

**Date: 27.02.26**

Lord Jesus,

As we begin this holy season, help us to pause, reflect and turn our hearts towards You.

Teach us to listen more deeply, act more kindly and notice those who may need our support.

May our fasting make space for gratitude,

our prayer strengthen our faith

and our giving bring comfort to others.

Walk with us this week and guide us towards renewal.

Amen.

### **Welcome Message**

This has been a purposeful start to the new half term at All Saints. Our Key Stage 4 pupils have been focusing on readiness for examinations. Thank you to all parents, carers and pupils who attended Year 11 Parents' Evening last night.

### **Catholic Life**

This week in Formation, pupils have been reflecting on the beginning of Lent. Form tutors have guided them through CAFOD's Lenten mission, encouraging them to consider practical ways we can support others through prayer, charity and action.

In assembly, Key Stage 3 pupils revisited what it means to be a successful member of the All Saints community.

Formation sessions have also explored the core principles of Catholic Social Teaching, highlighting the importance of gathering as a Catholic community—celebrating our identity, valuing our differences and showing respect regardless of background or faith.

Key Stage 4 assemblies, led by Mr Jones, focused on readiness for exams: how to prepare effectively, revise with purpose and approach assessments with confidence. For Year 11, this week's focus has been the final push before GCSE examinations. Pupils have been reminded about Mock Exam Results Day on 11th March, where each student will meet individually with a member of staff to discuss their results and create a clear plan for their final progress.

### **Mass**

Year 9 will attend a Year Group Mass at St Mary's Church on Thursday 5th March at 2pm. Pupils will be dismissed at 3pm from the church. They may either:

- travel home directly with parental permission, or
- return to school with staff.

A letter with full information will be sent home on Monday.

### **Reconciliation Service – Tuesday 24th March**

As part of our Lenten journey, a whole-school Reconciliation Service will take place on Tuesday 24th March. Father Isadore, along with two visiting priests, will be in school to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Any pupil who wishes to receive the sacrament will have the opportunity to do so.

### **Confirmation Preparation – Years 8 & 9**

If your child is in Year 8 or Year 9 and wishes to prepare for Confirmation this year, please find below the dates for preparation sessions at St Mary's Church (6:30pm):

- Tuesday 3rd March
- Tuesday 17th March
- Tuesday 21st April
- Tuesday 5th May
- Tuesday 19th May
- Tuesday 16th June

### **Celebration of Confirmation:**

- **Thursday 25th June at 7:00pm, St Mary's Church**  
*(The Bishop will attend this celebration.)*

### **Student Council – Culture Day (9th March)**

Over the past half term, the Student Council have been working hard to plan All Saints Culture Day, taking place on Monday 9th March for Years 7, 8 and 9.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for pupils to:

- celebrate their culture and identity,
- share what makes them who they are,
- take part in pupil-led sessions and discussions,
- learn from one another to promote understanding, unity and respect.

Further details will be shared with pupils and families next week.

### **Primary Cheerleading Event – Tuesday 18th March**

On 18th March, All Saints will once again host the Annual Tameside Primary Cheerleading Festival. This long-standing tradition brings together primary schools from across the borough. The event showcases the talent, dedication and enthusiasm of young performers, and we are proud to offer our facilities to support this uplifting community celebration.

## Standards & Expectations

A school bag suitable for carrying books and equipment remains a **non-negotiable** part of our standards and readiness for learning. Please ensure your child arrives each day with the correct uniform and equipment so that they can succeed.

## Save the Date!

### Parents Evenings

Year Group	Date
Year 10	05.03.2026
Year 8	19.03.2026
Year 7	23.04.2026

### Key Upcoming Events

- **First Confirmation Preparation Class** – 3rd March
- **Year 9 Mass** – 5th March
- **World Book Day** – 5th March
- **Student Council Culture Day** – 9th March
- **Year 11 Mock Results Day & Interviews** – 11th March
- **Reconciliation Service** – 24th March

### Top Attending Form

7T & Mr Fox  
8CA & Ms Rutter  
9T & Mr Uthurp  
10K & Ms Bullock  
11W & Mr Mardania and Ms Jones

### Top ASAPs This week

Janika P - 7T  
Abbie C - 8CA  
Oliver P - 9W  
Franki M - 10A  
Dil A - 11K

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Ms Gilligan