



St Saviour's

Church of England Primary School

SPRING 1 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,

It has certainly felt chilly at the start of this week but today the sun has been shining which felt perfectly fitting as we ended the week with our Star of the Week assembly, celebrating so many shining stars across the school. It was a lovely way to finish the week and it was great to see the children recognised for their effort, attitude and achievements.

This week, pupils across all year groups have worked extremely well. Classrooms have been calm, purposeful and full of learning. A special mention goes to those children who have returned from the holidays and have already been reading every day at home. This is such a positive habit and it really does make a difference, not only to reading skills but also to confidence in writing, spelling and understanding across the curriculum.

As 2026 is our Year of Reading, we would like to continue encouraging families to make reading part of everyday life. Below are a few simple tips that can support reading at home.

For **Early Years**, keep reading time short and enjoyable and aim for little and often. Look at the pictures together and talk about what you can see. Ask simple questions such as "What do you think will happen next?" and "How do you think the character feels?" Encourage children to join in with repeated phrases and praise them for noticing letters and sounds. Even sharing stories that your child cannot read independently yet is hugely valuable.

For **Key Stage 1**, encourage your child to sound out words carefully but also to recognise tricky words they cannot decode. Ask them to point to each word as they read and support them to read with a steady pace. Talk about what is happening in the story and ask them to retell it in their own words. It is also helpful to re-read familiar books as this builds fluency and confidence. If your child gets stuck, give them a moment to try, then help them and move on so reading stays positive.

For **Key Stage 2**, encourage reading that is regular and varied, including fiction, non-fiction, newspapers, comics and information texts linked to their interests. Ask your child to explain what they have read and to justify their opinions using the text. Discuss new vocabulary and what it means in context. You can also ask deeper questions such as "Why did the author choose that word?" or "What do you think the character's motives are?" Reading aloud together is still valuable in Key Stage 2 and children often enjoy taking turns, especially with longer books.

Thank you, as always, for your support with reading at home. It is one of the most powerful ways to help children succeed and it strengthens their enjoyment of learning too.

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:16

Wishing you all a warm and restful weekend and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday.

Best wishes
Mr Pawley

FAITH. FORGIVENESS. TRUTH. LOVE. RESPECT. TENACITY. SERENITY

STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception

Ethan & Elwood



Year 1

Lewis & Luca



Year 2

Lila & Elodie



Year 3

Muhamadu & Calypso



Year 4

Samar & Zahira



Year 5

Adekunle, Sofia &
Brooklyn



Year 6

Lukas & Amaya-Rose

PROGRESS CUP WINNERS

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



KS1

Zakiyah Y3



KS2

Josephine Y6

PRESENTATION CUP WINNERS

A huge well done to **Araiah & Isla W** who are this week's Presentation Cup winners!



KS1

Araiah Y1



KS2

Isla W Y4

YOUNG TRANSFORMERS AWARD

ETIENNE Y1

Congratulations to Etienne on his wonderful achievement in the Young Writers Competition. He has been awarded a certificate for his original story, which will be published in the Ghost Stories - The Witching Hour. This is an exciting accomplishment and a brilliant example of creative writing success.



ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Well done to

Year 1 Jane Goodall

99.62%

&

Year 4 Maya Angelou

100%

who have won the attendance
mascots this week.



PARENT CALENDAR

JANUARY 2026

| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 School Opens - 8:50am | 6 | 7 Reception Open Day 2026 10am | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Reception Local Trip | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

FEBRUARY 2026

| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Break Up for Half Term 3:30pm | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| February Half Term - 1 Week | | | | | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | |
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Term Dates

2025- 2026



Autumn Term 2025

First Half (37 Days)

INSET – Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Start – Thursday 4th September 2025

End – Friday 24th October 2025

Half Term: Monday 27th October 2025-31st October 2025

Second Half (34 Days)

Start – Monday 3rd November 2025

End – Thursday 18th December 2025

Holidays: Friday 19th December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term 2026

First Half (30 Days)

Start – Monday 5th January 2026

End - Friday 13th February 2026

Half Term: Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026

Second Half (25 Days)

Start - Monday 23rd February 2026

End – Friday 27th March 2026

Holidays: Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026

Summer Term 2026

First Half (29 Days)

Start – Monday 13th April 2026

End - Friday 22nd May 2026

Half Term: Monday 25th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 25th May 2026 (during Half Term)

Second Half (35 Days)

Start - Monday 1st June 2026

End – Friday 17th July 2026