



NEWSLETTER

Regular news updates from All Saints School, Lessingham

KEY DIARY DATES

May:

- 5th: ** Bank Holiday **
- 6th: Whole school photo
- 8th: Juniors to Framlingham Castle
- 13th: Yr 8 to Gressenhall Farm
- 13th: Parent/Carer Form: Zones of Regulation
- 26th—30th ** Half Term **

June:

- 13th: Juniors trip to Buddhist Centre, Norwich
- 19th: Sports Day at UEA
- 25th: Yr 10 Royal Norfolk Show

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Numbers to contact for help

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Norfolk children's support line:

Text 07480 635060 or call 0344 800 8029

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Prior to the school ending for the Easter holiday I attended the Norfolk Schools Attendance conference. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of just how important regular school attendance is for your child's education and future.

Why Attendance Matters: Good attendance is essential if children are to take full advantage of school and gain the skills and knowledge they need for life. Missing even a few days can lead to gaps in learning, making it harder for your child to keep up and feel confident in class.

The Impact on Future Opportunities: Students who attend school regularly are far more likely to:

- Achieve strong GCSE or Vocational results
- Develop vital social and communication skills
- Access further education, apprenticeships or employment
- Build positive habits that last into adulthood

National data clearly shows a strong link between high attendance and academic achievement when comparing to young people with a similar profile or similar additional needs. Conversely, poor attendance can limit life chances.

How You Can Support Good Attendance:

- Encourage a positive night time and morning routine to ensure your child arrives on time and ready to learn.
- **Try** to book appointments (e.g. doctors, dentists) outside of school hours.
- Avoid term-time holidays, which can have a significant impact on your child's progress. Please remember we do already have more holiday than most schools.
- Let us know if there is a reason your child is struggling to attend – we are here to support you.

I truly do understand how hard it is for many of our students to be in school and do very much appreciate your efforts in ensuring your child attends school every day.

Together, we can give all our students the best start in life.

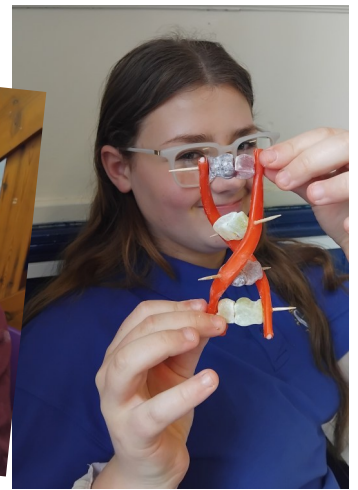
Parent and Carer social meet up



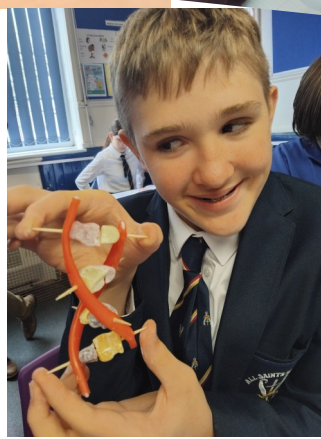
We know that many parents and carers have expressed an interest in having more opportunities to meet and connect with one another. In response, we've arranged a gathering at **Ingham Village Hall** on the last day of term – **Thursday 17th July** before the end-of-term church service being held at Ingham Church.

The hall will be open from **12:00 noon**, and we will be providing light **refreshments**. This will be a relaxed and informal chance to catch up with other families before walking together to the **end-of-term service** at the church, which will begin at **1:30pm**.

We hope you'll be able to join us and help make this a warm and friendly way to end the term.



They made DNA out of jelly babies in science!



COASTWISE

Year 8 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Cley Marshes to attend a presentation for their awards for the Creative Coastal Art competition. Our students won 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. A phenomenal achievement!

The winning entries and up to 20 shortlisted entries will be displayed in an exhibition at the Simon Aspinall Wildlife Education Centre within the Norfolk Wildlife Trust Visitors Centre in Cley until Monday 5th May 2025. The exhibition will then be in Sheringham Library from 16th May to 1st June should you wish to visit.



Reward Trip

At the end of last term, several students had a fabulous Reading Reward and House Point trip to Lathams of Potter Heigham, where they got to spend their reward money. We had lovely comments from the staff at Lathams about how polite and respectful the students were.

Looking forward to the next trip at the end of the Summer term.



Diversity

The Diversity group welcomed Sophie Reynolds from the LGBTQ+ project in Norwich for a diversity lunch.



Duxford trip

Yr9 and the Yr10 History students had a wonderful day at Duxford to support our learning about World War Two. Our plane enthusiasts were delighted to see Spitfires in the sky and we all felt lucky to visit a museum which is on the site where so much important Military History took place. Most of us greatly enjoyed an ice cream at the end of a very hot day too!

Our driver was very pleased to receive detailed directions of how to get there which Yr9 had prepared in an independent living skills lesson earlier in the week and our timings were spot on.

A brilliant day, with lots of concrete learning and many memories made with friends - curriculum enhancement at its best!



Year 11

Some of our year 11 students completed a Lego session teamwork challenge.

They had to complete a Lego build following the instructions exactly which is tricky enough but the real skill here was their teamwork and communication skills. They were given strict rules to follow in the roles they were given and they had to collaborate, encourage one another and problem solve to create this set together.

Mrs Jones was VERY proud of how they did it and the collaboration skills they demonstrated.





Juniors

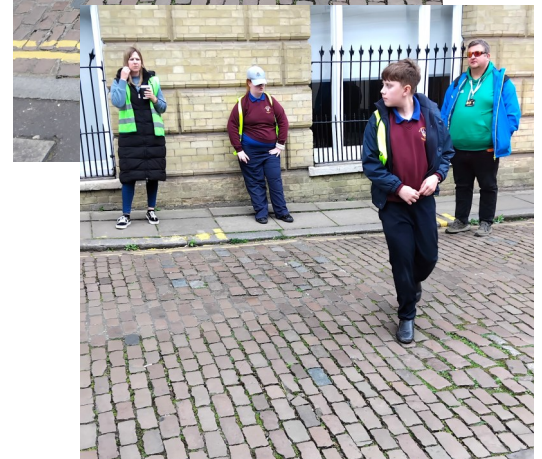


Our Junior students visited Strangers Hall and Elm Hill to look at buildings from the 14th century. They imagined what Norwich was like during the War of the Roses period.

The Upper Juniors made a resin replica of fossilisation in Science.



Upper Juniors also practised safely crossing the road as part of their independent living lessons.





Arc Maths 4+

GCSE revision, Age 11-16
ARC Education Ltd

ARC App

We would like to introduce parents to the ARC Maths App.

ARC Maths is an App which students can download and use at home on their own mobile phone or iPad (or other touch screen device) to support their Maths revision.

Students in Year 9 and Stage F Maths will be given login details for ARC Maths during the Summer term. Students in Year 10 and Year 11 have received their login and some have already been using ARC and are making good progress in their recall of Maths knowledge. Further information can be found on the ARC Education website:

<https://www.arceducation.co.uk/>

If you have any questions regarding ARC Maths please contact Clare van Gorp (Maths Teacher) via the office.



Sports Day– UEA SportsPark

Thursday 19th June

Whole School Sports Day—LJ-Yr10

- To register as a spectating parent or carer, please contact admin@allsaintslessingham.co.uk and you will then be provided with further details
- Arrival time for parents and carers is 9.50am (must park in SportsPark car park)
- Sports Day start 10am (first event 10.15am)
- Sports Day finish 1pm
- Indoor social space booked at UEA SportsPark from 1-2pm for lunch and to provide parents and carers the opportunity to socialise

Further information will follow in due course



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Reminder.....

Please remember we are a nut-free school and be mindful of the food your child is bringing in their bag. Thank you for your cooperation.

Family Voice Norfolk is the parent carer forum for Norfolk. They work with (not for) the local authority, health and social services to improve services for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and their families.

Click on the link to see their latest newsletter:

<https://account.epromailer.com/t/r-B3CE460A3B077222540EF23F30FEDED>



Flourish Awards 2025

The Flourish Awards are back for 2025 with nominations now officially open!

The awards recognise the people, projects, teams and organisations that have made outstanding contributions to helping children and young people in Norfolk to Flourish. Visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/flourishawards2025 to make a nomination using our quick and simple form.

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Any project, team, individual or organisation can be nominated by members of the public, other professionals or themselves.

Award winners will be decided by a panel of children and young people and parents.

There will be one winner, two finalists and two highly commended awards available within each of the 8 categories.

All of which will be announced at the very special presentation event taking place in September 2025.

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There are eight Flourish Awards up for grabs, each based on an area of children and young people's lives which are important to them.

Award Categories

- F The Family & Friends Award:** For outstanding contribution in supporting children and young people to understand and engage in healthy, safe relationships with friends and family.
- L The Learning Award:** For outstanding contribution towards helping children and young people achieve their full potential and develop skills which prepare them for life.
- O The Opportunity Award:** For outstanding contribution towards ensuring children and young people can access a wide range of opportunities which nurture their interests and talents.
- U The Understood Award:** For outstanding contribution towards ensuring children and young people feel listened to, understood and part of the decision-making that impacts them.
- R The Resilience Award:** For outstanding contribution towards helping children and young people develop the confidence and skills to make their own decisions and take on life's challenges.
- I The Individual Award:** For outstanding contribution towards ensuring children and young people are respected as individuals, confident in their own identity and appreciative of their own and others' uniqueness.
- S The Safe & Secure Award:** For outstanding contribution towards keeping children and young people safe from harm.
- H The Healthy Award:** For outstanding contribution towards helping children and young people understand decisions that impact their health and be empowered to lead their happiest and healthiest lives.

All About Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships & Opportunities Fair



3:30PM-7:00PM



Weds 18th June 2025



The Forum, Norwich, NR2 1TF

*Norfolks biggest
Apprenticeships
event!*



Speak to over 30 employers & training providers about apprenticeship opportunities.



Chat to real apprentices about their experiences



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