



St Saviour's

Church of England Primary School

AUTUMN 2 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 Autumn 2! I hope that you and your families had a restful half term break and are raring to go for the next Autumn half term.

BLACK HISTORY SHOWCASE

Thank you to all of you who joined us after school today to celebrate Black History and support the children in their showcase. We hope that you enjoyed the showcase and the impressive projects that the children have worked on. The theme 'Saluting our Sisters' has and continues to be important to ensure that we recognise, celebrate and remember black women who had contributions ignored, ideas appropriated, and voices silenced.



SCIENCE DOME

On Wednesday and Thursday, we were visited by the Science Dome which was a real treat. Each class stepped inside for an exciting workshop where they had the opportunity to be wowed by fossils, space, and experience life under the sea!

SPEECH COMPETITION

We have been so thrilled at the number of children who returned after the half term break with speeches in their bags ready to share with their classes. This week, each child delivered their speech and I am delighted to inform you of the winners of round one. These children will perform their speeches again next week and a year group winner will be chosen in round two. A huge 'well done' to all of the children who entered the competition; choosing who will go through to the next round was not easy!

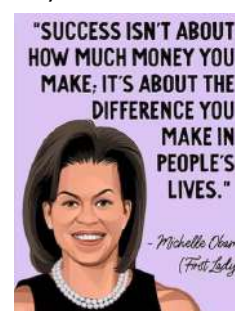
Year 2: Rosamond Reuben	Year 3: Bing Lily-Rose	Year 6: Lois Zulfikar
Year 1: Emma Arlen	Year 4: Hannah Nia	Year 5: Alex Leia

PUNCTUALITY

I would like to remind you of the importance of children arriving at school on time and being collected on time. Arriving at school late has a direct impact on children's learning as they miss out on important teaching which starts promptly at the start of the day. 'Soft Start' for Y1 - Y6 from 8:40am offers the opportunity for children to arrive at school a little earlier and settle ready for the start of the school day. Late collection can cause distress to children who are keen to see their parents and carers. Persistent lateness and poor punctuality can also be interpreted as absence. Please be prompt when collecting your children at the end of the day and from clubs.

I would like to end with quotes from some inspirational black women who remind us of the importance of confidence, self-belief, faith and tenacity.

Yours faithfully,
Miss Cherry



BLACK HISTORY SHOWCASE



CLUB CORNER



This week, Pets Corner Club got up close to Dave, a ball python, who lives in the nursery! The ball python, also called the royal python, is a python species native to West and Central Africa, where it lives in grasslands, shrublands and open forests. It is non-venomous and is the smallest of the African pythons, growing to a maximum length of 182 cm (72 in).

Did you know? The name "ball python" refers to its tendency to curl into a ball when stressed or frightened!



COUNCILLORS' CORNER SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council are happy to announce an exciting competition linked to Comic Relief. Comic Relief will take place in March next year but this challenge is to make people smile in your community before this!

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THE CHALLENGE

Collecting your Amazon online orders has just become more joyful, with a brand-new competition to design an Amazon Locker near your school. Here at Comic Relief, we think it's important to make people smile in places they least expect to.

Your designs will be judged by Comic Relief's very own Lenny Henry!

Could you design something eye-catching to brighten up someone's day? Would you like to see your artwork enlarged and exhibited in your own neighbourhood? If so, get involved and make someone else smile with your creativity. Be imaginative, bold and as bonkers as you like. We want you to raise a smile and spread some joy!

Here's an example illustration transformed to an Amazon Locker Design:



HOW DO I ENTER?

1. Grab a piece of white A4 paper, and draw your wildest, boldest ideas, that bring to life what makes you smile.
2. Scan and upload your design [here](#).

Download an instructions PDF [here](#) for all the detail you need in one place.

Remember to keep your designs original! No copies of your favourite Disney or Marvel etc characters will be accepted sadly.

Prizes

Not only will a winning design from each age category* appear on x2 Amazon Lockers** (like Lenny's pic above), but the winning artist will receive a goody bag crammed full of Red Nose Day treats and your school will receive £1000 in Amazon Gift Cards!

Deadline

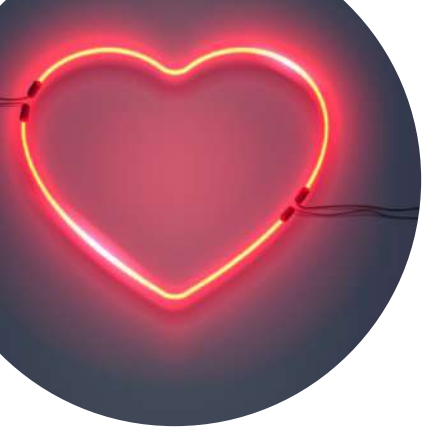
You have until midnight on 24 November 2023.

Age Categories

We have 4 age groups this year:

- 4-7
- 8-10
- 11-13
- 14-16

The winning designs for each age category will be enlarged and wrapped around Amazon Lockers near to your school.**



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in collective worship our theme was 'love'. We looked at why it is important to show love to everyone and how it makes us feel when we are shown love. We looked at a parable from the Bible called 'The Lost Sheep'. This story shows an example of God's love and Jesus told this parable to teach people about God's love. We discussed different ways we could show love such as looking after people, keeping people safe and being kind to everyone.

God wants people to follow his example and show love to others everyday.

What can we do to show love?

How can we transform and change our thinking to show love to everyone?



Y6 CLASS CORNER

We have been exploring sound in Year 6 this week. Firstly, we wanted to know whether the height in which we drop a ball affects how loud the sound is; we went outside and tested our predictions, finding out that the higher the height, the louder the sound. We continued to investigate sound by testing different materials to see which were the best insulators.



To finish the week, we even got to study the origins of life in the science dome, which we will learn even more about later in the year.

STARS OF THE WEEK!



Year Rec: Harlow & Enda



Year 1: Rudi & Ozan



Year 2: Charlotte & Gabriel



Year 3: Elnathan & Rae



Year 4: Lukas & Kansika



Year 5: Ingrid & Sky



Year 6: Sebastian & Joshua



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PROGRESS CUP WINNERS

A huge well done to **Harsikaa** & **Xin Yi** who are this week's Progress Cup winners!



KS1 Progress Cup

Harsikaa Year 1



KS2 Progress Cup

Xin Yi Year 5

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Well done to **Year 2 Emmeline Pankhurst** & **Year 4 Copernicus** who have won the attendance mascots this week.



Year 2 Emmeline Pankhurst

99.46%



Year 4 Copernicus

98.37%



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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

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.

Please can I also remind parents and carers that electric scooters should not be used on or near the school site. They should not be used on a public road or in spaces that are set aside for use by pedestrians, cyclists; this includes on the pavement and in cycle lanes.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powerful-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>



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SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR

Please find attached a calendar of events for the first half term. This calendar will be updated as additional events or trips are booked and will be shared here alongside exciting news each week.



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
30	31	1 Science Dome Rec - Year 2 	2 Science Dome Year 3 - Year 6 	3  Year 4 COP Forest School Session Black History Month Event 	4	5
6	7 Parents' Evenings 	8 Parents' Evenings 	9  Flu Immunisation Rec - Year 6	10  Year 4 MA Forest School Session	11	12
13	14	15	16 Mr Bubbleworks Y1 - Y6 STEM Week	17 Year 5 MGC Forest School Session  Children in Need - Wear something Spotty	18	19
20  Odd Socks Day!	21	22  School Nurse Drop in 9:30 - 10:30	23	24  Year 5 SH Forest School Session	25	26
27	28	29	30			



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4	5 Christmas Panto Rec - Y6 	6 Falconry Rec - Year 6 	7  Flu Immunisation - Catch Up	8	9	10
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Term Dates 2023- 2024



Autumn Term 2023

First Half (35 Days)

INSET – Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th September 2023

Start – Thursday 7th September 2023

End – Friday 20th October 2023

Half Term: Monday 23rd October 2023- Friday 27th October 2023

Second Half (38 Days)

Start – Monday 30th October 2023

End – Wednesday 20th December 2023

Holidays: Thursday 21st December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024

Spring Term 2024

First Half (25 Days)

INSET – Monday 8th January 2024

Start – Tuesday 9th January 2024

End - Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024

Second Half (29 Days)

Start - Monday 19th February 2024

End – Thursday 28th March 2024

Holidays: Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024

Summer Term 2024

First Half (29 Days)

Start – Monday 15th April 2024

End - Friday 24th May 2024

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024 - Friday 31st May 2024

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2024

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 27th May 2024 (during Half Term)

Second Half (38 Days)

Start - Monday 3rd June 2024

End – Wednesday 24th 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).