



Highlights this week

Welcome back

September is always full of change which can bring uncertainty and anxiety (for many of the school community- not just the children) but it was such a joy to open our gates again to our wonderful families this week. The first few days of term have been extremely positive and we hope your child is feeling excited about this year ahead.

A huge welcome to those joining the All Saints community: new families, new children and new staff. This September we welcome to the staff team Miss Vink, Miss Hughes, Miss Gibson and Miss Turner. We are already enjoying their new ideas and enthusiasm and we hope that you will be able to meet them over the coming weeks.

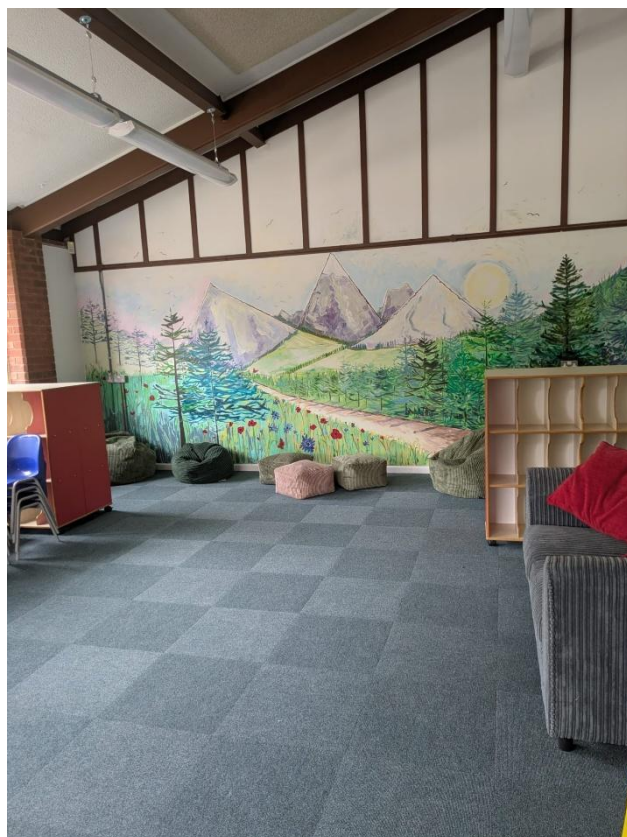
Thank you to the wonderful staff who have worked hard over the Summer to prepare our site and classrooms for this school year. A special thank you to the site team, Mr Slade and RET Central team who have been working tirelessly over the holidays to support these projects. We are so grateful to Ridgeway Education Trust for enabling these exciting developments.

Here are some photos of the recent development work:

Our Reception area has been transformed with walls removed, new doors put in and a freshen up throughout.



Our school library (The Lodge) is work in progress with more furniture, blinds and books arriving soon. Thank you to Mrs Flinders for the wonderful artwork.



We have a new bike track on the playground outside Year 1.



The Reception outside area is looking great so far with the surfacing due to be complete this week and furniture and outside resources arriving next week.



In addition to this, we have also had new equipment for the school kitchen to support school catering and a new fence outside of Nursery. We will also soon be having the field resurfaced. This was delayed over the summer holidays, due to the exceptionally hot weather. The project is now expected to begin in the coming weeks or months, and we remain excited to see this important improvement get underway. We will share further updates and timelines as soon as more information becomes available.

Next week:

Please find attached diary dates for Autumn term as a reminder.

Tuesday 8th September Meet the leadership team and open classrooms (school hall 3.30pm) This will be a chance to meet the senior leaders of the school, hear about the school vision and key information. You will then have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet the teaching team.

Tuesday 8th September Year 5 and 6 Didcot Girls School and St Birinus Presentation 5.30pm. Please enter via gate by the car park and go to the Year 6 classrooms.

Wednesday 9th September 9.00am Meet the Inclusion Team This will be a chance for parents of children with Special Educational Needs to meet with our Inclusion Team, hear about school development priorities and ask questions

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

Notices

School Green Team opportunity 2026 – 2027

Miss Warren would like to invite children in years 3 to 6 to apply for a position on this year's Green Team. The Green Team meet roughly once a fortnight to discuss environmental issues relating to school, such as: energy use; wildlife; climate change; plastic use; waste reduction etc.



The team work on campaigns to raise awareness of green issues throughout school as well as taking practical action to make our school a more environmentally friendly environment.

Green Team members need to be reliable, good communicators, full of ideas and above all, have a real passion about the natural world. Each class will have one representative.

If your child would like to apply for the role, they need to create a poster or letter to illustrate why they would be good at the role. They need to hand this to their class teacher by Monday 14th September.

Uniform

Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform as per our website information:

<https://www.all-saints.oxon.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform>

Please note, cycling shorts should only be worn on PE days.

Please note, yellow polo shirts should be worn.

Medication

Individual Healthcare Plans will be sent out to any parents of children with known medical conditions over the coming weeks. Please return these to school as soon as possible. If your child has any new medical conditions, please let the school office know.

We have contacted a number of parents regarding out-of-date medication. If you are concerned about your child's medication expiring, please come and speak with the school office.

Absences

If your child is absent, please notify the school office by **9.15am**.

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Parking

Please note that families should not park on the school site between 8.30am and 3.30pm. School parking is reserved for staff members and those displaying a valid Blue Badge or school parking permit. We kindly ask all parents and carers to be considerate of our neighbours when parking near the school. Please park safely and respectfully, avoiding driveways and access points, and help us maintain positive relationships with our local community.