St. Peter and St. Paul CofE Primary School

Termly Newsletter

NURTURE FLOURISH SERVE

All Saints Schools Trust

Autumn Term, 1st half

This half term's value has been Thankfulness

Message from Mrs Jarvis

A Wonderful Start to the School Year

As we come to the end of the first term, we're delighted to reflect on what has been a vibrant and inspiring start to the new academic year. Our school community has enjoyed a wealth of enriching experiences and joyful moments, setting a positive tone for the months ahead.

We were especially pleased to welcome our new Reception pupils, who have settled in beautifully, as well as several new pupils across other year groups. It has been a joy to see how quickly they have become part of our growing school family.

Pupils embraced the European Day of Languages with great enthusiasm, celebrating cultural diversity through a range of engaging activities and language-based learning. Our new after-school club provision has also been warmly welcomed, offering exciting opportunities including a variety of sports, a coding club, and the ever-popular Friday Film Club.

This term, we gathered together for a meaningful Harvest Festival and were proud to make generous donations to the Waveney Food Bank—an uplifting demonstration of our shared commitment to supporting those in need within the wider community.

In the classroom, pupils have been fully engaged in a broad and stimulating curriculum. Highlights include building 3D models of the digestive system and developing emotive writing inspired by the study of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Many classes have also enriched their RE learning through visits to the church, deepening their understanding through real-world connections.

We were also proud to be recognised in the 2024/25 SIAMS annual report, which highlighted how "intentionally planned moments of awe and wonderment feed pupils." This acknowledgment affirms our ongoing commitment to providing thoughtful and inspiring learning experiences that nurture the whole child.

It has been a fantastic beginning to the school year, and we look forward with great anticipation to all that the coming terms will bring.

As always, the support and communication from our parents and carers continues to be paramount and is greatly appreciated. Working in partnership with you plays a vital role in the success and wellbeing of our pupils—thank you for all you do.

Dates for your diary next term

See below some dates to note, more key dates will follow:

November

6th Odd Socks Day
7th Year 3, Gressenhall Trip
10th -14th Year 6 Residential to Hilltop
20th 2:15-3pm Stay and Play in N and R

December

5th Year 5 Christmas card making
9th pm KS1 Nativity in the hall
10th am KS Nativity in the hall
11th Christmas Jumper Day
18th 2pm KS2 Christmas Service in church
19th PD Day

An important and polite reminder for next term

Please note that after half term, the church gates will no longer be open for additional parking. While this arrangement has previously helped ease congestion during drop-off and pick-up times, it will no longer be available.

We kindly remind all parents and carers that parking on the chevrons outside the school, across driveways, or blocking access roads is strictly not permitted under any circumstances. These areas must remain clear to ensure the safety and accessibility of our school environment.

We appreciate your continued support in parking considerately and helping to keep our pupils, families, and wider community safe.

Thank you.

Let's Celebrate!

Our pupils have flourished through some enriching experiences this term

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Mighty Oaks from Little Acorns Grow

Nursery had a lovely little trip to the beautiful church of St Peter and St Paul. They had been talking about 'Harvest Festival' and reading the book 'A Wet and Windy Harvest for Puddles', by Gill Vaisey which begins to explore, in a gentle way, Christianity and the idea of God. They talked about what they might find inside the church, and used a picture checklist to mark off the different items - a cross, a stained-glass window, the benches or pews, the organ - lots of new vocabulary. Puddles, their classroom cat, went with them and sat on their laps while they listened to the story again. She was very well behaved; she had been very mischievous in the story!

Next half term's value is Trust

European Languages Day

Year 1 did some great learning about Spain on European Languages Day where they learnt about Guadi Trencadis, who created animal mosaics. Then, they made mosaics out of squares of coloured paper.

Budding Artists

Year 2 were proving to be a very crafty (in the Art sense) bunch! They have been enjoying their art lessons where they explored printing. They also enjoyed looking at the Marimekko print on European Languages Day which inspired them to design their own.

All About Me!

Our reception class have settled into school life well and have been engaged in their first topic 'All About Me'. They brought in family photos for show and tell and also told their friends about their pets. They enjoyed having a visit from Mrs Salter's pet tortoise! She talked to the children about how to look after him, which encouraged lots of discussion about how they look after their own pets.

Willows

This term, Year 3 have had lots of exciting, new experiences!

During European Languages Day, they explored a variety of languages, including French, German, Polish, and many more. They really enjoyed learning new words and discovering how people communicate in different parts of the world.

As many of you know, Year 3 have also begun learning to play the clarinet, which has been a wonderful opportunity. The children are thoroughly enjoying their lessons and it's been fantastic to see their enthusiasm for music grow each week.

Year 4 highlights

Our science topic of 'Animals Including Humans' has been so exciting. They have loved practical, hands-on lessons that have really helped consolidate their learning and understanding. There was a rather memorable lesson making the digestive system using Weetabix and tights and they have been incredibly lucky in handling the skulls and teeth of real animals. This allowed the children to identify the difference in teeth in relation to their function and animal diet. Animal skulls included, a seal, a a hyena and a horse

Our Caring Cedars

Year 6 have been extremely helpful this half term: we have heard lots of positive stories of them helping other adults in school and looking after the younger children in the playground. They took great pride in setting up the school's Harvest Festival donations to the Waveney Food Bank, giving up some of their lunchtime to collect and arrange all of the wonderful donations into a beautiful display. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity!

Maples

This term, Year 5 researched Portugal and made fact files on European Languages Day as well as created some Portuguese tile designs. They also had an RE lesson in our beautiful church where they could see the stained glass windows depicting the 4 gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. It really brought their learning about the gospel to life.

'Each of us shall use whatever gift we have received to serve others' Peter 4:10

Half Term Highlights Across Suffolk – October 2025

Looking for ways to keep the children entertained this half term? Here are some fantastic family-friendly activities happening across Suffolk, with a seasonal mix of autumnal fun and Halloween excitement:

🎃 Spooky Adventures & Halloween Fun

Pleasurewood Chills, Lowestoft – Enjoy pumpkin carving, slime-making, and horror mazes.
25 Oct – 2 Nov

Halloweenies at Kentwell Hall, Long Melford – Take part in broomstick challenges and potion mixing.
26 Oct – 3 Nov

Pumpkin Picking at Rougham Estate, Bury St Edmunds – Torchlight picking and pedal tractors for little ones.
25 – 31 Oct

Halloween Half Term at Framlingham Castle – Join witch-finder tours and spooky quests.
26 Oct – 3 Nov

ScaresVille at Kentwell Hall – A haunted village experience suitable for older children and teens.
15 Oct – 1 Nov

🍂 Outdoor Fun & Nature Trails

RSPB Minsmere, Saxmundham – Spooky crafts and a red deer safari.
25 Oct

Dunwich Heath Witch Walk & Crafts – Halloween-themed nature walks and creative activities.
25, 26, 28, 30 Oct

Southwold Maze Pumpkin Patch – Pick your own pumpkins in a fun outdoor setting.
18 Oct – 1 Nov

🎨 Creative & Indoor Fun

Pennikkity Pots Ceramics, Ipswich – Paint your own pottery in a cosy studio setting.

Clip ‘n Climb, Ipswich – Indoor climbing adventures for all ages.

Easton Farm Park Halloween Fun – Tractor rides, animal encounters, and seasonal activities.
£6.50 per person

“Autumn reminds us that change can be beautiful—just like watching our little ones grow.” 🍁