



St Saviour's

Church of England Primary School

AUTUMN 2 WEEK 7

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been an exciting week in the lead up to Christmas and the last few days of the Autumn term.

We held our Christingle service, star of the week, Y1 Christmas carols, star of the term and our Christmas fayre! We are looking forward to an exciting 3 days next week that will complete our Christmas celebrations.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The children went to the church on Wednesday for our Christingle service. During the service, a child from each year group takes a Christingle and the candles are all lit to create a warm, magical glow symbolising the light of Christ and bringing hope to people living in darkness.

Christingles are made using oranges, Sweets, Raisins red ribbon and foil.

Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

Thank you to the Y6 children with their help in making the Christingles.



YEAR 1 CANDLELIGHT CAROL SINGING

The children were amazing at their candlelight carol singing on Thursday.

Thank you to all the parents, children and teachers who made this such a special occasion.

We raised an amazing **£108.14** in donations for the mince pies and mulled wine. The children in Y1 have chosen the charity 'Haven House' to send the donations too. This is an amazing charity that helps raise much needed funds for sick children and their families.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

On Friday, we held our Christmas Fayre packed full with exciting stalls, festive food, face painting and of course a trip to Santa's Grotto! A big thank you to parents who volunteered their time and made a huge effort to ensure the fayre was a success.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

The children will be having their Christmas dinner on Tuesday. Please ensure you have booked your child's Christmas dinner via ParentPay.

This annual event is a time when the whole school can celebrate this joyous season - children are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumpers.



CLASS PARTIES - WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

The children will be having their class parties on Wednesday. This year we are asking parents not to send in any food with their child. Each child will be provided with a drink, bag of crisps and a fairy cake. Thank you for your co-operation

I would like to end with a quote which links to falconry visit from David Attenborough, "An understanding of the natural world is a source of not only great curiosity, but great fulfilment."

Yours faithfully,
Miss Cherry



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in collective worship we looked at climate change in relation to Christmas. We learnt that Christmas can unfortunately end up being a wasteful time of the year which is not good for our planet. Every year in the UK at Christmas time we throw in the bin approximately 3 million tonnes of extra waste, 54 million platefuls of food, £42 million worth of unwanted Christmas presents and use enough card packaging to cover Big Ben nearly 260,000 times! We looked at these Bible verses Psalms 24:1 "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." and Genesis 2:15 "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it." and reflected on our role in caring for the environment.

In our class collective worship, we all chose our own One Change pledge that we are going to try to keep over the Christmas period. Here are some ideas of pledges to make: give away old toys, reuse decorations, pass on clothes to others, eat less meat, only pick/take on your plate what you will eat, buy food that's local, recycle, use fewer paper cards or use water wisely. We also had a collective worship delivered by our very own eco council this week! They asked us to think about how we could show love to our planet over Christmas. They gave us ideas about what we could do with our leftover Christmas cards and wrapping paper. They reminded us that sticky tape is made out of plastic and often ends up in the bin. Ask your child if they can remember what the scrunch test is. They also told us how to make our decorations better for our planet so that we can have a 'Happy Planet Christmas!'



What is the one change you are going to make and commit to over the Christmas period to help climate change?

There are hundreds of children in our school plus all the staff and our families. If we all make one small change, then that makes a big difference. But what if we tried to get other people on board too? You could tell neighbours, people you know from clubs and activities, friends of family, or you could write to politicians or to newspapers to share ideas so our small changes have an even bigger impact. Remember, let's make small differences, big differences together.

STARS OF THE WEEK!



Year Rec: Santiago & Cleo



Year 1: Suki & Marley



Year 2: Elodie & Arya



Year 3: Stanley & Samaa



Year 4: Bella & Roman



Year 5: Leia & Hong



Year 6: Nina & Kemal



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STARS OF THE TERM!

**Star of the
Term**

Year Rec: Eli & Rafael

**Star of the
Term**

Year 1: Isla & Maxwell

**Star of the
Term**

Year 2: Gabriel & Toviell

**Star of the
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Year 3: Eliab & Constance

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Year 4: Ry'Annah & Saahir

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Year 5: Ingrid & Sky

**Star of the
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Year 6: Sabrina & Joshua



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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Well done to

Y2 Emmeline Pankhurst - 100%

&

Y5 Stephen Hawking - 97.0%

who have won the attendance mascots this week.



LUNCHTIME AWARDS



Daria Y4



Tion Y1



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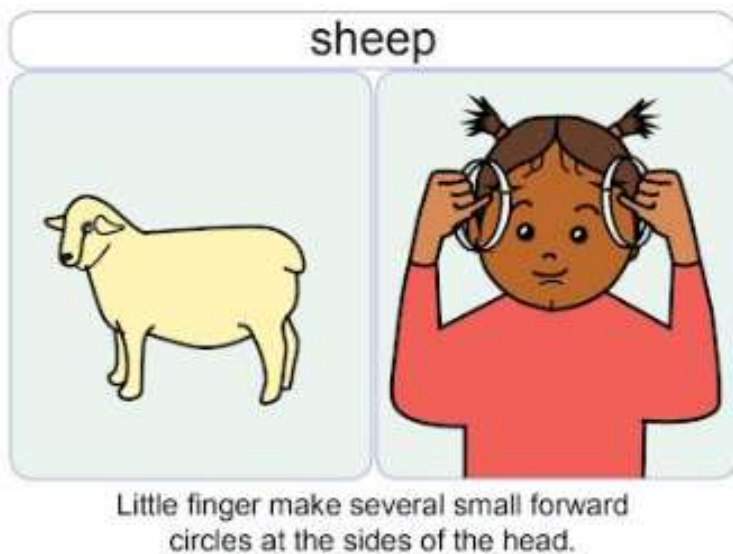


COUNCILLORS' CORNER

LEARNING COUNCIL

Learning Council members have been actively discussing topics in their meetings and how they can enhance the learning here at St Saviour's. Knowing the importance of communication, they have decided that they would like to teach and share British Sign Language signs with the school community each week.

They have started with animals and will be linking this to the Nativity to give context and engage. Council members will visit classrooms to teach their peers.



This week's sign is 'camel'.

Can you remember the signs we have already learned?

YEAR 5 CLASS CORNER

This week, Year 5 has been discussing the issues around food waste. Did you know? Every year $\frac{1}{3}$ of the world's food is wasted. That equates to a whopping 1.3 billion tonnes!

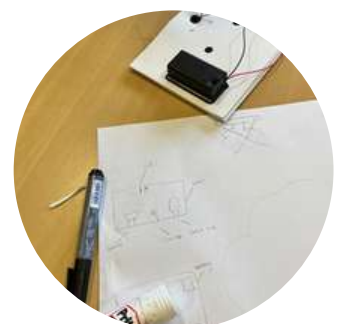


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The UK is responsible for 10 million tonnes.

As courageous advocates, our pupils took a stand against world hunger and wrote letters to the catering company.



They suggested ways in which food waste can be limited and to raise more awareness. It's a small drop in the bucket but we have to start somewhere.



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.

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SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3
4	5 Christmas Panto Rec - Y6 	6 Falconry Rec - Year 6 	7 Christmas Jumper Day Flu Immunisation Rec - Y6 	8 Y6 Height & Weight Check	9	10
11	12	13 Christingle Service 	14	15 Star of the Term Awards  Christmas Fair 3.30 onwards 	16	17
18  KSI Christmas Disco 4pm - 5pm	19 Christmas Dinner - Please book on Parent Pay Reception & Year 1 Nativity Play  KS2 Christmas Disco	20 End of term Christmas Parties - Food will be provided for the children School will finish at 2pm - there is no tea time club	21	22	23	24
Christmas Holiday - 21st December - 5th January						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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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).