

St Saviour's C.E Junior School



Consideration, Community, Courage

5th September 2025

Newsletter Term 1

Dear parents and carers,

Staffing

By now your child will have met their new teacher. We are very pleased with the way that children have settled – the new Year 3 children have been amazing. We have had a surprise with Mrs Evans' maternity leave in Year 4. Mrs Evans was meant to start her maternity leave at October half term. However, her waters have broken five weeks early. I very much doubt she will return to school now. I have arranged for a regular supply teacher to work each Thursday and Friday until half term. We will recruit a maternity cover as soon as possible. We say goodbye to our awesome site manager, Mr Jordan at the end of September. Mr Jordan is retiring at the ripe old age of seventy! Our new Site Manager, Mr Palmer, will start with us in mid-September.

Christian Values

We are spending lots of time in collective worship at the moment reinforcing our Christian Values of **Consideration, Community and Courage**. Regardless of belief, we are encouraging children to use these values, essentially, to be nice to each other and try their best. These values underpin everything we do, the more you can reinforce them at home, the nicer our school environment will be.

Achievement

Our new Year 6 cohort will be sitting the Kent Test in week two. I would encourage all parents to avoid using the language of pass and fail, it is much more useful to talk about the test as a way of finding out what type of school suits your child best. I would also keep in mind that your life chances are not defined by which secondary you attend. Our local non-selective schools send many students to Russell Group universities. Children sit exactly the same exams at 16, regardless of their school. Either way, good luck to Year 6!

We were overjoyed with the SATS results of our Year 6 children last year. I would urge all families to read as often as possible with your child – it is the single most powerful thing you can do to boost their academic achievement.

I was stunned by the quality of musicianship on show at our summer music concert; what talented children we have. If you are new to the school and would like your child to learn an instrument (piano, brass, violin or woodwind), please contact Miss Anderson via the school office. We also have a singing teacher and a guitar teacher. We have an orchestra and a choir and are always looking for new talent.

We will also be putting together sports teams over the course of this term and there will also be a Cross Country in early October. Thank you to the talented athletes who enjoy sport or represent our school.

Social Media stories about lockdown procedures

I have been made aware of a bizarre story which was circulating on social media over the summer. The story alleges that schools have been forced to write and implement lockdown procedures because of immigrants or asylum seekers being housed in the area. I can categorically say (because I wrote it and have been updating it every year!) that we have had a lockdown policy and procedure for around ten years. We have had absolutely no issues with anyone entering our site, nor have we been made aware of issues by Kent County Council or any other schools.

General

Thanks again for the thoughtful and generous gifts you gave to staff at the end of the summer term. We do not expect presents, and I would much prefer you to spend the money on yourselves and your children but we are all very grateful. I still have a house full of chocolate and am now on a diet!

Yours sincerely

Nick Bonell
Headteacher

September	8 th	No orchestra Year 3 parent information in hall 6.00pm
	9 th	Year 3 parent information in hall 8.30am Year 4 parents visiting Year 4 classes 3.30pm
	11 th	Kent Test for Year 6 children who are registered
	15 th	Rev Susan Wing leading collective worship Clubs start
	16 th	Year 3 book breakfast in classrooms from 8.30am – all Year 3 parents welcome
	18 th	Year 3 book breakfast in classrooms from 8.30am – all Year 3 parents welcome
	23 rd	KIC Theatre sessions for Year 5 Governors Learning and Development Team meeting 3.45pm
	29 th	Parent Consultation Meeting timesheets by main entrance
	30 th	Governors Resources Team meeting 3.45pm
October	1 st	NHS Year 6 height and weight survey
	7 th	Harvest Festival Service at St. Saviour's Church. Year 3 and 4 9.30am, Year 5 and 6 11.10am
	15 th	Year 6 trip to RAF Manston
	16 th	Kent Test decisions sent to parents Parent consultation evening
	17 th	Last Day of Term 1
	30 th	Flu vaccines
	27 th	First day of Term 2
	28 th	Full Governing Body meeting 3.45pm
November	11 th	Family First Aid workshop in the Garden Room 1.00-3.00pm
	18 th	Family First Aid workshop in the Garden Room 1.00-3.00pm
	25 th	Family First Aid workshop in the Garden Room 1.00-3.00pm
December	1 st	Last week of clubs
	12 th	Non-uniform day in return for Secret Santa gifts
	15 th	Year 3 Christmas party 1.30pm
	16 th	Year 6 Christmas party 1.30pm
	17 th	Year 4 Christmas party 1.30pm
	18 th	Year 5 Christmas party 1.30pm Secret Santa for children
	19 th	Secret Santa for children Last day of Term 2
January	5 th	First day of Term 3
	12 th	Clubs start
	13 th	Governors Learning and Development Team Meeting 3.45pm
	20 th	Governors Resources Team Meeting 3.45pm
February	3 rd	Full Governing Body meeting 3.45pm
	13 th	Last day of Term 3
	23 rd	First day of Term 4
March	16 th	Last week of clubs
	25 th	Year 4 trip to Kent Life – all day
April	2 nd	Last day of Term 4 (the Friday is a bank holiday – Good Friday)
	20 th	First day of Term 5
	21 st	Governors Learning and Development Team meeting 3.45pm
	23 rd	KIC Theatre with Year 3 all day
	27 th	Clubs start
	28 th	Governors Resources Team meeting 3.45pm
	30 th	KIC Theatre Year 4 all day
May	4 th	Bank holiday – school closed
	19 th	Full Governing Body meeting 3.45pm
	22 nd	Last day of Term 5
June	8 th	First day of Term 6
	29 th	Last week of clubs Year 6 depart for Residential trip
July	1 st	Year 6 return from residential trip
	14 th	Full Governing Body meeting 3.45pm
	21 st	Last day of Term 6