



Highlights this week

Parents Evening

It was so lovely to see so many of you at the recent parents evening events. Thank you for your positivity and support. We hope you found these meetings useful. Our cake sale raised £178.20. Thank you for all of the generous donations towards this and those of you who made and donated cakes.

Dance Show

What a privilege to watch the dance show on Tuesday evening. Our dance to the tune of 'Friend in Me' from Aladdin truly fitted the theme of 'magic' with its vibrant colour and fantastic choreography. Children performed with the biggest smiles and made the All-Saints' community incredibly proud. It was a joy to see children across Oxfordshire coming together to be creative and inspire each other with their dances. A huge thank you to Miss Atkin and Miss Parren for running the dance club and coordinating this event. Thank you to Mrs Hammond for joining the trip and for all the parents who supported us at the Theatre.



Year 6 Junior Citizens

On Wednesday, Y6 pupils swapped their desks for real-world challenges at the Oxfordshire Junior Citizen event, held at the Franklin-Vermeulen Safety Centre within the Rewley Road Fire Station. This interactive programme is always a special experience for students, designed to equip them with practical life skills they need as they prepare for greater independence and the move to secondary school.



Working in small groups, the children navigated a fast-paced "carousel" of different safety scenarios led by experts from the emergency services, Thames Valley Police, and local safety teams. Hopefully, they will have been keen to share their new safety knowledge with everyone at home.

Well done Y6 - you made a very positive impression with your levels of maturity and responsibility.

Thank you to the Year 6 staff for enabling this trip.

All Saints Kitchen Team

Well done to our fantastic school kitchen team who have once again achieved a 5 star rating in their recent Environmental Health Officer (EHO) inspection. This outstanding result reflects their consistent hard work, high standards of hygiene, and dedication to providing our students with safe, nutritious meals every day.

Whole Science Day

There was a fantastic buzz around school yesterday as children across all year groups spent the day being scientists. It was wonderful to see children so immersed and curious in the areas they were looking at. Class discussions generated wonderful questions which the children then went on and explored. A huge thanks to the staff for going above and beyond in their preparations to make the day really engaging and providing such rich opportunities for learning.

Reception has been buzzing with excitement this week following the arrival of nine fluffy chicks! The children have loved observing them hatch and grow, sparking wonderful conversations about life cycles and animal care. In addition, our young plant scientists have been hard at work exploring the properties of different plants. They crushed, snapped, and cut a variety of leaves and stems to create their very own "plant medicines," discovering how natural materials can be used to support health. It's been a week full of curiosity, hands-on discovery, and joyful learning!



Year 1 went on a spring walk around the school grounds. The children searched for the many signs of spring, spotting new growth, colourful flowers and budding trees. Back in the classroom, they continued their learning by examining the different parts of a plant and even had a go at gently dissecting them to see each section up close. They also explored a variety of seeds, discovering how different shapes and sizes grow into the fruits and vegetables we eat. It has been a wonderful week of outdoor discovery and hands-on science!



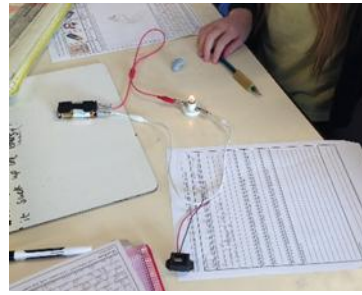
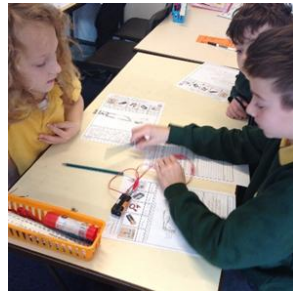
Year 2 have been busy becoming plant investigators! The children explored the conditions a plant needs in order to grow healthily, discussing the importance of light, water, temperature, and soil. They then set up their own scientific investigation by placing plants in different locations around the school site to observe which conditions help them thrive. Alongside this, each child planted their own sunflower so they can watch the full growing process unfold over time. It's been a fantastic hands-on way to bring their learning to life!



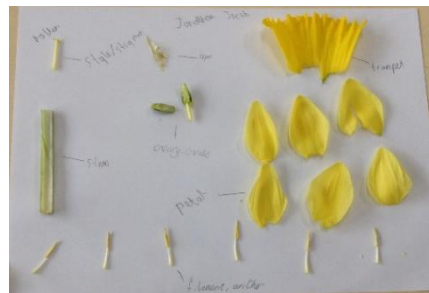
Year 3 have been shining a light on Science Day! The children explored how light travels and how shadows are formed, experimenting with different materials to see how they block or let light through. Using their new understanding, they designed and created their very own shadow puppets. It was a fantastic blend of science and creativity and the children were incredibly proud of their work!



Year 4 have been powering up their science learning during science day by learning all about electricity. The children have been busy building their own electrical circuits, experimenting with switches, bulbs, buzzers to see how they work. They also investigated electrical conductors and insulators, testing a variety of materials to discover which ones allow electricity to flow.



Year 5 have explored the different parts of a flowering plant. The children carefully dissected real flowers to investigate each structure up close, identifying petals, stamens, stigma and other key features. This practical activity helped them deepen their understanding of how flowering plants reproduce and the important role each part plays.



Year 6 have been deepening their understanding of evolution and adaptation through a hands-on scientific investigation. Linking their learning to the work of Charles Darwin, the children explored how different beak shapes can be adapted to collect food more effectively. Using a range of tools to represent beaks, they tested which designs worked best for different food types, helping them understand how animals evolve to suit their environments. They also reflected on their recent iceberg investigation, discussing how their observations linked to scientific concepts such as density, melting rates and environmental change.



We are delighted to welcome you to our Science Day Showcase taking place after school on Friday 13th March in the school hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to explore and celebrate the fantastic work the children have been doing. We hope you can join us to see their experiments, projects, and discoveries on display.

After a very busy week this week, the diary is looking calmer for next week!

Next week

Tuesday 17th March- Year 3 and 4 girls football tournament Wallingford- selected children only

Friday 20th March - SEND Coffee Morning 9:00-10am
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Term dates and upcoming events can be found [here](#)

Notices

FSM Holiday Food Vouchers – Important Update for Families

We want to let families know about an important change to the holiday food vouchers that have been available for the past few years for Free School Meal eligible students.

For the Easter holiday, children who are eligible for these vouchers will receive a single £15 voucher per child. This will be the final voucher provided under the current arrangements.

These vouchers have been funded by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), with schools simply administering them on the Council's behalf. The decision to end the voucher scheme has been made following changes to Government's Household Support Fund funding to OCC. From April 2026, this fund is being replaced with a new national programme, and as a result OCC is changing how it provides support to families. They will share further information about their new approach in due course.

We understand that many families have relied on this help over the last few years, and we will continue to signpost any support made available by OCC as soon as further details are released.

We would like to remind you that we can refer to Didcot Food Bank if needed at any time. Please contact the school office or Miss Howells directly to discuss this.

Reminder for end of term

Our last day of term is Friday 27th March and school closes at **1.15pm** on this day.

After School Club Bookings

Booking for next term opens on Thursday 19th March at 5.15pm

SAM Bear

Well done to Mrs Webb's class in Year 3 with fantastic attendance of 99.3% for the week.



House Points

Congratulations to Attenborough who are the house point winners for this week with 242 points.

176	242	156	189
Rashford	Attenborough	Thunberg	Malala

ASSA Update

School Disco – Friday 17 April (6:30–8:30pm)

Join us for a fun School Disco with music, dancing, crafts, a tuck shop and a bar for adults. Bring the family and enjoy a great evening together!  

 Tickets:

Scan/click the QR code below or book online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/assadidcot

Important:


- Children must attend with a paying adult
- First come, first served (last disco sold out!)
- Open to All Saints School pupils only

We look forward to seeing you there! *If you are able to help out at the disco (you don't have to pay for your ticket, just your child's if they are attending) drop us a quick email or pop a message in your year groups Whatsapp group and an ASSA member will pick it up.*



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

What's coming up with ASSA in 2026?

 Save the dates!

1st May – Brush Party! More details to follow.

13th June – The much-loved Summer Fair

3rd July – Colour Run fun for everyone!

10th July – Leavers' Disco

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