*'For each one of us to shine with God's light, believing we can make a difference in His world' • Based on Matthew 5:16*

# All Saints, Carshalton Newsletter

## September • 2026

*Our new Sensory Garden is coming together…*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

*Welcome to a New School Year!*

*It has been absolutely wonderful to welcome everyone back to All Saints for the start of another exciting school year. A particularly warm welcome goes to all of our new children and families joining the All Saints community for the first time. We are so pleased to have you with us and hope that you have already begun to feel part of our very special school family.*

*We have had a wonderfully positive start to the new school year. It has been a joy to walk around the school and see children so engaged, enthusiastic and excited about their first learning experiences in their new year groups. There is such a lovely buzz around the school as everyone settles into new routines, meets new teachers and begins the year with a fresh sense of purpose.*

*We have started the year by thinking carefully about our school vision and what it means to put this into practice every day. Our first value this year is Peace, and it has been wonderful to see the children already thinking about how they can bring peace to our school through their words, actions and relationships with others. We are also getting ready to announce our first Value Ambassadors of the new school year, so keep an eye out for this exciting announcement in our October newsletter!*

*There has already been plenty happening across the school. Year 2 enjoyed a special cinema experience to launch their new learning, while our Year 4 and Year 6 children have begun their*

*weekly swimming sessions. These sessions are not only great fun, but provide children with such important life skills, helping them to develop confidence and safety in and around water.*

*We have also enjoyed working with Sutton Schoolswork, who have led a fantastic workshop with Year 1 as well as a collective worship session for the whole school. Mrs Smail and Mr Stocker have welcomed parents into school for workshops about phonics, while Miss Brimson has held her first "Meet the SEND Team" coffee morning of the new school year. It has been wonderful to see so many opportunities for children, staff and families to learn and work together.*

*We have also been busy welcoming prospective new families and showing them around our school. It has been a real pleasure to showcase what makes All Saints such a special place to learn, and, of course, our wonderful children are the very best ambassadors we could ask for!*

*There is lots more to look forward to over the coming weeks. We are already preparing for our Harvest Festival next month, Year 3 are excited about their upcoming Sutton Schoolswork workshop, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone's best smiles for school photograph day!*

*Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a fantastic start to the year, and I am looking forward to all that we will achieve together. I hope you enjoy reading about some of the wonderful things that have been happening across our school in this month's newsletter.*

*Keep shining your lights brightly, All Saints!*

*Laurielle Jackson*

*Headteacher*

## NEXT MONTH– Some key dates for you

- Friday **2nd October** – Individual school photos – Say cheese!
- Tuesday **6th October** – Harvest Festival at All Saints Church 9:30am
- Friday **16th October** - Year 6 Educational Visit – Imperial War Museum
- Wednesday **21st October** – PTA Non-Uniform Day (Rainbow Hampers)
- **26th – 30th October** – HALF TERM

## DON'T MISS

Our **Harvest Festival** Celebrations for children in Years 1-6 take place at 9:30am in All Saints Church on Tuesday 6th October. The children would love to share this special occasion with you if you are able to join us!

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# This term at a glance

**KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM**

| DATE | WHAT'S HAPPENING |
|---|---|
| Friday 2nd October | Individual School Photographs – All Day |
| Friday 2nd October | Year 3 Sutton Schoolswork Workshop – 9:00 am |
| Tuesday 6th October | Harvest Festival Service at All Saints Church – 9:30 am |
| Wednesday 7th October | School Tour for Prospective New Families – 9:15 am |
| Thursday 8th October | Year 6 Height and Weight Screening - Morning |
| Wednesday 14th October | School Tour for Prospective New Families – 9:15 am |
| Friday 16th October | Year 6 Imperial War Museum Trip |
| Tuesday 20th October | Isle Of Wight Year 6 Parent's Meeting – 5:00 pm |
| Monday 26th – Friday 30th October | Half Term Holiday |
| Tuesday 2nd November | All Saints Day Church Service for the Children – 9:30am |
| Friday 6th November | School Tour for Prospective New Families – 9:15 am |
| Tuesday 10th November | Year 6 Year Group Assembly – Remembrance Assembly – 9:10 am |
| 18th – 20th November | Y5 High Ashurst Residential Visit |
| Tuesday 24th November | Parents' Evening (Year 1-6) – 3:30-6:30 pm |
| Thursday 26th November | Parents' Evening (Year 1-6) – 3:30-6:30 pm |
| Friday 27th November | INSET DAY |
| Friday 11th December | Children's Christmas Lunch |
| Wednesday 16th December | KS2 Christmas Carol Service at All Saints Church – 6:00 pm |
| Thursday 17th December | Last Day of School for the Autumn term – Finish at 1:30pm |
| Friday 18th December | INSET DAY |

# PTA Events

| KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM | |
|---|---|
| **DATE** | **WHAT'S HAPPENING** |
| Wednesday 21st October | PTA Non-Uniform Day for Rainbow Hampers – All Day |
| Wednesday 18th November | Happy Bags Collection - PTA |
| Friday 4th December | PTA Non-Uniform Day for Tombola Raffle Prizes |
| Saturday 5th November | PTA Christmas Fair |
| Monday 7th December | Christmas Pantomime Provided by the PTA |
| Monday 14th December (TBC) | PTA Christmas Discos |
| Date TBC | Reception Christmas Crafternoon Actvties |

# Music Events

| KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM | |
|---|---|
| **DATE** | **WHAT'S HAPPENING** |
| Wednesday 9th December | Winter Music Concert |
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# Prayer & reflection

## SEPTEMBER'S PRAYER

**A prayer for peace and new beginnings**

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for the gift of a new school year and for the wonderful community of children, families and staff that make our school so special.*

*As we settle into new routines, new classrooms and new beginnings, help us to remember that we are never alone. Fill our school with your peace, so that every child feels safe, valued, loved and ready to learn.*

*Help us to put our school vision into practice each day. May we each **shine with your light**, through our words, our actions and the way we care for one another. Give us the courage to be kind, the patience to listen, and the wisdom to choose peace when things are difficult.*

*Bless our families as they begin this new chapter together. For those who are starting school for the first time, bring excitement and reassurance. For those returning, bring a sense of belonging and confidence. Help parents and carers to feel part of our school family and give them peace as they support their children through all the changes and challenges that a new year can bring.*

*Guide us throughout this year, Lord, and help us to make a difference in your world, one small act of kindness and peace at a time.*

***"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."***
*Matthew 5:9*

*Amen.*

## MEMORY VERSE - PEACE

## Welcoming out new Deputy Head Teacher and our Assistant Head Teacher 🌟 Congratulations to Mrs Bramble 🌟

We are delighted to welcome our new Deputy Head, Mr O'Connor, and Assistant Head, Mr Stocker! 🌟

Mr Stocker is continuing his journey at All Saints in a new leadership role, while Mr O'Connor is joining our school for the first time. We are excited about the experience, enthusiasm and dedication they are bringing to our leadership team. Please join us in giving them both a very warm welcome! 👋📚

CONGRATULATIONS MRS BRAMBLE!

As the children returned to school, we also celebrated that Mrs Bramble, our Catering Manager, has completed 25 years' service at All Saints Carshalton by presenting her with flowers and a token of thanks for all the students, staff and Governors. We also calculated that Mrs Bramble has prepared, cooked and served (with her team) more than 1.3 million school meals for our pupils over the past 25 years – what an achievement – congratulations Mrs Bramble.👩‍🍳🥣✨

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# Celebration time!

## GOLDEN BOOK

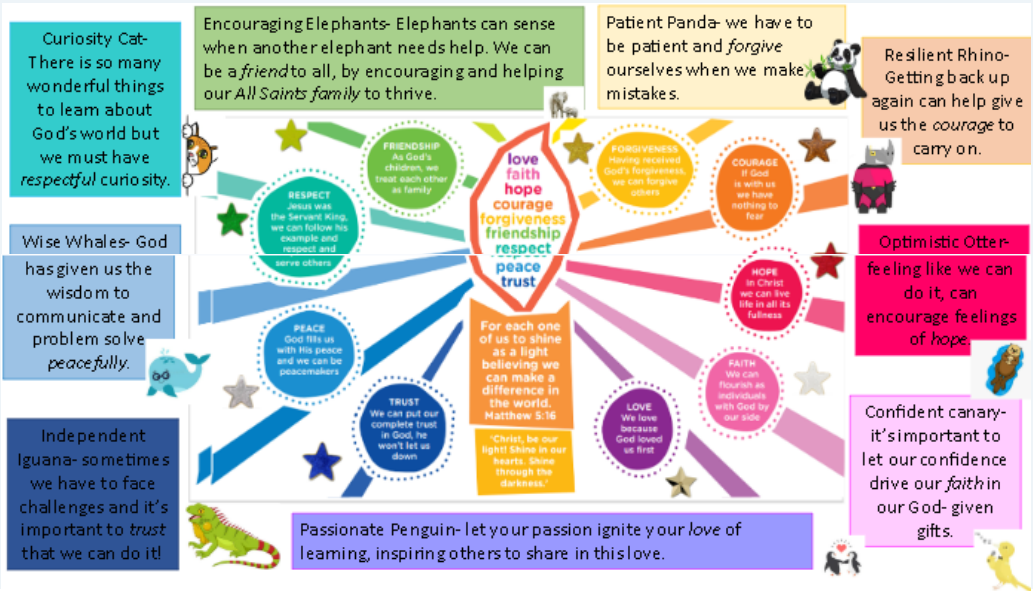
### SEPTEMBER'S GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS

**Reception**
Puffins – Arthur
Sparrows –
**Year 1**
Chaffinches – Joespehine, Jacob N, Elodie
Woodpeckers – Reuben, Erin, Jacob S
**Year 2**
Skylarks – Daisy, Alfie, Rudy
Wrens – Adrian, Lois, Rowan
**Year 3**
Hazel – Kelly, Alberta, Lukas F
Rowan – Shay, Robyn
**Year 4**
Oak – Davie, Dora, Finley
Willow – Yassin, Polly, Grayson
**Year 5**
Ash – Ebenezer, Janaya, Ayla
Beech – Henry, Lourenco, Ethan
**Year 6**
Elm – Ethan, Iris, Star
Juniper – Danielle, Jameel, Shelby

### WHAT WE ARE CELEBRATING?

Every week, we celebrate the amazing things our children (and staff) at All Saints do.
One way we celebrate is through our Golden Book Certificates. Children are put into the golden book on a Friday for showing our school values (Love, Faith, Hope, Courage, Forgiveness, Friendship, Respect, Peace and Trust) or through showing our Building Learning Powers – BLPs, which link with our school values – Passionate Penguin (Love), Confident Canary (Faith), Optimistic Otter (Hope), Resilient Rhino (Courage), Patient Panda (Forgiveness), Encouraging Elephant (friendship), Curiosity Cat (Respect), Wise Whale (Peace) and Independent Iguana (Trust).

## SPECIAL AWARDS – Christian Values and Building Learning Powers



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# Reception

## We have been exploring Autumn!

In Reception, we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about and exploring all things Autumn.

The children have been developing their creativity by using a variety of autumnal objects to paint with, experimenting with different marks, patterns and textures, while also exploring colour mixing.

We have been busy sorting, comparing and weighing autumnal objects, encouraging the children to explore different textures, sizes, groups and weight. The children have also enjoyed searching for leaves that are beginning to show signs of autumn. They used their findings to create beautiful collages and pictures outdoors, using natural materials to inspire their creativity and imagination.

It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in exploring the changes that autumn brings to our environment.

**We would like to welcome all of our new families and children in Reception:**

**Sparrows**

Welcome to: Amara, Amelia, Asa, Asya, Audrey, Charlie, Dua, Erica, Erin, Hayley, Iris, Isaac, Leo, Mae, Maria, Nana-Hemaa, Noah, Órla, Rayyan, Reggie, Roman R, Roman W, Rory, Sebastian, Sidney, Sofia, Tabby, Teo, Theodore and Tina.

**Puffins**

Welcome to: Abby, Amelia, Amélia, Arthur, Blake, Charis, Cheick-Lansane, Elorm, Emme-Rose, Evelyn, Evie, Ezra, Finn, Giovanna, Grace, Isabelle, Jacob, Josephine, Luna, Margot, Max, Maya M, Maya R, Nathaniel, Olive, Rex, Sofia, Stephen, Tommy-Lee and Zachary.

**It is lovely to have you all in our school in reception this year. We hope you all have a fabulous year with us.**

**Welcome to All Saints!**

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# Year 3

## How can we learn from the past?

We had an exciting start to our new theme, exploring how we can learn from the past. The children took on the role of archaeologists and got hands-on with an unusual excavation, digging up 'poo' to investigate whether it could have come from the Tudor, Roman or Viking period.

In Art, we have been learning about how people created art during the Stone Age. We discovered that Stone Age people used natural resources to make their artwork and painted pictures on the walls and inside of caves. We looked at the famous 'hand-cave' paintings and then recreated our own versions. It was exciting to imagine what it might have been like to be an artist thousands of years ago!

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# Year 4

## Year 4 have been very creative!

Year 4 has had a very creative start to the term! In Art we have been making our own mood boards, inspired by the colours and textures of animals and plants that belong in the UK Woodland. We are working towards designing our own pattern inspired by a woodland animal or flower! We can't wait to see our fabrics of nature!

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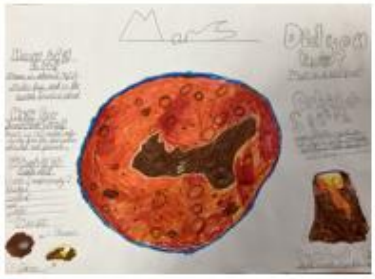
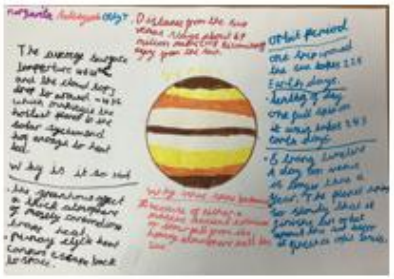
# Year 5

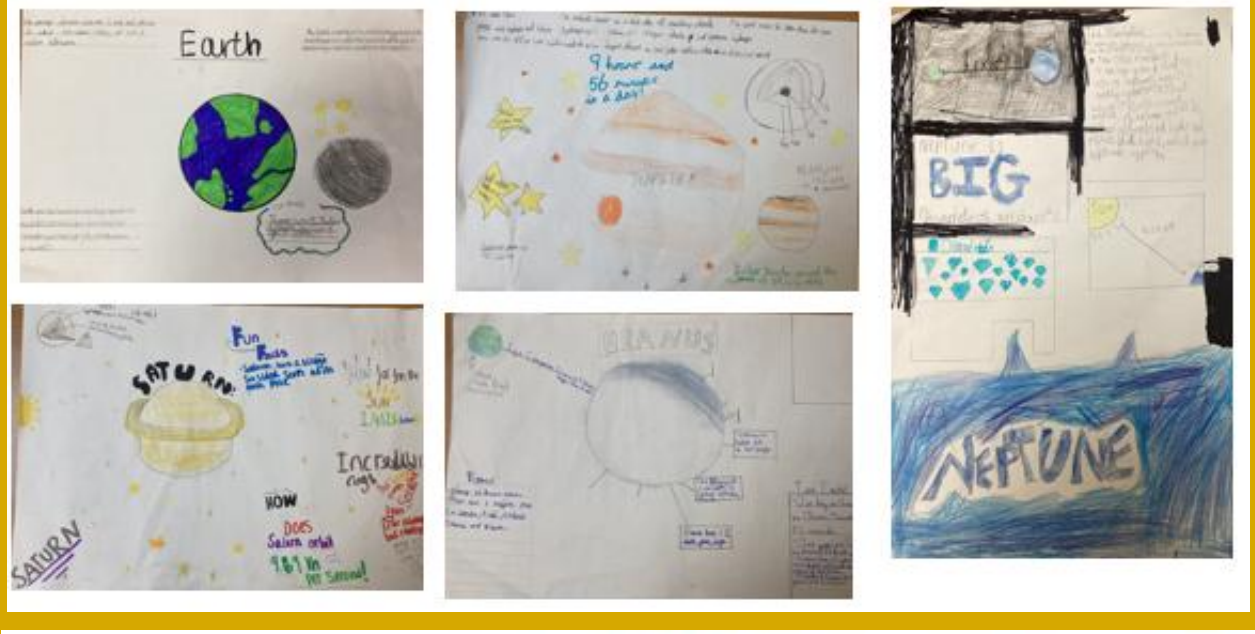
## Vision Week followed by Planets Computing and Art

What a fabulous start to the new school year we have had. Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed participating in a variety of activities, allowing them the opportunity to reflect and set new goals for the year. For our local community project, the children each designed positive affirmation cards for the adults in school. Each card included a kind and uplifting message, designed to brighten someone's day. The aim for our community project was to spread positivity and making staff smile with the children's thoughtful words and creative designs.

What an exciting start to our theme 'To Boldly Go'! Year 5 have shown enthusiasm and inquisitiveness about our theme, particularly when learning about the different planets within our solar system. In groups, they researched one of the planets and created an informative poster to share with their peers, we learnt so many new facts! This also inspired us to recreate a planet in the solar system, using oil pastels!

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9 hours and 56 minutes in a day!
BIG
NEPTUNE
SATURN
Fun
Facts
HOW
DOES
Saturn orbit
the Sun?

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# Dates & contacts

## TERM DATES

| KEY DATES | AUTUMN TERM 2026 | SPRING TERM 2027 | SUMMER TERM 2027 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **INSET DAY** | Wed 2nd September | Mon 4th January | |
| **First day of term** | Thurs 3rd September | Tues 5th January | Monday 12th April |
| **INSET DAY** | | Fri 12th February (MAT) | **Bank Holiday – Mon 3rd May** |
| **HALF TERM** | **Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct** | **Mon 5th – Fri 19th Feb** | **Mon 31st May – Fri 4th June** |
| **INSET DAY** | Friday 27th November | | |
| **Last day of term** –*finish at 1:30pm* | Thursday 17th December | Thursday 25th March | Wednesday 21st July |
| **INSET DAY** | Friday 18th December | | Thursday 22nd July |

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