

## UPPER KEY STAGE 2 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



### AUTUMN TERM 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to offer everyone a warm welcome back to the start of yet another exciting academic year at All Saints'. We hope you enjoyed your summer break and had the opportunity to recharge your batteries and get ready for what we hope will be an exciting and fun year.

Our main topics this term will be, "Faster, Higher, Stronger" before "Movers and Shakers" in the second half-term. To start us off, we will be looking at the Ancient Greeks and learning about their daily lives and culture and the myths and legends they created as well as learning about their belief system. In Movers and Shakers, we will look at natural disasters and how they shape the landscape around the world. More details about the topics are available in our curriculum maps, which are available to download from our school website.

This is a good time to inform you about a few things relating to Year 5/6:

#### **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 new online payment system: School Gateway App. The Year 6 trip to Hilltop takes place on **8th-12th June 2026**. There will be a second parent's meeting discussing kit list and other final arrangements closer to the trip.

#### **Year 5 residential**

As you know, we sadly had to take the decision to no longer continue our Fairplay House residential. However, we continue to explore alternative experiences and we hope to be able to share with Year 5 parents in more detail soon about our plans. It will be a summer experience at the same time that Year 6 pupils are away and our ambition is to make it one that is not of great expense so that we can continue to offer the Year 6 trip in its current form.

#### **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. 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, there is a mobile phone permission letter that you should complete before they bring it in. These are available from any of the Year 5/6 staff.

## **Homework**

With the success of our Enrichment Homework policy in previous years, we will be continuing with this approach again this academic year. A more detailed Enrichment Homework letter accompanies this letter and you will be able to access this through the school website also.

Children will still get Maths and spelling **homework set weekly** and we encourage them to complete this as much as possible. The children have all been given their login details for all the online platforms we use (Spelling Shed, MyMaths, TimesTable Rockstars etc.) and obviously these are always available from their teachers if they forget them.

## **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. **Please ensure everything is named.**

## **Water Bottles**

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