

### All Saints' CE Junior School Newsletter

January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year from all of us at All Saints' - we hope you had a lovely holiday. This is already gearing up to be a busy term so please take note of the dates listed below.

We have some staffing changes in school which you will see further on in the newsletter. **Bo Trip:** 

# Excitingly, Mrs Garrett is going to visit our link school in Bo, Sierra Leone, in early February. As you will be aware, we have a 'Friends of Bo' club in school and they would like to run a fund-raiser to send a gift to the school and children there. We are therefore going to hold a 'Bo Day' on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January and invite children to come in dressed in green, white or blue (the colours of the flag of Sierra Leone) for a donation. Our link is very important to us and we look forward to assemblies Mrs Garrett will lead, live from Sierra Leone.

Kind regards, Mrs Sutherland

Dates for the			
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Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Choir Trip to Young Voices at Resorts World	
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan		Last Year 5 Swimming Session	
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Year 3 Swimming starts	Please see letter/ email for more details
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Bo Day	More info to follow. Non uniform, dress in green, white or blue
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Parents Evening for Years 3/4/5/6	
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Parents Evening for Year 6 parents only	Booking invitations will be sent w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Parents Evening for Years 3/4/5	
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb		Half Term Holiday	
Mon 24th Feb		Children return to school	
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> March		World Book Day	More info to follow
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> March		School Council Trip to the Houses of Parliament	More info to follow
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> April	9.30am	Rock Steady Concert	Parents of Rock Steady children welcome
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30am	Easter Church Service	Parents welcome
Mon 14th April- Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> April		Easter Holiday	
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April		Children return to school	

### Staffing News

Mrs Hart will be leaving us this Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, having secured a new job just before the Christmas holidays. We are very sorry to lose her as she has been an incredible member of our team, both in school and in running our choir and organising all of their performances. I'm sure that many of you will join us in wishing her lots of luck and happiness in her new role, which is outside of education.

We are delighted to welcome some new members of staff to our team. Mrs Amjad and Miss Bennett will be working in Year 4 and Mrs Chaware will be working in Year 5.

### **Cars Around School**

Please continue to be courteous to our neighbours and park considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. Grass areas/ the roundabout should not be used for parking please. We also ask you do not use the staff carpark as a turning circle as there have been a few near misses recently and also take note of the 20mph speed restrictions in the surrounding area as we have had reports of cars driving fast down Nelson Avenue, thank you.

### School Uniform / PE kits

Children should wear correct uniform including proper school shoes, trainers are not acceptable on days PE is not taking place. Make sure all items of school clothing are named and no items of jewellery or friendship bracelets are worn.

On PE days children should wear their school jumper or cardigan with a plain white PE T- Shirt or polo shirt and suitable bottoms. We have a selection of school jumpers of all sizes, that children will be asked to wear if they attend school without a school jumper/ cardigan on PE days. As the weather is unpredictable please make sure children always a have coat in school. **Please remember to name school jumpers and cardigans**. It is impossible to locate lost jumpers which all look the same without names.

### Free School Meals Eligibility

We know that from time to time circumstances can change and you may find you become eligible for Free School Meals and subsequently Pupil Premium Funding.

Each year our school receives funding from the government called 'Pupil Premium for EACH CHILD registered and this enables us to provide vital extra resources to support those children and in turn, the whole school.

Should your child be eligible for free school meals you could save up to £400 a year on dinner money as well as a reduction on music fees and trips etc.

If your joint family income is under £16,190 per year and you receive any of the benefits listed below you may be eligible

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit.
- To make an application if you think you may be eligible please visit https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals

### After School Clubs

There are still places available this term on

Monday - PG Sports Football All Years - Arts Insight Drama Club Tuesday - PG Sports Multisports/ Boot Camp All Years Wednesday - Coding Club Thursday - Kids With Bricks Lego Club

### **Cool Milk Orders**

If you have not yet placed this term's school milk order there is still time to do so by visiting <u>www.coolmilk.com</u>, logging into your online account and selecting 'make a payment'. If you have not yet registered your child but wish to do so, please visit <u>www.coolmilk.com/register</u>. For any questions related to our milk scheme, please contact Cool Milk directly at www.coolmilk.com/contact'

### **Coat Donations**

There is an urgent need for coats of any kind for locally housed refugees.

There are three drop off points, but the main one is here at All Saints' Church, Emscote. The dates are from now until 16 January, to the church office 8.15am – 13.15pm.

Other collections points are at: The Sydni Centre, Leamington Spa, Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm. Sainsbury's at Leamington Spa Shopping Park, taking your donations to the Customer Service point mentioning the coat or coats are for lan.



### Warwick School FEBRUARY HOLIDAY ACTION 2025 is now open!

### KINGSLEY SCHOOL

• Kingsley Kookaburras - available for children in Years 2 to 7

### WARWICK SCHOOL

- Butterflies available for children who attend WPS or Kingsley Nurseries
- Cygnets available for children in Reception and Year 1
- Fun Short Courses available for children in Years 2 to 7
- Action Plus available for 12-14 year olds

Please see below and follow the link to see what exciting activities we have on offer! <a href="https://www.warwickschool.org/february-holiday-action-2025">https://www.warwickschool.org/february-holiday-action-2025</a>

Course	School Years	Dates
Kingsley Kookaburras	Y2-7	Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Butterflies	Nursery	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Cygnets	Rec & Y1	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb
Fun Short Courses	Y2-7	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb
Action Plus Half-Day Courses	12-14 year olds	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> and Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb

The following additional services are also available at **WARWICK**:

- Early Birds Swim (8.00am 9.00am) for children in school years 2 to 7
- Early Risers (8.00am 9.00am) for children in Reception and Year 1
- Night Owls (16.30pm 18.00pm) for children in Reception to Year 7, including tea

### Warwick School - Butterflies (Nursery Group)

Each week will be based around a particular theme and will include a variety of outdoor, free play, sporting, creative and relaxing activities. All activities will be planned in accordance with the EYFS framework.

Our Butterflies program is based at Warwick Prep School Nursery (Squirrels) and day activities will operate between 9.00am and 16.30pm daily.

PLEASE NOTE - our Butterflies group is for children who attend Warwick Prep and Kingsley Nurseries only.

### Warwick School - Cygnets

Our Cygnets group is open to boys and girls from Reception and School Year 1.

Led by our experienced Early Years Practitioner, children will experience a number of different exciting activities each day, including: Art and Craft / Fun Cookery / Multi-Sport / Indoor and Outdoor play / Bouncy Castle / Kapla & Unu / Mini Basketball / Nature Trails / plus much more!

Please note that our Cygnets group is only available at WARWICK, and activities will be running on specific days only.

### Warwick School – Fun Short Courses

Our Fun Short Courses for the Christmas holidays include:

Animation / Art & Craft / Badminton & Table Tennis / Curious Creatures / Drama with Lizzie / Fun Activities / Fun Ball Games / Fun Cookery / Fun with Felt / Jewellery Making / Junior Medics / Magic with Paul / Muti-Sports / NERF Wars / Pottery / Robot Wars Experience / Striking and Fielding Games / Target Games / Team Games / Wall Climbing. And **NEW FOR FEBRUARY** 2025 – Fizz Pop Science!

Please note – activities will vary from day to day and are subject to change.

### Warwick School - Action Plus

This February Half-Term, we are running the following half-day courses for 12-14 year olds:

Monday 17th February	NERF Wars	9.00am - 12.15pm
	Bootcamp & Badminton	1.15pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 19th February	Dungeons and Dragons	9.00am - 12.15pm
	Badminton & Table Tennis	9.00am - 12.15pm
	Animation	1.15pm - 4.30pm

For more details, please check our website.

#### Making a booking

For more information and to make your booking, please visit our website: <u>https://www.warwickschool.org/february-holiday-action-2025</u>



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### AUTHOR VISITS FOR SCHOOLS

### SPRING 2025

We're delighted to bring you details the authors we have already confirmed for our Spring Term 2025 Author Programme.

We'll be back in touch when terms starts in January, but do let us know if you're interested in booking these authors now to come to your school.

In the meantime have a restful holiday and may we wish you a brilliant 2025!

Please note we charge a fee of £250 per author visit up to 90 Children. Contact us if you would like to involve a group larger than that.

### Thursday, 30th January

### Gareth P Jones

A lively interactive event including music with the author of the Dragon Detective Agency series of books, and best known for his comic-gothic book. The Considine Curse, which won the Blue Peter Book Award, for The Thornthwate Inheritance and the Ninia Merekats series.



### **On Line Event**

### AF Steadman I KS2 Date TBC | Free

We are delighted to bring you an online event with

the author of the multi-bestsetling Skandar series - one of the most successful children's fantasy series of the twenty-first century. The event will be streamed into your classrooms live with the chance for children to send questions in advance for her to answer.



To book your school in, email us at charlotte@stratfordliteraryfestival.co.uk

### 25th & 26th February

### Tom Percival KS1 and KS2 | AM or PM

An artist, illustrator, musician and writer known for his uplifting stories that celebrate diversity and encourage children to be themselves. Tom is the author of many acclaimed picture books, including the bestaelling *Big Bright Feelings* picture book series offers perfect reading for building self-confidence and starting conversations about positive self-image and mental wellbeing with children.



### January/February/March

### Book Party Workshops KS1 or KS2 | AM or PM | £150

Delivered by the Festival team, we'll be sharing favourte stories in an interactive 45 min session designed to get children reading, creating characters and using their imaginations. We can tailor these workshops to respond to particular challenges you have including promoting diversity, engaging reluctant readers, or inspiring boys to read.



### Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April

### Onjali Q Raúf OBE KS2 I AM or PM

The multi-award winning writer is the author of many issue-led books, most notably *The Boy at the Back of the Class* which won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the Blue Peter Children's Book Award. It has been adapted into a play and. Her latest is *The Letter with the Golden Stamp*.



