

Newsletter



Love Live & Learn

08th October 2026

Issue 02



Headteacher's message

Dear Families,

We have been busy getting ready for Harvest here at All Saints this week, and we are really looking forward to welcoming you into school on Monday morning. We can't wait to see the wonderful donations that our families have collected to support the brilliant charity House of Bread. The children have been thinking carefully about how they can help others who may not be as fortunate as themselves. This links beautifully with our Christian values and our commitment to "treating our neighbours as we wish to be treated."

We will continue this theme on Friday, when we take part in Hello Yellow Day, raising awareness and supporting Young Minds and children's mental health. Our own 'Happy Clothes' Day actually grew from this annual event five years ago, when our children told us that wearing their own clothes made them feel safe, happy and more comfortable in school – and that this helped them to focus and get on with their learning. It has become a lovely tradition at All Saints! Finally, we will also be supporting Breast Cancer Awareness by raising money at our coffee morning immediately after the Harvest Service on Monday. Our staff will be joining in too, wearing pink to mark 25 years of this fantastic charity on the last day of term. It is wonderful to see our children learning that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference to others. We are incredibly proud of the compassion, generosity and care they continue to show. It was also wonderful to receive such a positive inspection experience last week. Your children certainly did us proud, as did the staff and parents of All Saints. I look forward to sharing the report with you as soon as it is out.

Best wishes

Mrs Scott



Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of friendship and the people who bring joy, support, and laughter into our lives.

Lord, teach me how to be a true and faithful friend. Give me the wisdom to surround myself with people who encourage me to grow in kindness and truth.

May our connections reflect your love and bring comfort to one another.

Amen.

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
- Whole School Trip to Hocker Hill 25th November
- 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

Reminders

Attendance



Attendance Matters – Every Day Counts - As we move through the school year, we would like to take this opportunity to remind all families about the importance of regular school attendance. We are very proud that our whole-school

attendance is currently 96%, and we want to work together to ensure that we maintain this strong level of attendance and do not fall below 95%. Every day in school matters. Regular attendance supports pupils not only with their learning and progress, but also with their friendships, routines and wider development. Even a small number of missed sessions can add up over time and can have an impact on a child's learning. Holidays During Term Time, we kindly ask all families to be mindful when planning holidays and other trips. Holidays taken during term time will not normally be authorised, and unauthorised absence can have an impact on your child's individual attendance as well as our overall school attendance figures. Wherever possible, please plan family holidays during the school holidays so that your child does not miss valuable learning time. Medical and Other Appointments, we appreciate that appointments are not always available at a convenient time and that families may have little choice over the appointment offered. However, wherever possible, please try to arrange appointments outside of school hours. If an appointment during the school day is unavoidable, please provide the school with the relevant details. Where the timing allows, we would encourage parents and carers to bring their child into school for the morning or afternoon register before taking them to their appointment, and to return them to school afterwards where possible.

For example, if your child has a mid-morning appointment, they can attend school for the morning registration before being collected for their appointment.

Likewise, if your child has an afternoon appointment, they should attend school for the morning and return to school afterwards if the timing allows.

We really want every pupil to have the opportunity to receive both their morning and afternoon attendance mark each day.

This helps us to maintain accurate attendance records and, most importantly, ensures that pupils have as much time in school as possible.

Every session counts, and even a short period of attendance can make a difference.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain our high attendance standards. By working together, we can ensure that our pupils have the best possible opportunity to learn, make progress and enjoy all that school has to offer.

Hello Yellow

It's that time of year again when we dig out our yellow clothes and support World mental health day! On Friday 9th October children (and adults) are invited to come to school

dressed in as much yellow as they like, could be head to toe, could just be one item, to raise awareness of this import day. Any non yellow items should be school uniform, e.g. a yellow cardigan replacing a red one, a yellow pair of socks with their uniform or if you want to go bold, a full yellow onesie!!

Harvest Service

We are pleased to invite families to join us for our Harvest Service at church on Monday 12th October at 8:55am.

Parents and carers are very welcome to attend.

Following the service, we would love you to join us back at school for a coffee morning. It will be a lovely opportunity to come together, enjoy a cup of coffee and have a chat.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Parents Evening

Our Parents' Evening will take place on Monday 19th October, from 3:30pm–5:30pm.

Further details, including information about booking appointments, will be shared with parents and carers via ClassDojo shortly.

We look forward to meeting with you and discussing how your child has settled in this year.

Pumkin Disco

We're looking forward to our Pumpkin Disco on Friday 23rd October, from 2:30pm–3:45pm! It's also Happy Clothes Day, so children can come to school wearing whatever they wish and be ready to party at the disco! Nursery pupils will finish the Disco at 3:20pm as usual. Tickets can be purchased from the Main Office. We're looking forward to a fun-filled afternoon of music, dancing and pumpkin-themed fun!

Half Term & Inset Day

A reminder that we will break up for half term on Friday 23rd October after the disco. We hope all our families have a lovely and restful half-term break!

Please note that school will be closed to all pupils on Monday 2nd November for an INSET (staff training) day.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 3rd November



School Uniform

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers that school ties are an important part of our school uniform. We have noticed that an increasing number of children are forgetting to wear their ties or are coming to school without them. Please could you help by reminding your child to check they have their full school uniform, including their tie, before leaving home each morning.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain our smart school uniform.

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

Robins have been very busy on their learning journey! In Maths, we have been training our brains to subitise numbers to 5, recognising quantities without needing to count each object. Our focus text has been *The Ugly Duckling*, which has inspired lots of wonderful conversations about how we are all unique and what makes us special. The children have particularly enjoyed looking at baby photos and talking about how they have changed and grown throughout their lives. We have continued our writing journey, with Nursery focusing on pre-writing shapes and Reception labelling their drawings using the correct initial sounds. Reception have wowed Mrs Peck with their fantastic phonics knowledge and are now beginning to independently decode CVC words. Nursery children continue to enjoy Rhyme Time, developing a growing repertoire of familiar rhymes. In RE, Robins have been learning about the Creation Story and have enjoyed creating beautiful world plates to show the wonderful things God created. We have also been learning to recognise our emotions and develop strategies to help us regulate them, so that we can remain calm and "green", just like the Colour Monster. What a busy, exciting and enjoyable time of learning it has been in Robins! We are so proud of how much the children are learning and growing each day. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for sharing in your child's learning journey with us. It is a joy to see the children growing in confidence, curiosity and independence, and we look forward to another week full of fun, learning and special moments together.



Sparrows Class

Sparrows have been busy exploring, creating and learning together! In Art, we have been exploring line art and using a range of different materials to investigate colour, shape and texture. The children have also created some fantastic large-scale collaborative artwork, working together in groups and using music as a stimulus. Their wonderful creations are now proudly displayed in our classroom for everyone to enjoy! In Science, we have continued our learning about plants. We ventured around the school grounds on a leaf hunt, collecting and identifying different trees by looking closely at their leaves. We have learned about deciduous and evergreen trees and used the leaves we collected to create our own beautiful leaf rubbings. In RE, we have continued learning about the Creation Story and explored why Christians say thank you to God at Harvest. The children wrote and decorated their own thank you prayers, which we brought together to create a special Harvest prayer basket. It has been another wonderful week of creativity, curiosity and teamwork in Sparrows. We are so proud of the children and the enthusiasm they show for their learning. Thank you for your continued support at home — it makes such a difference, and we love sharing these special learning moments with you!



Doves Class

The Doves have been busy developing their skills and knowledge across a range of subjects this week. In Art, we have been refining our sketching skills, taking inspiration from a range of different artists. We have also been creating our own botanical pieces using seeds and bulbs. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of addition and subtraction, building confidence when using number lines and part-part-whole models to help us solve problems. In English, we are developing our fact-finding skills as we learn all about rivers, finding and recording information to support our learning. In Geography, we have been exploring volcanoes and thinking about why people might choose to live near them, despite the potential risks. In Music, we have been enjoying our weekly ukulele sessions with Mr Dean. The children love learning new songs and, of course, performing them!



Eagles Class

Eagles have had a really busy few weeks and have worked incredibly hard! We were especially proud of them during our SIAMS inspection, where many pupils spoke confidently with the inspectors and proudly shared their books and learning with Mrs Goddard, our inspector.

In English, we watched the animated film adaptation of *How to Train Your Dragon* and enjoyed a special movie morning. We have also taken part in lots of exciting drama-based lessons, including role play, freeze frames and hot-seating characters, which have helped us to develop our confidence and explore characters in greater depth.

In Maths, we have been learning how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. Although this was sometimes tricky, we persevered and kept practising! We have now moved on to negative numbers and are learning how to count through zero.

In Geography, we have been comparing the Alps with Bednall, looking at both physical and human geographical features and considering the similarities and differences between the two environments.

In Art, we have been refining our drawing techniques and developing our skills. We have also been very lucky to take part in practical investigations each week in Science as part of our Mixtures and Solutions unit.

Well done, Eagles, for all your hard work, enthusiasm and perseverance over the past few weeks!

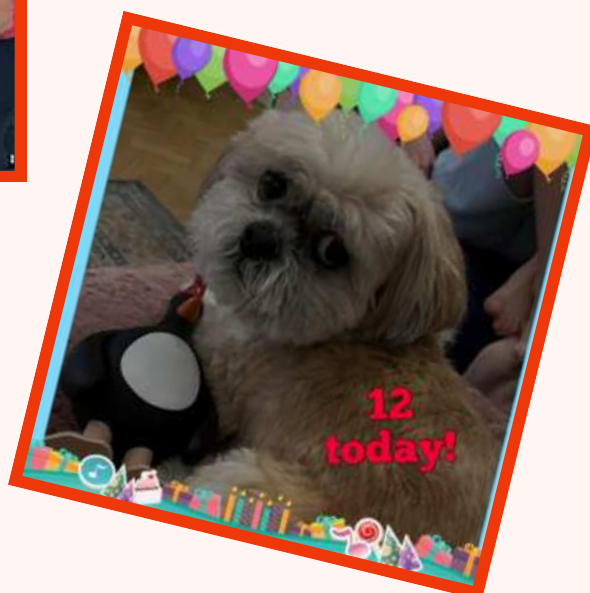
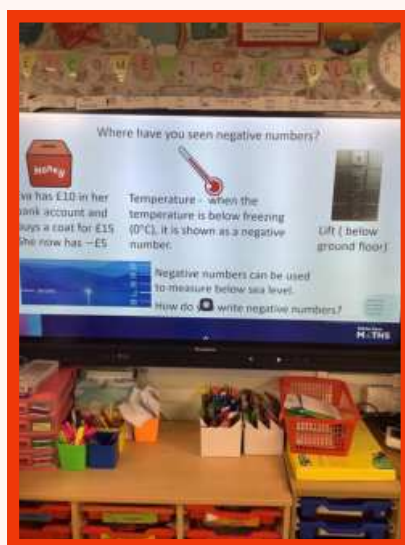


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Recognition Achievements

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 25th September - Presented to: Max - for this excellent start to the school year, great attitude and care for his classroom.
Talia - for explaining how Noah's trust in God teaches us to believe in him
Walter - for helping his friends during Computing
WC 2nd October - Presented to: Darcie - for always showing kindness and generosity

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 25th September - Presented to: Connie for talking to positively about meditation club
WC 2nd October - Presented to: Archie - for getting everybody excited about nature (sharing his conkers)

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 25th September - Presented to: George - for asking for help to write a quality sentence
Francesca - always being an enthusiastic learner
WC 2nd October - Presented to: Julian for applying his scientific knowledge.

Well Done!



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.





SUPPORT FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Are you looking for support with:



School attendance



Behaviour



Ruptures in relationships

A supportive space using a Circle of Security approach

Babies and children who are not in school are welcome. Activities will be provided.

Children remain under their parent or carer's supervision.



Monday 12th
October
at 11am



Rugeley
Community Centre



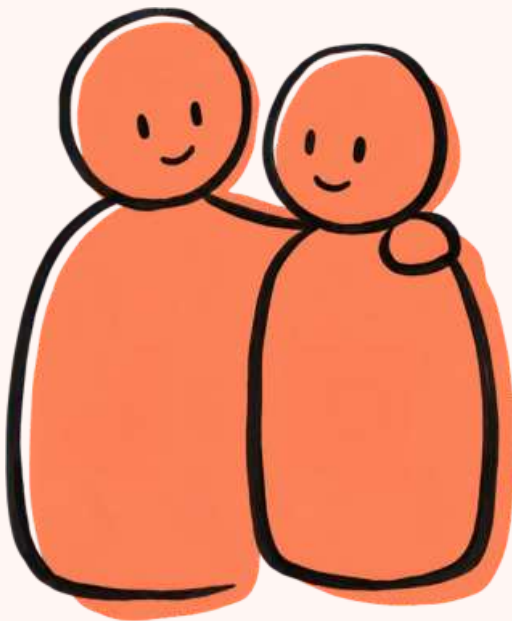
Tea, coffee & cake

A safe space to pause, reflect and feel supported.



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Use the link in this poster to register your interest or contact office@seincic.co.uk to arrange a call.



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HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

October Half-Term Holiday Clubs

Get set for a bee-rilliciant week filled with creepy crafts, scary science experiments, spooky sports and frightfully fun parties.

Join the same fang-tastic Bee Active team (now LSC) this October Half-Term, at all your favourite venues, including;

Veritas Primary Academy
Weston Rd, Stafford ST18 0FL

Tuesday 27th – Friday 30th October
08:00 – 17:00 (Half days also available)
Reception – Year 6
From £16.77

BOOK NOW



BEE ACTIVE
Part of **LSC**

wearelsc.co.uk 0800 032 1806 info@wearelsc.co.uk
We accept a variety of childcare vouchers & tax-free childcare schemes
*We are closed Monday 29th October for a team training day

What to expect

Magic Monday (Closed)
The Bee Active (now LSC) team will be attending a day-long training session to ensure our clubs remain the best in town.

Terrifying Tuesday
Mummy races • Haunted mask making • Quidditch • Potion brewing

Wicked Wednesday
Witches hat constructions • Monster hunts • Spooky sensory bottles • Football

Thrilling Thursday
Inflatables • Biscuit decorating • Haunted Lego • Basketball

Frightful Friday
Pumpkin making • Halloween party (Come in fancy dress, treats, music & party games)

BOOK NOW



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SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS & GPs **NHS**

CAMHS

CRISIS & INTENSIVE SUPPORT TEAM
Support • Advice • Guidance

AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK | 9:00am – 10:00pm

CALL NHS 111 → OPTION 2
Before directing any child or young person under 18 to A&E

STOP & CALL FIRST
If you are concerned about the mental health of a child or young person under 18, please contact our CAMHS Crisis & Intensive Support Team to speak to a CAMHS Practitioner before directing them to hospital.

OUR AIM
To reduce avoidable attendances at local A&E departments and ensure children and young people receive the right support, in the right place, at the right time.

HOW WE CAN HELP

- Mental health advice and guidance
- Risk assessment support
- Clinical support and intervention
- Assistance in determining whether an A&E attendance is appropriate

AFTER 10PM
Calls will be answered by a call handler who will ensure CAMHS receives the information for appropriate follow-up the next morning.

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CONTACT CAMHS BEFORE REFERRING UNDER 18s TO A&E

APFT Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
together we are making life better for our communities

MCSS Church You are warmly invited to...



Pumpkin Praise

Saturday 31st October, 2 – 4pm
In All Saints Church, Bednall

A fun, creative session for children of all ages, celebrating All Saints, with a variety of creative activities, storytelling, crafts and singing.

For full details and to book your place
please contact Alison via aprimrose@talktalk.net or 07794 515142

Come and join the fun! Everyone is welcome
(Children to be accompanied by an adult)

Fun Faith Food Family