

# Newsletter

Autumn 1



We have had a lovely first half term back. There has been lots of lovely things which have been happening in school which you will see on the class on a page below. Thank you to all the parents who attended open classroom and our SEND open session.

I hope you have a lovely holiday.

Mrs Watson 😊

Don't forget that if you want to see what your child is learning about next half term, this can be found on our website.

<https://www.allsaintsschoolhalifax.co.uk/learning/curriculum-overview/year-groups>



All our calendar dates can be found on the homepage of the website.

[All Saints' CE Primary School - Home](https://www.allsaintsschoolhalifax.co.uk)  
([allsaintsschoolhalifax.co.uk](https://www.allsaintsschoolhalifax.co.uk))

Next events:

**Back to school**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**  
**2023**

Reception, Year 1 & 2, 8:55am

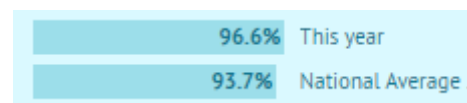
Year 3 – 6, 8:45am

Dates for next half term will follow after the holidays.

**Attendance**

So far this year.....

**96.6%**



A huge thank you to our families and children for showing resilience and endurance with attendance.



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**Support** each other to grow



**Help** one another to achieve



**Inspire** life-long learners



**Nurture** our own and others' uniqueness



**Encourage** through Christian Values

Our shine team have suggested that they would like a bike rack at school.



Unfortunately, we just don't have the space but the church has generously offered for children to use their bike rack outside the front door of the church.



## Special Educational Needs and MHST school event

Please feel free to come and talk anything  
SEND or MHST  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 2pm

House Point ANNUAL Winner

## Warneford



The children will be having a dress in your house  
colour day next half term as chosen by the  
children.

## Here are some of the things we have been doing



YEAR 1- took part in a toy workshop – exploring toys children played with in the past.

They also went on an Autumn walk to inspire them to write poems. They used their senses to explore the changes in the environment.



Our Year 6 children have made the best memories on their action-packed 2-night trip to Robinwood. We can't wait to hear all about it!



Year 5 had an exciting Anglo-Saxon day!



### Internet connected devices

Get advice about internet connected devices or toys and how to keep your child safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/internet-connected-devices/>



## **'Be the best that we can be' this term was Maths!**

We enjoyed inviting our parents into school today to show them a little bit more about what we do in Maths.



## **Friends of All Saints' PTA Update**

We are looking for new members to join the PTA in September. Gemma, Donna and Laura who have helped to organise the events this year would like to take more of a back seat and are looking for other parents to step into their roles. If you can volunteer, please get in touch with school.

PTA Update 19/10/23

Chair: Mrs Watson  
Treasurer: Donna Connet

Thank you to everybody that attended the meeting or sent a message that they will support the PTA –  
Your help is greatly appreciated

Next event:  
Christmas secret shop then  
Christmas Fayre

Upcoming events (dates subject to change):  
Disco  
Film night  
Summer Fayre  
Afternoon tea party  
Mother's day, father's day or special person shop



Next meeting: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 3:30pm at school  
We will be planning the Christmas Fayre and shop

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

**Don't forget we have our free pre-loved uniform shop at the school office!**

- Grey trousers, skirt, or shorts
- White shirt/blouse or polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt, jumper, or cardigan (preferably with a school logo)
- During summer months a red gingham dress/skirt or cullottes may be worn
- Suitable school shoes (which can be easily fastened for Reception class children). Ankle boots can be worn.

### **NO TRAINERS**

- Gym kit – Red polo shirt, navy shorts; black pumps; drawstring bag
- Outdoor (preferably waterproof) coat, wellington boots etc
- Jewellery is not permitted in school. Sleepers or small studs may be worn in pierced ears except on PE days, when they must be removed by the parent. The school does not accept responsibility for any lost or broken items
- Hair accessories – Small bows/clips/bobbles may be worn in red, black, or white

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly named, including shoes and pumps.

Shaw Hardcastle in Halifax or TAG Embroidery in Sowerby Bridge sell our uniform, alternatively most supermarkets offer a good, affordable range of uniform items.

**PLEASE NOTE WE RETURN TO SCHOOL Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

### Term Dates 2023/2024

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	School Holiday
	Training Days

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## Mental health and well-being

Remember, if you have any concerns about your child's well-being you may want to visit our school website where there is a dedicated section supporting well-being and mental health. All Saints' CE Primary School - Wellbeing and support for families ([allsaintsschoolhalifax.co.uk](http://allsaintsschoolhalifax.co.uk)).

If you would prefer to speak in person please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Summerscales who is our Mental Health Lead in school.

There are also some workshops available for families that are provided by Open Minds (CAMHS). You can find out more information here: Parent/ Carer Workshops | Open Minds (CAMHS) ([openmindscamhs.org.uk](http://openmindscamhs.org.uk)).



## Pupil Premium (Free School Meals) Funding

Children can get free school meals if their parents or guardians receive support including the following:

- Universal Credit

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit
- Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit Run-On



Even if your child is currently an infant (Reception – Year 2) and so currently receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, or has packed lunches, it is still extremely important and beneficial to you and your child, to apply for the funding. The funding can be used in many ways to support learning and well-being.

If you think you may be eligible and would like to discuss it further, please speak to Mrs Dyson (School Office) or Mrs Summerscales (Pupil Premium Lead). Alternatively, you can apply for the funding using the link below:

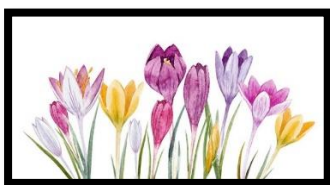
<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals>

## **Class Newsletter**

Don't forget to check out what your child is learning on their class page on the website along with lots of other fabulous things they have been doing in school. They are also attached below the newsletter.

<https://www.allsaintsschoolhalifax.co.uk/learning/year-groups>

Year Groups



## Communication about learning

Please download BOTH the Seesaw Class app and Seesaw Family app

Seesaw Family app  
(learning in school will be shared here)

Seesaw Class app  
(Remote learning will be shared here)



If you need a new QR code please ask Mrs Dyson in the school office.

### Keeping Our Children Safe

If you have any concerns If you have any concerns or worries about the safety or well-being of a child, do not hesitate to contact us. Email: [admin@allsaints.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:admin@allsaints.calderdale.sch.uk)



**Our priority is that ALL children and adults feel safe and happy in our school**

If you do not feel safe or are worried about someone else, speak to an adult you trust.

Mrs Watson, Mrs Sheppard and Mrs Dyson are responsible for keeping everyone safe in our school.

Please speak to them if you have any worries or concerns.



Please see some of the wonderful things we have been learning about below.



This can also be found on the year group page on the website. You can also find out what your child will be learning next half term.

<https://www.allsaintsschoolhalifax.co.uk/learning/year-groups>

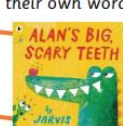
## Reception – Autumn 1

### All About Me

In Maths this half term, the children have been busy learning new skills that will later help with their number, calculations and measures work.

The children have enjoyed sorting and comparing groups, mass and capacities.

The children are now beginning to focus on numbers 1-3.



In Literacy this half term, the children have enjoyed listening to different stories and non-fiction texts. The children have practiced answering questions linked to the texts, learnt new vocabulary and retold stories using pictures and their own words.

The children have had a wonderful start to life at All Saints'. It has been a long half term for them but they have all come a long way in such a short space of time!

(We are very proud of you all and hope you all enjoy a well-deserved half term rest!)

One of our favourite activities this half term was learning about the new season of Autumn and the changing weather. We went on an Autumn walk and used our senses to describe the natural world. We really enjoyed using the things that we collected to make autumn crafts.



The children have begun their phonics teaching this half term and have already made great progress.

They have become more confident orally blending words, have learnt new phonemes and tricky words.

Lots of the children are making good progress with blending words so watch this space for reading books coming home with words!



In RE, we have talked a lot about 'What makes us special?' and 'Where do we belong?' We have begun to look at three religious beliefs, Christianity, Islam and Hinduism. We have learnt about their symbols and the ways that these religions welcome babies.

We particularly enjoyed taking part in the Christian baptism ceremony of one of our class dolls at All Saints Church!



We have also enjoyed learning about how to draw faces, about our bodies and the five senses. We have talked about how to keep our teeth healthy and talked a lot about our families. We have also been lucky enough to have a visit from Mrs Ambler, who talked to us about road safety and people who help us.

In English we have loved our class stories. Firstly, we read 'This is the Bear'. We enjoyed reading about the bear and the mischievous dog and wrote some fabulous descriptive sentences about them. We then moved onto Poetry. We went on a lovely autumn walk and were really inspired by the beautiful nature around us. We used our senses to help us generate words to help us describe what we saw, felt, and could smell.



In Maths we have been learning all about place value and we have been busy finding 1 more and 1 less, ordering numbers and comparing numbers. We have also started our learning on addition and have been practising our recall of number bonds to ten.



### Year One Autumn One

It has been a wonderful First half Term and we are really pleased with how well the children have settled into Year One. We have really enjoyed our topics this half term and have loved our little walks, visitors and workshops that have helped making our learning even more fun and exciting!



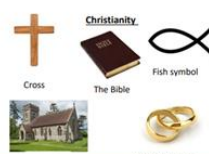
In Science we have been learning about everyday materials including wood, plastic, glass and paper. We have explored the properties of these everyday materials and enjoyed finding out why they are used for making certain objects.

We carried out some simple investigations to help us find out why some materials are best suited to things than others e.g a paper towel is much better at mopping up a spill than tin foil!

We have had so much fun in History exploring toys. Our highlight has to be our amazing toy workshop where the children delighted in playing with old toys and learning all about the past.



In RE we have been exploring 'Belonging' we know that we belong to so many different groups. We have taken a closer look at how Christians welcome a new baby into the world, and we have compared this to a Muslim naming ceremony.



In PSHE our topic has been 'Me and My Relationships.' We have been thinking all about our feelings and how we can make things better when we feel upset. We wrote some fantastic 'Recipes for Friendship' to help share our ideas on what it means to be a good friend.

In PE we have been working on agility and coordination – We have been trying to steady our balance on one leg and have worked up to including a one leg squat and extension. The children had some great techniques for keeping their balance!



In our Art sessions we have been looking at line drawings in pencil. We have explored different types of lines and have applied different amounts of pressure to our pencil to see what results it brings. We then used this knowledge to create some fabulous animal line drawings.



## Autumn 1

### Toffee Town

**Well done Year 2! What a great start to the year you have made. You are growing into fantastic learners, showing perseverance, determination, taking on board**



In history we loved our topic 'Toffee Town'. We have learnt why John and Violet Mackintosh were so significant. How their business began, the types of sweets they made and how he became so successful. We used old photos to explore how Halifax has changed,

noticing how many chimneys there were, and how much smoke was polluting the environment.



In maths we have been learning about Place Value. We have been partitioning numbers to 100 into 10s and 1s. We have also been representing numbers in different ways as well as ordering and comparing them.

In addition and subtraction, we have practised our number bonds and created fact families.

In English we have shared the book In the Deep Dark Wood. The children have been so inspired, creating setting and character descriptions.

They will then use the story structure to inspire their own story writing.

Their focus in their writing has been to include adjectives and extend their sentences using conjunctions such as 'and' and 'because'.



In RE we have been learning about places that are sacred to believers. We learned about churches, mosques and synagogues. We will conclude our learning with some lessons about Diwali.

In Computing, we have completing a unit on coding. We have learned how to create an interactive scene.

In Art we looked at figures and portraits. We learnt how to create different tones using pencil and charcoal before creating a piece that demonstrated all the skills we had learnt.



In science have learnt about materials. Recognising and describing the using properties such as opaques, flexible and transparent. We have also planned and carried out our own investigations to answer scientific questions.



In PE we have been learning our ABCs – agility, balance and coordination. We have been improving our football skills



#### Science

In Science, we have been looking at soil, rocks and fossils! We looked at what weathering and erosion was and walked around the graveyard to see how weathering changes the look of headstones. We have also looked at different fossil examples and stones that our peers have brought in!



#### RE

In RE, we have been discussing what Christians learn from the Creation story. We have listened to the story of Adam and Eve and how God made the world. We have also discussed what "temptation" is.



#### Dictionary Detectives!

We have been using dictionaries to find the definition of words! We have become very quick at

#### PE

We have had a focus of football in PE this half term! We have learnt how to work as a team, pass and dribble and shoot on target!

#### French

Bonjour! We have been learning how to greet people in French, speak about our families, count to ten and introduce ourselves!



#### History

We have been looking at the Stone Age to the Iron Age in History. We have been learning how life changed between these points in

#### Art

We have been looking at the work of John Sell Cotman and using this to inspire us! We have practiced different pencil techniques, used charcoal, had a go at tone and shade and created our own piece of art.



#### English

We have done a lot in English this half term! We have written: kenning poems, non-chronological reports, character and setting descriptions and a diary entry! We have also enjoyed our drama sessions!



## Year 3 Autumn 1



## Year 4

### Class on a Page – Autumn 1



In Science we have been focussing on states of matter! We were fascinated to find out about the properties of solids, liquids and gases and how these changes can be reversible and irreversible. Our favourite lesson took a whole day to complete as we had to observe how a frozen hand changes state due to time and temperature. This was so fun to watch!

We have also been using our rocket words to describe different states of matter and could not believe the melting point of different metals!

This half term we have explored two fantastic books, *The Lost Words* and *Queen of Darkness*. This has inspired us to create amazing acrostic poems and sensational setting descriptions of a Roman battle! We have also loved reading our work to different audiences in school.

In Maths this half term we have focussed on place value and addition and subtraction. We have used concrete, pictorial and abstract methods to explore how to identify, count and reason with numbers up to 10,000! We have also worked hard to improve our multiplication confidence.



This half term in History we have been exploring the Romans and their impact on modern civilisation. We have used research, historical enquiry, and artefacts to dive into the changes that happened when the Romans invaded Britannia, and how life changed for the people that were settled there. We have researched Roman roads, Hadrian's wall, the role of the Roman Empire, what life was like in Rome and learned about the colosseum and the gladiators that fought there! We loved creating our own gladiators and re-enacting a Roman invasion!

In Art we have been exploring the work of Bridget Riley. She uses lines, tones and colour to create patterns in her art work. We have loved recreating this art and planning and creating our own interpretations. We can't wait to show you our books at the next 'Open classroom' event!

In RE we have been looking at the Gospel and the special events in Jesus' life. We have shown respect and developed our understanding of the role of a disciple. We also loved visiting Rev Jen at church to find out the meaning behind the story of the 10 lepers.



**English**  
This half term we have written fantastic acrostic poems, newspaper reports and diary entries.



**RE**  
Is God loving and holy? To help us explore this question, we visited Rev Jen and she helped us to explore what Christians believe.



**History**  
What happened once the Romans left? We immersed ourselves in the life of an Anglo-Saxon. We even had an Anglo-Norse warrior visit us for a day called Oswald. We are now ready for the Battle of Hastings!

## Year 5 Autumn 1 ANGLO-SAXONS



**Swimming**  
Year 5 have embraced the pool. They are gaining confidence in the water, week by week.



**Art**  
This half term we've used charcoal to recreate the work of Damien Hirst. Year 5 have created brilliant pieces of artwork.

**Science**  
Our unit this half term focused on materials. We investigated the different properties of materials and analysed them to explore how they are similar and different.



*Well done Year 5, on settling into UKS2. I can't wait to see what next half term will have in store!*





# Autumn 1 The Vicious Vikings

For our PSHCE, we have looked at ourselves and our relationships. We have developed strategies to be assertive and learn to say no, as well as developing teamwork, listening and resilience skills. We used these skills daily on our amazing residential to Robinwood this year and have been carrying them over in our classroom!



For science this half term, we have looked at evolution and inheritance in plants, animals and humans. We have analysed how fossils can help us with our understanding of early human/animal life as well as how humans have evolved over thousands of years. We learnt all about key scientists such as Mary Anning and Charles

Our art this half term has focused on Vincent Van Gogh and how he uses a variety of lines and tone within his work. We have developed our drawing skills to incorporate the artist terpieces!



Is the creation story in conflict with scientific theories or complementary? This has been our challenging yet interesting topic in RE this half term. We have delved into what different groups of Christians interpret the Creation story as, and how it merges or disagrees with scientific theories of the creation of the world.



WE have LOVED our history topic this half term: The Vikings! We have added to our already extensive knowledge of the Vikings—learning all about where they came from and settled, who king Ethelred was, their beliefs, physicality and how they travelled!

Year 6 have shown what AMAZING writers they are already this half term, writing some wonderfully creative free verse poems based off the book: The Lost Words. We then looked at writing persuasive texts as different characters from Matilda! We had lots of fun pretending to be Miss Trunchbull! We have recently wrote informative newspaper reports linked to Black History Month and inspirational black women throughout history.



We have hit the ground running with maths so far in Year 6! Covering our place value topic, where we learnt to round numbers up to the nearest million and recognise negative numbers; to the Four Operations. We have looked at column method for addition and subtraction as well as solving multi-step problems. We have also just learnt some tricky methods for solving multiplication and division including long and short division!



# SHINE

## SHINE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE





# LITTLE MONKEYS CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 18th November

11:00 - 1:00

Moore Hall, St Andrews

Methodist Church

Huddersfield Road

HX3 0AT

\*Face Painting/Tattoos

\*Christmas Raffle

\*Visit from Father Christmas

\*Arts & Crafts

\*Book Stall

\*Tombola

\*Refreshments

