



# St Saviour's

Church of England Primary School

## SPRING 1 WEEK 1

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term! I hope that you enjoyed a very restful Christmas break with your families and loved ones and we look forward to an exciting spring term ahead. The children have dived straight into their learning this week and have been enjoying their new units; learning new vocabulary and gaining more knowledge. We celebrated our first spring Stars of the Week and Progress Cup winners which was an exciting end to our first week back!

### SENSATIONAL SCIENCE!

I hope many of you had a go at making snow over the Christmas break by following this exciting experiment that was in our last newsletter. If you didn't, perhaps give it a go this week or try out a new one... magic milk! Remember to take photographs if you can and you might be featured in the next newsletter.

### DREAM CATCHERS; INSPIRATIONAL ADULTS

We are always looking for ways to inspire our pupils and I would like to invite you as parents and carers to come into school and share your experiences.

If you would like to be involved and help share job aspirations with us, please contact the school office. We look forward to hearing from you!

### UNIFORM

As we start a new term, I would like to take the opportunity to revisit the uniform expectations. Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school and belonging. Please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform and PE kit and that all items are clearly labelled with their full name. Footwear includes plain black school shoes (no trainers) and black plimsolls or plain black trainers for PE lessons. Can I please remind you not to send your child to school with a large rucksack as we do not have the space to store them in the classrooms. Our school book bags are the perfect size for reading books, reading records, a break time snack and a water bottle.



I would like to end with a quote which links to our theme of Collective Worship this week and something for us to think about as we embark on a new year.

Yours faithfully,  
Miss Cherry

### MAKING SNOW!

According to the BBC weather app, we are not very likely to have snow for Christmas this year. Perhaps, we can make our own!

**What you'll need**

- Mixing Bowl
- Shaving Cream
- Baking Soda

**Method**

- Squirt about half a can of shaving cream into a bowl.
- Add about 300g of baking soda
- Mix (It's safe to use hands as long as you wash them afterwards)

You should see your snow forming. If the mixture is still messy after all the baking soda has been mixed in, you can add more baking soda.

**What's the science?**

A chemical reaction occurs between the shaving foam and baking soda, meaning new products are formed. It feels cold to the touch because it is an endothermic reaction. You can ask the Year 5 and Year 6 children what that means.

Remember to take photos and share it with the school. Your photo might appear in the newsletter! Have fun!

### Try out this experiment at home!

## MAGIC MILK

**WHAT YOU'LL NEED:**

- A BIT OF MILK (PREFERABLY AT ROOM TEMPERATURE)
- A DISH
- WASHING-UP LIQUID
- COTTON SWABS
- FOOD COLOURING

**METHOD:**

- POUR THE MILK INTO THE DISH.
- ADD A FEW DROPS OF FOOD COLOURING. TRY NOT TO MIX THE COLOURS AT THIS POINT.
- OBSERVE. IS ANYTHING HAPPENING?
- DIP THE COTTON SWAB IN THE WASHING-UP LIQUID.
- DIP THE COTTON SWAB INTO THE COLOURS. YOU MIGHT NEED MORE WASHING-UP LIQUID FOR EACH COLOUR.
- OBSERVE THE MAGIC!

**THE SCIENCE:**

MILK IS MOSTLY MADE UP OF WATER. IT ALSO CONTAINS FAT AND OTHER NUTRIENTS LIKE VITAMINS, MINERALS AND PROTEINS. THE FAT IS IN SMALL DROPLETS, HELD IN SOLUTION IN THE WATER. AT FIRST, THE FOOD COLOURING 'SITS' ON TOP OF THE MILK AS THEY ARE HELD BY THE WATER TENSION IN THE MILK.

WHEN WASHING-UP LIQUID IS ADDED, A CHEMICAL REACTION TAKES PLACE WHICH LOWERS THE SURFACE TENSION. THE FOOD COLOURING CAN THEN MOVE MORE FREELY.

**“The New Year is a painting not yet painted; a path not yet stepped on; a wing not yet taken off!”**

MEHMET MURAT ILDAN

# COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in collective worship our theme was 'welcome back and the new year' and we reflected on our Christmas holidays. Children shared what they did over the break and spoke about what they were grateful for. Things we were grateful for included spending time with our family members and having time to indulge in our hobbies. The new year is always a good time to reflect on all the things that happened and all that you achieved in the previous year and look ahead for this year. We took time to reflect on the new year and think about things we would like to achieve, improve or experience in 2024.

**Is there anything that you want to achieve, improve or experience this year?**

## VALUES CARDS COLLECTORS

Well done to **Nia** and **Charlie** in Y2 who have been excellent role models and have collected values cards for consistently showing the school values.



# STARS OF THE WEEK!



**Year Rec: Kaihro & Matilda**



**Year 1: Jeanice & Reign**



**Year 2: Sadie A & Shaiwan**



**Year 3: Samaa & Arielle**



**Year 4: Leo & Kristoff**



**Year 5: Amara & Fiza**



**Year 6: Aaisha & James**



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# ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Well done to

**Y2 David Attenborough - 99.47%**

&

**Y3 Rosa Parks - 99.29%**



who have won the attendance mascots this week.

## YEAR 6 CLASS CORNER

Y6 have begun working on our new literacy topic of Fairy Tales with a focus on the Little Mermaid.

The lessons have developed skills in creating atmosphere in their writing and the use of adverbials for cohesion.



We have also begun our new PE topic of Netball, where the children have enjoyed learning about the different skills and rules of the game.



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The expected attendance level at St Saviour's is 97% and holidays during term time will not be authorised. All appointments, other than emergency ones, need to be booked outside of school hours. Other than in an emergency, a letter or appointment card must be presented at the Main Office ahead of the appointment for the school to be able to authorise the absence.

We have a 'Soft Start' for Y1 - Y6 where the school is open from 8:40am for children to arrive at school and settle ready for the start of the school day. Remember your child must be in school by 8:55am to avoid a late mark.

If your child is going to be absent due to illness, please call or leave a detailed message for the office team, including the reason your child is off sick.

## SCHOOL DISMISSAL

To keep children safe when you collect your child at the end of the day or after clubs, can I please ask they you keep them close and not let them run ahead or walk far behind you.

If you have arranged for your child to be collected by another parent, friend or relative, please ensure that you have informed the school office so that the class teacher can be made aware and can safely dismiss your child. Please be patient if the teacher needs to check arrangements - the safety of your children is of the most importance.



## BIKES AND SCOOTERS



Please can I remind parents that bikes and scooters should not be left overnight on the school grounds. Any bikes or scooters left will have to be removed from the racks to minimise risk of theft by leaving them visible overnight. If you are unable to take your child's bike or scooter home on the same day, please inform the school office to see if an arrangement can be made.



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# SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR

## JANUARY 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Christmas Holiday - 21st December - 5th January						
8 Staff Inset Day NO School	9 Back to School 8:40am - 3:30pm	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Y6 Height & Weight Check	17	18	19 BBC Visit	20	21
22	23	24 School Nurse Drop - 9:30am - 10:30am	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## FEBRUARY 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Last day of Spring 1 Term Finish at 3:30pm	10	11
February Half Term - 12th Feb to 16th Feb						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

## MARCH 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7 World Book Day	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) Wear something red	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Easter Half Term - 29th Mar to 12th Apr						



# Term Dates

## 2023- 2024



### Autumn Term 2023

#### First Half (35 Days)

INSET – Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Start – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

End – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Half Term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

#### Second Half (38 Days)

Start – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

End – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Holidays: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Spring Term 2024

#### First Half (25 Days)

INSET – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Start – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

End - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Half Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

#### Second Half (29 Days)

Start - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

End – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Holidays: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Summer Term 2024

#### First Half (29 Days)

Start – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

End - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (during Half Term)

#### Second Half (38 Days)

Start - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

End – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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).



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DRAMA ACADEMY

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**DRAMA  
\*KIDS\***

Dear Parent or Guardian,

## Development through Drama

One of the greatest skills we can give our children is the ability to communicate confidently.

At Drama Kids, our students learn to do this while making friends and having fun!

Our imaginative curriculum incorporates role play, improvisation and structured performance.

We guarantee your child will develop excellent social skills they will need in everyday life:

**Classes operating in the following venues:**

**CHINGFORD, CLAPTON, CROUCH END, EDMONTON, LEYTON,  
SOUTH TOTTENHAM, STOKE NEWINGTON, TOTTENHAM &  
WALTHAMSTOW**

**LAMDA Exams available for students 8yrs +** (Exams are not compulsory)

Our programme provides the opportunity for children to become confident in themselves and develop their social skills and self-awareness:

- \* Improve communication skills
- \* Presentation skills & public speaking
- \* Creativity & lateral thinking
- \* Improved English language & clarity
- \* Increase self-esteem
- \* Act in plays
- \* Teamwork & leadership skills
- \* Widening friendship groups
- \* Discuss social issues
- \* Increase concentration & listening

### About Us:

Over 100,000 children attend classes each week in 31 countries for over 40 years

Our teachers are fully trained DBS checked and safeguarding trained.

Our structured curriculum is created by experts in Education & Drama

Nicola Gossip (BA Acting) & Andrew Mayer (BA Acting) Joint Principals since 2004

We offer an Inclusive environment and are committed to the development of each child

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**Tel: 0208 360 4020 or 07777 672284**

**[nlondon@dramakids.co.uk](mailto:nlondon@dramakids.co.uk)**

Kind regards,  
Nicola Gossip & Andrew Mayer - Joint Principals.

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Helen O'Grady Drama Academy class details are as follows:

DAY	STUDIO	TIMES	AGES
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>WALTHAMSTOW</b> 69,67 THE GREENLEAF TRUST COMMUNITY CENTRE, E17 6QP	<b>5-6PM &amp; Infants</b> <b>6-7PM Juniors</b> <b>7-8pm Secondary</b>	All Primary ages contact for details
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>CROUCH END</b> UNION HALL, WESTON PARK, N8 9PX	<b>5-6PM</b>	All Primary ages contact for details
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>EDMONTON</b> ST ALDHELMS HALL, (Opposite Millfield Theatre) WINDMILL ROAD, N18 1PA	<b>5-6PM Infants</b> <b>6-7PM Juniors</b>	All Primary ages contact for details
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>SOUTH TOTTENHAM</b> CHESTNUTS COMMUNITY CENTRE, ST ANN'S RD, N15 5BN	<b>5.15-6.15PM</b>	All Primary ages contact for details
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>LEYTON</b> ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, MELBOURNE RD, E10 7HF	<b>5.15-6.15PM</b>	All Primary ages contact for details
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>STOKE NEWINGTON</b> OUR LADY'S HALL, BOUVERIE ROAD, N16 0AJ	<b>4.30-5.30pm Infants</b> <b>5.30-6.30pm Juniors</b>	All Primary ages contact for details
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>STOKE NEWINGTON</b> OUR LADY'S HALL, BOUVERIE ROAD, N16 0AJ	<b>10-11am Infants</b> <b>11-12pm Juniors</b> <b>12-1pm YOUTH</b> <b>THEATRE – WAITING</b> <b>LIST</b>	All Primary ages Youth Theatre 12-17yrs
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>CHINGFORD</b> CHINGFORD PARISH HALL, CARBIS CLOSE, E4 7EW	<b>10-11am</b> (time may vary slightly)	All Primary ages contact for details
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>CLAPTON</b> CLAPTON PARK HALL, CHATSWORTH RD, E5 0LH	<b>10-11AM Infants</b> <b>11-12PM Juniors</b>	All Primary ages contact for details
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>TOTTENHAM</b> THE MISSION HALL, MITCHLEY ROAD, N17 9HG	<b>2-3pm Infants</b> <b>3-4pm Juniors</b>	All Primary ages contact for details