



# St Saviour's

Church of England Primary School

AUTUMN 2 WEEK 2

**Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way that you think – Romans 12:2 NLT**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin this newsletter with a huge thank you to those of you who were able to attend our Black History Month celebration this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you at what was a great showcase of the work the children did last week. Some of the singing was especially fantastic, so thank you to those of you who joined in!

I would like to thank all of the children – and parents and carers – who took part in the optional art project over half-term. The results were amazing. Not for the first time, I was staggered by the creativity and ingenuity of the children. From leaf collages to painted sculptures, your creativity was breath-taking. Well done to everyone who participated.

I am thrilled to share some exciting events happening in the coming months. November and December are packed with activities designed to inspire and engage the children. Thanks to our brand-new mini piano keyboards, children Year 5 and year 6 will be learning to play Christmas classics this half-term. They will begin to learn some simple tunes and I am sure they will bring holiday cheer to the school very soon. Continuing on a musical note, the school will soon be filled with the vibrant sounds of African drumming when the children take part in an African drumming workshop in November. Each class will enjoy a session learning traditional drumming patterns. I am sure all of the children will enjoy this very hands-on experience. In December, the children will have the opportunity to participate in a Musical Theatre Workshop where they'll explore singing, dancing, and acting. It will be a fantastic way for children to gain confidence, express creativity, and have some fun with friends.

Next week, parent consultations will take place. If you have not booked an appointment, please be sure to do so. Consultations are the best opportunity to discuss your child's well-being, progress and development. Teachers will share insights, celebrate achievements, and work collaboratively with you to support your child's education. We look forward to seeing you there.

Many of you attended the online workshop led by the 2 Johns which we arranged. I hope you found this session informative. The sessions led during the day for the children were highly valuable and provided the children with a greater understanding of the risks online. If you were unable to join the online session, a recording is available (a link was sent to you in a separate letter).

Whole school attendance this week is 98.12% Thank you to all of you for ensuring that your child is in school on time and ready to make the most of the amazing opportunities at St. Saviour's.

I would like to close this week's newsletter with a quote from Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Best wishes,  
Mr Pitchford

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# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Many of you may have seen media coverage regarding the importance of school attendance and the increase in penalty notice tariff. Our school is working with the services of Education Welfare Advisory & Support Service Ltd who will be supporting us in monitoring attendance.

As a school, we want to support you but we will challenge and enforce irregular attendance without justifiable cause.

Please note, we will require medical evidence for absences of 5 days or more or where patterns of absences emerge. In addition, persistent lateness will be closely monitored and leaves of absence during term time will not be granted in accordance with government guidelines. If taken, a penalty notice will be served.

Please contact the school office if you would like any support with your child's attendance.

## ATTENDANCE AWARDS



Well done to  
**Y1 Jane Goodall**  
**100%**  
&  
**Y4 Maya Angelou**  
**99.07%**



who have won the attendance mascots  
this week.

# STARS OF THE WEEK



**Year 1**  
**Cody & Matilda**



**Year 2**  
**Arlen & Eliza**



**Year 3**  
**Sika & Reuben**



**Year 4**  
**Julian & Chabella**



**Year 5**  
**Ismahil & Josephine**



**Year 6**  
**Zaraa & Tyson**



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# PROGRESS CUP WINNERS

A huge well done to **Harlow & Shiloh** who are this week's Progress Cup winners!



**KS1**

**Harlow Y1**



**KS2**

**Shiloh Y4**

# PRESENTATION WINNERS

**Rosamund Y3**



**Milan D Y6**



# VALUE CARDS



Well done to **Robyn, Grace & Rudi** who have collected 5 value cards for consistently showing our school values.



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# Art Awards

Our art awards were divided into several categories to highlight different styles, themes, and techniques. Here are the winners:

**Oliver Y1 JG - Most Creative Use of Colour**



**Zahira Y3 RP - Creative Use of Texture**



**Ayla Y2 DA - Most Expressive**



**Nyiarah Y4 COP - Best Use of Space**



**Dylan Y2 DA - Most Detailed Artwork**



**Soraya Y2 EP - Best Nature Theme**



**Amaan Y4 MA - Best Use of Recycled Materials**



**Olivia Y3 RP - Best Abstract Design**



**Ilinca Y1 AE - Best 3D Artwork**



**Zayd Y3 AE - Best Use of Patterns**



**Josephine Y5 SH - Emerging Artist Award**



# REC CLASS CORNER

This week the reception children have been celebrating Black History Month, learning about inspirational Black British figures. This has been a wonderful opportunity for our children to think and talk about what and who inspires them.

They learned about Marcus Rashford, the footballer, Hamza Yasin, the photographer and Strictly Come Dancing winner, Mary Seacole the nurse, Lewis Hamilton, the racing driver and humanitarian, Dina Asher Smith, the fastest woman in British history and many more.



The children then decided on which person inspires them most and painted a portrait of them. They collaborated to create large works of art in the style of Alma Thomas, a female Black abstract artist, and made paper aeroplanes to support their learning about Bessie Coleman. Overall, it has been a really lovely week and celebration of autumn and what makes us unique and special.



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# PARENT CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1  Athlete Event	2	3
4	5	6	7 2 Johns Online Event	8  Book Fair Main Hall 3-30	9	10
11	12	13	14	15  Children in Need - Wear your pyjama's to School	16	17
Book Fair Main Hall 3-30						
18 African Drumming Workshop	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27  School Nurse Drop In	28	29	30	

## DECEMBER 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
2 Story Telling: Boy at the back of the class Y4	3	4  Professor Bubbleworks Rec - Y6	5 Animal Workshop Safari Pete Y2	6	7	8
9	10 Falconry Rec - Y6 	11 Christmas Panto Rec - Y6	12 Christmas Jumper Day 	13	14	15
16	17  Rec & Y1 Nativity	18	19 School finishes at 2:00pm	20	21	22
Christmas Half Term 20th Dec to 3rd Jan 2025						



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# Term Dates 2024- 2025



## **Autumn Term 2024**

### **First Half (32 Days)**

**INSET – Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th**

Start – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

End – Friday 18th October 2024

**Half Term: Monday 21st October-25th October**

### **Second Half (39 Days)**

Start – Monday 28th October 2024

End – Thursday 19th December 2024

**Holidays: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025**

## **Spring Term 2025**

### **First Half (29 Days)**

**INSET – Monday 6th January 2025**

Start – Tuesday 7th January 2025

End - Friday 14th February 2025

**Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025**

### **Second Half (30 Days)**

Start - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

End – Friday 4th April 2025

**Holidays: Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025**

## **Summer Term 2025**

### **First Half (23 Days)**

Start – Tuesday 22nd April 2025

End - Friday 23rd May 2025

**Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - Friday 30th May 2025**

**Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May 2025**

**Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (during Half Term)**

### **Second Half (37 Days)**

Start - Monday 2nd June 2025

End – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

**This calendar gives a total of 194 (190 pupil days plus 4 inset days – Staff to work twilight sessions to make up 1 inset day).**