

Newsletter

Week Ending 31st January 2025

What's been happening in our school...?



A few words from our Headteacher Mr Brown:

We often talk about the 'January Blues' but we have taken lots of steps in school to beat those 'Blues' and I'm pleased to say we've chased them away!



Cygnets and Ducklings have been celebrating the Chinese New Year by playing music and singing all around the school, this certainly put a big smile on the faces of the rest of the school community!

There has been some amazing sport in school **read page 2** to hear about our talented Panathletes and Dodgeball team!

Our amazing Midday Staff have been leading skipping challenges in the playground and there has been some brilliant skippers emerging from these positive play opportunities.

Lions, Tigers and Leopards have an amazing trip to Hedingham Castle to look forward to next week to support their Towers, Turrets and Tiaras topic, (please keep your fingers crossed for good weather!).

So amongst all the wet, grey and windy days the children have been brilliant at keeping those January Blues at bay and with Spring just round the corner we have lots more to look forward to.

All Saints' Wins Grant for £1,500 from Tesco!

Yes you did it! Thank you all so much. Those little blue tokens which were dropped into the box by you, the children, your family and friends and indeed anyone else you asked to support us, have added up to a whole big heap of money for the school. This is to purchase new sports equipment which enables us to make our sports provision even more enriching for all the children in school. We really do appreciate it.



Please Keep reading for more important info and news.....

PANATHLON SWIMMING SILVER MEDAL WINNERS!



Look at these winning smiles and look at those SILVER MEDALS! Well done Team All Saints' - you made us so proud. You were an absolute credit to the school. Not only were you superstar swimmers but were a wonderfully supportive and enthusiastic team. This is a fabulous event to be invited to take part in and was attended by the perfect squad to showcase how wonderful our school is. Plus we have a shiny new trophy to add to the cabinet which looks absolutely top notch!

What is the Panathlon Challenge?

In 2023/24, Panathlon gave over 65,000 young people who might not usually be able to participate, the opportunity to take part in competitive sport. The sporting programmes – which include multi-sports, swimming, football, 10-pin bowling and boccia – give young people the opportunity to represent their school in sporting competition. The events are proven to have a transformational impact on individual participants and a positive 'ripple effect' across school environments and communities.

DODGEBALL GAME ON!

You made it to the County Finals - what an achievement! Team All Saints' showed their grit, determination and fighting spirit at Shenfield this week in the Dodgeball County Final.



This group of Year 5s and 6s are true ambassadors for our school. They played fair, they worked hard to support each other and they represented all that is great about All Saints' School. To get a place in the final in such a challenging competition is absolutely amazing. We are all so proud of you.

What to put in packed lunches for school trips

We are really proud of being able to offer the children exciting and enriching school trips which help bring their topics to life. The staff work really hard to make these happen but they can only take place with your support and the contributions you make, so a big thank you to all of you who do this.

One of the most exciting parts (for the children and the adults!) is often the packed lunch. Here is some guidance and some helpful reminders on what to pack, being mindful of allergens and our whole school healthy food policy (which is available to read on the School Website):

Yes to:



Sandwiches/wraps with healthy fillings

Cereal bars

Fresh fruit and veg

Dried fruit

Water (in a named water bottle)

Yes Please

No to:



No cans, fizzy drinks, juice or anything in glass bottles

No packets of sweets (for the journey or for snacks)

Not any food items containing nuts, such as:

- pesto
- nutella
- peanut butter
- packets of loose nuts
- or any product labelled as containing nuts

No thank you

Some products contain disclaimers on their packaging which often read 'may contain traces of nuts' or 'we cannot guarantee that this product has not been produced in the same factory as products containing nuts'. We allow these products in packed lunches and for snacks.



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Important Diary Dates
Please note these may be
subject to change

FEBRUARY

6 - KS1 Trip to Hedingham Castle

7 - 5.00-6.30PM EYFS/KS1 Party

7 - 7.00-9.00PM KS2 DISCO

10-12 - Fairplay House for Yr5 (details tbc)

12 - Parents Evening 3.40-7.00pm

13 - Parents Evening 3.40-7.00pm

17-21 - Half Term

24 - Children return to school

25 - Open Afternoon, Enrichment Homework in School

March

5 - LKS2 Portals from the Past workshops in school

7 - Life Support Roadshow Yr5 session 1

13 - Life Support Roadshow Yr5 session 2

13-14 - Bikeability group 1 (details tbc)

20 - Life Support Roadshow Yr6 session 1

20-21 - Bikeability group 2 (details tbc)

27 - Life Support Roadshow Yr6 session 2

27-28 - Bikeability group 3 (details tbc)

APRIL

4 - Easter Service at All Saints Church

7-21 - Easter Holidays

22 - Children return to school

MAY

5 - Bank Holiday

23 - 5.00-6.30PM EYFS/KS1 Party

23 - 7.00-9.00PM KS2 School Disco

26 - 30 - Half Term Holiday

JUNE

2 - Children return to school

4 Carmel Jane in school for class photos

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POLITE REMINDERS

Important Diary Dates
Please note these may be subject to change





FAIRPLAY
OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

Fairplay House
Year 5 Residential Trip
February 10-12 2025




THE TOTAL BALANCE OF £165 IS NOW OVERDUE - IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY PAID PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

HILLTOP
OUTDOOR CENTRE

Hilltop
Year 6 Residential Trip
June 9-13 2025



THE TOTAL MUST BE PAID BY 28.03.25

JUNE continued.....

9-13 - Year 6 Hilltop Residential (details tbc)
21 - School Summer Fete
23 - Yr3/4 trip to Thorndon Park for Otters and Foxes
30 - EYFS Boydells Farm Visit (details tbc)
30 - Yr3/4 trip to Thorndon Park for Badgers

JULY

16 - Leavers Service at All Saints Church
18 - Leavers Assembly to parents
21 & 22 - NON-PUPIL DAYS
23 Jul School Holidays

HEDINGHAM CASTLE




KS1 Trip to Hedingham Castle
February 6th 2025

THE TOTAL COST OF £15.50 IS DUE NOW PLEASE

LKS2 Events for the Spring Term




THE MOOT HALL
MALDON

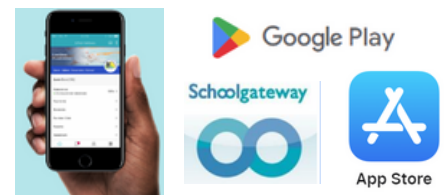
Essex Wildlife Trust

PORTALS TO THE PAST

THE TOTAL COST OF £29.50 IS DUE NOW PLEASE (INCLUDES ALL 3 EVENTS)

March 5th - Portals from the Past, Egyptian workshops and events in school
May 14th - Moot Hall Visit
June 23rd/30th - Thorndon Country Park trips

Permission and monies outstanding for school trips can be paid via the School Gateway App or directly to the school office (exact money only please). If you have any questions or require help with this, please contact the school office.



The PTA are running two of their most popular events on Friday 7th February: **The EYFS/KS1 Party and the KS2 Disco**. Are you able to help? Any time you can spare makes a huge difference and helps the PTA continue to run so many exciting things. You don't have to stay for the whole time, even just an hour or if you could offer some help with setting/clearing up it would be appreciated. Get in touch with asmaldonpta@gmail.co.uk

WAYS TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL:




Tel: 01621 853519

email:
admin@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk

EYFS (Ducklings/Cygnets):
eyfs@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk

KS1 (Leopards/Lions/Tigers):
year12@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk

LKS2 (Otters/Badgers/Foxes):
year34@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk

UKS2 (Seahorse/Starfish/Turtles):
year56@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

KS2 SCHOOL DISCO
FRIDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY

Yr 3/4: 7-8.30pm
Yr 5/6: 7-9.00pm

£5

Payments for tickets can be made online via the PTA Bank Account:
Sort Code 20-54-30
Account Number 60106569

Please use your child's name as a reference. Payments online will automatically indicate consent for your child to attend. Alternatively cash can be put in the PTA box with the permission slip below. Payments to be made by Wednesday 5th February.

Note: Paper tickets will not be issued, each child's name will be added to a list on the door.

For safety reasons children will not be allowed on school premises before 7pm and must be collected by an adult from Lions classroom at the above times (years 3/4 at 8.30pm and years 5/6 at 9.00pm). We kindly ask that mobile phones are left at home.

Children may also like to bring a small amount of change for the disco, there will be drinks, sweets, crisps, tattoos, UV face paints, nail painting and raffle tickets available to pay for on the night.

All queries should be emailed to: asmaldonpta@gmail.com

PAYMENT AND PERMISSION SLIP

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Please delete as appropriate: Paid by: Cash / Online

EYFS/KS1 PARTY!
FRIDAY 7TH FEB: 5PM

£6

Payments for tickets can be made online via the PTA Bank Account:
Sort Code 20-54-30
Account Number 60106569

Please use your child's initials and the word 'party' as a reference. Payments online will automatically indicate consent for your child to attend. Alternatively cash can be put in the PTA box with the permission slip below. Payments to be made by Wednesday 5th February please.

Note: Paper tickets will not be issued, each child's name will be added to a list on the door.

For safety reasons children will not be allowed on school premises before 5.00pm and must be collected by an adult from Lions classroom at 6.15pm.

The cost includes a raffle ticket, a drink, a small bag of sweets and a packet of crisps (dietary requirements and children with allergies will be catered for). Children should not bring any cash with them on the night.

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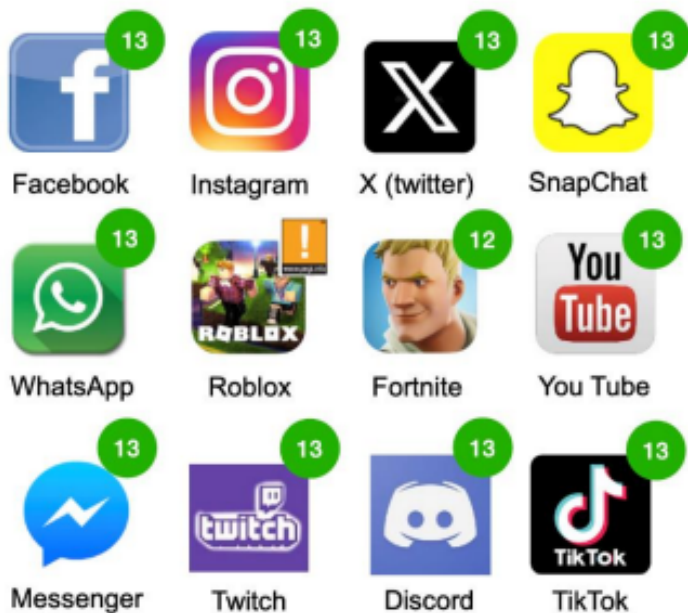
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Online Safety

Are you a tech savvy parent?

Children are using technology more than ever as an important part of their education but also during their free time for relaxation. As a parent or carer it can be hard to keep up! It is important for you to monitor and be aware of what children are accessing but it can be difficult to know where to start or understand what you are looking at. Here are some tips and links that should be useful reminder for both you and them.

Age ratings for popular apps:



Age ratings exist to help protect your child. Whether viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media **it is always your responsibility to first ensure you check and adhere to the age rating.** The likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provides further descriptors which give you an indication of the type of content (e.g. violence or bad language) but you should still review the content at all times for yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access.

One of the big questions you must ask is: does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in-game/app purchases available? This is where extra vigilance from you is essential. For example, you may decide to set-up extra parental controls if chatting to other gamers is available which disables or limits who they can chat to in the game.

What else can you do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and why certain content might not be suitable
- Go online together to look at what your child is accessing
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, the children's devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This can reduce the risks of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable
- Keep an open dialogue with your child about what they are doing online and regularly ask to be shown what they are looking at or engaging with
- Remind your child that if anything worries them about something they may have seen or accessed, they can talk to you or another trusted adult

Further information is available here

<https://eegamesmart.co.uk/articles/how-age-ratings-help-families/>

Join the Revolution and Change the Culture!

A group of like-minded parents have created a group called “Smart Phone Free Childhood” - see a link to their website below:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

You might not decide to go completely Smart Phone Free, but you'll find lots of information and links to helpful and informative resources that may help you and your child to reduce screen time..

Safer Internet Day - 11th February 2025

Another great initiative is the Safer Internet Day taking place on 11th February 2025. This is a chance for parents, carers and grandparents to open an informed discussion with children and talk about the things they access on the internet. The Safer Internet website has some great tips and advice alongside quizzes you can do with your children to test their knowledge of what is safe and how to spot danger online. The advice is for children from the ages of 3 to 18, showing it's never too early (or late), to have an open dialogue to help children understand how to avoid scams and exploitation online. It also has helpful resources on cyber bullying and gaming amongst much much more:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Please Remember:

You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help children remain safe online. By keeping yourself involved in what your children are accessing, using the resources available and being vigilant you can be comfortable in knowing that you are helping both your children, your family and yourself to use the internet safely and responsibly, as well as knowing how to respond if something goes wrong.

In each Newsletter we'll include further guidance on popular games, apps and areas of the internet your children might already be accessing, with top tips on how to help them remain safe. We know what a wonderful resource and tool for learning the online world is but we must all remain vigilant and continue to adapt to keep children and ourselves safe from scams/exploitation.

Essex Fire Museum Open Days



Tuesday 18 and Sunday 23 February 2025
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays RM17 5QS

Book Now

Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Southminster Parish Council Presents

SOUTHMINSTER Music Festival 2025

Competitive Festival of Music



PRIZES of £100, £75 & £50 to be won!

Plus

Certificate of Attendance and Adjudication Sheet
Awarded to all who take part

Young Musician
Competition
11 years and under

Junior Choir
Competition
11 years and under

Young Musician
Competition
12-18 years

Saturday
26th April
2025

Hosted by
St Leonard's Church
1, Station Road
Southminster
CM0 7EW

Free Admission
12:00-16:00

Please contact Southminster Parish Clerk at clerk@southminsterparishcouncil.com or on 01621 773868 for Entry Form and Festival Syllabus.
Closing Date for Entries 31st January 2025

ACL Free Courses at All Saints' School!

Family Learning at
All Saints C of E Primary School

'Healthy Minds - Supporting Anxiety
& Building Resilience In Children'

2 Week Course

9.00am - 11.00am
4th & 11th February 2025

Book online by scanning the QR below & search for
Course Code: GFL2A41Y24

Limited FREE places! Book NOW to avoid missing out!

COMMUNITY &
FAMILY LEARNING

Unlock the Joy of Learning Together!

FREE courses, or workshops, for residents of Essex

Sessions include family fun and/or support, for example;
Family First Aid, Positive Parenting, Zones of Regulation, Managing Big Emotions,
SEND support, Wellbeing, Story Sacks and crafts, Family Fun, and MORE!

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ACL			
All Saints Maldon – Adult Community Learning 2025			
Tuesday Morning: 9.00am-11.00am			
Sharon Hopkins – Tutor			
sharon.hopkins1@essex.gov.uk			
Session Date	Session Overview	Course Code	Duration of Course 2 hrs per session
28.01.25	ACL & All Saints Maldon Drop in and Sign up Session	GFL2A40Y24	1 Week
04.02.25	Healthy Minds – Supporting Anxiety and Building Resilience in Children	GFL2A41Y24	2 Weeks
11.02.25	Family First: Foundations for family wellbeing		
Half Term			
25.02.25	Smart Cooking – Budget friendly healthy family meal planning.	GFL2A42Y24	1 Week
04.03.25	Developing Positive relationships with our children	GFL2A44Y24	5 Weeks
11.03.25	Play and Communication		
18.03.25	Praise & Rewards		
25.03.25	Rules, Routines and limit setting		
01.04.25	Managing Behaviour		
Easter Holiday			
Course for Mums of Boys Aged 5-11		TBC	4 Weeks
29.04.25	About Boys Course Session 1		
06.05.25	About Boys Course Session 2		
13.05.25	About Boys Course Session 3		
20.05.25	About Boys Course Session 4		
Half Term Holiday			
03.06.25	Smart Cooking 2 – Budget friendly healthy family meal planning.	GFL2A70Y24	1 Week
10.06.25	Keeping Safe online	GFL2A71Y24	1 Week
17.06.25	Terrific Transitions - Getting Ready for Secondary School	GFL2A72Y24	1 Week
24.06.25	Money Matters – supporting our children to understand and manage money	GFL2A73Y24	1 Week
01.07.25	Terrific Transitions - Getting Ready for Early Years	TBC	1 Week
TBC	Preparing for the Summer Holidays - Top Tips and Activities	TBC	1 Week
TBC	Celebrations and future planning	TBC	1 Week
Summer Holiday			