

Parent Bulletin

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Dear God,

As we begin our journey into Lent, guide our school community to walk in solidarity with those in need.

Grant our young people wisdom as they make choices about their future, courage to use technology wisely and safely and hearts open to service.

May we be instruments of Your hope—thoughtful in our words, generous in our actions and steadfast in our love.

Amen.

Welcome Message

This has been a purposeful and uplifting week at All Saints. Year 11 pupils continued with their mock examinations and I want to commend them for the maturity, focus, and determination they have shown. Attendance at examinations remains excellent and the conduct across the school has been exemplary.

Today we concluded the half term together with our Big Lent Walk, a whole-school act of service and solidarity which set exactly the right tone for the holy season ahead. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. A special thank you to our Chaplain, Mrs Smith, for coordinating the event.

Catholic Life

Preparing for Lent

As a Catholic community, we have begun our preparation for Lent today with the Big Lent Walk in support of CAFOD. Thank you to all pupils, staff and parents who contributed through ParentPay and donations to form tutors. Before the walk, year groups gathered in the school hall to reflect on the Gospel and the call to *give what we have*—a reminder that we can stand together in solidarity for those who need our help. Participation in the event was optional for Year 11 and all lessons continued as normal for those who chose this.

Formation Time

Each day, Formation is the time we dedicate each week in form groups to the spiritual formation of our pupils, led by their form tutor. This week, formation focused on preparing for Lent, learning about CAFOD and exploring practical ways we can support others through prayer, charity and action.

Personal Development, Careers & PSHE this week

National Apprenticeship Week

This week in form time, pupils explored post-16 pathways with a particular focus on the apprenticeship route and the local offer for those wishing to pursue hands-on learning while earning.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11th February - Pupils spent time considering AI—its uses, benefits and associated risks. We have shared materials suitable for parents on our Facebook page.

Teaching & Learning: Homework & Independent Study

Homework and independent learning continue to be a strong focus across the school. After half term, we will revisit with pupils how to revise independently and develop the metacognitive strategies they need to be successful—planning study time and selecting effective study methods.

Year of Reading

After half term, we continue our focus on the Year of Reading. Thank you to everyone who supported the Scholastic Book Fair last week—funds raised will go directly towards new books for our school library. Literacy remains at the core of the All Saints curriculum; access to reading and writing is the single biggest factor enabling pupils to excel across every subject.

Reading Book – Required Equipment (Years 7–10)

From after half term, pupils in Years 7–10 are required to carry a literary fiction text with them at all times during the school day.

- Year 10 may substitute this with a revision guide.
- If your child needs support choosing a book, Ms Travis is available at break and lunch in the Library.
- Years 7 and 8 also visit the Library during their timetabled Library lessons to browse and borrow.

Community & Enrichment

Year 7 Enterprise – Willow Wood Hospice

After the holidays, our Year 7 fundraisers will attend the Willow Wood Hospice Enterprise Challenge presentation evening at St Thomas More. Representatives from each group will attend alongside Mr Friel. We are proud of their initiative, teamwork and commitment to serving our local community.

Top ASAPs

Year 7 - Jesupemi S 2082

Year 8 - Alex W- 2092

Year 9 – Fredrick S - 2086

Year 10 – Isabelle W - 2078

Year 11 - Sidney O- 2043

Top attending forms

7K & Ms Grundy

8K & Ms Dawson

9T & Mr Allman

10K & Mrs Bullock

11W & Ms Jones / Mr Mardania

Standards & Expectations

A School bag suitable for books and equipment remains a non-negotiable and form part of our shared commitment to readiness for learning and being a part of the All Saints community. Please ensure your child has the necessary uniform and equipment they need.

Sport & Achievement

Year 10 Boys' Football

Huge congratulations to our Year 10 boys' football team, who won their match this week against GAA. We are incredibly proud of them—they are a fantastic team and an inspiring group of young people. We continue to work towards securing a football pitch of our own to provide equitable sports facilities for our pupils. This project has been ongoing for the past three years; we are drawing closer to finalising this resource and will share updates with pupils, parents and staff as soon as we have them.

Save the date!

Parents Evening dates

YEAR	DATE
Year 7	23.04.2026
Year 8	19.03.2026
Year 10	05.03.2026
Year 11	26.02.2026

Thank you for your continued support of the school and of your child's education. As we head into the half-term break, we remain deeply grateful for the partnership between home and school that enables our young people to succeed. We return to school on Monday 23rd February at 08:40am.

Ms Gilligan