



ALL SAINTS' CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Parent Bulletin – Lent 2026

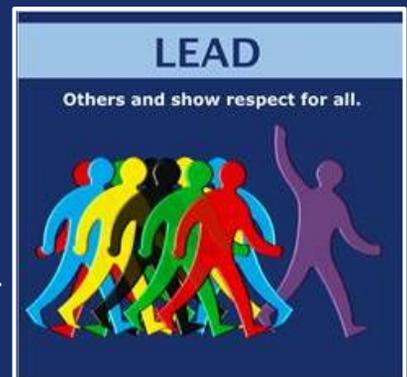
"The kind of fasting I want is this: Remove the chains of oppression and the yoke of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless poor. Give clothes to those who have nothing to wear, and do not refuse to help your own relatives."

Isaiah 58:6-7

As we return after the Half Term break, the All Saints' way theme is Lead! We always encourage students to lead by example and be the best ambassador for the school both in and out of lessons.

Reminders

If parents or carers need to contact their child please call reception. Please do not call your child's mobile and put them in the position where it could be confiscated if seen or heard. If a student needs to call home, this can be done via reception.



Please could parents and carers ensure that student names are written or sewn into items of uniform which could be lost or misplaced e.g. blazers, ties, PE hoodies. We have a lot of lost property with no way of identifying the owner. Names in uniform would really help.



We want to share that our attendance remains above the national average which is really pleasing but we all need to keep working hard in this area. Good attendance is crucial and a pivotal part of a child's progress in school. Please note that Page 5 of the student planner has an attendance tracker where student's track their weekly attendance. Please do take a look and also at the other useful information included in the planner. Thank you for all your support.

Online safety

We're often asked how long children should spend on their devices each day and how to initiate conversations with young people about social media and the dangers, plus how to keep children safe online. There is lots of useful advice on Childnet and you can read it here:

[Help & advice | Childnet](#)





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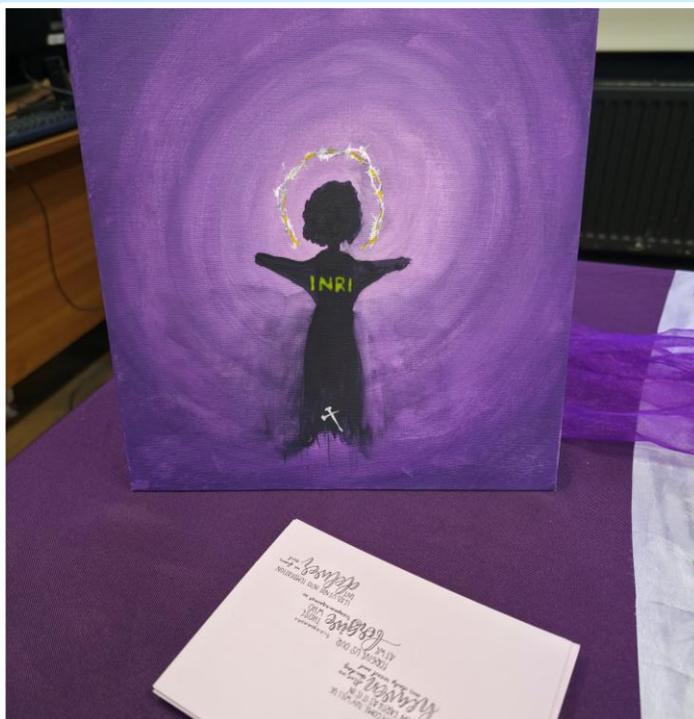
Saints Award

Well done to Jennifer in Year 8 who is the first student in school to have completed the Saints Award, living out the virtues of all of our House Patron Saints and going above and beyond, both inside and outside school. We look forward to hearing from more students, over the coming months, as they continue to put our school Mission Statement 'We Shall Serve' into action.



Chaplaincy Team Lent Celebration of the Word

Our Chaplaincy Team led Celebrations of the Word with all year groups each day this week, as we began the season of Lent as a school community. They reflected on the Our Father and ways to live this out, during the week of prayer and as one of the Three Pillars of Lent. Students were invited to receive a small cross on a purple thread, to act as a reminder that we are called to journey with Jesus during this season of repentance and spiritual reflection. There are plenty of crosses and prayer cards in the chapel, if anyone would like to come and collect one, or take one for the family, along with the stations of the cross which students are welcome to come and pray or reflect on in the chapel throughout Lent. We are keeping you all in our prayers as we journey through this Lenten season.





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Year 8 Retreat Day

On Friday, 27 February, our Year 8 students participated in a retreat day centered on our "Common Home." The group enjoyed a reflective walk to St. Philip Neri Church to celebrate Mass, strengthening our bonds as a faith community. Throughout the day, students engaged deeply with Catholic Social Teaching, specifically exploring Stewardship and the Common Good. We looked at our responsibility to protect the environment and support one another in our shared world. To conclude the afternoon, we drew inspiration from the life of St. Francis of Assisi, reflecting on his profound love for creation and how his example can guide our own actions today. It was a wonderful day of prayer, discussion, and renewed commitment to our planet.



School Fundraising

Our recent fundraising efforts culminated in an unforgettable Lip Sync Battle. It was wonderful to see staff and students sharing the stage, showcasing their creativity (and some questionable dance moves!) all for a great cause. Thank you to everyone who performed, cheered, and donated to make the event such a resounding success.

As we move into the season of Lent, we are shifting our focus toward reflection and global solidarity. This term, we are encouraging our entire school community to participate in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. Whether you walk, run, or wheel, it's a brilliant way to put our faith into action and support those fighting global poverty.





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Visit to Romero House

'In February, we visited CAFOD's Romero House in London, which was a fantastic and memorable experience. We were invited to present in their meeting for staff and volunteers, and we also spoke to various members of staff about how young people can get more involved in the Church and make a difference in the world. It was really inspiring to hear about the work they do and how our voices and actions can actually have an impact.

One of the most powerful parts of the day was visiting St George's Cathedral in the Diocese of Southwark (next to Romero House), where we saw a fragment of St Oscar Romero's alb and one of his episcopal skull caps. Standing there and learning more about his life and faith made everything feel very real and meaningful. It was a day that definitely made me think more deeply about faith, justice, and how we can all play a part in creating change-and I felt incredibly proud to represent All Saints on such a meaningful day.'

-Maks, Y12





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Whatever is needed for each and every person, and creation, to flourish.

"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need."
Acts 2:44-45



Every human being has inbuilt dignity because she or he has been created in the image and likeness of God.

"...in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them."
Genesis 1:27



To choose to consider the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable people first.

"Jesus said: 'When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.'
Luke 14:13



When one person has a right, others have a responsibility to uphold that right.

"Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy."
Proverbs 31:9



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING PRINCIPLES



People have a right and a duty to take part in shaping a more just and human society.

"When each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love."
Ephesians 4:16



Not just doing things for other people but acting with them to build a more just world together.

"...we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body."
Romans 12:5



We are called to care for creation as stewards, not just as consumers.

"Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion... over all the wild animals of the earth..."
Genesis 1:26



As far as possible, decisions should not be taken at the highest levels, but by the people who are most affected.

Jethro said to Moses: "...let them bring every important case to you, but decide every minor case themselves."
Exodus 18:22



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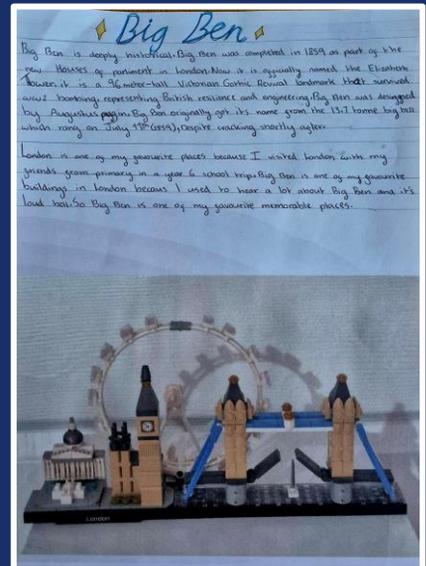
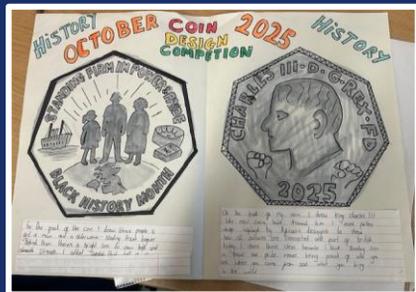
Sporting Success

A massive well done to Nikola Cernavska for winning The 2025 County Womens Artistics GYMNAST OF THE YEAR award at the Nottinghamshire County Gymnastics Association Annual Awards Evening. Congratulations on your achievements.



HISTORY

Thank you to Y7 and Y8 for some outstanding entries for our History competitions in term 1 and 2. Pupils have taken inspiration from a wide range of Historical events, which has been inspiring to see. Details for the latest competition are below.



KS3
HISTORY
HALF TERM 4

Easter Competition

Decorate an 'Easter' egg with an image of your favourite significant historical female.

Paint an egg, or draw out your design. Add an explanation of what inspired you to chose that historical female.








Closing date: 13 April

PRIZES TO BE WON!

Good luck! If you have any questions please speak to your history teacher.
To submit your entry you can email a photo of your work to Miss Varney (Varney.D@allsaints.notts.sch.uk) or hand your design in to your teacher during your lessons.





Physical Punishment Project

Over the last three years, a group of students now in Years 9 to 11 have been working as young advisers with a team of researchers from University College London on a [project looking into the physical punishment of children in the UK](#). The researchers analysed data from large national surveys to find out how physical punishment affects children, and interviewed professionals from children's charities, social work, and other relevant fields to understand why current laws on physical punishment differ across the four UK nations. The young advisers gave feedback on the research plan and on the key messages from the project's findings, helping the researchers ensure that issues important to children and young people were not overlooked. In the process, the group also gained valuable insight into how research is carried out. Despite the sensitive subject matter, the workshops and discussions were enjoyed by all.



The research team is extremely grateful to the group for their input and generosity in sharing their views, and to Miss Flint and all other teachers who helped facilitate this successful collaboration.

We will share a short report for the young people soon and keep you updated if there are any policy developments.



If parents wish to contact the SENDCo at the school they can email SENDCo@allsaints.notts.sch.uk and someone will get back to them regarding their query.



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Mental Health and Wellbeing:

Schools and Colleges
Early Support Service

Anna Freud

Spring term webinars from the Schools and Colleges Early Support Service – click on the link found in the below PDF:

[Live parent and carer resources Spring term 25-26](#)



- How to support your young person with low mood
- Supporting your young person to stay well online
- Anxiety in adolescence
- Emotional based school non-attendance
- Understanding the impact of bullying on a young person’s mental health Adolescent self-harm Weathering the storms of adolescent emotions
- Creating rules and boundaries whilst supporting a healthy relationship with your teen
- Supporting your young person to navigate healthy friendships
- Supporting your young person through exam time
- Understanding the adolescent brain
- Transitioning to Secondary School - supporting your child with the ending and a new beginning Supporting your young person with anxiety before they get their exam results

Mental Health and Wellbeing reminder: Please remember that the link on our website is: [Mental Health & Wellbeing - All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy - Mansfield](#). The trust Mental Health and Wellbeing space link is: [Health & Wellbeing](#)

In addition, if you have any questions or specific concerns regarding your child’s wellbeing then please email the address: wellbeing@allsaints.notts.sch.uk



Wellbeing Co-Ordinators



If you feel you need support please click the  **WORREY BUTTON** on the homepage of our website.



Mrs C Novell
Drama Teacher



Mrs H Bentley
Drama Teacher



Mrs K Earl
RE Teacher



Miss A Oldham
Exams Officer



Mrs C Coope
Librarian



Scan QR code to view the Wellbeing section of our website.





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Careers

All students have Personal Development lessons dedicated to Careers and our careers programme can be found on the school website, detailed below.

In addition, we utilise the platform Unifrog for students and parent/carers to access in addition to Progress Careers.

UnifrogParents can create their own "student" account using this sign-up code: [ALSCparents: Parents- an introduction to Unifrog](#)



Progress careers: [All Saints – Careers Hub](#)

Careers reminder: Please remember you can also visit our school website: [Careers- All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy – Mansfield.](#)

Progress Careers

In school on Tuesdays

Based in careers office near library/ sixth form

ALL SAINTS' SAFEGUARDING TEAM "We shall serve"

LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON - God made each person, so every life is important and should be protected
RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - God wants us to help make sure everyone is safe and healthy and can have a good life

KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE

DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Mrs N Kilday

Designated Senior Person for Child Protection
Office in the PA Block

Miss H Flint

Mental Health Lead
Office opposite M24

Mrs S Corner

Designated Safeguarding and Behaviour Lead Practitioner
Office in N1

Designated Deputy Persons for Child Protection

 Mrs D Bamford Office in K1 (Learning Support)	 Mrs C Warriner Office in the IPC (John Paul Centre)	 Mrs A Wain Office opposite the library	 Mr C Hutchinson Office near the staffroom	 Mr C Hall Office in the PA Block
 Mrs J Thompson Office in N1	 Miss A Oldham Exam Office in Technology foyer	 Ms J Webley Office in the PA Block	 Mrs R Davie Office opposite the library	 Mrs P Gamble Office in the Science Block

Mr R della-Spina

Designated Trust Safeguarding Lead

Eva Callaghan

Local Authority Child Protection Contact/ LADO
Contact: 0115 8041272

It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed. Deuteronomy 31:8



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JOSEPH

And the
AMAZING Technicolor DREAMCOAT
School Production



THURSDAY
19 MARCH
AT 6PM

LYRICS BY
TIM RICE MUSIC BY
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

FRIDAY
20 MARCH
AT 7PM

TICKETS £6.50

BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/ALL-SAINTS-CATHOLIC-VOLUNTARY-ACADEMY-MANSFIELD/E-OVQOKB](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/all-saints-catholic-voluntary-academy-mansfield/e-ovqokb)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE



UPCOMING EVENTS

11 MARCH

YEAR 7 PROGRESS EVENING
3.45PM - 6.30PM

13 MARCH

YEAR 10 VISIT TO CHURCH

16 MARCH

LENT FUNDRAISING
AND COMMENDATION
CEREMONIES

19 MARCH

JOSEPH AND THE
TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT
SCHOOL SHOW

24 MARCH

YEAR 10 MOCK INTERVIEWS

27 MARCH

LENT YEAR GROUP
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

**SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS AT
THE END OF THE DAY ON FRIDAY 27 MARCH**