



Highlights this week

Author Visit

It was great to welcome Steve Cole to our school on Tuesday. Steve visited our Year 4,5 and 6 pupils to tell them about his exiting new book. It definitely sparked interest with children eager to get reading *The Wild Ones*. These books flew off the shelf during the book fair too. Thank you to Miss Powell for organising this event and to Mostly Books (book shop in Abingdon) for coordinating.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair has been a huge success this week, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed browsing the fantastic range of books on offer. It has been wonderful to see so many families supporting the event after school.

A huge thank you to everyone who has made a purchase, as well as to our staff and ASSA volunteers who have given their time to help run the fair. A special mention must go to **Miss Powell** for organising such a successful event.

The Book Fair will continue until **Monday**, so there is still time to visit if you have not had the chance already

Year 6 Outdoor Games

Year 6 enjoyed an afternoon of traditional games from their history project 'A Child's War.' It was really lovely to see the children enjoying these games together. They may teach you some at home!



Next week:

Book Fair continues until Monday 28th September

We LOVE watching children browsing with their parents and there is nothing nicer than sharing a new book.

Also, our school earns REWARDS to spend on new books. Win win!

Please note that we are unable to take cash at the book fair, all payments must be made by card.

Mon 28th Sept 7.30pm ASSA AGM at All Saints School

Tues 29th Sept 2.40-3.10pm Phonics workshop for parents (School Hall led by Miss Atkin/Ms Vaughan)

This workshop will be a chance to learn about our school phonics scheme. It is aimed at Reception but parents of children in Years 1 and 2 are also welcome.

Tues 29th Sept 3.30pm Aureus Presentation to Year 5 and Year 6

Wed 30th Sept Year 1 PC Ben Talk in the afternoon (school only)

Wed 30th Sept Full Governing Body Meeting- 7pm

Fri 2nd Oct- **school closed. INSET day for staff.**

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

Notices

Start and End of the Day Reminders

To help keep all children safe and ensure our learning environments are ready for the school day, we kindly ask families to remember the following:

- Children must be supervised when using the playground equipment at the end of the school day. Members of staff may ask children to come off the equipment if they are not being supervised.
- Bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the school site due to the number of children and adults moving around at drop-off and collection times.
- Our Early Years and Year 1 outdoor areas are often set up with resources and activities ready for the day's learning. Please do not allow children to play with or move these resources as this can impact planned learning opportunities and create significant work for staff.

PANTS NSPCC

This week, our Key Stage 1 children took part in an assembly exploring the NSPCC's PANTS campaign. The campaign helps children understand important messages about staying safe, recognising their right to privacy, and knowing who to talk to if they are worried. Key Stage 2 pupils will be spending time learning about these important messages next week.

[Talk PANTS: Conversation to help keep children safe | NSPCC](#)

We encourage families to explore the PANTS campaign at home to help reinforce these valuable safety messages.



Homework update

Learning for home will soon be shared through Arbor. Please see the homework overview below, which outlines the learning opportunities available for each year group.

Our learning at home offer is designed to strengthen children's fluency and confidence in essential skills, including reading, spelling, letter formation, number facts and times table recall. By regularly practising these key skills at home, children will be better equipped to access and succeed in their wider learning across the curriculum.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop these important foundations for learning.

All Saints School Homework							
	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Reading	Daily reading of Phonics Reading book. Practise of speed sounds. Share and discussion of book read or read to them. Reading Diary to have at least three entries per week completed by home adult. (recommended minimum of 10 mins a day)			Daily reading (minimum of 10 minutes per day) of banded book or book chosen by your child. Reading Diary to have at least three entries per week with a mixture of parent and child comments.		Daily reading (minimum of 10 minutes per day) of banded book or book chosen by your child. Reading Diary to have at least three entries per week completed by child.	
Spelling	Practise of speed sounds/ phonic patterns.			Spelling practise to be sent home to share key letter patterns/ spelling rules learnt. Children will be encouraged to practise using creative and multi-sensory strategies to support retention.			
Maths	Occasional NCETM homework (optional)	Numbots - regular practice of key maths skills to build fluency. Times Table Rockstars will be introduced towards the end of Year 2 to support the transition to Key Stage Two. <i>There may be a maths related game for you to play together at home on occasions.</i>		Times Table Rockstars - 20-30 mins per week. To develop confidence in times <u>table</u> recall supporting automaticity and fluency. <i>There may be an additional maths related activity on occasions.</i>			
Other	Project related homework may be sent home occasionally Knowledge organisers will be sent home each term for families to discuss upcoming project work.					Additional homework to consolidate learning and to prepare for the transition to Secondary school. Maths, Reading, GPS (grammar, punctuation, spelling). This homework is encouraged to be done with independence, and children are expected to take responsibility for this	

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Footsteps Road Safety

Oxfordshire County Council offers a free road safety practical guide for parents and carers of primary-aged children. Please click on the link below:

Footsteps Parent Guide

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/fire-and-rescue/Footsteps-Parents-guide.pdf>

Parent Webinars

Oxfordshire Parent Carers Forum (OxPCF) and NDC CAMHS are running a series of eight free online webinars for parent carers between September 2026 and April 2027.

Sessions will take place monthly via Microsoft Teams (12:00pm to 1:30pm) and cover a range of topics including:

- What to Expect from the CAMHS NDC Service
- Parent Carer Burnout and Wellbeing
- Parenting Neurodivergent Young People as a Neurodivergent Parent
- Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)
- Understanding Distress
- Understanding Masking
- Online Safety for Neurodivergent Young People
- Understanding Eating Difficulties in Neurodivergent Young People

Parent carers can choose to attend as many or as few sessions as they wish. Recordings, slides and additional resources will also be made available afterwards for those unable to attend live.

Further information and registration can be found here: <https://www.oxpcf.org.uk/events>

Previous webinar recordings and resources are also available here: <https://www.oxpcf.org.uk/resources>

Oxfordshire County Council would like to hear about your child's move to primary school.

If your child has started in a Reception class, please take a few minutes to fill in our short survey: [Moving onto Primary School – parent/carers questionnaire](#)

Your answers will help us understand what is going well and what could be better.

SAM Bear

Well done to Miss Parren's class in Year 4 with fantastic attendance of 100% for the week.

House Points

Congratulations to Rashford who are the house point winners for this week with 162 points.

162
Rashford

144
Attenborough

158
Thunberg

119
Malala

ASSA Update

On Monday 28th September we will be holding our ASSA Annual General Meeting at 7:30pm at the school.

ASSA are our schools parents association, a group of volunteers who raise much needed donations for the school through a variety of activities and fundraisers throughout the year, giving up their time and expertise to benefit our pupils in many ways. This year they are actively looking to increase their number of people involved, especially Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 parents where you will see the benefits of the fundraising and have involvement with the school for longest, and we'd love to have families from a diverse range of backgrounds involved to really reflect our schools diversity and values.

If you are a parent or guardian of a child at the school, and have a little time to spare, ideas to share, a link with local businesses or a field of expertise you think would be helpful, or maybe just want to see how funds are spent and planned to be spent, please consider coming along on the 28th. There will be a meet and greet with the ASSA team, Mrs Wheatcroft and Mr Slade to get to know what ASSA does for the first half hour, then around an hour for the AGM that you are welcome to stay for as we plan the year ahead. Refreshments will be provided!