Newsletter

Week Ending 23rd October 2026

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

A few words from our Headteacher Mr Brown:



As we come to the end of the first half term in school, teachers have this week enjoyed meeting and discussing your childrens progress with you. I'm sure, like us, you have been immensely proud of their efforts so far.

The booking system for our parents evening appointments has changed from last year, where it is a system attached to our new website. We are aware that there has been some teething issues with the system and have discussed these with our provider, so that we will not have the same challenges in the future. Thank you for your patience.

Don't forget that on return after half term you will have the opportunity to see your childrens work as part of Open Afternoon on Tuesday 3rd November from 2.30pm. You will also have the opportunity to feedback to children across the school who have completed their amazing enrichment homework. The school hall showcasing the childrens talents will be open from 2.30pm till 6.00pm, so do come and see the childrens efforts later on if you can't be there for 2.30.

Have a restful half term break. Before you know it we will we beginning the business of the build up to the festive period!!

<u>Can you spot?</u>

Some naughty naughty ghosts have been playing games in the newsletter. How many can you spot?

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

THE SPORTS PAGES

BEACON HILL ROVERS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



“The thing about football, I mean the really important thing about football, is that it is not just about football.” - *Terry Pratchett*.

There are some outstanding and very enthusiastic footballers at All Saints’. In fact with the number of pupils who wanted to play in this tournament we probably could have set up our own league! Needless to say, there will be lots of opportunities for these budding stars to show us their skills in future games.

This time it was the turn of the Year 5 and 6 boys and what a superb performance! Lots of great team play, great defending and smart tackling meant that this new team came second overall in the tournament in what was a tough field of competition. As ever with these events, it’s not all just about the points on the scoreboard but about taking part, showing respect for each other and having a brilliant time. We loved watching this All Saints’ team work so hard for each other and they really were outstanding ambassadors for our school.



“The goals made such a difference to the way the game went” - *John Motson*





New Autumn Menus in school

After Half Term we start our new rolling 3 week school dinner menu (details on the website here). In addition we are holding a themed menu day on Thursday 5th November for Bonfire Night. Children do not need to pre-order, they can chose on the day as they would usually (and the price for those who pay remains the same).

(All allergens can be found listed on the school website)





Important Diary Dates
Please note these may be subject to change

OCT 2026

26-30 - School Holidays

Nov 2026

2 - Children return to school
3 - Open afternoon and Enrichment Homework in school hall
5 - Guy Fawkes Day
6 - KS2 Disco
8 - Remembrance Sunday Parade on the High Street
9 - UKS2 Layer Marney Trip
23 - Flu Vacination Service in School
24 - Royal Albert Hall with selected children from the KS2 Choir
26 - Light up Maldon Event

Dec 2026

9 - KS1 Nativity for parents PM (details to be sent closer to the date)
10 - KS1 Nativity for parents AM (details to be sent closer to the date)
16 - Christmas Dinner Day
18 - Whole School Christmas Service at All Saints' Church, all welcome
21-31 - School Holidays school

Jan 2027

1 - Bank Holiday
4 - non-pupil day
5 - Children return to school

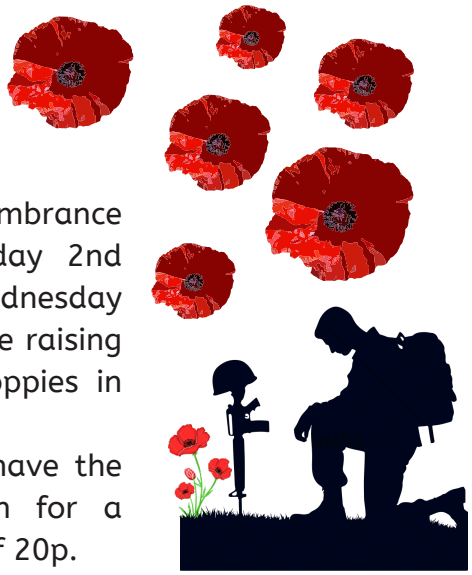
Feb 2027

8 - Portals to The Past in school
15-19 - Half Term
22 - Children return to school

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AND IN OTHER NEWS...

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget



Sunday, 8th November is Remembrance Sunday - Every day from Monday 2nd November up to and including Wednesday 11th November, the children will be raising money with the sale of paper poppies in school (sticky backs, no pins).
Each afternoon the children will have the opportunity to make a donation for a poppy with a suggested donation of 20p.



POLITE REMINDERS...

Layer Marney Tower

LAYER MARNEY TOWER
Year 5 and 6 Trip £24.00
9th November 2026
MONEY DUE NOW



Schoolgateway



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 directly (either in person or on email).

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Feb 2027
8 - Portals to The Past in school
15-19 - Half Term
22 - Children return to school

Mar 2027
1-9 Year 5 Bikeability Courses
16 - KS1 trip to Mountfitchet Castle
24 - Whole School Easter Church Service, everyone welcome
26 - Easter Friday
28 - Easter Sunday
29 - Bank Holiday
30-9 April - Easter Holidays

April 2027
12 - Children return to school

May 2027
6 - Leopards and Lions visit to Hyde Hall
7 - Tigers visit to Hyde Hall
10 - LKS2 Moot Hall Trip
21 - Meerkats, KS1 and KS2 School Disco
31 - Spring Bank Holiday

June 2027
1-4 Half Term
7 - non-pupil day
8 - Children return to school
8 - EYFS Boydells Farm trip
14 - 18 Year 6 Hilltop Residential
14 - 18 Year 5 Experience Week
23 - Foxes and Otters trip to Danbury Park
30 - Badgers trip to Danbury Park

July 2027
16 - Year 6 Leavers Service at All Saints Church
20 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly in school
21 - non-pupil day
22 - 31 Aug Summer holidays

Sep 2027
1 - Children return to school

Muscians Notes

Samba!



Could this be an item on Father Christmas's shopping list? The children absolutely loved this day in school learning to play Samba drums. We heard some very funky and loud beats vibrating around the school. What a great opportunity to try something new!





Nurture through nature



Nurture Through Nature is a nature-based wellbeing programme for children and young people run by Spade and Soil and it's happening at our school! Children might get to plant, dig, explore and find out all about nature. They take part in calm, hands-on activities designed to support their emotional wellbeing all run by lovely Rebecca Williams every week in school with invited children.











KS2 DISCO
6TH NOV 2026

LKS2: 7.00-8.30PM
UKS2: 7.00-9.00PM

NOTE: YOU MUST PRE-BOOK, WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT WALK-INS ON THE NIGHT DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

To make Payments (£5 per child):

ONLINE (preferred) via the All Saints' PTA Bank Account:
Sort Code 20-54-30/Account Number 60106569
CASH: PTA box (in a named enveloped) with the attached permission slip, exact money only.

Consent:

For online payments: please use your your child's initials and the word "disco" as a reference, this will automatically indicate consent for your child to attend. If you pay by cash your consent is by using the attached permission slip or by email to admin@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk .

NOTE: Payments must be made no later than Wed 4th Nov.

On the Night:

NO WALK-INS ALLOWED and there will be no access to school before 7.00pm.
Children's names will be on a list on the door at the main school front entrance. Children must be collected at the end of the Disco promptly by an adult from Lions classroom at 8.30pm FOR LKS2 OR 9.00pm FOR UKS2.

Please ask children to leave mobile phones and valuables at home.
Children are welcome to bring a small amount of change to purchase drinks, sweets temporary tattoos, for nail painting and raffle tickets etc.

PERMISSION SLIP FOR CASH PAYMENTS (EXACT MONEY ONLY):

Child's name: .....Class:.....



Well Done!

Maldon Youth Orchestra won First Place for the Best Decorated Float at Maldon Carnival.

Here are Ted and Amelia proudly showing off MYO's certificate and very fancy red rosette. Both are being displayed in the school's trophy cupboard at the front of the school

After School pick up at 3.15pm

Schools have a duty to safeguard children in their care. An important part of this is considering how we ensure pupils leave the premises safely at 3.15pm and also at 4.15pm if there is an after school club.

We have noticed that at the end of the school day lots of children, who do not attend an after school club, are continuing to play in the adventure area of the back playground. Whilst parents and carers may still be onsite, we still would politely ask that you collect children at 3.15pm from their classroom door and then move to the front of the school whilst clubs are still in session. This is so we can continue to safeguard the children who are attending the clubs.

Parents and Carers can access the back of the school again at collection time (which is 4.15pm for after school clubs) to collect from where their child's after school is taking place, or from the front of the school for choir.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and your assistance in keeping the children safe.

Governing Body Decisions:

School governors are volunteer board members who oversee the strategic direction and financial health of a school, rather than managing its day-to-day operations. Working collectively as a governing board, they act as a "critical friend" to support and challenge the headteacher

The Governing Body **AGREED** the following discussions/decisions made at the Full Governing Body Meeting held on Wednesday 21st October:

- Teaching and Learning Progress report, added to Governor's monthly workplan
- Staffing structure changes to support interventions in school
- Improvements to the EYFS area, including new flooring



Need to contact the school?

Tel: 01621 853519
admin@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk

Meerkats:
meerkats@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk

EYFS (Ducklings or Cygnets)
eyfs@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk

Year 1/2 (Lions, Tigers or Leopards)
year12@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk

Year 3/4 (Badgers, Otters or Foxes)
year34@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk

Year 5/6 (Seahorse, Starfish or Turtles)
year56@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk

How many did you spot?

The answer was:
19 naughty ghosts.

HOLIDAY COURSES

Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2, Learn to ride courses and a new course Child Bike Workshop & Learn

To book, please visit link
essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

Venues: Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow & Witham

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee



SAFER GREENER HEALTHIER

Essex County Council

Cobbs Farm, Maldon Road, Goldhanger, Maldon CM9 8BQ on the B1026

Cobbs Farm Pumpkins

Pop your wellies on for a fun day picking at our family farm!

October 2026
10am 'til 4pm

Weekends
10-11th, 17-18th

Half term
Fri 23rd-Sat 31st

Free Entry
NO BOOKING REQUIRED
Popup cafe, Picnics OK,
No pooches

Facebook:Cobbs Farm Pumpkins Maldon
Instagram:@cobbsfarmpumpkins
www.cobbsfarmpumpkins.co.uk



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Water sports, high ropes, zip wire, archery, bushcraft and more at four centres.

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£40 PER DAY

Essex County Council

essexoutdoors.com/school-holiday-activities



Tuesday 27 October - Howl-o-ween

This October half term kids will meet Essex Therapy Dogs, learn about their special work, and enjoy some Halloween fun together.

Primary school children 6+

10:30am-3:30pm | Kids Inspire HQ, Hollycroft, Great Baddow, CM2 7FW

With limited spaces for our free activities, we aim to prioritise lower income families.

Scan to register:

www.kidsinspire.org.uk

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