



The Saints Federation

'Shine as lights in the world.' Philipians 2:15

Newsletter

20th December 2023

Hapton

Wow! What an adventure we had yesterday! Here are some of the comments from the Ladybirds and Rockets:

"The fish and chips were very delicious!"

"The Luminare lights were amazing!"

"This was the best school trip of all time!"

"I loved the decorations in the hall! The kitchen was amazing and the Pop Art room was brilliant; the ice-cream heads were funny!"

All the children have worked so hard this term and we are very proud of all they have achieved. We hope they all enjoy a well earned rest this Christmas and look forward to welcoming them back in the new year.

All Saints

Wow, what a busy couple of weeks we have had. Last week, we had our Christmas crafting afternoon. All the children (and grownups) enjoyed making Christmas cards and collage Christmas trees. Some of us even attempted to make origami lanterns (with varied success!). We have finished all of our learning for this term, and we are really excited to find out what we are learning about after our well deserved holiday.

Yesterday was our Christmas Extravaganza trip to Holkham Hall and Illuminate at Sandringham. We all had an amazing time exploring the hall by candlelight and seeing all the wonderful light installations. We then had some lovely fish and chips by the seaside (those pesky seagulls were out in force!) which went down a treat. Illuminate blew us all away, and it look so beautiful in the dark.

From all of us at All Saints, we wish you a Merry Christmas and hope you have a happy New Year.

St Andrew's

We have had a great time in Butterflies learning about and acting out the Christmas story. We have also had fun reading Christmas books such as 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' by Dr. Seuss and writing about ways to make the Grinch smile. In maths, we have been completing our place value topic by furthering our understanding of different methods to work out addition and subtraction calculations, as well as comparing numbers. We had a fantastic Christmas Extravaganza trip on Tuesday, exploring three Christmassy locations. We loved looking at different Christmas decorated rooms in Holkham Hall and the amazing lights in Sandringham. Have a wonderful Christmas holiday and we look forward to enjoying learning lots in the new year!

What a spectacular success of a day! The Federation trip to Holkham and Sandringham yesterday was a fantastic experience for everyone who went - summed up by the gasps of amazement from the children at the sights of the beautiful Christmas decorations and amazing lights at both locations. Holkham Hall was breathtakingly decorated with 44 Christmas trees, delicately crafted baubles and mobiles and spell-binding light displays. We followed our guide around the hall, through different rooms which were decorated in different themes from Pop Art to a Victorian Christmas. The projected light shows were cleverly done and were mesmerising. The tour finished with a festive drink and biscuit which went down a treat. We were even able to see some of the 800 deer that live on the park outside the house. It was a wonderfully 'Christmassy' visit to a splendid house.

Our next stop was a meal at Henry's in Hunstanton! We all needed it! And after pretty much filling the restaurant, the children enjoyed some delicious chips and other great food, thanks to the wonderfully welcoming staff. It was so good to see the excitement and smiling faces as we prepared for our final destination. And then to Luminare at Sandringham! It was dark by now and the trail we followed wound its way through the forest and around each corner were fabulous light displays - from lasers to light sensitive stepping stones; from a dancing light display to magical projected fairies! It really was a magical end to such a festive day!

All of the children behaved fantastically and were polite and thoughtful throughout the day. It really was a pleasure to share such an experience with everyone! What a way to end the term!

Children Comments:

Ollie (Yr3) - The light show in the hall was really nice. It was shining all over the ceiling.

Bethany (Yr6) - I liked the trail at Sandringham because when you walked through the lights it seemed really magical.

Harry (Yr5) - The room that had showed a traditional Victorian Christmas at Holkham Hall was great especially train and the gingerbread house.



Save the Date – Federation

Term 3

4th January
4th January
8th January
15th January

19th January
WB 12th February
16th February

Half Term Break – school closed 19th – 23rd February 2024

Term 4

26th February
7th March
11th March
22nd March

2024

School opens to pupils and staff
Eco Week across the Federation
Cathedral Trip
Yr6 & YrR – Weighing and Measuring – All Saints
Maths Café 14:45 – all sites
Parent Consultations
Last day of Term 3

School reopens to pupils and staff for Term 4
World Book Day
Science Week
Federation Easter Day

Attendance Matters!

	Number of pupils with 100% attendance	Whole school attendance
Hapton	13	92.62
All Saints	6	94.56
St Andrew's	3	93.77
Whole Federation		93.65

Thank you from all of the staff for your generous cards and gifts this Christmas. We truly are touched that you have thought of us at this very busy time of year.

With all good wishes for a wonderful Christmas, The Saints Federation Team!