



ALL Saints' C of E Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Week ending 3rd October 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

What a fantastic and action-packed week it's been at school!

Our Reception children had a roar-some surprise when they were visited by a life-like dinosaur experience! The children were wide-eyed with wonder as they learned about different species, explored fossils, and even came face-to-face with some very special prehistoric visitors. It was a brilliant way to bring their learning to life!

Meanwhile, some of our Year 2 and Year 3 pupils proudly represented the school at a local rugby tournament. After a series of exciting matches, our team made it all the way to the final against Mayflower — and emerged victorious! They showed great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the event. A big well done to everyone who took part — we're very proud of you! See full report and pictures below.

Across the school, we've also been coming together to celebrate Black History Month. Children have been learning about inspirational figures from history, exploring important themes through stories, art, and music, and taking part in discussions that help us celebrate diversity and inclusion in our school community. Next week we will share some of the wonderful work and activities that took place. Thank you to Mrs Richmond, our history co-ordinator for organising the day and to Mrs Kent and Mrs Hymers for preparing a special menu for the children to enjoy.

We were delighted to welcome Essex Fire and Rescue Service to our school today. They led an informative session raising awareness about the dangers of hoax calls and encouraging safer choices in everyday life to our year 5 & 6 classes. The children enjoyed learning how to stay safe at home and in the community.

We're looking forward to welcoming you to our upcoming Parents' Evenings, where you'll have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and wellbeing with their class teacher.

Dates:

- *Monday 20th October 2025*
- *Wednesday 22nd October 2025*

Appointments can now be booked via the Arbor Parent Portal. Please log in to select a time slot that works best for you. If you need help accessing Arbor, please contact the school office.

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## Cont'd...

Your involvement makes a huge difference in your child's learning journey, and we encourage all parents and carers to attend. If you are unable to make either day, please get in touch with the class teacher, either via the class email address or through the school office and an alternative date can be arranged.

We are pleased to offer a number of Prospective Parent Tour dates this term. If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2026 or you know someone who does, please come along and explore the Early Years classrooms, meet our staff and learn more about life at our school.

Visit Dates:

- *Monday 10th November 2025 – 16:00*
- *Tuesday 18th November 2025 – 10:00*
- *Thursday 26th November 2025 – 16:00*

To book a place on a tour, please contact the school office by phone or email. Spaces are limited, so we kindly ask that you book in advance.

We look forward to welcoming you and showing you what makes our school such a wonderful place to learn and grow!

It's been a week full of learning, discovery and pride – and we can't wait to see what next week brings!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Gorton



As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Friday, 12 September 2025, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2025.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2026-27 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

All of the application information is available on the website above.



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## Tag Rugby Tournament

On Tuesday, a team of our Year 2 and 3 pupils proudly represented the school at the 2025 Schools Tag Rugby Tournament, hosted by Harwich & Dovercourt Rugby Club.

The team played against Mayflower, Wix & Wrabness, and St. Joseph's in the pool stages. After some tough competition, they progressed to the semi-finals undefeated. In a thrilling end-to-end semi-final against an excellent Spring Meadow side, the team won by one try and advanced to the final, where they once again faced Mayflower.

With all eyes on the final match of the day, the team — made up of Scarlett, Leo, Arlo, Lilee-Rae, George, Jonny, Arthur & Finley, gave their best performance of the afternoon, going on to win the tournament.

The children were fantastic both on and off the pitch, showing rugby's core values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, and Sportsmanship.

Congratulations to all the children who represented the school and lifted the trophy!





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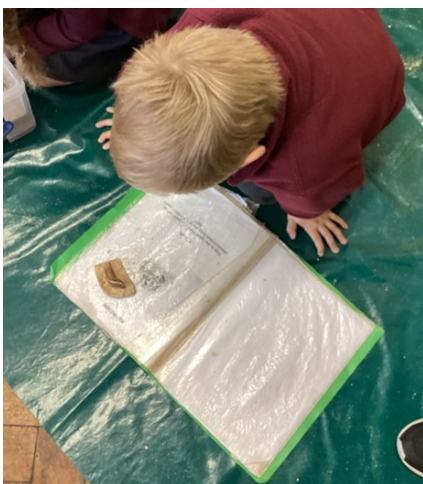
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## *Learning Highlight of the week...*

### *Reception Class*

Wednesday, Team Superstars were visited by Mr Walker from Life Long Ago. He brought along with him fossils from different dinosaurs that lived millions of years ago. We were given the task of carefully using paintbrushes to uncover fossils from carnivores, herbivores and other living things that were around the same time as the dinosaurs. It was very exciting! During our discoveries, we looked up and were told facts about the different fossils we found. We were great Palaeontologists! Some of the fossils we uncovered included an Allosaurus skull, a Velociraptor claw, an Iguanodon's foot and claw and an Ammonite! Did you know that a Triceratops would have been the whole length of our school hall? And did you know that Dragon flies back then were the same size as a bird? These are just a couple of things we learnt from our time with Mr Walker!

After being Palaeontologists, we got to meet some very special guests... Baby dinosaurs! We met two herbivores, A Parasurolophis called Poppy and a Triceratops called Patrick. Luckily, they were very friendly and we were safe to stroke them because they're only interested in eating plants! However, the same could not be said for our final visitor, Jake the T-Rex! Mr Walker told us we had to sit very still and quietly as Jake was a meat-eater and may want to eat us! We were very brave, and thankfully we all made it out alive with lots of new knowledge that we have taken back to the classroom...Phew!





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# SCHOOL COUNCIL



“We have counted the votes and can announce that the following pupils are our school counsellors for this year:

Tess, Oliver, Scarlett, Ronnie, Tilly, Shea, Neve, Deacon, Florence, Albie, Lottie and Eli.

We have had our first meeting of the year and voted for some jobs at our meetings. Lottie is Chairperson, Florence is Secretary and Eli has the media responsibility.

We are currently looking at how we can make our school a better place and have asked the school counsellors to speak to their classes for their ideas. We are also arranging an assembly about kindness”.

*Written by Eli*



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## This week's 'School Vision' Award went to:



Connie in Year 3. For being an outstanding role model to others in our school community by being polite, thoughtful and helpful to everyone she meets. For supporting new members of the class with their learning, by showing great patience, encouragement and care.

Keep being amazing Connie!

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## Dates for the diary

Mon 20th & Weds 22nd Oct	Parents Evening
Weds 22d Oct	Harvest Festival Church Service 9.30am
Fri 24th Oct	<b>Wear it PINK Charity Day!!</b>
Mon 27th—Fri 30th Oct	Half Term
Mon 17th Nov	Individual & Sibling School Photo's
Fri 28th Nov	Non-Pupil Day
Tues 9th & Weds 10th Dec	KS1 Christmas Nativity
Weds 17th Dec	Christmas Church Service 9.30am
Fri 19th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day Last Day of Term ** HALF day close ** KS1 1.10pm KS2 1.15pm

**SUBSCRIBE TO OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**BELOW!**

[Subscribe to this Calendar | All Saints' Church of  
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## This Week's Teacher Awards

**\* Well done to the following students \***

Class R: Tommy

Class 1: Emmy

Class 2: Chester

Class 3: Ranra

Class 4: Harrison

Class 5: Frankie

Class 6: Liam



## Mind Set Quote



OCTOBER REMINDERS

Focus on **WHAT YOU ARE**, not what you  
aren't

Many things will happen, but they don't  
**define you**

The world is big enough for  
**everyone** to shine

Strive for **progress**, not perfection

Flowers **need time** to bloom. So do you

OurMindfulLife.com



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## Attendance and Punctuality

	Weekly attendance	Minutes late
<b>R</b>	96.36%	69
<b>1</b>	94.14%	55
<b>2</b>	95.91%	3
<b>3</b>	97.85%	104
<b>4</b>	95.85%	62
<b>5</b>	94.29%	91
<b>6</b>	96.77%	54

**Our school target is 96%**

*Please note - we are continually monitoring our pupils attendance level.*

*If your child's attendance drops below our minimum target of 96% then we will be contacting you in writing to discuss ways we can support you.*

## School Lunches

W/C 6th October 2025.

Week 2 of the School Menu

**Autumn term menu available below!**

[Lunch Menus | All Saints' Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School \(allsaints-harwich.essex.sch.uk\)](http://allsaints-harwich.essex.sch.uk)



**Remember to book before midnight the day before!**



## OCTOBER

**Our musician of the month is**

**“ STEVIE WONDER ”**

**Music Title:** Don't you worry 'bout a thing

**Listen here:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mMTkujnftIs&t=100s>

**Written:** 1973

**Background to the music:**

The song's lyrics convey a positive message, focusing on taking things in your stride and emphasising the positive. In 1992, British band Incognito had a European hit with their cover of the song. In addition to a lead vocal on the track, the instruments recorded were piano, Moog bass, shaker, cowbell and other Latin percussion.





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What a beautiful few weeks we have had in Forest School with the weather & activities. The children's creativity and love for outdoors has been evident! It's time to remember those wellies with the colder weather coming... And layers too! Mrs Thomas.





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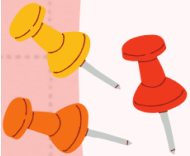
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## PARENT TOURS

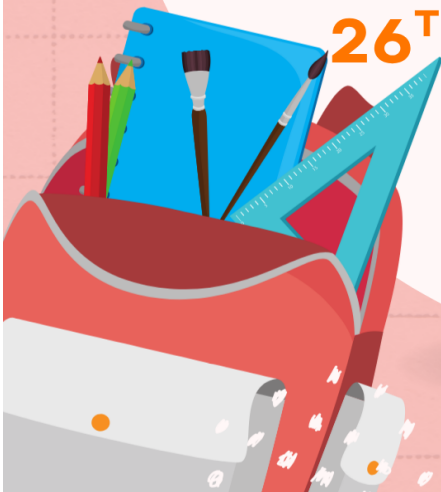
**JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING TOUR OF  
OUR SCHOOL!  
WHETHER YOU'RE CONSIDERING  
ENROLMENT OR JUST CURIOUS.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
WELCOMING YOU AND ANSWERING  
ANY QUESTIONS.**



**10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 4PM**

**18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 10AM**

**26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 4PM**





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# EVENTS **PTA** **ALL SAINTS'** SCHEDULE

**WED**  
**12/11**

## SCHOOL DISCO

KS1 3.45-4.45pm - KS2 5-6pm

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Class stalls, hot chocolate, Santa's grotto, tombola  
and much more!

**WED**  
**10/12**

**W/C**  
**03/11**

## NEXT PTA MEETING

Please join us and get involved - we'd love to have  
your support... even adhoc help would be welcomed

**ITEMS FUNDED  
IN 24/25 EITHER  
FULLY OR  
PARTLY BY PTA:**

Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies  
Panto  
Selection Boxes from Father Christmas  
Christmas Crackers for the children's  
Christmas Dinners  
And lots more

**£**



**MORE INFO:**

**CONTACT VICKY WATSON**



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**FIRST CLASS PHOTO SPECIAL**

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