



# NEWSLETTER

Regular news updates from All Saints School, Lessingham

## KEY DIARY DATES

### May

- 2nd: Lower Juniors trip to Ancient House
- 10th: Yr 8 trip to Strangers Hall
- 17th: Pentathlon Sports Festival (selected students)
- 18th: Yr 7 trip to Norwich Castle
- 18th: Yr10 Philosophy and Ethics trip to Walsingham
- 22nd: Yr8 and 9 Sprints & Long Jump at UEA
- 29th-2nd June: Half term

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## Message from Ms Jones - Deputy Head - Curriculum Manager

“Stories are a powerful way of communicating ideas; they signpost our experiences, make sense of what we know, and create continuity. We learn by both hearing and telling stories and practicing life through stories.”

Mrs Fuller has created book boxes for each class to support the curriculum and it has been lovely on learning walks to see these being used across the school. Research shows that we learn faster and deeper and remember more effectively when we learn through stories.

“Storytelling helps with learning because stories are easy to remember...learning which stems from a well-told story is remembered more accurately, and for far longer, than learning derived from facts and figures.”

(Peg Neuhauser - Psychologist)

We keep stories at the heart of our curriculum all the way through the school, and are delighted to see students enjoying making links between fiction, non fiction and their lessons.

Please keep encouraging your young people to read at home, and to borrow books from the school library and the Norfolk Library services .

### A huge All Saints welcome to ...

- \* Mr Tom Lamb who joins us as the new Science Teacher and subject coordinator.
- \* Mrs Alison Holden-Standley who joins us as a Teaching Assistant

### Thank you

To all parents who joined us for the Spring Fayre and helped to make it such a fabulous day. There was a wonderful feeling around the school and students and staff all agreed the event was a huge success.

Please do visit the school website to see a snapshot of the day:

<https://www.allsaintslessingham.co.uk/2023/03/spring-fayre-2023/>

### Numbers to contact for help

- \* Ms Dangerfield: 07879 875925
- \* Ms Paffett: 07733 417296
- \* Norfolk children's support line:  
Text 07480 635060 or call  
0344 800 8029

Childline—any time:  
0800 1111

### Reminders

- If you think your child might be eligible for free school meals, or if you need help or advice, please get in touch with us and we will do our best to help.
- Please follow us on twitter . There is no need to sign up but you will get to see what is happening in school:  
[@ASLessingham](https://twitter.com/ASLessingham) / Twitter
- If your child is going to be absent from school, please remember it is a parental responsibility to call or email the office before 8.30am. Please also remember to inform the taxi in good time.

## Reading at All Saints School

### Fresh Start

On Monday 24th April, we had a visit from a Literacy Lead from Fresh Start to review our delivery of reading intervention. Our staff and students showed themselves to the best of their ability and our visitor was very impressed:

*"Thank you for a successful Development Day yesterday. It was clear that Fresh Start is well established in your school and I was so impressed by the positive and purposeful learning environments you and your staff have created for teaching reading. What a delight it was to visit!"*

We are working on developing online pathways to further boost reading fluency and will send details as soon as these are ready to share. We are very proud of the reading progress that has been made and it is wonderful to see the benefits of becoming a fluent reader having an impact across the curriculum.

Well done everyone - keep reading as widely and often as you can.

**A child who reads  
will be an adult  
who thinks.**



### Reading For Pleasure

At All Saints we promote 'Reading for Pleasure' across the whole school. What does this mean?

- Reading what you want to read, based on your own interests and preferences.
- Reading without worrying about being graded or judged.
- Having someone read to you whatever your age.

A reading reward scheme is run across the whole school where students can achieve bronze, silver and gold awards together with a money prize, termly trips are arranged to allow students to spend their prize money. Students can achieve credits for reading regularly at home (planners signed by an adult) and when they finish reading a book.

Please support our young people by encouraging any opportunity to read at home, this can be anything from reading recipes and instructions to sharing books and magazines. Any opportunity to read is a good one!



### Local Library Visits

As there is no longer a School Library Service at NCC, I am now working closely with our local library in Stalham to access books and resources to help support students across the school.

Over the course of the Summer Term all students will have the opportunity to visit the library and be registered on the Norfolk Library system. This will allow the students to access resources available from the library such as audio books and large print books.

Local Libraries are becoming a real hub of the community, with many resources, activities and events that can be accessed for free. For more information on the services provided follow the link below;

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries>

Kind Regards,

Mrs Fuller



## Year 8 and 9 Graffiti Art trip to Norwich

Well done year 8 and 9 for this afternoon's art trip. We took observational drawings of graffiti and street art and had some interesting conversations about the legality and ethicality of street art, whilst considering which artwork we enjoyed the most.



## CONGRATULATIONS ...

Anastasia had a fabulous weekend at the National Baton Twirling Competition at K2 arena in Crawley. Achieving 3rd place in Basic Strut and Poise, 2nd in Dance Twirl, Anastasia is also National Champion for under 13's in Para and Solo Twirl. Amazing results!



## Haiku Poems by Lower Juniors



The blossom blooming  
Like a baby bird hatching  
Flowers smell fragrant

*By Zac*



The lambs are hungry  
Lambs bleating quietly  
Mummy is resting

*By Jacob*



The baby bullfinch  
She was feeding her babies  
And feeding herself

*By Tommy-Lee*



Pink blossom blooming  
Blue tit sitting on a brunch  
Beautiful Spring time

*By Finn*



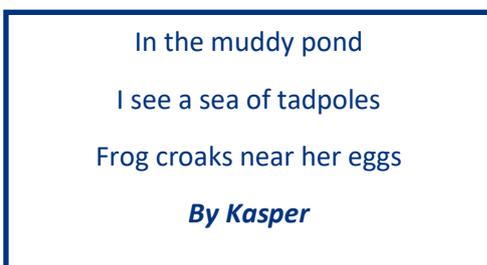
Tall trees in the woods  
Small purple flowers blooming  
Sun shines through the trees

*By Phoebe*



The flowers blooming  
Butterfly's getting nectar  
For its family

*By Daniel*



In the muddy pond  
I see a sea of tadpoles  
Frog croaks near her eggs

*By Kasper*