.

We intend to give these requests consideration and see if this is something we are able to accommodate as we have to consider any building or improvement work that might take place over the holidays and staffing availability.

We will though always advertise alternative provision and play initiatives that are available from partners and community groups in Sandwell.

DRUMBATHON

For those families that joined in and supported our whole school DRUMBATHON back in July we thank you. It was amazing! High intensity workout, coordination, great fun and high energy. Not only was it a buzz we also raised over £900 which means we can afford another year's subscription to this terrific activity. The children love it.

If you are interested in a Parent DRUMBATHON Class, please contact the school office. Sessions would be every Monday 5:15pm-6:00pm at a cost of £4.00. Have fun, burn those calories and make that time for you.

Sandwell Public Health Groups and Activities available

We are pleased to let our families know of some activities, groups and events taking place in the community which families might like to take advantage of. Please see details below and posters attached from Sandwell.

Community Healthy Hearts Event

Wednesday 23rd September at 10am-2pm, Sandwell Aquatics Centre, Smethwick

A free health and wellbeing event, visitors receive a free basic health check, including blood pressure, height, weight, blood oxygen levels and an ECG heart trace. There will also be advice from health professionals on heart health, healthy eating, exercise, stop smoking, alcohol and drugs, sleep, weight management, diabetes and general lifestyle. People can take part in gentle exercise. Badminton, swimming and circuit training. Consultant Cardiologist Professor Derek Connolly will be attending to discuss looking after your heart. Please see attached poster.

Celebrate Sandwell 2026 Event

Celebrate Sandwell 2026 is bringing people together to showcase the fantastic range of opportunities, activities, services, and organisations available across Sandwell.

The event will feature information stalls, interactive workshops, entertainment and refreshments, giving local residents the chance to discover what is available in their community, meet local organisations and take part in a variety of activities.

There will be a fantastic selection of workshops for people to enjoy, including artwork, martial arts, yoga, drumming for relaxation and a nature walk. These activities offer something for everyone and provide an opportunity to try something new, have fun and connect with others. We even have some fantastic local group performances and **The Dust Busters!!**

This special event is also being held in memory of **Richard Flatley**, founder of the Sandwell Networkers Group. Richard was passionate about bringing people and organisations together and would have loved to see an event like this take place.

We are delighted to have **over 42 organisations** taking part, making this a great opportunity to connect, share information and celebrate the fantastic work happening across Sandwell.

Tuesday 6th October 2026

West Bromwich Town Hall

10:30am – 2:30pm

Everyone is welcome, so come along, meet new people, discover new opportunities, try out some of the activities and **Celebrate Sandwell!**

Recipe of the Month

I hope the children got the opportunity to try out some recipes and cook at home with you over the summer and show off what they learnt from our cooking curriculum in the summer term. QR Code attached

Message from the Children's Commissioner: The Big Future

"As children and young people return to school for the new academic year, I am writing to ask for your support in making sure your children have the opportunity to take part in my national survey, The Big Future. The survey can be completed here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

I have already heard from hundreds of thousands of children and young people across England.

It is crucial that your children have the chance to add their voices too, so that their experiences, views and aspirations are represented when I present the findings of the survey to Government.

Every child's voice matters, and I want to make sure that children and young people in every school and college, in every community, have the opportunity to shape the picture of childhood that I will share with Government."

Dame Rachel de Souza

End of Year Achievement Data

We are sharing with you the achievement data from academic year 2025-2026.

	School Data	Sandwell Average	National Average
Good Level of Development (GLD)	64%	68%	72%
Year 1 Phonics Screening	83%	79%	82%
Year 4 Multiplication Check (average point score)	19.9	21.2	21.0
Key Stage 2 SATs Results (Year 6) summer 2026			
Reading	83% expected 29% higher	72% 27%	75% 31%
Writing	75% expected 10% higher	71% 10%	73% 10%
Maths	81% expected 31% higher	73% 26%	75% 27%
Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation	85% expected 37% higher	74% 33%	74% 30%
Science	86%	80%	83%
R, W and M combined	73% expected 8% higher	60% 7%	63% 9%