

UPPER KEY STAGE 2 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the start of yet another exciting academic year at All Saints'. We hope you had an exciting and fun summer break and are all set for a stimulating year. As you are probably already aware, there are some small staff changes this year which means our team has slightly changed. We are delighted to welcome Mrs White back into the Year 5/6 team and she will be teaching in Turtles Class alongside Mr Cairey.

Our main topic this term will be 'The Tudors' before we do a smaller 3 week topic block on 'The Highwayman' at the end of the term. To start us off, we will be looking at the Tudor Dynasty and in particular the key Tudor monarchs and their impact on British history. We are hoping to have a trip booked for after the half-term break and further details will be sent out closer to the time. More details about the topics are available in our curriculum map, which can be downloaded from our school website.

We would like to take this time to inform you about a few things:

Homework

A detailed Enrichment Homework letter will be published very soon and you can access this through the school website. Children will get Maths and English homework throughout the year and this will mostly be set on Century Tech. For Maths, we strongly encourage the children to continue to **use Times Table Rock Stars regularly** to practise developing the fluency of their times tables. It is vital that they have this fluency before they start certain units in maths. **Spellings are set weekly** through the Spelling Shed website so please ensure that your children are accessing this regularly. We are able to monitor this through our teacher accounts and will be doing so. Finally, please continue to **hear your child read daily** as this is very important developmentally for children.

Year 6 Residential trip

Just a reminder that if you have not already confirmed your child's attendance then please do so at the office ASAP and that all payments for the trip can be made through our online payment system: School Gateway App. The Year 6 trip to Hilltop takes place on **14th-18th June 2027**. There will be a second parent's meeting discussing kit list and other final arrangements closer to the trip.

Year 5 residential

Following the success of our first Year 5 Outdoor Learning Experience this year, we will look to offer a similar experience to our new Year 5s in the summer of 2027. Further details will follow.

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school at all times, as we do not have any spare kit. Each child will need; a plain white T-shirt, burgundy shorts and some trainers. As the weather is now colder, they will also need a tracksuit for outdoor PE. This could be a school tracksuit, or alternatively, something warm and practical. Unfortunately plimsolls cannot be used outside during winter as they do not offer any protection from wet weather and mud.

Walking Home

If your child is now permitted to walk home regularly on their own, please could you write a note to their class teacher stating that you have given your child permission to walk home so that their class teacher is informed or email year56@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk. If you are collecting your child, this is a reminder that **your child needs to be collected at 3:15**. This is the time that our school day ends.

Mobile Phones

Whilst we understand and support the fact that some children in Year 5/6 need to bring a mobile phone to school, we would, however, like to remind the children that this does not apply to everyone and that we in fact encourage them to be left at home. If your child walks to school or has a valid reason for bringing their mobile phone into school, they need to ensure that the phone is turned off before entering the school premises and that they deposit them into the boxes in the classroom at the start of the day.

Water Bottles

Whilst the weather is still warm, please make sure that your child comes to school with a reusable water bottle.

Thank you so much for all of your support, if you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to discuss them with any of our team.

The 5/6 Team