



NEWSLETTER

Regular news updates from All Saints School, Lessingham

KEY DIARY DATES

June:

25th: Yr 10 Royal Norfolk Show

July:

2nd: Yr 7 visit to local beach

3rd: Summer Fayre

10th: Whole School Pleasure Beach trip

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17th: Last day of term

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

In this newsletter, I'd like to take a moment to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our incredible teachers. Wednesday marked Thank a Teacher Day — a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the dedication, patience, and care our staff show every single day. Their impact on our school and each student's journey is truly invaluable.

I also want to give a special mention to everyone who played a part in making yesterday's Sports Day such a memorable event. Your enthusiasm, encouragement, and energy created a fun atmosphere for all our students — even in the heat!

A big thank you as well to all the parents and carers who came along to cheer on their young people. Your support and involvement helped make the day even more special.

To all our staff, parents, and carers — thank you for everything you do. It's a genuine privilege to be part of this wonderful community.

Summer Fayre

Thursday 3rd July 12.30-3.05pm

Please send your child friendly tombola prize donations to the school office.



Pleasure Beach Trip

We're excited for our upcoming trip to *Great Yarmouth Pleasure Beach* on **Thursday 10th July!**



- ◆ **Non-school uniform** for the day.
- ◆ Travel will be by **double-decker bus**.
- ◆ Please bring a **packed lunch as usual** and a water bottle which they will be able to refill.
- ◆ **No money** is needed — students will not be able to buy anything on the day.
- ◆ Please ensure your child has **sun cream on and a hat**.
- ◆ Every student will receive a **wristband for unlimited rides**. Those who prefer not to go on rides are welcome to spend time with friends instead.
- ◆ A **quiet room** will be available and staffed throughout the day for any students who need a calm space to relax.
- ◆ **Lunch will be eaten together** as a group. In case of bad weather, we have **two indoor rooms** booked.

We're looking forward to a fun and memorable day for everyone!

<https://pleasure-beach.co.uk/>

Numbers to contact for help

Ms Dangerfield: 07879 875925

Miss Paffett: 07733 417296

Norfolk children's support line:

Text 07480 635060 or call 0344 800 8029



Diversity

This term, students have been focusing on the Protected Characteristics LGBTQ+, sexual orientation and gender reassignment.

LGBTQ+ PROJECT

Supporting Norfolk and Waveney

To celebrate, the Diversity group have been busy preparing for Pride week in school. Sophie Reynolds from the LGBTQ+ project joined us for lunch and has made Pride badges, flags and Pride hearts with the students to raise awareness. Sophie has also given students Pride freebies.

We will be celebrating Norfolk Pride week from the 23rd of June. During next week, we will be hosting a Pride March in school and decorating Pride biscuits.

Why do we celebrate Pride week?

1. **Commemoration** – Honoring the courage of early activists who demanded recognition and rights.
2. **Visibility** – Promoting awareness and acceptance in society at large
3. **Community** – Celebrating LGBTQ+ identities with pride, joy, and solidarity.
4. **Activism** – Continuing to show our support for equality, diversity, and inclusion in law, policy, and daily life.

<https://lgbtqproject.org.uk/>



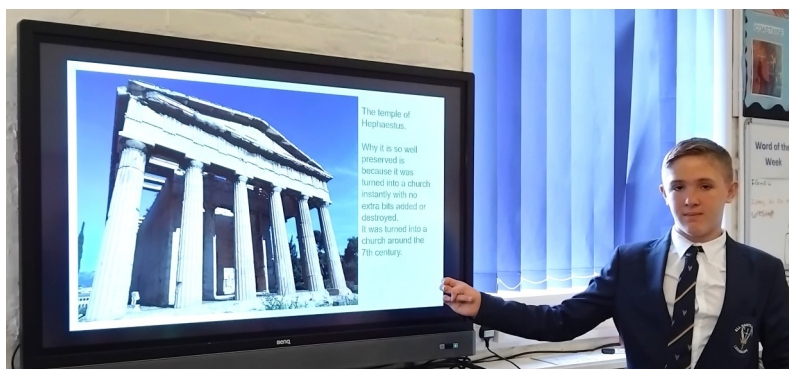
North Norfolk CC Library

On Wednesday 25th June, the Norfolk County Council Mobile Library Bus will be visiting us at All Saints,



All students in school on that day will get the chance to have a look on the bus. If your child has a library card, this can be bought into school so that they can borrow a book if desired. If your child does not have a library card, but would like to join the local library they can do so by returning the form sent out earlier today.

Please note that any books that are borrowed from the bus need to be returned to a local North Norfolk County Council Library.



Amazing Athens

Logan shared a fabulous and very interesting presentation to all the Yr 8 students of his recent trip to Athens.

Neurodevelopmental Service

There is now a new point of contact at the Neurodevelopmental Service for parents/carers of young people on the waiting list for an ASD/ADHD assessment.

Her role is to support parents in completing the NDS questionnaires, signpost to further support whilst waiting for assessment and to discuss concerns about the actual assessment process.

She **cannot** discuss individual waiting times or suggest whether a diagnosis will be given.

Contact details:

Louise Stevens

NDS Navigator

Phone: 01553 668712 Leave a message with the secretary who will pass it on.

Email: nds@nchc.nhs.uk

In the title of the email, write "FAO Louise Stevens" and it will be forwarded to her.



Enjoy another summer of the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun!

Launch into action-packed activities

from 23 July - 2 September
(excludes weekends and bank holidays)

Exciting news! **From next week**, you can sign your children up for some fantastic activities during the school summer holidays.

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) activity programme is run in partnership with Norfolk County Council.

We are happy to make referrals for families and all students are eligible for a free place, not just FSM.

Please contact Miss King kking@allsaintslessingham.co.uk if you want us to refer your child for free spaces, the sooner the better as popular ones do get booked up.

The cut off date will be **Friday 4th July** for any referrals.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun>



THE ★ NORWICH ★ DANDIES



The Norwich Dandies are an award-winning, community-driven arts collective who paint community inspired murals, deliver arts workshops, festivals and exhibitions.

They work with and for people of all ages and abilities, disabilities and from any background.

An amazing piece of art work which has transformed this once dull fence. Thank you so much for bringing a little bit of sunshine to our school.



Chief Scout's Gold Award



Congratulations to

Taylor

for completing their

Chief Scout's Gold Award

This is the top award for Scouts.
To achieve this award a Scout must have demonstrated that they are adventurous, have helped the community, shown leadership skills, worked in a team and completed 9 Scout Challenge Badges and 6 Activity Badges.

Signed: SKP

Date: 17/6/25

Scouts

SCOUTS

Well done...

Huge congratulations to Taylor who recently completed his 'Chief Scout's Gold Award'.

A fabulous achievement.



Independent Living Skills

Students have enjoyed learning about car maintenance in Independent Living Skills over the past few weeks.

Thanks to Mr Langley for sharing his expertise.



Buddhist Centre

The Lower and Upper Juniors enjoyed visiting the Buddhist centre and learning about the religion.



Sports Day

There are too many photos to include here, so please take a look on the school gallery page where more photos will appear in the next few days:

<https://www.allsaintslessingham.co.uk/2025/06/sports-day/>



Attendance

*All Saints School's whole school attendance for this year so far is 95.2% which is amazing.
Please help us to maintain this.*



Our Attendance Expectations

The Government expectation is that all children should attend school every day. We do understand that on occasion, illnesses cannot be helped. Our 'Should I Send My Child to School?' guide will help you decide. For example, if your child has a headache or tummy ache, please give them some pain killers and send them to school. We will always contact you if we are concerned and will support you to get them home if necessary.

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please let us know by **8.30am** every day. This absence will be recorded as an illness, but will affect your child's attendance percentage.

It is important that your child attends school to receive a good education. By law, as a parent or carer, you must make sure that if your child is aged between 5 and 16 (compulsory school age), they receive a suitable full time education. This means that your child should not have sessions of unauthorised absence.

During term times, your child should attend school regularly unless they are ill or the school has authorised their absence. School ensures that children have the best start in life and that they are equipped for succeeding both academically and socially so that they can achieve in their exams and manage relationships.

Tips for Parents and Carers

- Talk to your child about how important it is to attend school every day.
- Use open communication. For example: How was your day? What did you do today? What was your favourite lesson?
- If your child is trying to avoid school, find out why by opening lines of communication and reach out to school for support.
- Help your child to keep routines, for example in the morning and evening and for homework.
- Where possible, arrange medical appointments outside of school hours and ensure your child attends school before or after appointments.
- Post the school calendar dates on your refrigerator or another prominent place.
- Remember that habits are formed early.



Attendance Changes from the Government

The government has released new stronger measures to drive up school attendance and reduce persistent absenteeism (children with an attendance percentage of under 90%). There is a clear link between attendance and attainment and it is vital that our children and parents understand that 'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts.'

HOW ILL DO KIDS NEED TO BE TO NOT GO TO SCHOOL?



Requests for Leave of Absence

Schools may only grant leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. Please ensure we have full details. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis. Please complete our Leave of Absence form and return to Mrs Berryman in the office.

The Upper Juniors

Enjoyed recreating the digestive system in Science.



Lower Juniors

Were learning about the mission to the Moon and decided to try and explore the space themselves.



Year 8

Enjoyed a Geography trip to Wroxham studying the impacts of tourism.

Y8 discussed the legality and morality of graffiti we found around Wroxham.

We used the photos we took as a starting point for our own digital graffiti and mural designs.



Kindness

We have a real focus on kindness in and around school, Liv in Yr 9 wrote this essay about her thoughts on kindness.

In A World Where You Can Be Anything, Be Kind

'In a world where you can be anything, be kind' is a quote that is used to remind and encourage others that no matter who you are or what you do, your main priority as a person is to be kind. The quote could be used as a metaphor, as most quotes are, but I think it doesn't have to be used as a metaphor as in this world, and any world, you can and should be kind.

No matter how busy our lives get, no matter who you are and what you believe, kindness is a priority as it makes anyone feel better, no matter how simple the act.

Kindness and positivity is a chain, it is contagious. If one person compliments someone, that person will be happy and will compliment someone else, then that person will be happy and compliment someone else, it will be a never ending cycle.

Against this, many would argue that if everyone was kind and respectful, we wouldn't be able to point out and encourage kindness as we would get so familiar with kindness and it wouldn't be as important.

I understand both views, but I feel that people should be thoughtful and helpful without being asked, it should be a natural thing to do and there is no reason to be unpleasant.

At All Saints, we all try really hard to make school a welcoming and safe environment and ways we can keep that up is by holding the door open for other people, congratulating people on their good work and using kind words towards other people.

Lower Juniors are learning about the Windrush Generation. Students had to write poems about the long journey and the arrival at the docks of London.

I came from a land of dancing,
With a suitcase full of food,
The sea sang with waves,
And I sang back with fear,
The ship rocked like a storm,
But in my heart I felt strong,
When I reached the shore, I saw buses,
I smelled new food,
I heard new voices,
Now I dream of sunshine,
And sing my songs of home.

By Josh



I came from a land of mango trees,
With a suitcase full of memories.
The sea sang a soft melody,
And I sang back with hope and fear.
The ship rocked like a rowing boat,
But in my heart I felt a bit nervous.
When I reached the shore, I saw tall buildings,
I smelled fish fingers, I heard sea gulls.
Now I dream of my mum and dad,
And sing my songs of happiness.

By Poppy

I came from a land of mango trees,
With a suitcase full of precious memories.
The sea sang with a hopeful tune,
And I sang back with my face looking at the moon.
The ship rocked like the cradle of a baby boy,
But in my heart I felt courage, hope and joy.
When I reached the shore, I saw a crowd of joyful faces,
I heard strange accents, I smelled strawberry laces.
Now I dream of ripe mango fruit and sun,
And sing my songs of happiness and fun.

By Piper

I came from a land of sand and sea,
With a suitcase full of memories.
The sea sang songs of happiness,
And I sang back with songs of hope.
The ship rocked like a swing in a storm,
But in my heart I felt excited.
When I reached the shore, I saw grey smog and clouds,
I smelled salty air, I heard ringing of the harbour bell.
Now I dream of family,
And sing my songs of hope and sun.

By William



I came from a land of mango trees,
With a suitcase full of precious things.
The sea sang a beautiful melody,
And I sang back with hope and fear.
The ship rocked like a rocking chair,
But in my heart I felt joy.
When I reached the shore, I saw rain and darkness,
I smelled fried fish, I heard clapping
Now I dream of my family,
And sing my songs of hope and joy.

By Willow