



# All Saints'

*family, faith, flourish*

*"God gave you that gift... Now let it flourish, as a small flame grows into a fire" (2 Timothy 1:6 – ICB)*

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a brand-new school year! It's been wonderful to welcome back all the children and families to our special school, we hope you had a restful and joyful summer break. As we step into the autumn term, we're filled with excitement and optimism for the learning adventures ahead.

## A Fresh Start

The start of a new academic year is always a special time. It's a chance for children to reconnect with friends, meet new teachers, and dive into fresh topics and challenges. We've loved seeing the energy and enthusiasm in classrooms and playgrounds, the children are following the rules and routines well and there have already been nominations for School Ambassadors and the selection of our Worship Teams.

## Welcome to New Families and Staff

A very warm welcome to all the new families joining our school community. We're delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you. We also welcome new staff members who bring fresh ideas and passion to our team—your children are in excellent hands.

## Welcome to Little Acorns Nursery

We're thrilled to announce the opening of our brand-new Nursery class, **Little Acorns**! It's been a joy to welcome our youngest learners into the school, and we're so proud of how well they are settling in. The children have already begun exploring their new environment, making friends, and engaging in playful learning activities that support early development. A huge thank you to our Nursery team for creating such a warm, nurturing space where curiosity and confidence can grow.



## All Saints' CE Federation Turns 150!

This year marks a truly special milestone—**All Saints' CE Federation is 150 years old!** We celebrated this historic occasion with a wonderful day of activities, bringing together children from across the partnership. The highlight was a **marvellous picnic on the field**, where children shared food, laughter, and stories. We also **buried a time capsule** filled with special items from 2025, capturing memories and messages for future generations. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so memorable!





## Our Focus This Term

This term, we'll be focusing on:

- **Inclusion and belonging** – helping every child feel safe, valued, and loved.
- **High-quality learning** – helping children remember new knowledge and build on skills and they have learned
- **Community connections** – strengthening our partnership with families and the wider community.

## Morning Gate Closures & Registration

To ensure all children are safely in their classrooms and ready to begin their learning:

- **Infant gates close at 9:00am**
- **Junior gates close at 8:55am**


This allows children to settle in and complete their morning work, which supports foundational skills in **maths and English** or helps them **catch up on missed learning**.

Please note: **Registration closes at 9:05am**. Arrivals after this time will be marked as late. Arriving on time sets a positive tone for the day and helps children feel calm, prepared, and ready to learn.

## Budget-Friendly Lunchbox Tips

We know that packing healthy, affordable lunches can be a challenge. Here are a few ideas to help keep lunchboxes nutritious and cost-effective:

- **Plan ahead:** Batch-cook pasta, rice, or couscous for easy lunchbox fillers.
- **Use leftovers:** Last night's roast chicken or veggie stir-fry can make a great wrap or sandwich.
- **Buy in bulk:** Items like yogurt, crackers, and fruit can be cheaper in multipacks.

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- **DIY snacks:** Make your own trail mix with cereal, raisins, and seeds.
  - **Seasonal fruit & veg:** Choose produce that's in season for better value and taste.
  - **Reusable containers:** Save money and reduce waste with reusable tubs and bottles.

**Please remember no sweets, chocolates or crisps as breaktime snacks, please chose healthy alternatives, not only is it good for our bodies, it helps reduce litter waste too!**

#### **Key Dates for Your Diary**

- **Parent Information Evenings** – Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> October
- **Harvest Festival Celebrations** – 16<sup>th</sup> October
- **Half-Term Break** – 27th October to 31st October
- **School Photos** – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Stay Connected**

We believe strong communication between home and school is key to a successful year. Please keep an eye on the noticeboard, Friday Flyer, ParentMail (Arbor will replace this communication system after October half term), Facebook and our school website for updates.

If you ever have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher or the school office. We're so proud of our school community and all that we achieve together. Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards,



**Mrs Cath Lee and Mrs Sophie Seddon**

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