



## Highlights this week

### Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics Competition

Well done to all the children in Years 5 and 6 who participated in Sportshall Athletics this week. As usual, the children represented All Saints brilliantly supporting one another and showing great sportsmanship.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this event, especially Mrs Agg and Miss Rogers.

### New Projects

Term has continued to start successfully with the start of our exciting new curriculum projects.

Please make sure you look at the information in your child's curriculum newsletter which gives you an insight into their upcoming learning and ways in which you can support at home.

### Swimming Feedback

Well done to Miss Brittain's class who went for their first swimming session this week. The swimming teacher commented that we are the nicest school that they have ever taught! What wonderful feedback. Well done all!

### Football Success

Well done to Niya who played in the U9 League match on 10<sup>th</sup> January: Didcot Casuals U9 vs Chinor Youth. She scored a goal and was declared player of the match. Well done Niya!



### Year 5 – Amazon Adventures



Let's step into the lush, green world of the rainforest...

### Project Overview

Let's step into the lush, green world of the rainforest—a place teeming with life and wonder. Journey to the Amazon, where sunlight filters through towering trees, and a symphony of birds, insects, and frogs fills the air. Dive into the mysteries of this tropical biome and discover how climate zones shape its incredible diversity. Ascend through the layers of the rainforest, from the shadowy forest floor to the lofty emergent layer, where eagles soar above the treetops. Marvel at the ingenious plants that thrive here, from colossal kapok trees to vines that twist and climb towards the sun. Investigate the life cycles of mammals, birds, amphibians, and insects that call this extraordinary place home. But all is not as it seems. Explore the challenges of deforestation and its impact on this fragile ecosystem. Learn how the rainforest supports not only its inhabitants but also the planet itself, producing oxygen and regulating the Earth's climate. Now, take the first step into the rainforest. What secrets will you uncover?

### Recommended Books



## Next week

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January –Year 5 Williams F1 Trip
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Reception Vision screening
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Year 4 Cake Sale in the School Hall

Term dates and upcoming events can be found [here](#)

## Notices

### Staffing update

We are sad to be saying farewell to Miss Verity March who is currently working in Nursery. We send our congratulations to Miss March who has secured a job at Bright Horizons Nursery. Her last day at All Saints will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

We are delighted to welcome **Mr Smith (Yr1)**, **Miss Hughes (Yr1)** and **Miss Stone (Yr4)** to our school this term. They are continuing their School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) through the programme provided by Ridgeway Education Trust. You may see them around the school, particularly if your child is in one of the year groups in which they are based.

## Diary dates

Please see attached updated diary dates with additions in **yellow**.

## Freezer Donation

Given the icy, cold weather this week, we have been thinking ahead to warmer months. ASSA is exploring the possibility of selling ice lollies during the Summer term and we're in need of a good-quality freezer to make this possible.



If you have a freezer, you no longer need, please get in touch. Please contact us first before bringing it to school. This will allow us to check if it's suitable and make the necessary arrangements.

## Book Donations (yes, please... we still need more)

To further fill our reading, our School Council are looking for comics, magazines and graphic novels. If you have any to donate, please send to the school office so we can check suitability and condition.

## SAM Bear

Well done to Mrs Morley and Miss Warren's class in Year 3 and Miss Roy's class in Year 4 with fantastic attendance of 99.3% for the week.

## House Points

Congratulations to Malala who are the house point winners for this week with 210 points.

199  
Rashford

184  
Attenborough

132  
Thunberg

210  
Malala

## ASSA Update

### What's coming up with ASSA in 2026?

At ASSA, we organise a range of events throughout the year to raise funds for the school. The money raised goes directly towards supporting our children's education in a variety of ways.

We have some exciting events planned for 2026, so please save the dates below — and keep an eye on future newsletters for more details as each event approaches.

 Save the dates!

17th April – Our first disco of 2026! Get those dancing shoes ready  

13th June – The much-loved Summer Fair

3rd July – Colour Run fun for everyone!

10th July – Leavers' Disco

We're also in the process of finalising a new date for the Brush Party that was due to take place before Christmas — watch this space for more information.

All of our events rely on the support of volunteers, and we're always grateful for any help, whether you have just 5 minutes to spare or can get more involved. If you're able to help in any way, please drop us a message at [asch9004@all-saints.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:asch9004@all-saints.oxon.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support — we couldn't do it without you!