

Newsletter



Love Live & Learn

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,
What an amazing first two weeks at school we've had. It has been so lovely to welcome the children and our All Saints family back. I hope that our new families already feel at home – please do ask if you have any queries. Our staff team are truly wonderful and are always here to help. We are also delighted to welcome a new member of staff to our All Saints family,

Mrs S Lakin, who has joined us as a Teaching Assistant working across Doves and Eagles. We are so pleased to have her as part of our team and hope you will join us in giving her a very warm welcome! I hope you have had chance to look at our school handbook that went out via Dojo in the first week, it's a really useful resource to find out the day to day information about All Saints. You should also have had your child's class welcome book to give you any additional class information. I have really enjoyed hearing all about the children's summer break and seeing the beaming smiles from everyone. Our value this term is 'Love' and the children have enjoyed taking part in worship about friendship in our beautiful church. Worship this year will take place in church every Monday morning as soon as the children come in so please make sure you are on time as it's a wonderful way to settle the children into their week of learning. Hera and Hermione are currently doing a wonderful job at leading our Worship Team; however, we need some new recruits! If your child is in Year 4,5 or 6 and would like to join, can you send them to collect an application form please. I have been lucky enough to spend time in every classroom this week and I have been really impressed with the work ethic our children display. Children are trying their hardest and responding well to our vigorous and consistent approach of correcting at the point of making mistakes. I am excited to see how the year is going to progress!



Prayer of the Week

Through the power of God's love,
children will reach their full potential
and be able to live their lives with an open mind
so they **learn** from the world around them.
John 10:10 'I came so that everyone would have life in
it's fullest.'



This half term's value is – LOVE



Diary Dates



What's Going
On

New School Term Dates

Autumn Term

- Holiday: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October
- Inset day: Monday 2nd November 2026
- Term Ends: Friday 18th December
- Holiday: Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

Spring Term 2027

- Inset day: Monday 4th January
- Term Starts: Tuesday 5th January
- Holiday: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February
- Term Ends: Thursday 25th March
- Holiday: Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April
- Easter Sunday: Sunday 28th March

Summer Term 2027

- Term Starts: Monday 12th April
- May Day: Monday 3rd May
- Inset day: Tuesday 4th May
- Holiday: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
- Term Ends: Tuesday 20th July
- Inset day: Wednesday 21st July
- Holiday: Wednesday 21st July – Wednesday 1st September

Notices

Reception Parents/Carers

The Families' Health and Wellbeing (0-19) Service is the local Health Visiting and School Nursing service. They offer support to schools and parents of children aged 0 to 19 years around lots of health-related topics to help children.

Please follow the link to an e-leaflet, which introduces your local School Nurses and shares some development and health information which parents/carers of reception aged children may find useful.

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/w5mkPLcGMRAQoInm?ref=Link>

The e-leaflet also contains a link to a contact form. This form is confidential, which means the answers you give will be returned to the Families' Health and Wellbeing Service and will not be shared with our school. The Families' Health and Wellbeing Service can also be contacted through the Children and Families Health and Wellbeing Single Point of Access (CaFSPA), often referred to as the Hub, or their ChatHealth (text) services. CaFSPA Freephone: 0808 178 0611
ChatHealth (cost of standard rate message) text: 07520 615 722

Free School Meals

Free School Meals
Don't miss out!

£ You could save up to £500

! Your child's entitlement might not automatically continue under the new rules. To make sure lunch is sorted for September 2026, you might need to complete a new application.

Free School Meals can support your child's:

- Health and wellbeing
- Concentration and energy during lessons
- Attendance and participation in school

Do you qualify for either of these?

Targeted FSM
For households earning **£7,400 or less annually** (excluding benefits)

Expanded FSM
For all other pupils in households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of income.

1. Check 2. Apply 3. Share.
Visit your local authority website to apply or head to the government website - gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals to check!

Do you know another parent who might qualify? Please help us spread the word!!

Look inside our Classroom Moments



Exploring, learning, and growing together—one day, one lesson, and one success at a time!



Here's a quick look at what we've been up to over the past two weeks as we've started the new academic year!



Robins Class

The Robins have had a lovely start to the new school year and have settled in beautifully. We have welcomed a few new faces, and it has been wonderful to see everyone becoming familiar with their new surroundings and routines. The children are settling into their morning routines, recognising their coat pegs and beginning to self-check. They are also transitioning really well between carpet time and provision, showing growing confidence and independence.

Our topic this term is "All About Me", alongside traditional tales. We have looked at family photographs and talked about how every family is different and special. Outside, we have set up our own weather station and have been observing the changes in the weather. We have also investigated what happens to autumn pine cones when they become wet and explored Autumn using our senses of sight and hearing.

In Music, we have been exploring body percussion, using our bodies to make different sounds and music. In Art, we have been inspired by Pablo Picasso to create our own imaginative self-portraits, with the children enjoying being creative and expressing themselves.

Mrs Peck, Mrs Butler and Mrs Lindsey have really enjoyed getting to know each child over the past few weeks. It has been lovely to see their confidence grow and to hear during Show and Share that the Robins feel they can trust the adults in their classroom.

★ Well done to Oakley-Rayne ★

A huge well done to Oakley-Rayne who got to take the Robin home for showing amazing pencil coordination! 🖍️🐦 What a fantastic achievement!



Sparrows Class

The Sparrows have had a busy and exciting start to the new school year! We have been enjoying our class text, "Owl Babies", and have had fun making nests for our

very own owl babies. We have also been learning about nouns and how they are used in our writing.

In Science, we have started our topic on plants and have loved watching our broad beans grow after planting them in the first week. The children will be bringing their broad beans home in a couple of weeks to continue looking after them!

In Maths, we have been working hard to develop our understanding of place value. We have also enjoyed experimenting with different materials in Art while exploring how to draw different types of lines.

And, of course, we have already celebrated three birthdays in Sparrows!

🍰 We have definitely enjoyed sharing all the delicious birthday cake! Well done, Sparrows, for such a fantastic start to the year!



Doves Class

It has been a lovely, warm and welcoming start to the new academic year in Doves. We have welcomed a couple of new pupils this September, and it has been wonderful to see everyone settling in so nicely. I am really looking forward to the year ahead and getting to know this new class.

In Maths, we have been working hard on place value, building strong foundations for our next steps. We have used practical equipment to represent numbers up to 1,000 and have explored place value grids to partition numbers into thousands, hundreds, tens and ones before writing number sentences.

In English, we have been exploring simple sentences while learning about rivers and the water cycle. We have also been applying and sharing some of the knowledge we developed through our Science learning.

As artists, we have been practising how to identify shapes and developing our sketching skills. As scientists, we have begun exploring light, looking at different light sources and learning about sun protection. We carried out an experiment using UV-reactive beads and investigated the reflective properties of different materials using a lux meter app. We discovered that the shinier the surface of a material, the more reflective it tends to be.

It has been a fantastic start to the year, and we are looking forward to all the exciting learning still to come in Doves!



Eagles Class

Eagles have had a super positive start to September over the last two weeks! We have settled brilliantly into our new class and are adapting perfectly to our new routine.

In English, we are enjoying the text "How to Train your Dragons" and Mrs Regan surprised each child with their own "pet dragons" on week 1. We've been learning how to write sentences with relative clauses during our grammar lessons and working really hard to focus on our spelling and handwriting.

In Maths, we've started our place value topic and we have been working with numbers up to 10 million! On a Thursday, we have a special "Maths Clinic" where teachers help with any learning in the week, children have struggled with, and set extra challenges.

In PE we've been enjoying Gymnastics at the community centre and learning how to set up the apparatus. Mrs Regan has been teaching the "bridge balance" which the children have learned very quickly! We've also been learning about the Alps in Geography and drawing techniques in Art.



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Classroom Moments



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Recognition Achievements

Love Live & Learn



As a result, a reward has been chosen and will be sent home for the following child, who will receive a Love, Live & Learn Certificate in recognition of their hard work, positive attitude, and achievements. These awards reflect our school values and celebrate the many ways our pupils contribute to our school community.

Love Award

The Love Award recognises pupils who consistently show kindness, respect, and care for others. This includes being a good friend, showing empathy, offering help, and contributing positively to school life. Pupils who receive this award demonstrate our value of treating everyone with compassion and understanding.

WC 11th September - Presented to:
Hera - for celebrating some big milestones this week and having a fantastic start to Y6
Julian - for smiling his way through the first week of school and taking on every challenge
Elliot - for taking care of his classroom with excellent tidying up
WC 18th September -
Presented to: Gracie-May for her lovely manners and excellent attitude.

Live Award

The Live Award celebrates pupils who embrace school life with enthusiasm and resilience. This may include excellent behaviour, perseverance, teamwork, or representing the school positively. It also recognises achievements and participation in activities outside of school. Pupils receiving this award show a willingness to engage fully, try new experiences, and make positive choices each day.

WC 11th September - Presented to:
Arya - for taking part in PE when she wasn't sure
WC 18th September - Presented to: Henry for always creating games, jobs and activities to involve others.

Learn Award

The Learn Award is presented to pupils who demonstrate a strong commitment to their learning. This includes trying their best, showing determination, making good progress, and displaying curiosity and independence in the classroom. Pupils who receive this award embody our value of striving to achieve their full potential. We look forward to celebrating our pupils' achievements and continuing to build great habits and a love of learning together.

WC 11th September - Presented to:
Alex - for being a superstar in phonics!
Lewis - for settling in and adapting to his time in both Doves and Eagles
WC 18th September - Presented to:
Ted for his excellent enthusiasm during French
Archie - for always challenging himself and completing homework

Well Done!



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HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB 🌈

Looking for something fun, positive and a little different for the children this half term?

Our MiniMe Mindfulness® Holiday Club is coming to Silkmore Family hub 🧡

A fun-filled session where children can enjoy creative activities, games, stories and positive mindfulness and mindset techniques — all designed to help them build confidence, recognise emotions and develop practical tools they can use in everyday life.

- ✨ Fun & interactive activities
- ✨ Mindfulness & mindset games
- ✨ Stories, creativity & play
- ✨ Positive tools children can take away with them
- ✨ A welcoming, child-first environment

Places are limited, so if you'd like your child to join us this half term, send me a message or book here:

<https://minime-mindfulness-stafford.classforkids.io/camp/2>

Come along, have fun and discover some Superpowers along the way! ✨

MiniMe Mindfulness® – teaching positive mindfulness and mindset techniques in a fun and innovative way.

