Our All Saints family shall arise and shine for the light of The Lord is upon us.

NEWSLETTER TERM 1

Welcome back to the new school year!

Our first full week of school has been busy and positive. It has been lovely to see the children back in routines and engaged in purposeful learning across the school. We have also been pleased with how well our new reception and nursery children have settled in. Our week has ended with a Dedication service at our church, led by Rev. Jenny, which was a lovely way to come together as a school, to receive a blessing for the year ahead. Each term, the children will focus on one of our school 'ARISE' values (achieve, respect, include, support and enjoy) and I look forward to seeing how our children will arise and shine in the term ahead.

Mrs N Milton

DIARY DATES

15th September – Medway Tests
16th September – Medway Tests
2nd October – Harvest Service at Church
19th October – Y4 Residential
22nd October – School photos

Look out for other events/news sent out by teachers soon.

YEAR R NEWS

What an exciting first week Year R have had! They have been exploring activities both indoors and outside, discovering new ways to learn, play and create together. Alongside all the fun, the children have also been learning their new class routines, helping them to settle into school life and become more confident and independent. Next week, Year R will be split into 2 classes, as we welcome our new teacher, Miss Hamandishe, to All Saints. Parents will be informed which class their child will be joining. We are so proud of how well the children have settled in and can't wait to see what the coming weeks bring!

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE NEWS

Welcome to the first term of the new academic year! This term, in October, we will be celebrating Black History Month. We will also be celebrating the diversity of languages that we have represented in our community. On 8th October, Nursery parents are invited to join us at the Nursery for a reading morning. We have some lovely dual-language books in several different languages, and we would be grateful if you could join us on that day to read to the Nursery children together.

All parents who have children at All Saints Nursery and who would like to meet Mrs Bull (EAL Co-ordinator), she will also be available at drop off on **Monday 21st September (8.45am – 9.30am),** and **at pick up/drop off (12.00pm – 1.30pm) on Tuesday 22nd September**. If there is anything you would like to discuss with Mrs Bull, please do not hesitate to speak to her when she is at the Nursery on those days. Mrs Bull is on the school gate in the mornings and in the afternoons on most days. Parents are always welcome to speak to her if she can support with anything and can also make an appointment with Mrs Bull via the school office.

MESSAGE FROM ALLAN WARRINGTON- CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the start of term 1 of this new school year. I hope you and your families enjoyed a good summer break.

On behalf of the governors of All Saints, we would like to offer a very warm welcome to all new staff joining our amazing staff team and to all the new children joining the school and nursery this term.

We would also like to congratulate last year's Y6 and the staff team for the excellent KS2 SATS results achieved at the end of the 2026 year. The governors are confident that All Saints school will continue to thrive under the new leadership of Mrs Milton and Miss Daly, following the retirement of Miss Strachan in the Summer.

We ask for God's blessings on the school family, the staff team and all the children in their care.

Allan Warrington Chair of Governors.

PE KITS

Please can we remind parents that children should wear a white T shirt (can be their school polo shirt if necessary) and plain black or navy shorts for PE lessons.

In winter months school jumpers can be worn outside and for girls a pair of plain black or navy leggings and boys a pair of plain black or navy joggers can be worn to keep legs warm. **Hair must be tied back at all times in school and for PE earrings must be removed by the children**.

Please ask your child's class teacher when they will be doing PE if you are not sure.

NEWS FROM UKS2

We are looking forward to a fantastic term in UKS2!

Please take note of our key routines below.

Homework: Children will receive Literacy, Maths and Spelling homework every Friday, due the following Thursday. Regular homework helps to consolidate learning and develop good habits.

Reading: Please read with your child daily. If they are not bringing home a reading book, please let their teacher know so we can ensure they have one.

Coming Up: More information will follow soon about the exciting trips and events planned for this year!

NEWS FROM MRS GETHING, ATTENDANCE OFFICER

We are pleased to introduce a new attendance incentive to encourage excellent attendance and to celebrate the children who arrive at school every day and are present for the full previous week. This initiative is designed to recognise commitment to learning and to support a positive culture around attendance across the class. Every Monday, the class teacher will select at random one pupil who has attended school for the whole of the previous week. That pupil will become the class Attendance Ambassador for the week and will receive a special privilege, such as extra playtime outside or access to a designated electronic activity, depending on the arrangements available at the time.

We hope this incentive will be an enjoyable way to celebrate consistent attendance and to encourage all pupils to develop positive habits. Good attendance helps children to settle well into routines, make the most of their learning, and feel fully involved in school life.

Please support us by encouraging your child to attend school every day unless they are unwell or there is another unavoidable reason for absence. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to celebrating our Attendance Ambassadors each week.