

**Happy New Year All Saints Families**

As we begin this new year together, I would like to wish all our children, families and staff a very happy and blessed New Year. It has been a joy to welcome everyone back to school, and I am filled with hope and gratitude as we look ahead to all that 2026 will bring.

As a Catholic school, our faith continues to guide everything we do. Inspired by the Gospel values of love, service and compassion, we remain committed to nurturing the whole child academically, spiritually and emotionally. This year, we will continue to place great importance on living out our faith through kindness, service to others and a strong sense of community, ensuring that every child feels known, valued and loved.

I am delighted to share that 2026 is the Year of Reading. Reading lies at the heart of learning and opens doors to imagination, understanding and opportunity. Throughout the year, we will be placing a strong focus on developing a love of reading, improving reading skills and ensuring that every child is supported to become a confident, fluent reader. Your partnership as families is vital in this work, and we are so grateful for the ways you support reading at home. Together, we can make a powerful difference.

Alongside this, our key school development priorities for the year ahead are:

1. Reading - with a focus on improving reading outcomes for all pupils.
2. Writing and handwriting - helping children to express themselves clearly and confidently
3. Improving Attendance - so that every child benefits fully from all that school life offers

We know that when school and home work closely together, children flourish. Thank you for your continued trust, support and commitment to our school community.

I very much look forward to a wonderful year ahead, growing, learning and serving together. May God bless our school and all our families throughout 2026.

With warmest wishes,
Mrs Dunn

Celebrating the Backyard Nature Campaign

I am delighted to share some exciting news with you about a special event taking place on Friday 16th January.

The Backyard Nature Campaign, launched by our very own Eco Emeralds alongside Mr Farrell, and supported by the Iceland Food Charitable Foundation and Richard Walker, is officially coming to an end. What began here at All Saints grew into a campaign with national support, receiving backing from the Royal Family and being featured on Prince William's ITV documentary in 2020. This is an extraordinary achievement and a powerful example of how pupil voice and action can make a real difference.

To celebrate the impact of the campaign and to ensure its legacy continues at All Saints, we will be hosting a celebratory event in our school hall on Friday afternoon. We are honoured to be welcoming a number of VIP guests, including some of the original Eco Emeralds, as well as media representatives for television and print. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our school community to celebrate one of its many achievements and to showcase our commitment to caring for God's creation.

The only significant change to the school day for our children will be that lunches will be eaten in classrooms on this day. Any children who may find this change overwhelming will be carefully prepared and fully supported by staff to ensure they feel safe and reassured.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping to make All Saints the incredible school that it is and will continue to be. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to Mr Farrell for his dedication, passion and vision in leading this campaign alongside our pupils.

We are immensely proud of all that has been achieved.

Reminder for parents applying for Reception places for September 2026

The closing date for applications for Reception 2026 via Liverpool City Council is 15th JANUARY 2026, you must also complete a school supplementary form and provide proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptism Certificate.

If you have any issues completing your application please contact Nikki Martin in the school office.



Student Leadership Council Elections

We are delighted to announce that we will soon be electing our new Student Leadership Council representatives. Campaigning will begin on Monday, with class elections taking place on Friday next week.

Children from Reception through to Year 6 will have the opportunity to put themselves forward to represent their class. This is a special chance for our pupils to live out our school's Catholic values by becoming leaders who serve others, follow the example of Jesus and help make our school a happy, caring place for everyone.

As part of their role, members of the Student Leadership Council will work closely with Mrs Dunn to share the views of their classmates, improve sustainability within our school and make positive changes that benefit our whole community. Through this, pupils will learn that leadership is about kindness, responsibility and helping others.

We would be very grateful for your support and encouragement as children prepare their ideas and take part in the elections. Thank you for helping us to nurture confident, thoughtful and compassionate future leaders.

School Uniform Policy

As we begin the new school year, we would like to remind families of our school's uniform policy. Our aim is to ensure that all children are dressed appropriately and safely for learning and play. False nails and make-up are not permitted in school, as they can pose a risk of injury to the child wearing them or to others during playtime and classroom activities. We encourage children to come to school ready to learn, with a focus on comfort, safety, and pride in their school uniform. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and positive environment for all pupils. By working together, we can ensure that every child enjoys their time at school without unnecessary risks.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Smart Watches

As part of our commitment to creating a safe and focused learning environment, we would like to remind families that smart watches are not permitted in school. While we understand that these devices can be useful at home, they are not suitable for the school setting.

Smart watches can easily be lost or damaged, and they often cause unnecessary distractions during lessons and playtime. In addition, many of their functions are not appropriate for use on school premises. For these reasons, we kindly ask that children do not wear smart watches to school.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and distraction-free environment where all pupils can concentrate on their learning.

Allergies

I'd like to remind everyone of our commitment to keeping All Saints Catholic Primary School a safe and inclusive environment for all children. We have several pupils with severe nut allergies, and for their safety, we must ensure that no products containing nuts are brought into school.

Please be vigilant when preparing packed lunches and snacks, checking ingredient labels carefully to avoid items such as peanut butter, Nutella, cereal bars with nuts, and other nut-based products. Even trace amounts can pose a serious risk.

Your support in this matter is deeply appreciated and helps us protect the health and wellbeing of every child in our care. Thank you for working with us to keep our school community safe.

A Gentle Reminder About Yard Time at Dismissal

We love seeing the children's excitement at the end of the school day, it's such a joyful time! To help keep that joy safe for everyone, we kindly ask parents and carers to stay close and supervise children during dismissal and collection.

Please encourage little ones to treat our yard equipment with care and respect. Sadly, a few resources have been damaged after school, and we'd never want anyone to get hurt while playing. With your support, we can make sure the yard remains a safe and happy space for all.

Thank you for helping us look after our school community, it really does make a difference!

Our News

If you have any news that you would like to share with us for our newsletter, please email Sharon McTigue at s.mctigue@allsaintsanfield.co.uk with a photo or a brief outline of the event - we would love to share it!

Headteacher's Award

Alice O'Hara

Carter Davies

Michael Braeger



Attendance and Punctuality

It is important that your child is on time for school each day, so that they can benefit from a full day's education. A reminder that holidays during school time are not authorised whatever the circumstances and a local authority fine will be issued. If you do take your child on holiday, please inform us before you go as it could become a safeguarding issue if we cannot contact you. Please report any absences before 9.00am via

Seesaw or telephone call. If you have any difficulties getting your child to school and especially around lateness please contact Mrs Kelly. If you are taking your child out of school during the school day, you must show a letter/email/appointment card. Please do your best to make appointments outside of school hours.

Absence Reporting – Seesaw

When reporting an absence please make sure you select both the 'Absence Reporting' and 'School Office' options as well as your class teacher. This will ensure the right staff are receiving the information needed and you are not being contacted unnecessarily. If you are sharing information regarding collection of a child or appointments they may have, please make sure you select the 'School Office' option as well as your class teacher. Thank you!

Supervision After School Hours

We would like to remind you of our after-school supervision policy to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students. Please be aware that there is no supervision available for children after the end of the school day. It is important that all children are picked up promptly at the end of their school day.

For safety reasons, any child who is not collected by 3:30pm will be placed in our Night Owls provision. This ensures that all children are supervised in a safe environment until they can be picked up. Please note that there is an £11 charge for this service, which will be billed to parents. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that all children are picked up on time and that our school remains a safe and secure place for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and support.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

TIPS FOR PARENTS BY PARENTS

Don't give in!
Follow through.

Be organised! Get everything ready from the night before. Have their coats and bags at the door, their lunch made and their clothes on the banisters.

Treat it like a military operation in the morning!

Don't give them a choice to stay at home.

Give yourself 15 minutes before the kids get up.

No TV, iPad or phones allowed in the morning.

Keep talking about the importance of school.

Early to bed the night before school, especially after holidays.

Come back to school after doctor/ dentist appointments.

Know how many days your child has missed in school.

Did You Know?

If your child is 30 minutes late every day they miss 2 and a half hours a week. That works out at 4 days a term and 12 days a year!

If your child is between 5 and 16 years old and is a registered pupil at school, it is your legal responsibility to make sure they attend regularly.

If your child misses 1 day of school a week they miss 7 and a half weeks a year. This is more than half a term of learning!

Prayer and Liturgy Baptism of the Lord

We hear about how Jesus is baptised by John in the waters of the River Jordan. Water is a very important part of baptism. Water is also really important in our lives for other reasons. We all need water to live.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:13-17

At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptised by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. "I ought to be baptised by you," John said, "and yet you have come to me!"

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so for now. For in this way we shall do all that God requires." So John agreed.

As soon as Jesus was baptised, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and alighting on him. Then a voice came from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased."

John baptises Jesus in the river, and there is a voice from heaven that says something important. Whose voice do you think it is? What does God say?

God reminds everyone that Jesus is his son, and that Jesus is doing God's work on earth.

Water is very important in baptism. It is used to show that we are starting a new life with God. When you were baptised, the priest put holy water on your head and welcomed you into God's family. Water is also important for other reasons. There are many ways that we use water every day. How many can you think of? Tell me what they are?

That's a lot of water! Are there any ways that we could save water so that we do not waste it? E.g. turning the tap off when cleaning our teeth, using rainwater to water the garden etc.

Mortikana lives in southern Ethiopia. Her village did not have access to a water source and Mortikana and the other women had to walk for six hours every day to collect water.

With CAFOD's help, a local organisation built a cement water tank that can store enough water for all of Mortikana's village. It's much closer as well, so the women no longer have to walk for hours for water.

It has made a huge difference as Mortikana explains, "I can look after my children at home and send them to school with water to keep them hydrated and focused... My children's life will be better than mine, more stable and happier." We all need water to live, but so many people around the world don't have access to safe water. Or they have to travel a very long way to get any water at all. Can you imagine what that would be like?

What do you think we could do to help make sure that more people like Mortikana can get the water that they need?



*Loving God,
we give thanks for water which gives us life.
We pray that all your children around the world
may have safe water to drink.*

Amen

Stars of The Week

Abigail - R1- for her fantastic attitude to learning.

She has shown enthusiasm, perseverance and a positive mindset in all areas of her learning

Nova - R1 - for working so hard to build her confidence.

She is trying new things, speaking up and sharing her ideas



Marley - 1S - for amazing work in maths

Neve - 1S - Kindness in the classroom

Harper - 1F - for having a fantastic attitude the learning

Kobi - 1F - for always being so helpful



Annie-Jo - 2J - for amazing Maths work subtracting 2 digit numbers,

Emily - 2J - for a great descriptive poem independently ,

Meadow - 2J - for a great descriptive poem independently.

Zofia - 2B - for excellent effort in English writing a beautiful poem

Bella - 2B - for working hard in maths to understand subtraction with two digit numbers

Sarah - 3H - for her amazing test score in music.

Alice - 3H - for her Maths work looking at multiples of 3

Michael - 3P - for excellent work in Writing

Daniel - 3P - for outstanding effort in Reading



Nathan - 5J - for exceptional effort in all subjects

Gideon - 5J - for exceptional effort in all subjects

Ida - 5F - for being a role model to others in class, and providing thoughtful answers in Guided Reading sessions

Joseph - 5F - for working well all week especially in Maths, and demonstrating excellent behaviour!



Nathaniel - 6S - for settling in so well this week

Finlay - 6S - for his outstanding attitude towards his work this week

Darcey P - 6S - for her excellent effort in maths this week

Teddy - Dragonfly Class - for engaging in whole class activities

Shakeyn - Firefly Class - for settling back into routine superbly

Isaac - Hummingbirds Class - for great counting

