NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,
I loved our Friday assembly today. It is the one moment in the week when we all come together to shine a light on individual children in front of their classmates and staff. It's a special moment to show a child how brilliant they have been, and for parents and carers to hear that message shared. Receiving a Star of the Week certificate is a big deal, as it shows a child has lived out one of our Christian values throughout the week. On top of that, we show huge admiration for the children who receive the Presentation Cup and Progress Cup: winners keep the cup for the whole week. Perhaps the most special award on Friday is the Young Transformers Award.

For me, this is the highlight, as here we celebrate children who put St Saviour's vision into action independently. Through Young Transformers, we aim for children to put the five Cs into practice: curiosity, caring, community, creativity and confidence. Through these strands, we want children to embrace life and grow connections. This week, for example, children were celebrated for donating their old toys to charity and for taking it upon themselves to help out in the playground. It's important for our young people to know they matter, that they are powerful and that they can effect positive change.

As parents and carers, you can nominate a child too when you see a beautiful moment of independent growth. We are always keen to hear those stories, and to highlight that age doesn't matter when it comes to doing good things for others and for ourselves.
Attendance.

It has been another strong week, with whole-school attendance at 97.8%. Nationally it was 95.6%, so we continue to be well above the national average. We have sent out some guidance from the NHS on how to decide whether your child might be too unwell to come to school. So far the weather has been glorious, although this morning I felt the first nip of cold, so I hope the advice will be really helpful in the weeks ahead.

Year 6
It has been a joy to have our Year 6 children back in school, and they have returned with real maturity. Edinburgh Primary couldn't speak more highly of our pupils, who showed respect and kindness throughout their time there. To celebrate this, we have booked all of Year 6 an exciting trip to Go Ape at Alexandra Palace, recognising their maturity and resilience. It's such a brilliant trip that I might book myself on it! :-)

Check-ins
Next week, Ms Abdullah will hold her first SEND check-in sessions, which are already in high demand. These sessions are a chance for parents and carers to catch up with Ms Abdullah on all things SEND for their child, and we hope they will be a really useful way to keep in touch. We will also be setting up something similar for parents and carers who want to talk to us about school related things: each week, Ms Tolliday will offer ten-minute online slots. Again, this is a way of keeping in touch with each other as a school community. Ms Tolliday will write to you next week with more details.

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BELONG • BELIEVE • ACHIEVE

Cheese & Wine EVENING

Join us for a relaxed and enjoyable evening with fellow parents and carers.

GOOD COMPANY • DELICIOUS FOOD • GREAT CONVERSATION

Wednesday 14th October 2026

6:00pm – 7.30pm

St Saviour's C of E Primary School

Everyone is welcome!

PLEASE COMPLETE THE GOOGLE FORM TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE.

https://forms.gle/4EZXwhvexJGZu32V7

Star of the Week

Year 1

Audrey & Noa

Year 2

Emily & Paul

Year 3

Sidney & Ezra

Year 4

Marley & Soraya

Year 5

Shaiawn & Stella

Year 6

Mercedes, Amaan & Myra

Progress Cup

KS1 - Eli Y3

KS2 - Robyn Y6

Presentation Cup

KS1 - Otillie Y1

KS1 - Kai Y4

Young Transformers

Anila - Year 2

Anila showed wonderful kindness and community spirit this weekend. After talking with her family about helping others, she chose to donate some of her toys, books and clothes to Bernardo's, as well as all of her pocket money.

Anila demonstrated the strands of **'Caring'** and **'Community'** beautifully, showing compassion and a desire to make a difference to others.

We are very proud of her!

Charlotte & Emilia - Year 5

Charlotte and Emilia have, of their own accord, been keeping our playground clean and tidy.

They have done a great job finding lost PE equipment and picking up wrappers or bits of plastic.

We all want to say a huge thank you!

Attendance Award

Well done to

Year 2 David Attenborough

99.6%

&

Year 4 Maya Angelou

98.15%

who have won the attendance mascots this week.

Whole School Attendance

A fantastic week for attendance across St Saviour's! We achieved an impressive **97.8%** whole school attendance.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for ensuring children arrive at school ready to learn. Let's continue working together to maintain these brilliant figures!

WALTHAM FOREST HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

MONDAY 26 – FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2026

AUTUMN 2026

ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 5–16 AND IN RECEIPT OF TARGETED FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Funded by the Department for Education, the Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) offers you the opportunity to try a wide range of free activities, have fun, make friends and enjoy a free meal everyday across the borough.

To book your place and find out more scan here

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WALTHAMFOREST.GOV.UK/HOLIDAYS

Booking is essential on all activities so book early to avoid disappointment

For queries please contact the Waltham Forest Holiday Activity Programme team on:

WFHOLIDAYACTIVITYPROGRAMME@WALTHAMFOREST.GOV.UK

You can apply for targeted free school meals at

WALTHAMFOREST.GOV.UK/FREE-SCHOOL-MEALS

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Parent Calendar

OCTOBER 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
5 Whole School Flu Immunisation	6	7	8 Reception 27-28 Open Day 10am	9	10	11
12	13 Whole School Individual Photos	14 Cheese & Wine evening 6-7:30pm	15	16 Show Racism the Red Card - Wear something red	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

October Half Term - Monday 26th October to Friday 6th November

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2026

First Half (37 Days)
INSET – Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Start –Thursday 3rd September 2026
End – Friday 23rd October 2026
Half Term: Monday 26th October 2026-Friday 6th November 2026
Second Half (30 Days)
Start – Monday 9th November 2026
End – Friday 18th December 2026
Holidays: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

First Half (30 Days)
Start – Monday 4th January 2027
End – Friday 12th February 2027
Half Term: Monday 15th February 2027 – Friday 19th February 2027
Second Half (24 Days)
Start – Monday 22nd February 2027
End – Thursday 25th March 2027
Holidays: Friday 26th March 2027 to Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term 2027

First Half (34 Days)
Start – Monday 12th April 2027
End – Friday 28th May 2027
Half Term: Monday 31st May 2027 – Friday 4th June 2027
Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 31st May 2027 (during Half Term)
Second Half (35 Days)
Start – Monday 7th June 2027
End – Friday 23 July 2027