



Newsletter Summer 2021

To all of our lovely families,

Thank you for everything you have done to support school this year. It hasn't been an easy journey but we have pulled together as a team to continue education for our children, support them with their wellbeing and try to maintain normality.

We have only had 2 bubble closures throughout the pandemic and this is because we have tried our very best to stick to the plan of staggered start times, bubbles, isolation, increased cleaning..... the list is endless. Thank you to our families for being a huge part of this.

I would also like to thank our staff who have always put the children first, created a nurturing and supportive environment and given their all every day.

I am looking forward to some normality next academic year and I am sure you are too.

I hope everybody has a happy and fun holiday and that the sun shines for us all. It says in Isaiah, those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not become faint. May you find your rest in God and may He bless you this summer.

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs Lauren Watson

Message from the

Governing Board

During the past year, school has faced many challenges dealing with the ups and downs brought about by the day to day impact of the Covid pandemic.

Our thanks go to all our amazing staff led by Mrs Watson and her team. Their hard work, resilience and creative thinking has played a large part in keeping learning as exciting as possible for the children whilst ensuring that their safety and well-being has been at the heart of school's decision making.

It has not been an easy year for many of us and as we look ahead to the Summer holidays, we would also like to take time to thank our wonderful children and families for your efforts, particularly during periods of home learning and your ongoing support to school. We wish you all a restful holiday.

HOUSE WINNER

Warneford

Children in the house of Warneford celebrated with an ice cream picnic in the church garden.

Well done Warneford!



Our winner of the Inter House Shield was

MACKAY

Our pupils and staff enjoyed sports day. Photos of this have been shared on Seesaw. Children were great ambassadors for school and showed a fabulous team spirit.

The Inter House Shield was awarded in celebration assembly today.

Our parents said: When will be able to be inside school again?

We said: We really hope to welcome families back into school from September. We will start with **parent coffee morning** every first Thursday of the half term following drop-off and also an **open classroom** to come and share your child's learning every last Thursday of the term from 2:30pm. Please access classrooms through the playground. There will also be lots more events to share.

All of the dates for events can be found on the home page of the website or on the School Jotter app.

[All Saints' CE VA Junior And Infant School - Home \(allsaintsschoolhalifax.co.uk\)](http://allsaintsschoolhalifax.co.uk)

Be the best that we can be..... PHSCE

Next half term we are focusing on PHSCE and challenging both our teachers and children to 'be the best that they can be in PHSCE. This involves us all coming out of our comfort Zones to ensure our learning is truly amazing.



We would like children to understand what PHSCE looks like within the world and the professions linked to this. Should you have a job which links to supporting health, any other areas linked to this or know somebody who does and who would be willing to Zoom in or visit school to talk about their profession, please contact your child's class teacher on Seesaw.

PTA Update

This year hasn't been a straightforward one for fundraising but we're really delighted that what we were able to raise supported the school with new iPads, book bags to welcome the new reception children and bibles for our year 6 leavers. From everyone at the PTA, a huge thank you for the support of parents, friends and family of the school. We look forward to reinstating some more activities next year but in the meantime wish you all a very happy summer.'



Attendance

99%



A huge thank you to our families and children for showing resilience and endurance through a difficult time!

School In September

With excitement we bring you the news that we will once again (everything going to plan) open up our gates and invite our families into the playground.

All children will use the top gate to enter school.

8:55am

	Reception, Year 1 & 2	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Start	8:55am	8:45am
Finish	3:20pm	3:10pm Children in year 5 & 6 may to and from school independently. Please put a note in jotters to share permission.

Reception can be collected from the reception gate which leads to their play area.

Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 children can be collected from within the playground at the double green gates.

Year 5 and 6 will leave through the top door near the black double main gates.

Staffing News

We say farewell to Mrs Dumbreck our fantastic Deputy head and Mr Hardcastle who has covered Mrs Siddiq's maternity leave along with Miss Hanson who is pursuing her dream to become a teacher.

We wish them all the very best of luck! We will miss you.

Mrs Farnell will also be getting married this summer and will be called Mrs Dyson From September – huge congratulations!



Corona Virus Symptoms During the Holidays

If your child tests positive after July 19th, please contact NHS Test and Trace and they will direct you for a confirmatory PCR test and go through contact tracing with you.

PLEASE NOTE WE RETURN TO SCHOOL TUESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Term Dates 2021/22

Monday 6th September – Friday 22nd October – 7 weeks

Half term

Monday 1st November – Friday 17th December – 7 weeks

Christmas break

Tuesday 4th January – Friday 18th February – 7 weeks

Half term

Monday 28th February – Friday 8th April – 6 weeks

Easter break

Monday 25th April – Friday 27th May - 5 weeks

Monday 2nd May - May day holiday

Half term

Wednesday 8th June - Queens Jubilee Bank Holiday

Thursday 9th June – Friday 22nd July – 7 weeks

Summer Holidays

Training days

Monday 6th September

Monday 6th June

Tuesday 7th June

Monday 25th July

Tuesday 26th July

Items in red are a change to the original dates due to the award of an additional bank holiday for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Our School Vision

Our Vision

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our questionnaire from governors about our school vision. 81% of families thought that the school vision represented the aspirations of our community and 13.9% said maybe. Thank you for the kind words shared through this.

The governors are now working on their strategic plan for the next 3 years. This will include not only how we encourage our children to shine within themselves but also how they can be a light in the world and shine in the service of others.

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."



The above pictorial representation of this Vision (designed by a school parent) depicts the rays of light as the special gifts that the school provides; gifts that will allow us all to flourish in our unique ways, in all aspects of life, to live abundantly. Every person in our school community is a child of God, and at the heart of our Christian Distinctiveness, is an upholding of the worth of each person – made in the image of God – and are loved unconditionally by God.

Moment of reflection:

How can you be a light in the world and let your light shine in the service of others?

SCHOOL UNIFORM LIST

- Grey trousers, skirt or shorts
- White shirt/blouse or polo shirt with school logo
- Red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan with school logo
- During summer months a red gingham dress may be worn
- Suitable school shoes (which can be easily fastened for Reception class children)
- Gym kit – Red polo shirt, navy shorts; black pumps; drawstring bag.
- Outdoor (preferably waterproof) coat, wellington boots etc
- Jewellery is not permitted in school. Sleepers or small studs may be worn in pierced ears except on PE days, when they must be removed by the parent. The School does not accept responsibility for any lost or broken items.
- Hair accessories – Small bows/clips/bobbles may be worn in red, black or white

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly named, including shoes and pumps.

Our recommended uniform supplier is TAG Embroidery in Sowerby Bridge, alternatively most supermarkets offer a good, affordable range of uniform items.

Andrew Ibbetson at Tag Embroidery
Phone 01422 883363
Mobile 07976 218950

Email andrew@tagembroidery.co.uk
Website www.tagembroidery.co.uk

Class Newsletter

Don't forget to check out your child's class newsletter on their class page on the website along with lots of other fabulous things they have been doing in school. They are also attached below the newsletter.

<https://www.allsaintsschoolhalifax.co.uk/learning/year-groups>

Year Groups



Ofsted Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think of your child's school



Click here to share:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>

Communcation about learning

Please download BOTH the Seesaw Class app and Seesaw Family app

below to ensure you keep upto date with your childs learning. This is also the platform we use if you child should isolate or their bubble closes.

Seesaw Family app
(learning in school will be shared here)

Seesaw Class app
(Remote learning will be shared here)



Keep up to date with the latest news



@allsaintscschool

SCHOOL JOTTER



Find in your app store

Click in the QR code with your smart phone to take you straight there!

Keeping Our Children Safe

If you have any concerns If you have any concerns or worries about the safety or well-being of a child, do not hesitate to contact Mrs Watson or Mrs Dumbreck. Email: admin@allsaints.calderdale.sch.uk



Our priority is that
ALL children and adults
feel safe and happy in
our school.

If you do not feel safe or you are worried about
someone else, speak to an adult you trust.



Mrs Watson, Mrs Sheppard and Mrs Farnell are responsible
for keeping everyone safe in our school.

Please speak to them if you have any worries or concerns.

Please see some of the wonderful things we have
been doing below.

This can also be found on the year group page on the website.

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Teddy was stuck on the other side of a crocodile infested river. How could he be saved? Using our problem-solving skills, we put down stepping stones and saved him.

Writing shopping lists before going to the All Saints' Store.

We loved break the rules day & coming into school with weird and wonderful hair designs.

This half term Reception have kept their feet firmly on planet Earth, but that's not stopped us doing a bit of globe-trotting all over each of the seven continents. During these travels the class has learnt about different landscapes, climates & animals, foods, cultures and traditional dress. With nearly 30 different country flags coloured in and "hello" and "good-byes" learnt in many different languages the class are ready for their own summer holidays. Fantastic work Reception and don't forget to pack your toothbrush on your travels!

We made pizza on our "travels" to Italy.

Off to China and dragon dancing.

Sombreros, weaving rugs and Tango dancing – we must be in South America.

Reception SUMMER 2

We have tended our garden patch, planting, watering & harvesting radish.

Summer term PE lessons are packed with new experiences like Sports Day and playing cricket.

Every country we have visited has given us a chance to try new art skills like Aboriginal dot painting, rug weaving or clay modelling.

What an amazing half term and end to Year 1. It's been a delight to teach this class, but I wish them the best of luck in Year 2!

YEAR 1'S CLASS ON A PAGE SUMMER 2



We played rounders at Copley Cricket Club.



In Maths, we learnt about position and direction.



We practised our speaking and listening skills linked to our story 'The King Who Banned the Dark'.



We designed and made our clay sculptures based on a famous Monarch!



We had a fabulous time at Sports Day.



We had an outstanding time for our Kings and Queens day to round off our topic.



Year 2 Summer 2 'Toffee Town'

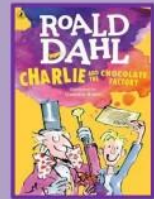


We made it! Wow, what a year! We could not be prouder of our wonderful Year 2 class.

The children have really enjoyed this topic and it has been so lovely to hear the children talking about conversations they have been having with you all at home.



This half term the children have loved our text Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. They were fantastic at exploring the characters, writing descriptions and creating a recount of the events leading up to Charlie Bucket becoming the new owner of the factory.



In Maths we have spent time recapping our work on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children now seem more confident with understanding and applying the strategies to answer the questions.



Our Science topic has focussed on learning about plants, the plant life cycle and what a healthy plant needs to grow. We've planted some of our own seeds for a little investigation. We have some budding little gardeners on our hands!



This half term the children have loved our 'Toffee Town' topic. We have learnt about the Mackintosh family, the key buildings in the local area some of the changes in the factory then and now. We are looking forward to tasting some yummy treats made in the Mackintosh factory later this week!

Art this half term has also been great fun! We have learnt about the artist Gunta Stolz and used her work as an inspiration for our own. We also enjoyed a fun workshop with Fiona from artworks where we learnt how to weave on a coat hanger!



Summer 2



Well done on a fantastic year, Year 3. You have shown resilience and endurance during a very difficult year and your love for learning continued throughout all of the disruptions.

We have had lots of fun from dancing to GoNoodle, Roman archeological digs, talking to our local artist, making each other laugh and so much more!

I am so excited to see the individuals you become in Year 4! Don't forget to come and say hello to me!

I will miss you!

Best wishes, Miss Holt



Sports Day

Although the weather wasn't on our side, we still managed to get our sports day in! We showed lots of endurance when



Art

In art, we looked at landscapes and our local artist, Kate Lycett. We were so lucky to Zoom with Kate and she gave us lots of tips for us to use when we did our own landscape paintings. We looked at tone, shade, mixing and blending.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Bloem for all of her hard work this year. We would not have had such a successful year without her! Thank you, Mrs Bloem!



English

We really enjoyed reading The Iron Man this half term. We had great fun in our work too! Hot seating as The Iron Man, creating an internal monologue from the point of view of a seagull and writing a diary entry as if we were Hogarth!

History

Our History topic this half term has been 'Yorkshire Folk'. We looked at different influential people who were born in Yorkshire and spoke about their contributions to society. We also spoke about how the success of local people benefits the area.



I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you this year. You are such a lovely, caring and funny class. It's been a tough year and you have all taken it in your stride and been amazing! I loved our visit to the allotments and also had lots of fun helping you make your volcanoes!

I'm so lucky I get to work with you again in Year 4!

Have a lovely Summer break.
Love, Mrs Bloem.

Summer 2 - Brontes

This half term, the children have gone above and beyond with their work. We have been focusing on the Brontës and the children have shown great knowledge and a desire to learn, research and write about our local literary family.

We have written a biography of Charlotte Bronte as well as a book review of Jane Eyre in literacy. The children have really impressed with the content they have included and pushed themselves in terms of what they are including. This has mirrored our history lessons closely where we have created a timeline whilst also conducting a lot of research about the family and their home of Howarth.

Our maths lessons have been more practical with shapes and graphs being the main focus. The children have done particularly well here as they would have missed the year 3 lessons in these areas. In art we are looking at landscapes of our local area and the children have drawn and painted our local area as well as the high street in Howarth. Finally, the children have had lots of fun in the sun at our cricket and sports days, showing determination, resilience and skill.

Thank you Year 4 for being brilliant!



YEAR 5 SUMMER 2



The Final Half Term

And what a way to end a brilliant year. We have had a busy 6 weeks in Year 5, full of incredible learning opportunities and life experiences.

The children have shown great enthusiasm towards our railway topic, exploring steam, diesel, and electric locomotives in our History and English lessons. They have excelled in all of our writing opportunities which have ranged from character descriptions based on our class text 'The Highland Falcon Thief', to writing their own formal explanation texts on the main types of locomotives and even analysed, performed and composed their own poem based on 'From A Railway Carriage'.

The children have really strived to be the best that they can be in all areas. In Art, the children have created brilliant railway art using watercolours based on the Impressionist movement. Science has had us exploring the lives and work of different scientists and inventors, providing us with the opportunities to create nature documentaries, test rocket fuel and research the life cycle of insects.

Sport has taken over this half term and we have absolutely loved it! This included Sports Day and an entire day dedicated to Cricket. We have joined Greenroyd Bowling Club weekly and have impressed all with our manners and decorum.

The children are looking forward to moving to year 6, for their final year at All Saints'. I am positively sure that they will do us all proud!

WHAT HAVE WE STUDIED?

THE HISTORY AND
SIGNIFICANCE OF THE
RAILWAYS

CHARACTER
DEVELOPMENT,
EXPLANATION TEXTS
AND POETRY

SCIENTISTS AND
INVENTORS

IMPRESSIONISM AND
RAILWAY ART



During our topic lessons, we have completed a range of activities centered around Trade and Economics. We then used our knowledge to answer the key question and debate statement.

Don



Our Christian Value was Tolerance. We filled a whole worship diary with everything we learnt!

It is our final half-term at school and we have been busy preparing a super End-of Year performance for you all to watch!

Katie B

In mathematics, we learnt about the topics the 'Properties of Shapes'. We have measured angles and learnt about the different rules for angles in different shapes.

George S

Trade and Economics Summer 2 Year Six

This half-term, we competed in numerous races for Sports Day! It was so fun and everyone did so well!

Grace



In Art, we have created our own pictures of Saltaire in the style of L.S.Lowry. We created a few separate pieces of specific elements, in his style, before creating a final piece. We worked hard to create the correct tone and shading.

Darcy

This half-term, we completed our bikeability sessions. It was really fun to be able to ride our bikes on the road safely. It is so important to be safe on the roads!

Olivia

In English, we have read the book 'The Graveyard Book' by Neil Gaiman. We used pages from the book to create our own erasure poems. We had to select the words carefully and then create an image linked to our poem's topic.



Our topic in Science was 'Animals, Including Humans'. We got to deepen our understanding of the human body and how our circulatory system works. We even dissected a heart!

Finley

In RE, we started to look at the question – 'What does it mean for a Jewish person to follow God?'. It has been interesting looking at a different world religion and being able to make links back to Christianity.

Oliver