

ALL SAINTS' NEWSLETTER

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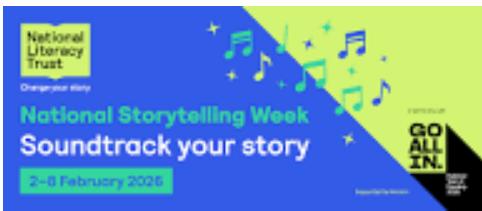
With FAITH, we learn. With LOVE, we grow. With HOPE, we shine.



6 February 2026

NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK:

Part of the National Year of Reading, this week we have been focussing on Storytelling.



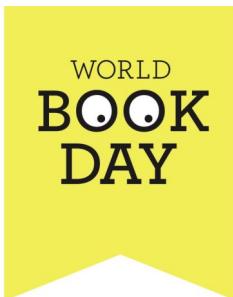
Reception had Rachel, our Chair of Governors read 'Zog' to them - she was most impressed with their Zog knowledge!

A couple of Instagram posts appeared - Find the reader and staff sharing what their favourite genres were.

All classes have spent time reading, and discussing their favourite types of stories and their favourite authors.

WORLD BOOK DAY: Thursday 5th March

This year, if your child wants to, we are inviting everyone to dress up as a character from their favourite book. We understand not everyone wants to dress up and that's fine. Homemade costumes are the best, and there's plenty of time to get your thinking hats on. The internet is a treasure trove of ideas and inspiration.



KS2 Snacks

Just a reminder that the snacks brought into school should be fruit or a 'healthy' snack. This request supports our work as a Healthy Eating School. Some suggestions for snacks include: chopped and ready-to-eat fruit and veg, like apple, carrot, cucumber, celery, peppers, peeled satsuma segments, strawberries, halved grapes, tinned pineapple or melon slices pre-prepared for an easy snack kids can eat with their fingers.

Easter Competition:

This annual event will take place on Thursday 26th March. Once more we will have 1 big category of 'EASTER'; this can include anything that relates to Easter, such as bonnets, decorated cakes or eggs, gardens etc.

There will be a prize for 1 winner and 1 runner-up per class.

Entries should be brought into the school hall on Thursday 26th March, and should be collected at 3.30pm on the same day.

The entries will cost £1 per entry and **must** be accompanied with a slip (available nearer the time), with name, class and £1 entry fee attached.

PARENTS EVENING:

Slips with appointment times were returned this week.

The evenings will take place in the hall, please have a look at your child's books on the tables and take a seat and wait to be called forward by the class teacher. A reminder that these appointments are only 10 minutes long, please help us keep to this so that there are no delays.

Kids with Bricks:

Information about the next set of sessions for this club were sent home this week on the School dojo. Please sign up using the link if you wish to book on.

<https://kwclubs.ecwid.com/Appley-Bridge-All-Saints-C-E-Primary-Academy-Wigan-Spring-Term-2-2026-Thursday-p764114534>

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:

Everyone is invited to join us for our Celebration Assembly, held on Mondays at 9am.

Stars of the week will be presented and we'll celebrate those with birthdays, plus any achievements the children want to share.



Stars of the Week

R	HENRY E WILLIAM F
Y1	EZRA POPPY
Y2	ISLA
Y3	HENRY F-R BEATRICE
Y4	HARRISON LUCY A
Y5	ISAAC
Y6	POPPY DARCEY

House point Winners

St Andrew

Sunday Services at All Saints' Church Appley Bridge:



Sunday: 8th February 9:00am Family Time (Zaccheus – forgiveness)
10:30am Holy Communion with Rev'd Sue

Sunday: 15th February 10:30am Holy Communion with Sara and Rev'd John with C4K

Sunday: 22nd February 9:00am JAM Time (Jesus and His friends) 10:30am Holy Communion with Sara and Rev'd Wendy

Fishy Sticker Sundays are a new half-termly service in All Saints Church 10.30am-11.30am where the children will have their own jobs to help run the service. There'll be stickers for each child to collect and prizes at the end of the year. The children begin at 10.30am in the service with their parent(s), then go out to special activities in Church 4 Kids, returning in time for Communion. Parent(s) can enjoy the service while the children are out and then the children will show us what they've been doing and help to lead the prayers & with other roles. Everyone is welcome. The next Fishy Sunday dates are: 2026: 1st March, 19th April, 21st June.

'All Saints Church is a flexible space & available to rent midweek, contact revsuetimmins@gmail.com for info.

MAKE YOUR CHILD AN ATTENDANCE HERO

Attendance at school is important: we thought we'd share the guidelines and the current fine structure.

Attendance Matters

#EveryDayCounts



Parents' Responsibility:

Parents are legally responsible for ensuring their child receives a "full-time, suitable education." If a child is registered at a school, this means they must attend **every day** the school is open.

School's Responsibility:

Schools must record attendance twice daily (morning and afternoon sessions). They are required to share this data daily with the Department for Education (DfE).

"Persistent Absence" Threshold

A student is classified as a persistent absentee if their attendance falls to 90% or below (equivalent to missing one day every fortnight). Once a student hits this threshold, schools are required to intervene, often starting with "Improvement Notices" or supportive meetings to identify barriers to attendance.

Offence	Fine Amount	Details
First Fine	£80 (if paid in 21 days)	Rises to £160 if paid between 22–28 days.
Second Fine	£160 (flat rate)	Issued if a second offence occurs within a 3-year rolling period.
Third Offence	Prosecution	Fines are capped at two within 3 years. A third offence leads to court.

THESE FINES ARE ISSUED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

FINES ARE ISSUED PER PARENT, PER CHILD. FOR EXAMPLE, TWO PARENTS TAKING TWO CHILDREN ON AN UNAUTHORISED HOLIDAY COULD FACE FOUR SEPARATE FINES.

If you have concerns about your child's attendance, please speak to your class teacher at parent's evening - they will have the up-to-date attendance figures for your child



NEW CLASS OF 25/26 SCHOOL CANVAS BAGS

Featuring self-portraits of the children (KS1 on the front KS2 on the back)

£4 EACH

Lovely keepsake or gift

All proceeds support Friends fundraising for the school



BUY ONLINE ON OUR SUMUP STORE

<https://friends-of-all-saints-school.sumupstore.com>

Order Yours Now -
Limited Stock Available!

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM:

We have a huge amount of preloved uniform available in the hall.

We are now not accepting any more badged pieces, as we have no storage.

If you are looking for something, please come and take what you need - no donation needed at the moment.

Please also note that the company who manage the ragbag container at the front of school do not accept badged uniform.

Want to know what's going on in school?



: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057520835447>

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Friends of All Saints
present the return of

MAKE THE RULES, DAY!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

WE ARE PUTTING THE CHILDREN BACK IN CHARGE
AND LETTING THEM "MAKE THE RULES" FOR ONE
DAY ONLY!

HOWEVER - MAKE THE RULES AND PAY A FINE!
FULL DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!



Dates for the Diary: -

FAMILY LUNCHES: -

12th March - Y5

30 April - Y1

11th June - Reception

16th July- Y6 leavers

w/c 9 February - Spring 1 clubs finish

10th February - Parent's Eve, 3.30pm - 6.00pm

11th February - Parent's Eve, 4.00pm - 6.30pm

12th February - Runshaw College Student Performance

13th February - Pancake Lunch

13 February - Make the Rules day

13th February - School closes at 3.30pm

23rd February - School reopens

23rd February - Thinking Day, those who attend uniformed organisations can come in their uniform

23rd February - Spring 2 clubs start

4th March - Confirmation service, Christ Church

5th March - World Book Day, dress up this year

27th March - School closes at 1.15pm

13th April - School reopens