

SCHOOL NEWS



Thursday 18th
December 2025

YOUR WEEKLY SCHOOL UPDATE



A loving place where we all care, learn and grow together.

Our school vision

At All Saints Academy, it is our vision to provide the 'good soil' for every member of our community to develop deep roots and flourish as a unique individual and achieve their full potential. With the highest of expectations, we nurture and develop each individual so that they can explore who they are and make a positive contribution to our local community and the wider world.



Our school Values

Respect Kindness Honesty Perseverance Courage Empathy

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, we would like to thank all our families for their continued support and partnership. Your encouragement and involvement make a real difference to our school community. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back next term.

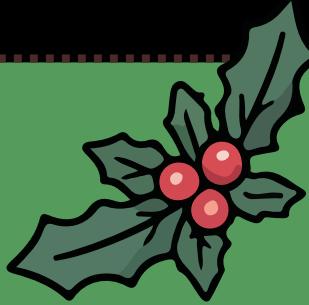
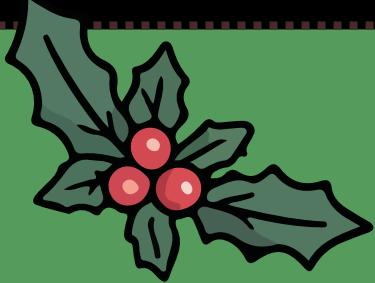
**Our first day back is Monday
5th January 2025.**



Christmas performances

It has been wonderful to celebrate the festive season together through our EYFS nativity, KS1 Nativity and KS2 Christmas Showcase. The children were absolutely fantastic and should be very proud of their performances. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all staff for their hard work, dedication and creativity in preparing the children and bringing these events to life.

Thank you also to our parents, carers and family members for coming along to support and encourage the children - your presence made these occasions extra special and helped create such a warm, joyful atmosphere.



Elf run

On Wednesday 17th December, most classes took part in our festive Elf Run to help raise money for Barnsley Hospice. Any classes were unable to take part due to the weather will complete this in the New Year. The children ran laps of the playground proudly wearing their elf hats, showing great enthusiasm and determination throughout. Staff members also joined in the fun, helping to create a fantastic atmosphere. It was a joyful event and a wonderful way to support such an important local charity - well done to everyone involved!



PTFS- Thank you!

We would like to say a huge thank you to our PTFA for their very generous funding of a book for every child in school as a Christmas gift. This thoughtful gesture has brought lots of excitement and smiles, and it is a wonderful way to encourage a love of reading. We are extremely grateful for the PTFA's continued support and generosity, which makes such special moments possible for our children. 

Golden ticket event- Autumn

This week, all children who have earned 90 or more praise points this term were invited to attend our special Golden Ticket event. The children enjoyed decorating Christmas-themed plates, showing fantastic creativity and care in their designs. It was a lovely opportunity for everyone to spend time together, listening to festive songs and enjoying a calm, creative activity. Well done to all the children who earned their place at this reward event - a great achievement to celebrate! 🎄🌟





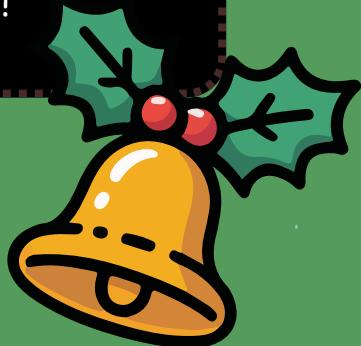
Our school attendance target: 96%

Current whole school attendance: 94.3%
Persistent absence (less than 90%): 18%



Winner of our Christmas
Attendance hamper - Alfie Y1

Well Done!!!



Important Statutory Assessment days.

- Year 6 SAT's, Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026
- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (PSC) W/C Monday 8th June 2026
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Weeks commencing Monday 1st June and Monday 8th June 2026.

Recruitment: School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA).

We are currently advertising for a School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA) to join our team. We are looking for a committed and enthusiastic individual to help support our children during lunchtime. The closing date for applications is Friday 2nd January 2026, with interviews taking place in the week commencing 5th January 2026. If you are interested in being part of our friendly and dedicated team, we would love to hear from you! Please follow the link for details and the application form.

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/138234/EDV-2025-ASAD-20888>

£5 Per Person
Adult & Child.

Christmas Experience.

19th December 2025

6pm - 8.30pm

Darfield Conservative club.

*Let's Celebrate the Joy of Christmas
Together!*

Join us for our Christmas party
experience. Meet Santa, decorate
biscuits, make reindeer food all
ready for the big day.

As well as a disco and party
games.

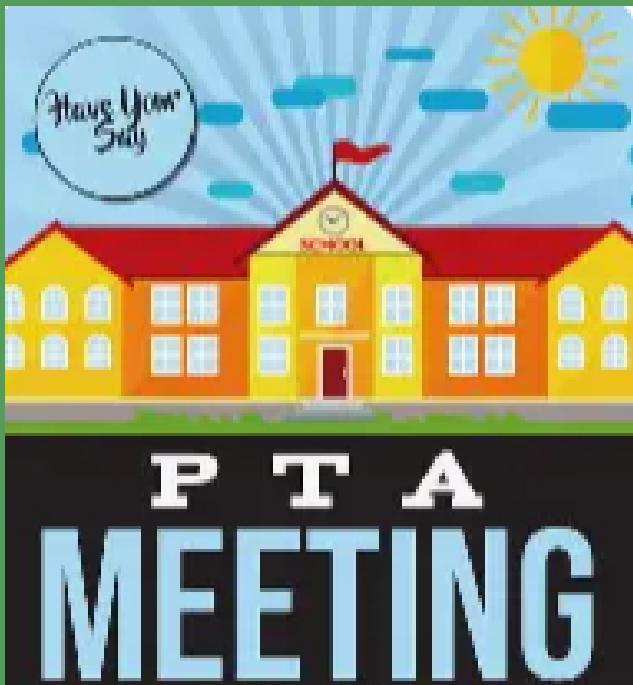
Adults can choose either mince pie
and brandy sauce, or chocolate
log. All included in the price of the
ticket.

TICKET ONLY EVENT.

Diary dates for the academic year.

We try our best to stick with the dates selected, however sometimes changes may need to be made. We will give you as much notice as possible.

Young Voices	Monday 9th February 2026
Online safety week	Monday 9th February-Friday 13th February 2026 Inc. Safer Internet Day Tuesday 10th February 2026
World book day	Thursday 5th March 2026
Science week	Monday 9th March – Friday 13th March 2026
Comic Relief	Friday 20th March 2026
Easter service	Wednesday 25th March 2026
Class photographs	Thursday 18th June 2026
Year 6 Bikeability	Monday 15th June- Friday 19th June 2026
Sports 'days' <i>Weather dependant</i>	Specific times will be sent out nearer the time. EYFS: Tuesday 23rd June 2026 PM Year 1 & Year 2 Tuesday 23rd June 2026 AM Year 3 & Year 4 Wednesday 24th June 2026 AM Year 5 & Year 6: Wednesday 24th June 2026 PM
Annual written reports to parents	Friday 10th July 2026
Year 6 Leavers Service	Tuesday 14th July 2026 <i>Provisional until transition dates from secondary schools are confirmed</i>
Internal transition day	Wednesday 15th July 2026 <i>Year 6 pupils will be informed of their secondary transition days once their placement confirmed.</i>
Reception graduation	Monday 13th July 2026
End of year prize giving	Friday 17th July 2026



PTA Meetings

We have updated the dates for the PTFA meetings for the year. Current and new members welcome.

- 15th January @ 9am
- 12th March @ 9am
- 30th April @ 9am
- 2nd July @ 9am



You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers.**

First Tuesday of every month

7pm - 8.30pm

Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone



What parents say:

'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back'

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

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