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## KEY DIARY DATES

11.5.26	Y6 SATs Week
13.5.26	Y3 Bikeability
20.5.26 - 22.5.26	Y6 Residential
22.5.26	Pentecost Assembly



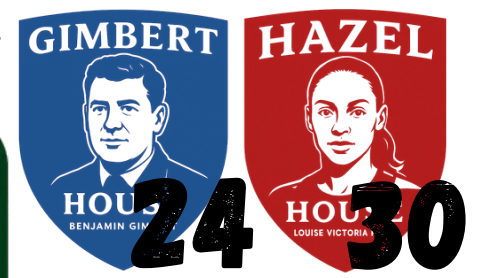
We are delighted to announce the winners of our Book Fair Spring Design Competition!

As part of the competition, children were invited to design a front cover for a book inspired by Spring. We were incredibly impressed by the imagination, creativity and effort shown, making the judging very challenging.

Each winner received a £5 book token to spend at the Book Fair — congratulations to our talented designers, and well done to everyone who took part.

Your continued support of the Book Fair has been greatly appreciated. We hope children are enjoying their new books and sharing their love of reading at home.

Thanks to the funds raised, we are able to invest in a wonderful range of new books for every classroom reading area, helping to nurture confidence, curiosity and a lifelong love of reading across the school.



**Thank You FRIENDS!**  
 YOUR SUPPORT IS MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE  
 THANK YOU FOR HELPING US CREATE SPACES TO PLAY, LEARN AND GROW!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Friends for their continued hard work and fundraising efforts. Through their dedication, they have raised an incredible £4,000, which has enabled us to invest in new playground equipment.

Thanks to this support, we have been able to create different zones across the playground. There is now a quiet area with activities such as snakes and ladders, Uno, colouring and other calm games. We also have a games zone with rotating sports equipment to keep playtimes active and engaging. In addition, we now have four wonderful new picnic benches, which are fully accessible, including for wheelchair users.

Without the support of Friends, this would not have been possible. If you feel you could help support Friends in any way, please do let us know. Any help, big or small, is always greatly appreciated.





At All Saints, we are committed to ensuring that every child feels supported, understood and able to thrive. One group of children we are particularly mindful of are young carers—children who help care for a family member at home.

**What is a young carer?**

A young carer is a child or young person under 18 who helps to look after someone in their family who may be unwell, have a disability, experience challenges with mental health, or need additional support in everyday life. This support may be regular and can sometimes be more responsibility than is typical for their age.

**What might a young carer do?**

Young carers can offer different types of support, including:

- Helping with practical tasks such as cooking, cleaning, or getting a family member up and dressed
- Supporting with siblings or managing routines at home
- Providing emotional support, such as listening, reassuring, or helping someone feel calm and safe

**How we can support at school?**

We understand that every family situation is unique, and we are here to help. Support may include:

- A trusted adult your child can talk to
- Flexibility with homework and routines when needed
- Signposting to local services and organisations
- Working together with you to ensure your child feels safe, supported, and included

We also work alongside organisations such as Centre 33, who provide specialist support for young carers, and we continue to develop our provision through the Young Carers Champion Network.

**Let's work together**

If you think your child may be a young carer, or if your family circumstances change, please do get in touch. Sharing this information allows us to better understand and support your child.

Mrs Johnson and Mrs Pooley are our Young Carer Champions and are available to speak to any time.

**So far this academic year, whole-school attendance for Reception to Year 6 is 93.5%. While this is close to the national average for primary pupils (around 94.6%), it still represents a significant amount of missed learning time.**

**Across the 145 school days so far, this means that, on average, each pupil has already missed just over 9 days of school — with nearly 3 of these days recorded as unauthorised absence, which may result in a Local Authority fine.**

**Currently, 37 pupils (20% of children in Reception to Year 6) are classed by the Department for Education as persistently absent. It is no coincidence that many of these pupils are making the least academic progress, with some falling further behind classmates who attend school regularly.**

**Staff continue to work incredibly hard to ensure every child reaches their potential, but regular attendance is essential for learning, progress and wellbeing. We are grateful to the many families who prioritise excellent attendance and ask that everyone continues to support their child by ensuring they are in school every day.**

Year Group	This Week	This Year to Date
Rec	94.4%	93.9%
1	92.3%	90.9%
2	83.2%	94.2%
3	95.1%	94.2%
4	85.9%	93.5%
5	91.0%	92.6%
6	96.1%	95.2%

2026 Summer Reading Challenge

# READ to the BEAT

Explore music and sound this summer through amazing books and activities.

Complete this year's challenge and receive your very own 'Read to the Beat' medal and certificate!

Sign up for free at your local library from Saturday 4th July

Collect your special 'Read to the Beat' stickers from Sat 11th July



We are delighted to share details of the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge, organised by our local libraries. This year's exciting theme is Read to the Beat, which invites children to explore the world of music and sound through a fantastic range of books and fun activities.

The challenge is a wonderful opportunity to keep children reading regularly over the summer holidays, building confidence and enjoyment while discovering stories inspired by rhythm, sound and creativity.

Please look out for the Read to the Beat poster included in this newsletter for more information.

We are also hoping to welcome staff from March & Chatteris Libraries into school for a special assembly in June, where they will introduce the challenge and inspire children to get involved. Further details will be shared once a date is confirmed.

We encourage all families to support this brilliant initiative and help children develop a lifelong love of reading — with a musical twist!

