



NEWSLETTER

Regular news updates from All Saints School, Lessingham

KEY DIARY DATES

Jan:

- 3rd & 6th: Staff Inset Days
- 7th: Students return to school
- 9th: Yr 9 Seal trip
- 10th: Parent/Carer Forum - preparing for exams
- 13th-17th: Yr 11 Mock exam week
- 21st: Yr 9/10 Information evening
- 22nd: Yr 8 to UEA
- 28th: Upper Juniors adapted games at UEA

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We wish you a Merry Christmas

We Wish You a Merry Christmas song' origins can be traced back to the 16th century. The story goes that there were a group of singers who went from door to door to sing **Christmas Carols** and wish everyone a happy Christmas. These carollers were based in Somerset, England. It is believed that they were the first ones to sing the classic carol 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'. The song simply conveys good wishes for Christmas and New Year.

I always thought 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' Lyrics brings out the importance of togetherness during the holidays. Isn't it always lovely to be together with friends and family despite the differences and sometimes difficulties!

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year and to thank my absolutely amazing and fabulous staff team for all they do day in and day out to make All Saints School the wonderful place it is.



Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

Running 30 Dec 2024 - 3 Jan 2025

A reminder for parents/carers to book

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun>

Parent and Carer Forum

Friday 10th January 11.00-12.00 on Zoom (link to be sent out in the New year)

"Preparing for exams" – Miss King

"Dyslexia Support and Guidance" – Ms Czubaj

Year 11 Mock Week—Exam conditions

13th-17th January 2025

All students are aware of the revision they need to do over the Christmas break and they have everything they need to be able to do this.

WEX (Work Experience)

A brilliant turnout of 21 students attended the WEX careers talk on working with animals and wildlife. Students sat and listened brilliantly and had some excellent questions for Molly the operations manager at Watatunga nature reserve. Here is the website for those who want to find out more:

<https://watatunga.co.uk/>



Diversity

During diversity lunch, Sophie Reynolds delivered a Christmas themed diversity quiz.



Arts Careers

Students from Y7-Y11 with a particular interest in careers in the arts enjoyed a visit to Access Creative College and Norwich University of the Arts.

It was really interesting to see the music studios, games department and art studios. We had a chance to see college and university students making work and ask them questions, it was great to hear so many of our students interested in finding out how they could study there in the future.



GCSE Art

students have been busy making their final piece for the project 'My Environment'. We've got students working with sculpture, paint and hydro dipping. They should be very proud of their first project for the year!





Lower Juniors as space explorers!

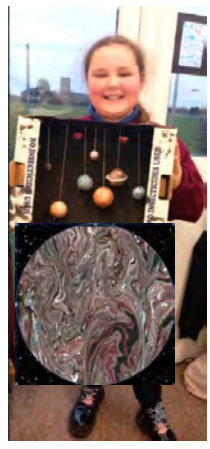
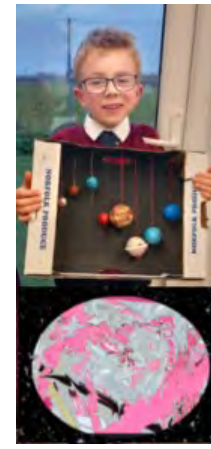
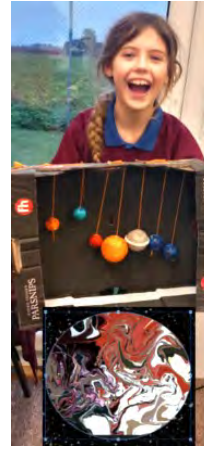
My Very Excellent Mother Just Served Us Noodles!

Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn,
Uranus and Neptune.

We were very sad to hear that Pluto got banished
from calling itself a planet.

Upper Juniors

have been making Christmas crafts to develop their fine motor skills and testing the brightness or dimness of lightbulbs during circuit making in science.



House Reward Day

'Red' team won hot chocolate and biscuits.



Reading Rewards

Piper, William, Tilly, Oscar, Darcy, Archie, Logan
and Esme enjoyed a trip out to Latham's to
spend their reward money.

If your child is reading regularly at home please
sign their planner so that they can achieve their
credits, and potentially earn a space on our next
reward trip.



Sport

A fantastic footballing and sporting spectacle between All Saints and The Stables School.

A big thank you to The Stables School for hosting the fabulous event.



Year 8

Putting into practise what they have learnt about conducting primary surveys.

DR ABC

Danger

Response

Airways

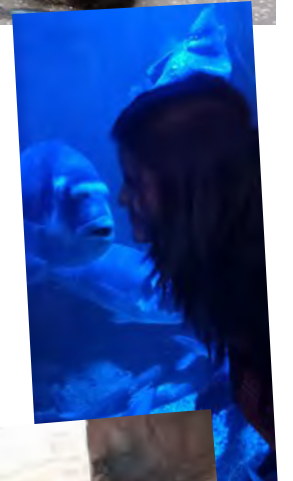
Breathing

Circulation



Science

Mr Lamb and Year 9 created a model of the human digestive system to understand how food passes through the body.



Sea Life Centre

As soon as we walked in, we had our photos taken, and walked into the first part of the attraction where Tilly 'kissed' a fish, which she called Myles. Then we moved on to the jellyfish part, which looked pretty cool. It looked like they were glowing. We then went to go see the penguins, there was one named Harvey, which we laughed at. They pooped a lot, and even swam in it which is disgusting, but it's normal to them.

We then walked further in, and saw what I believe was an alligator. We also saw these red ants climbing across tree branches above us into a separate container with leaves, and they carried it back across the branches, it was amazing to watch.

After the Sea Life Centre, we bought some chips, which were delicious.



Christmas Metaphors

Yr 9 hosted the Lower Juniors for a poetry workshop

They shared some of their writing and then wrote poems together. It was a lovely festive occasion and great to see such creative focus.

I am the Friday spirit on the last day of term

Come to help everyone

I am the blue of the sea

The green of the grass

The white of the snow

I am the gold of the star

I am the snowball fight

I am the burning log on the fire

I am the enjoyment of presents

The chew toy waiting for the dog

I am the wrapping paper

I am the build up to the last door of the advent calendar

I am the lights glimmering on Christmas Eve

I am the toy, waiting to be played with

After months in a cupboard

I am the cookies waiting for Santa.

I am the heat of a hot chocolate

I am the huge Christmas dinner waiting on the table

I am the fizz in the bottle

I am the blue fire on the Christmas pudding

I am the tree, decorated with red and gold baubles

I am the star at the top

The tinsel on the church

I am the presents under the tree

The lights that shine

I am the Christmas carols, sung at midnight

I am as excited as an Elf

I am the special Christmas card, made for Mum.

I am the last week of term

I am the Nativity play

The voice of the whole school

I work as hard as Santa

I am Christmas



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM LOWER JUNIORS

*'Twas the last night before Christmas,
when all was as quiet as a mouse.
Not even Ms Czubaj's earrings jingled through the silent house.
Children were sleeping in their cosy beds,
Dreaming of the presents wrapped in blues and reds.
The snow was falling, as silent as time
And I was just sitting and writing this rhyme.*

*I went to make a snowman in the middle of the night,
So big that no creature was trying to bite.
I wrapped him in scarf and gave him a hat
In hope that he wouldn't just melt on my mat.
Woken by the noise I got out of my bed
To notice that it wasn't just in my head.
The snowman was moving, he was at the door
His footsteps were leaving wet marks on the floor.*

*His eyes were like coal, so very shiny,
His nose was an orange and was very tiny,
He smiled when he saw me, his mouth like a bow
His big, chubby body was as white as the snow.
I showed the snowman around the whole house,
We tried to be quiet, as quiet as a mouse.
He then grabbed my hand in his snowy paw,
And we started to fly. How high did we soar!
Above the tall houses, above the tall trees,
I saw the tall mountains starting to freeze.
We landed at last, surrounded by snow
I saw a little red nose beginning to glow.
More and more glowing began to appear,
Rudolf and others must have been near.*



*We had a great time in a cold snowman land,
We sang and we danced, holding hand in hand.
The time has come to fly away home,
I went back to bed and felt all alone.
I woke up excited, ran downstairs - "Hurray!"
But sadly, I realised he melted away.
I felt very sad and started to cry
And then I realised it was time to say bye!*



Christmas 2024



Hickling House

On Monday 9th December a group of 24 students ranging from Lower Juniors all the way through to year 11 went to sing at Hickling House.

Our newly formed school choir sang two traditional carols - Away in a Manger and Silent Night and two popular Christmas Classics - Rocking Around the Christmas Tree and Winter Wonderland. The young people were a credit to the school, they were so friendly and warm towards the residents, and they sang beautifully! Well done to everyone who was involved!



Congratulations to...

AQA Unit Award Certificates (students have these)

- Year 7:** Ashton, Ana, Zaiya, Tommy, Daniel, Oscar, Zac, Finn and Tilly
- Year 8:** Jack, Theo, Pheobe, Kayla, Darcy, Connie, Annie, Ruby, Logan, Archie, Bella, Charlie, Turlisa, Danny and Tayler
- Year 9:** Niamh, Harvey, Myles, Molly, Theo, Eternity, Connor, Al, Liv and Max
- Year 11:** Laila and Lexi

City & Guilds Site carpentry skills

- Year 10:** Josh, Drew, Alex and Ashton
- Year 11:** Liam, Tom, Rio and Tristen

'Class of 2024' Certificate presentation

Paige, Grace, Leland, Taylor, Jessica, Harry, Violet, Joel, Hollie, Rosie and Zak

Swimming

Well done to all the juniors for their recent swimming awards:

1000m	Oliver, Phoebe, Louise
800m	William
600m	Jacob
300m	Piper
150m	Sky
10m	Willow, Poppy, Josh

Merry Christmas

from Sid, (PAT dog) and Alvin

