



St Saviour's School Newsletter

October 2024

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

Today is the last day of school for this half term with school being closed to pupils on Friday 25th October. Staff will be attending training on this day. School remains closed next week as it is the Autumn Half Term break.

I hope you and your families are all well. We enjoyed welcoming and seeing so many parents and families at the recent parent-teacher meetings. We are really looking forward to next half term, when we will be inviting families in to share in class/phase events related to the Christian festival, Christmas.

Illness:

With significant gastrointestinal illness in some local schools we have been asked to send parents and families a reminder about procedures for when children have diarrhoea and/or vomiting. I have attached the original document to the newsletter email for your information. The key thing to note, as always, is that if your child vomits or has diarrhoea, they need to stay off school until 48 hours after the last episode of illness. We really appreciate your support of this in stopping the spread of illness.

School improvement and priorities for us this year:

Each year, as a school, we reflect on the things that are going well and identify key areas for improvement and development. In terms of the improvements, we write a school improvement plan (SIP). I thought you might find it useful to know the things we will be focusing on in particular this year and have attached what we call our SIP on a Page. This document shows the key things we are working on, under different headings and shares what we hope to achieve during the year. Should you have any questions or comments, please do let me know.

News from the classes:

Nursery: This week we have been exploring the theme of Halloween. We have enjoyed the stories, 'Room on the Broom' and 'Funnybones' and enjoyed lots of sensory and creative activities including witches potions and spooky skeletons!

Reception: A huge well done to all of the children for settling into their new reception class and growing more confident each and every day with our daily routines. On the week commencing Monday 14th October, the reception classroom opened its doors to our very own eatery: Chez St Saviour. The children had the opportunity to don their very own colourful aprons to take fruit kebab orders, use a knife to prepare the food, and as one of the customers, eat what their friend had prepared for them. Have a well-deserved rest over the half term holiday because there will be lots more exciting learning opportunities in the second half of the term to enjoy.

Year 1: What a busy Autumn Term it has been in Year 1 so far! As part of our dinosaur topic, we spotted something extraordinary on the field—our very own T-Rex captured by the CCTV cameras! We have all been curious cobras, asking brilliant questions about dinosaurs and their incredible history and searching for clues for where the T-Rex has gone now. As if that wasn't enough, we made an amazing discovery when we found a mysterious dinosaur egg hidden by the sun shelter. Since then, we've been nurturing it with great care, eagerly checking on it every day in hopes of it hatching! We can't wait to see what the next half term holds... hopefully a baby dinosaur!



Year 3 have really benefitted from hands on learning at Farm School this half term.

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Year 2: We've had a fantastic half term in Year 2, settling into our new classroom and getting stuck into some exciting learning! Pupils have been learning all about castles - ask them about some of the incredible facts they've discovered. In maths, we've been working on addition and subtraction, using some clever new methods to help us become faster and more accurate. During our art lessons, we've been designing our very own Coat of Arms which are so creative and individual!

Year 3: In Year 3 we have loved spending Tuesday's at Sprouts Farm Club. We grew our own vegetables and harvested them to take home, alongside looking after the chickens and feeding the pigs. In writing we have been creating scrapbook pages recounting our farm school experiences using descriptive language, and in Geography we have been creating our own farm school maps using OS maps to help us create a key using symbols.

Year 4: Feedback from pupils: "We have been learning about The Trinity and Baptisms in class and how adults and babies are baptised differently" and "For our topic we've learnt about Medicine Through Time, Florence Nightingale and Edward Jenner, I have found it fun and interesting".

Year 5: We have been learning about what life is like during the Victorian era. In class we have been reading our class text called 'Street Child' which is about a boy called Jim Jarvis and Dr Thomas Barnardo. In art, we have focused on printing by William Morris and designed Victorian wallpaper.

Year 6: Year 6 have been developing their understanding of historical facts linked to World War 2. They recently developed a version of a propaganda poster and visited the war tunnels as a hook into the occupation of Jersey. In art, they created some detailed drawings using a variety of media and perspective. The theme of the Blitz was a stimulus for the finished product.

The Haven: Pupils have had a really fantastic half term with lots of opportunities for learning outside the classroom. They have participated in Cycling without Limits sessions, Healing Waves surf sessions at the beach as well as visits to Gorey Castle and a local park. We are looking forward to further opportunities next half term, especially preparing for our Christmas presentation to families.



Dates:

4th November:

8.30 - School reopens for Autumn 2

25th November

Y2 Music presentation

Week of 9th December

Christmas events and performances – look out for info from class teachers

12th December

KS1 performance at 2pm

17th December

Haven Christmas performance for parents

18th December

Christmas Party Day

19th December

Last day of term – Christmas jumper day

Open Door Policy

In line with our open door policy please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. Please either ring or email to let me know you would like me to get in touch with you. We welcome any and all feedback so that we can improve on any aspects to make things even better for all of the pupils at our school. There may be times when we cannot change things in line with your suggestions but we will be able to explain the reasons behind this to you.
Yours, most sincerely,
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