



The Saints Federation
'Shine as lights in the world.' Philippians 2:15
Fortnightly Newsletter
19th May 2023



All Saints

Pupils designed and took part in our own celebration to mark the King's Coronation at Winfarthing. They told the story of King Charles' life, danced to the song about our flag and described what they would do if they were crowned King or Queen. The friends of Winfarthing presented all of the children with a specially designed pin to commemorate the occasion, alongside Mrs Pharoah's knitted crown keyrings.

Honeybees have been learning about rhyming words and are beginning to make their own poems. In maths, we have been learning about data handling. We have also been learning about Emily Davidson. We had an amazing afternoon on Thursday competing in the Dolphins and Pandas Olympics - lots of fun and laughter! Dolphin class have been reading *The Viewer* and writing their own narratives to continue the story. We have been enjoying our studies about Ancient Greece - especially designing and running our own *All Saints Olympics* in PE. This week we have also made our own Greek vases from terracotta clay - where we learned the art of pinch pot making.

St Andrew's

As well as working very hard on their SATs, Endeavour class have been learning about the Ancient Greeks, including how they lived and their different States. They also found out about warfare between the nations and discovered that a truce was called during the Ancient Olympic games. In maths, they have learnt about Archimedes, the Greek mathematician and engineer, and have been drawing Archimedean spirals. Meanwhile in art, they made clay coil pots and decorated them with Greek style patterns.

Victory class have continued to enjoy the story of the Mousehole Cat. They have been writing narratives from different perspectives and exploring character feelings when Mousehole gets taken hostage by the storm. They are using this to write their interpretations of what Mowzer the cat might have sung in order to calm the 'Great Storm-Cat'. In maths, they have been developing their understanding of fractions by making, drawing and explaining fractions in different contexts. In RE, they have continued to explore philosophy by comparing and contrasting knowledge and belief through the lens of evidence. Meanwhile, they have found out about the history of the Norfolk Broads, explaining how the area has changed.

Discovery class have enjoyed watching their 'magic beans' grow in the classroom and the Reception children helped to plant them outside. The new class text, 'Poppy and Blooms' has been a perfect springboard for exploring the season of summer within science lessons. Discovery have been working hard in their daily reading carousel. The class divides into five groups and they rotate round a range of reading activities which include shared reading, dice games and completing pictures by reading information.

For the Coronation, the children wrote poems, character descriptions and biographies of King Charles III. They enjoyed sharing their work with their adults during a special celebration assembly. They also had great fun making, decorating and selling their fabulous coronation-themed biscuits! Finally, Jennie Vere would like to let you know that informal coffee mornings have started in the church / porch. These are taking place approximately once per month and they are usually held on the last Thursday of each month, from 9:30 - 11:30 am. It is an opportunity for parents and the local community to come together. There is no charge, commitment or hidden agenda.

Hapton

At Hapton, we had the most wonderful coronation celebrations in the week leading up to the big day. We made flags and bunting, learnt the national anthem and painted portraits of King Charles. We created a beautiful display for the church and wrote celebration invitations for the event. We thoroughly enjoyed cooking for our YMCA bake sale and ended the week with an indoor picnic, where we shared stories and sandwiches. What a wonderful time we had making memories together. God save the King!

Attendance Matters!

	Number of pupils with 100% attendance	Whole school attendance
Hapton	1	92.84
All Saints	4	95.55
St Andrew's	2	95.01
Whole Federation		

All schools regularly meet with their Area Entitlement Officer to discuss pupil attendance. Our meeting was held earlier this week and it was noted the positive difference in attendance this year. All of our schools have experienced significantly improved attendance.

Huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to this, but for also ensuring all of our children have access to their educational entitlement.

Courageous Advocacy at Work

As part of our Coronation celebrations, we joined in the Big Help out to support the work of the YMCA. All of our schools got involved and together, we raised £168.25 towards the work of the YMCA. Our thanks to the organisation who provided some of the essentials needed, but also to everyone brave enough to buy one of our cakes!

Save the Date - Federation

Term 5

22 nd May	Sport Days All Saints (09:00 – 11:00)
23 rd May	Sports Day Hapton (09:00 – 11:00)
24 th May	Sport Days St Andrew's (09:00 – 11:00)
26 th May	Last day of T5
5 th June	Term 6 starts for pupils and staff
19 th June	Parent meeting for new EYFS parents
28 th June	New EYFS children in schools (pm)
30 th June	Cream tea 2:30pm – all schools
5 th July	New EYFS children in (am)
10 th July	High Lodge Visit
12 th July	New EYFS children in 9:30am -2:30pm
21 st July	Last Day of Term 6

Provisional Dates for September 2023-24

4 th September	Term 1 Begins for Staff – Inset Day
6th September	Autumn Term begins for pupils
20 th October	Last day of Term 1
30th October	School opens to pupils and staff for Term 2
20 th December	Last Day of Term 2



Cream Teas on the Field

As part of our wider re-opening post-pandemic, we will be holding a cream tea afternoon on Friday 30th June. We would like to invite parents to join their children from 2:30pm on the school field. You are welcome to bring your own cream tea, however, if time is limited, pack ups can be purchased via Parent Pay (from next week) for £1.50 a head and will include a scone, cream, jam and a bottle of water – just bring your picnic blanket!

We understand that work commitments may mean that you can't attend, but your children will still be able to come outside with us and will remain with their teacher. Please chat to the adults on the gate for more information.

Sat 10 June | 11am-2pm | Thetford Library

Seahorsing!

Families and
Creaturely Poems
Workshop

Join the poet **Gail McConnell** for stories and poems. We'll talk about families that come in all shapes and sizes, we'll think about seahorses and other creatures, and we'll make some creaturely poems of our own!
Adults, plus child (4-7)

Info and registration:
[tinyurl.com/
SeahorsingWorkshop](https://tinyurl.com/SeahorsingWorkshop)



Seahorse cyanotype by Marga McHully

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