



# St Saviour's

Church of England Primary School

AUTUMN 2 WEEK 6

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

The preparations are well under way for Christmas now and it is starting to feel very festive with the sounds of Christmas carols being practiced, Panto visiting and Christmas Jumper day.

### CHRISTMAS PANTO

On Tuesday, the children were visited by the Christmas Panto. All the children watched the play of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' with all the traditions that a panto gives. The children were really excited and it was lovely to see them enjoy themselves with some delicious popcorn.



### FALCONRY

On Wednesday, we were treated to an amazing display from Falconry UK. We got up close to a variety of interesting bird species including the Blue-winged Kookaburra and learned lots of information about them. Take a visit to Falconry UK <https://www.falconry-uk.org/> where you can find out more about the birds and the work they do and even sponsor a bird to support their care.



**Save the Children**

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

It was so nice to see everyone in their festive jumpers. All donations will be going to 'Save the children' Thank you all for your generous donations we raised an amazing £164.00.

A gentle reminder to parents.

Verulam Avenue is a school street. The school street is in operation between the hours of 8.15 - 9.15am and 3pm-4pm. The safety of our community is absolute paramount so therefore we would like to ask all of our community to be mindful and observant when parking or driving away.

When driving your child to school please do not have your engine running or sitting idle. We appreciate 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 our theme was 'Advent'. We looked at why Christmas is important to Christians. We looked at the Bible verse "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for the people." Luke 2:10. Advent is the countdown to Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' birth. Advent is the start of the Christian year. Christians believe that Jesus is the son of God, and they celebrate the days leading up to his birth. Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate with our friends, family and classmates. We looked at ways we could do this. These were the ideas we looked at: making your own advent calendar, making an advent song or poem, lighting candles or LED candles with an adult, making an advent wreath, making an active advent calendar (think of a fun activity to do for each day of Advent and then complete all of them) or carry out 24 acts of kindness (think of 24 kind things that you could do for the whole period of Advent). We also thought of different ways in which you might bring hope, peace, love and joy to people's lives during Advent.

## Active Advent Calendar



## How can you bring hope, peace, love and joy to people's lives?

Think about what Advent means to you. What is it about Advent that makes it special and worth celebrating? If you are participating, how will you celebrate this year?



# CLOTHING AMNESTY

A huge thank you to the amazing community of St Saviour's. Your generosity is overwhelming and will help so many people in need. The photo is only a small amount of what our amazing community have donated.



# ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Well done to

**Y2 Emmeline Pankhurst - 98.75%**

&

**Y5 Marie Curie - 98.89%**

who have won the  
attendance mascots this week.



# LUNCHTIME AWARDS



**Ada Y1**



**Bing Y3**



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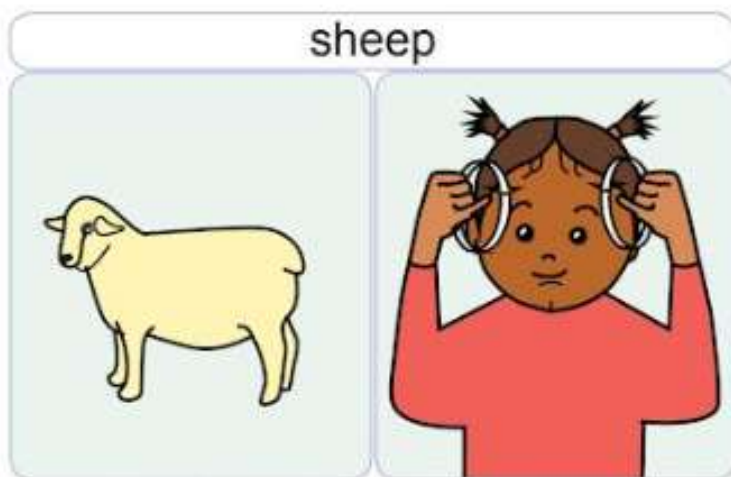


# COUNCILLORS' CORNER

## 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.



Little finger make several small forward circles at the sides of the head.

This week's sign is 'sheep'.

**Can you remember the signs we have already learned?**

## YEAR 4 CLASS CORNER



*"However resourceful the Mayan civilisation may have been, there are no similarities that can be drawn with today's society."*

We rounded off our History of the Ancient Maya topic by drawing comparisons between today's society and the Maya.

Mr Lemouchi thinks that there are no similarities - never heard of a calendar?! (Thankfully, though, the world didn't end in 2012!) We are very excited about designing and creating our Mayan masks next week.

Year 4 has had an exciting couple of weeks. In Science, we have been studying changing states of matter and investigated the rate of evaporation amongst different liquids. Out of paint, water and hand sanitizer, which liquid do you think took the longest to evaporate?



In computing, we completed our personalised luggage tags/keyring designs in our Tinkercad project and look forward to them being printed out in the near future, just in time for any last-minute holidays!



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# Christmas Fayve

**FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER**

**FROM 3:30PM**

**CALL FOR DONATIONS**

TOMBOLA PRIZES

- GOOD USED TOYS
- BOOKS
- DRESS UP CLOTHES

Any contribution appreciated!  
Drop at school reception before  
Wed. 13th December

# 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/powered-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.





# 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).