



### Highlights this week

#### End of term

We hope all our children enjoy a well-deserved break this half term and find time to rest and recharge. As we look ahead, we're excited to welcome the longer days, brighter weather, and the early signs of spring already beginning to appear.

Thank you to everyone in our school community for your hard work, support, and continued commitment to work **together to aspire, believe, explore and achieve**. We look forward to another great half term ahead.

#### Year 4 Ash Wednesday Service

On Monday afternoon we had a lovely walk to All Saints Church for our Ash Wednesday Service. For some of our children this was the first time they had been to All Saints Church and they really enjoyed the experience. We had a few children from each class who came up to the front of the church and read out a few lines from Psalm 139 and a few read prayers that they had written themselves. A big thank you to Revd Rachel Ciampoli for a wonderful service and all the parent helpers who came to support.



#### Year 5 Design and Technology

The school has been filled with the delicious smell of bolognaise this week as Year 5 have been cooking in their DT lessons. Thank you to the parents and staff who have supported this. We hope the children, and families, enjoyed the bolognaise.



## Bikeability

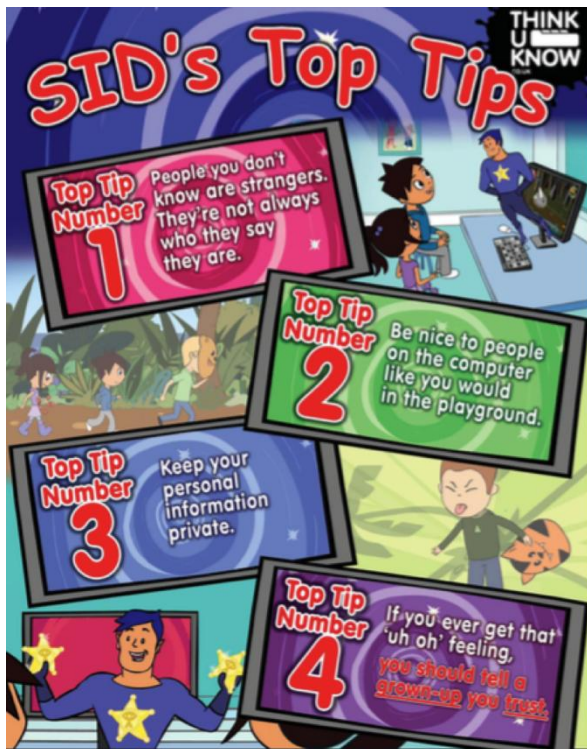
Bikeability has continued this week in Year 5. What a success! Thanks to all involved.

## Internet Safety Day

The focus of this year's Internet safety day was use of AI.

Please remind your child of our school online safety rules below:

### Key Stage One (Years 1-2)



### Key Stage Two (Years 3-6)



## Year 4 Parent Workshop

Thank you to the parents who attended the workshop where Mrs Hastings and Miss Parren shared about the Year 4 Multiplication check. We hope that you found this information useful.

## Parent Forum Update

It was great to once again hear the views of our families at this week's Parent Forum. Although it was a small group, the discussion was incredibly valuable and gave us lots to reflect on. Thank you also to those who were unable to attend but took the time to email their ideas and questions: we appreciate your input.

Here are some of the key points we explored together:

- **School WhatsApp Channel:** We are looking into introducing an official school WhatsApp Channel—watch this space for more details.
- **Event Feedback:** Parents shared very positive feedback about the recent Reception Showcase (February) and the Open Classroom event (January).
- **End-of-Year Reports:** We discussed the report format for July and collected helpful suggestions from a parent perspective.
- **Cake Sales:** We will be trialling a new way of organising cake sales to help manage how busy these events can get.
- **After school and breakfast club bookings:** We discussed the timing of this and opening bookings in the evening next term to support working families.

## Green Team's Plastic Free Lent Challenge

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February marks the first day of Lent. We often use lent as an opportunity to give up unhealthy habits such as eating too many sweets, but it can also be a time to adopt more environmentally friendly habits too. This lent, the All Saints Green Team would like to invite families to 'make a pledge' to reduce their use of single-use plastics. It couldn't be simpler... have a look at all the ideas on our challenge poster and choose a challenge to suit your life style. We will be discussing this in our classes at the start of next term.

 <b>All Saints Green Team's Plastic Free Lent Challenge - Make a pledge</b> 			
Give up disposable cups & drinks in plastic bottles	Use solid shampoo bars instead of liquid shampoo	Take your own bags to the shops	Avoid plastic wrapped sweets and chocolates
Use a bamboo toothbrush or a brush with a recyclable head	Use bar soap instead of liquid hand soap	Cook as much as possible from scratch	Buy loose fruit and veg and take your own bags to put them in
Avoid mini yoghurts, custards and jelly pots - make your own instead	Give up (or buy bamboo) cotton buds and tooth picks	Wrap sandwiches in plastic free wraps such as paper or wax wraps	Buy fresh bread that comes in either a paper bag or no bag
Say NO to plastic straws or cutlery	Buy more clothing second hand	Give up balloons - use paper or fabric decorations instead.	Avoid wet wipes

## Reception Showcase

It was wonderful to see so many parents join us for the Reception showcase this week. The children were thrilled to share their learning and proudly show off all the hard work they've put in this term. Thank you for your enthusiasm and support.

## Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 were inspired by a Para swimmer this week during their swimming lesson.

Liv, one of our volunteer swimming supporters who helps our children every week, recently achieved a silver medal at the Oxfordshire and North Buckinghamshire County Swimming Championships. Liv has cerebral palsy and trains as a Para swimmer as well as coaching and teaching swimming. She very kindly brought along her medal to show the children, as well as inspiring us all with her hard work and determination to reach her goals. Congratulations Liv!

## Next week

It's a quiet week for the school diary when we return after half term.

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

## Notices

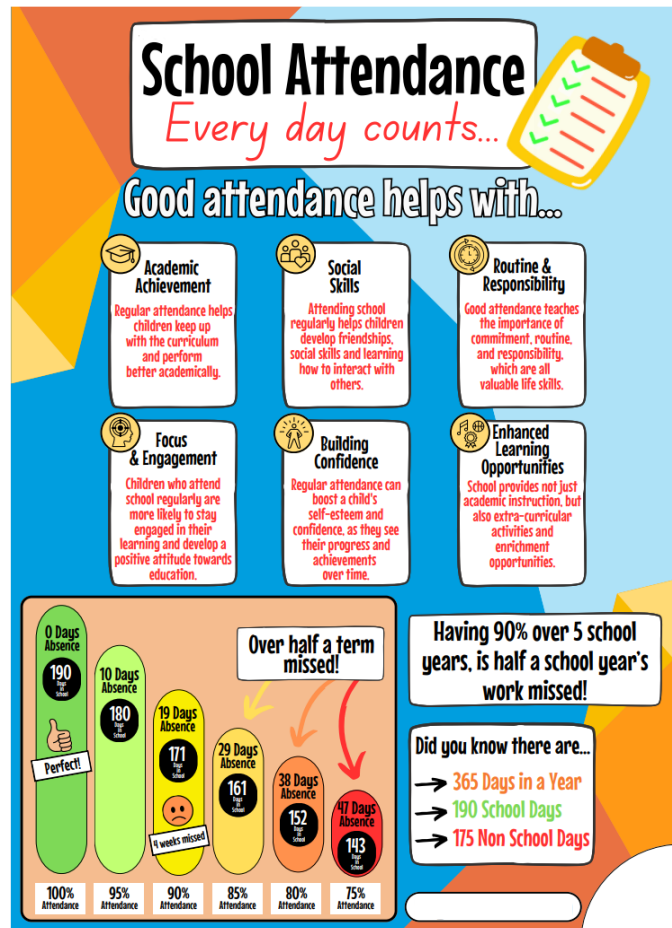
### Parents Evenings: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March (3.30-6) and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March (3.30-6.30)

Please take a look at your emails to see details on how to book parents evening meetings. We look forward to welcoming you for these evenings. Please enter the school through the main school office where Miss Little and myself will be there to greet you.

## Attendance

At All Saints C.E. Primary School, we are passionate about your child's education and committed to helping every pupil fulfil their potential. Establishing good attendance habits from an early age has a lasting impact. For this reason, we place great importance on maintaining high levels of pupil attendance. As a school, our current whole-school attendance is **95.2%**. Each year, we aim to exceed the county target of 96%. Below, we are sharing important information about why regular attendance matters and how it supports your child's learning and wellbeing.

You can check your child's attendance at any time via Arbor. If there is anything the school can do to support your child or your family in improving attendance, please do get in touch. Strong home-school communication is very important to us and we are always here to help.



## SAM Bear

Well done to Mrs Webb's class and Mrs Morley and Miss Warren's class in Year 3 with fantastic attendance of 98.7% for the week.

## House Points

Congratulations to Attenborough who are the house point winners for this week with 185 points.

151  
Rashford

185  
Attenborough

169  
Thunberg

167  
Malala

## ASSA Update

### Updates from ASSA!

We have been busy the last few weeks planning out the year's events! We cannot wait to share more with you next term, check out the save the dates below to add into your diaries!

### Raise Funds While You Shop – Easyfundraising

Did you know you can help raise money for the school at no extra cost, simply by doing your normal online shopping?

By signing up to Easyfundraising, retailers donate a percentage of what you spend directly to our school PTA. There are thousands of well-known retailers involved, including supermarkets, clothing stores, travel sites and more.

How to get started:

Go to the [www.easyfundraising.org](http://www.easyfundraising.org) website and search for 'All Saints School Didcot'.

Sign up for free and choose our school as your cause.

Shop online as normal – Easyfundraising does the rest!

It really is that easy, and if lots of families take part, the funds raised can make a huge difference to school activities and resources.

### **Support Us Through the School Lottery**

Another simple way to support the PTA is by joining the school lottery. For a small weekly contribution, you'll be entered into a draw with the chance to win cash prizes – while also helping to raise regular, reliable funds for the school. You can join here: [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

Thank you for taking the time to support these initiatives. Whether you shop through Easyfundraising, join the lottery, or help out at events, every contribution helps us support the school and enrich our children's experience.

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

 **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**

**Brush Party details to follow in the coming weeks!**

**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 [asch9044@all-saints.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:asch9044@all-saints.oxon.sch.uk)**

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

# 5 EASY WAYS TO HELP RAISE FUNDS WITH ASSA



## 1. Easy Fundraising

You can help raise funds by doing your normal shopping - click here to find out more:  
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

## 2. School Lottery

Be in with a chance to win monthly cash prizes, and raise money for the school too:  
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>



## 3. Company Match Funding

Some companies offer 'Employee Match Funding' is this something that your company offers?  
Worth an ask!

## 4. Donations

We love donations - they help with raffle prizes and stalls - if you are having a clear out - think of us!



## 5. Events

Whether you are offering to help out at an event, or supporting us by coming along - thank you!