

Backyard Nature Celebration at All Saints

Last Friday, 16th January, All Saints Catholic Primary School was proud to host a very special celebration marking the national success of the Backyard Nature campaign — a movement that began right here with our very own Eco Emeralds.

Distinguished guests, including representatives from the Iceland Foods Charitable Foundation (IFCF), the Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside, and the Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool, joined us to honour the incredible impact our pupils have had since the campaign launched in 2019.

What started as a simple idea from a group of All Saints children has grown into a nationwide initiative, inspiring over 16,000 young people to become Backyard Nature Guardians, generating 750,000 hours of nature activity, and distributing millions of wildflower seeds and bug hotel kits across the UK.

The event also celebrated the Eco Emeralds' leadership and the way their work has encouraged children everywhere — especially in inner-city communities — to care for their own little "patch" of nature. As part of the campaign's legacy, All Saints will continue to champion pupil leadership through the Better World Award, gifted to the school by IFCF.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils, whose passion for nature has sparked real change in our community and beyond. Their work continues to inspire others to plant, protect, and care for the world around them.

A huge thank you to Mr Farrell for his dedication, enthusiasm, and tireless work in supporting our Eco Emeralds and helping bring this celebration to life. His commitment has been central to the success of Backyard Nature at All Saints.



Become an All Saints School Ambassador!

"In the light of God we shine on our own, but we shine brighter together."

We are delighted to introduce a brand-new leadership opportunity for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6: All Saints School Ambassador.

This role celebrates everything that makes our school special — our faith, our community, and the way we support one another to shine even brighter. Please see the poster attached to this newsletter for more information.

How to Apply

If you are interested in becoming an All Saints School Ambassador, please write a letter to Mrs Dunn explaining:

Why you would be great for this role

What qualities you have that match the person specification

Why you are proud to represent All Saints Catholic Primary School

Mrs Dunn will shortlist candidates on 2nd February and invite selected pupils for an interview.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our future leaders. We can't wait to see who steps forward to shine!

A Gentle Reminder About False Nails

At All Saints, the safety and wellbeing of our children always come first. Recently, we have noticed an increase in pupils wearing false nails, including BIAB, acrylics and similar products.

While they may look lovely, they are not in line with our uniform policy and can unfortunately pose a real risk during play and physical activity. We have already had a few incidents where children have caught their nails while running or playing, which has caused painful injuries. To keep everyone safe, we kindly ask that children do not wear any form of false nails in school.

Please be aware that if a child is wearing false nails, they will not be able to take part in outdoor play, PE lessons, Swimming, any physical activity or games where the child wearing the nails or others might be injured.

We know this may be disappointing for some children, and we truly appreciate your support in helping us keep everyone safe and active. By working together, we can make sure all pupils can enjoy school life without unnecessary risk.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. 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!

All Saints Sustainability Action Plan

All Saints is currently writing a new Sustainability Action Plan, and we're eager to involve our whole school community in shaping it. This work will help us strengthen our commitment to caring for our environment and creating meaningful, long-term change within our school.

We would love to have both parents and children involved, whether that's sharing ideas, helping with projects, or simply learning more about what sustainability could look like at All Saints. If you're interested in being part of this movement or would like more information, please contact s.kelly@allsaintsanfield.co.uk.

Together, we can build a greener future for our school.

Mobile Phones in School

A reminder that children should not bring mobile phones into school. Phones can easily distract from learning, pose online safety concerns, and may be lost or damaged during the school day. To help us maintain a safe and focused environment, please ensure your child does not have a phone with them.

If your child needs to carry a mobile phone for essential safety reasons, this must be discussed and agreed with their class teacher beforehand. Thank you for your support in keeping our school a calm and secure place for everyone.

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.



School Leadership Council

Congratulations to our newly elected School Leadership Counsellors! Miss Mullally and Mrs Dunn are really looking forward to working with you all and making a difference to our school and community! The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th January. The School Leadership counsellors are:

R1	Ruairi Doyle
R2	Evelyn Dalton
1S	Cezar Poleacu
1F	Zach Kimpton
2B	Gigi McCormick
2J	James Caples
3P	Carmen Felix
3H	Maisie O'Hara Roberts
4B	Vincent McGarry
4S	Roma O'Brian
5J	Mila Deeks
5F	Roman Kirwin
6S	Ricardo Monteiro
6ST	Pamela Aigbe

Golden Wellie & Golden Brush Winners

The brush is for helping to keep our yard tidy at lunch and break.

Golden wellie is for students who are good friends, help others and are polite on the yard at lunch time and break time.



Our Growing Partnership with School 219 in Kiev

We are delighted to share an update on our wonderful international partnership with School 219 in Kiev. This special connection has been growing over the past few years, giving our pupils in Years 5 and 6 the chance to build friendships, learn from others, and develop their communication skills in a truly meaningful way.

Last year, our work together focused on The Joy of Reading, where children from both schools shared their favourite books and explored how stories can connect us across countries and cultures.

This year, our partnership has taken an exciting new direction as we explore Oracy and the art of conversation. Pupils from All Saints and Kiev have been meeting live on Zoom to discuss a range of topics, practise speaking and listening skills, and learn more about each other's lives. These sessions have been thoughtful, lively, and full of curiosity. Our children have now received their first letters from their new friends in Kiev, and the excitement around school has been wonderful to see. The pupils are already looking forward to their next live conversation at the beginning of February. This partnership continues to show our children the power of connection, understanding, and friendship — even across thousands of miles.

Headteacher's Award

Ruby Jacques

Cruz Byrne



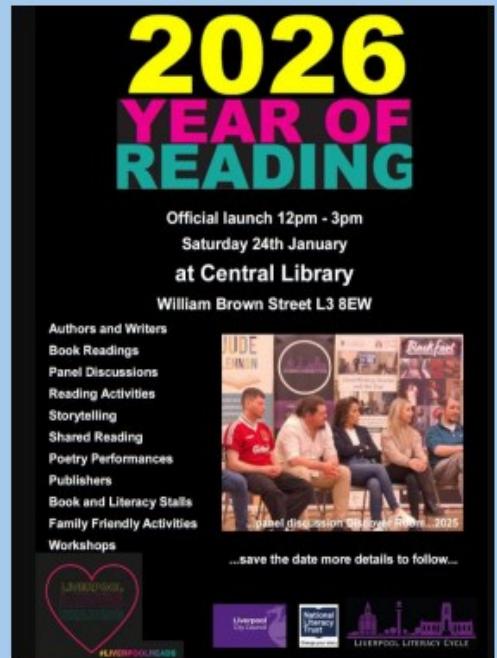
Creating a love of reading at All Saints

Year of the Reader

The Liverpool Year of Reading officially launches on **Saturday 24 January**, with a free, open event at Liverpool Central Library from 12pm–3pm.

The afternoon will include readings, discussion, storytelling and practical activities, marking the start of a year focused on reading across the City Region.

The event is family friendly and open to all, with contributions from writers, publishers and local organisations involved in supporting reading across the City Region.



A poster for the Liverpool Year of Reading 2026. It features a banner at the top with 'Kingsley & Co' and a map of the Liverpool region. Below is a section titled 'Family Activities' with the sub-headline 'Explore the magical world of stories'. It lists events: '17th January Piper's Pied Parade' (11am, 12pm & 2pm), '24th January The Minotaur's Maze: A LEGO Adventure' (11am, 12pm & 2pm), '31st January Here Be Dragons with Ali Harwood' (11am, 12pm & 2pm), '7th February Operation Nessie: Detectives Needed!' (11am, 12pm & 2pm), and '14th February Wings of Olympus' (11am, 12pm & 2pm). At the bottom, it says 'Half Term COMING SOON! get ready to make some noise....' with logos for Steve Morgan, Cargill, Rank, National Lottery, P.H. Holt Foundation, and HART.

A poster for 'Community Growing' at The Old Library. The title 'Community Growing' is in large, white, bubbly letters. Below it, 'At The Old Library' is in a smaller white font. The text 'Interested In Gardening? Community Growing? The Old Library is creating a community growing site in its grounds and we need your help! We will be installing raised beds, water harvesting, a tool shed and greenhouses. Once built, local residents will be able to take on one or two raised beds or work communally to grow vegetables.' is in white. Below this, 'We meet on saturdays fortnightly. There'll be tea, coffee and biscuits and you get to make new friends' is in white. At the bottom, 'NEXT MEETING: 24TH JANUARY' is in large white letters, with 'The Old Library, Green Lane L13 7EB' and 'From 10.30AM' in smaller white text. The background is green with stylized leaf and flower illustrations.

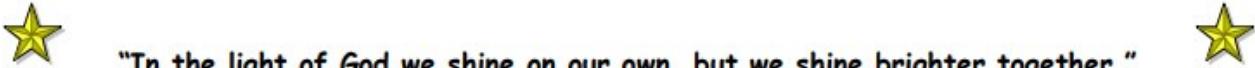


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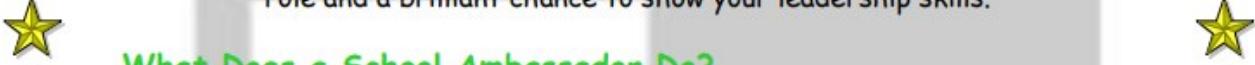


Could YOU Be an All Saints School Ambassador?



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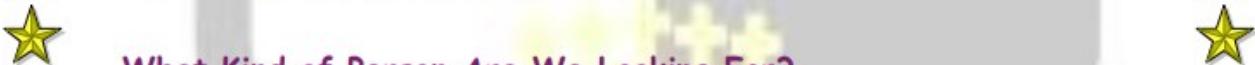
We are looking for children in **Years 4, 5 and 6** who would like to become **School Ambassadors** for All Saints Catholic Primary School. This is a brand-new role and a brilliant chance to show your leadership skills.



What Does a School Ambassador Do?

If you become a School Ambassador, you will:

- Welcome visitors and guests to our school
- Show people around and give tours
- Talk confidently about our learning and our curriculum
- Help during open evenings and Reception induction
- Greet inspectors and important visitors
- Be a positive role model for others
- Show pride in All Saints and in our community



What Kind of Person Are We Looking For?

We need pupils who are:

- Friendly and confident
- Good at speaking to adults and children
- Proud of our school and happy to talk about it
- Polite, reliable, and responsible
- Welcoming to everyone who visits
- Able to shine on their own — and help others shine too



Want to Apply?

If you would like to be a School Ambassador, write a letter to **Mrs Dunn** explaining:

- Why you would be great for this job
- What qualities you have
- Why you are proud to represent All Saints





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Mrs J Dunn, Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Starting on Monday 2nd February, we will be celebrating Maths Week. Throughout the week, the children will take part in lots of fun activities, games, and maths puzzles.

Monday will also mark the start of our Times Tables Rock Stars competition. We encourage all children to collect as many points as possible during the week. We will be celebrating all of the children's hard work in both Maths Week activities and the TT Rock Stars competition with 'Rockstar Day' on Friday.

Parents will also be invited to partake in a 'stay and play' based on maths games and activities – please keep your eye on See Saw, class teachers will send out dates and times for individual classes!

On Friday 6th February, children are invited to dress up as a Times Table Rock Star for Numbers Day. Numbers Day is ran by the NSPCC and we kindly ask you to consider bringing in a voluntary £1 donation for this worthwhile charity.

Please see the attached poster for more information about what to expect during our fun-filled Maths Week.

We hope the children are looking forward to Maths Week, and we look forward to seeing all of our Maths Rockstars on Friday 6th February!

Kind regards,

Miss Stanley

Number Day 2026



MATHS WEEK 2026!

Get Ready for a Week Full of Fun,
Challenges & Brainpower!

Estimation Station

Fun challenges to estimate!

Times Tables Rockstars Competition

Show off your times tables skills!

Maths Relay Races

Race to solve problems as a team!

Mathematician Day

Discover amazing mathematicians!

Maths Escape Rooms

Solve clues and crack codes!

Art Day: Maths Meets Art

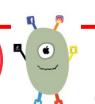
Create maths-inspired artwork!

The Grand Finale!

Celebrate with games, fun and rockstar style!

Let's Make Maths Week 2026 Legendary!

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th February

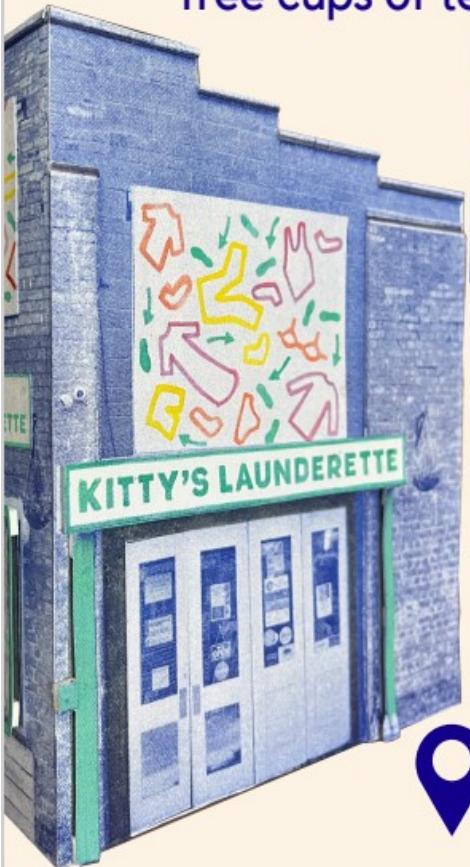


FREE WASHING/ DRYING SCHEME



Struggling to afford the cost of doing the washing?
Clothes drying around the house causing mould?
Wanting a warm space to connect with your local community?

Kitty's Launderette is a community launderette situated on Grasmere Street, L5. We work to support our community through our Free Washing/Drying scheme while also providing a warm social space with free cups of teas and coffees and free Wi-Fi



The scheme allows you to use our machines for one wash and one dry per week. This allows us to keep the scheme open to as many people as possible with the resources available.

To find out more please give us a call or pop into the launderette and chat to one of our team!

Opening Times:

Mon - Thurs 9am - 8pm
Friday 9am - 6pm
Sat - Sun 10am -6pm
CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

 77 Grasmere Street, L5 6RH  0151 260 8951



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.

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

Keep talking about the importance of school.

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week we are going to be thinking about light and how we can share light with others.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:12-17

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he went away to Galilee. He did not stay in Nazareth, but went to live in Capernaum, a town by Lake Galilee, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali. This was done to make what the prophet Isaiah had said come true:

“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, on the road to the sea; on the other side of the Jordan, Galilee, land of the Gentiles! The people who live in darkness will see a great light. On those who live in the dark land of death the light will shine.”

From that time Jesus began to preach his message: “Turn away from your sins, because the Kingdom of heaven is near.”

Today's reading talks about people who lived in darkness seeing a great light. Who do you think the people living in darkness were? Where do you think the light came from? One way of thinking about this is that when we are sad or lonely, everything feels dark and gloomy. This is the dark. But then when someone does something nice for us, like including us in their game, or making us laugh, everything seems brighter again. This is the light. This is the light that Jesus brings into the world. It is the light of God's love for each one of us.

Can you think of a time when someone did something that helped to light up your world and make you smile? What did they do?

We can try to share this light by loving our neighbours, near and far. By helping to make the world a fairer place so that every person has what they need to live a healthy and happy life. Because we know that at the moment some people in our world do not have enough food to eat, safe houses to live in or enough water to drink. And this is not what God wants for his children.

We all live in one world, with the same sun shining down on us. We are all God's children and belong to one global family. Jesus asks us to care for one another. By doing this we can help the light of Jesus to shine in the world.

What will you do to share the light of God's love for us all this week?

*God of light,
shine in our hearts
so that we can share joy and hope
with other people, especially those
who are frightened, sick, lonely or hungry.
Amen*





Stars of The Week

Poppy - R1 - for an amazing effort with number bonds to 5.
Showing great focus and perseverance

Freya - R1 - for her hard work and commitment during handwriting sessions.

Alan - 2B - for showing 100% effort and commitment to everything he does
Nadia - 2B - for excellent work on 2D shapes this week

Harlea - 2J - for being a superstar all week.
Sitting sensibly, putting her hand up and trying her best in her writing.
Shea - 2J - for tidying up and helping the dinner ladies



Nico - 3H - for his curious mind and great work in Geography
Frankie - 3H - for showing great determination in Maths working on his 4 times table



Arinze - 4B - for always displaying outstanding behaviour
and being a great role model to others
Oliver W - 4B - for always displaying outstanding behaviour
and being a great role model to others

Alana - 4S - for her maths work
Joel - 4S - for his effort writing his myth

James S - 5J - for showing a growth mindset and working hard in all areas
Hollie - 5J - for excellent Maths work in multiplication and division

Noah B - Hummingbirds Class - for helping organising the children's bags and water bottles

Paddy - Firefly Class - for developing a wonderful morning routine

Grace - Dragonfly Class - for excellent communication.
Jolene - Dragonfly Class - for responding to her First and Then board

Arif - Butterfly Class - for excellent communication skills in class

