



# All Saints' News

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Thank you to everyone who joined us for the parents evening meetings before half term. It was great to be able to welcome you into school and give you the opportunity to enjoy seeing your child's work as well as discuss their progress with the class teacher.

We had a very busy first week back to school last week. The children enjoyed their Wow days, where this half term's topics were launched in the usual engaging manner. You can find details of the current themes within this newsletter. The children in Year 2 upwards also completed some mid year testing in reading and maths. The tests are always carried out in a supportive environment where the children are reassured to not worry however try their best. Despite the staff carrying out regular ongoing assessment, the tests are a useful snapshot of assessment and the findings are used to inform future planning. Thursday brought an exciting World Book Day to All Saints'. Thank you for supporting the event by enabling your child to come dressed up as their favourite book character. Thank you also to Miss Hoggarth for her help in organising some of the World Book Day events. Have a great week everyone! Miss Jackson



## Values in Practice



**Thankfulness, Forgiveness, Courage, Community**

Who has demonstrated our RICHER vision and school values?



For winning the gold medal in the Panathalon final last Thursday. Demonstrating bucketfuls of **resilience, confidence, happiness and enthusiasm!**

Well done for passing your Grade 2 clarinet exam! You amazed us with your musical ability during our concert. It takes so much **perseverance and resilience** to learn an instrument.



**Resilient Independent Confident Happy Enthusiastic Respectful**

**Comic Relief**

On **Friday 18th March** we will be joining schools across the UK in a dressing-up day to remember – whether it's as Superman, Wonder Woman, a superhero of your own creation, or a local hero in your community.

The donation buckets will be on the playgrounds before school and we would be grateful of any donations.





**Diary Dates**

**March**

- 11th** - Staff Training Day - school closed to pupils
- 18th** - Comic Relief - children to come to school dressed as a 'superhero' for a voluntary contribution

**April**

- 8th** - Break up for Easter



### Nursery

"Find a little seed"

FS1 will be learning about plant and animal life cycles. We have already been outside and spotted signs of plants growing in our outdoor area. We will be planting seeds and looking at the roots growing as well as planting food we can eat!



### FS2/Reception

FS2 were surprised to find beanstalks growing in their classrooms, a giant letter and the biggest footprints they had ever seen! As part of our WOW day we found clues and started to learn the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Jack kindly delivered us some of his magic beans so we could plant our own beanstalks! As we begin to see signs of Spring we will be learning all about planting and growing with our topic 'Come Outside'.



### Year 1

We are Great Britain

Year 1 will be learning all about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and Queen Elizabeth II over this half term. We started the week looking at different castles and palaces from around the UK, including Buckingham Palace, we worked together to design, create and evaluate our own 3D castles. We also celebrated St. David's day and found out what it is like in Wales. We are looking forward to finding out much more about the United Kingdom and Queen Elizabeth II.

### Year 2

'I'm a pupil...get me out of here!' Year 2 will be learning about rainforests over the next half term and have taken on some 'bush tucker' style trials on our WOW day! As geographers, we will be learning about where in the world rainforests can be found and as scientists, we will be looking at the habitat of a rainforest along with the plants and animals living there. Follow Year 2 on their journey through the rainforest!



### Year 3

Do all mountains erupt? Which rocks would survive a volcanic eruption? These are some of the questions Year 3 will be answering through our 'Mountains vs Volcanoes' topic. The children will be designing and making their own working volcanoes, and considering the catastrophic effects of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius through one of our texts, 'Escape from Pompeii'. We will also be considering how rocks can unlock the secrets of the past through our work about how fossils are made.



### Year 4

Let the battle commence! Sharpen your swords and ready your shields; the Viking invasion is about to begin! This term, we will be learning all about these Scandinavian warriors. In other news, giants have been spotted in the local area! Keep your eyes peeled as year 4 uncover the purpose of their visit in our new text, The BFG!



### Year 5

Hot chocolates and ball games? Yes Please! Year 5 are going back in time to learn about the ancient Maya civilisation. Our WOW celebrations have included a visit from the Northern Lights Drama Company, who have helped us to learn about the different Maya Gods and investigate why King Pakal was so successful. We have also been very busy creating our own Maya war, celebration and death masks - pictures to follow! In Science we are seeking patterns and using reversible and irreversible changes to blast rockets as high as we can.



### Year 6

“Attention!” Year 6 are ‘In the Army Now’ and are going deeper into their WWII topic, learning about some of the key military battles and what life was really like for a soldier during this tumultuous time. Our WOW celebration completes the Spring term as we plan our very own VE day celebration, marking the end of fighting. In English, we will be reading the poignant and significant text, Rose Blanche whilst as scientist we will uncover the secrets of electricity.

