



ALL SAINTS  
ACADEMY PLYMOUTH

# ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

October 2025

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As many of you know, I've recently returned from Shared Parental Leave - and I couldn't be prouder of where our school is right now.

Last year, we achieved our highest-ever attainment results, and this year has started just as strongly. We have more pupils applying to be prefects than ever before, more trips and activities on offer, and the most ambitious educational programme in All Saints' history.

Our pupils are simply the best. You already know this as parents, but it's worth saying again - especially at the end of a busy half-term when everyone is feeling tired. Every day, our students live our values of Love, Legacy and Bravery. Whether it's a quick corridor conversation or stepping up to cover a class, they show the character that makes this school so special.

Feedback from our post-16 partners is unanimous: All Saints pupils arrive ready to work and ready to thrive. External trainers who have spent time in school are equally full of praise. Every day reminds me how lucky I am to work in such a strong, caring community.

A final word from me: attendance.

The data is crystal clear: when pupils attend school more than 90% of the time, they go on to achieve at least a Grade 5 in their GCSEs. That single grade opens so many doors for their future. We want every child here, every day.

As a community, let's set ourselves a goal: no pupil misses more than three days next half-term. Thank you for your ongoing support, and have a lovely, restful break.



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# Attendance Procedures

## Reporting Absence

**Parents/Carers are asked to make contact on each and every day of absence by 8am. You can do this by:**

**Phone: 01752 705131 - press Option 1**

**or**

**Email: [absence@asap.org.uk](mailto:absence@asap.org.uk)**

**Where contact is not received from you, you will receive a text message, phone call or home visit, to ensure the safeguarding of all students.**

## Thankful Thursdays!

We continue to love rewarding attendance weekly to individual students as part of 'Thankful Thursday', with prizes this term including; Amazon/Greggs/Costa giftcards, chocolate, Classchart points, Playstation sessions, sessions on the astro and the very popular icecreams!

We have also enjoyed rewarding our most improved tutor group attendance each week with "the treat trolley" and the most improved year group with some well-deserved extra breaktime!

## Attendance so far this term...

Over 300 students currently have 96%+ attendance - our target for all  
We look forward to this number growing by Christmas!

**Almost 200 students have 100% attendance - amazing!!**

**Best Year group attendance this half-term: Year 7  
Best tutor group attendance this half-term: 7JBA**

We will continue to recognise and reward great attendance next year, as families, please discuss any support we can offer to help your child succeed here.

'Build your attendance - Build your legacy'

Your attendance target =

**96%+**

It's never too late to make a difference  
**Every day counts.**

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY // LOVE + LEGACY + BRAVERY

The graphic features a target symbol with a red bullseye and a yellow star in the center, positioned over the '96%+' text. The background is white with a grey geometric pattern on the left side.

## YEAR 7

Year 7 have made an outstanding start to life at All Saints, working hard and already living out our school values each day. As a year group, they are setting an excellent example – earning an impressive number of positive Class Charts points and Golden Tickets. Many students have also made the positive choice to hand in their phones during the school day, helping them stay focused and make the most of their learning.

The cohort represented All Saints brilliantly on their recent trip to the Aquarium. Staff at the venue praised them as “the best group they had worked with throughout their STEM event,” which is a fantastic reflection of their attitude and behaviour. Several Year 7 students have also showcased their talents by performing in the school choir. I had the pleasure of visiting one of their tutor sessions, and it was wonderful to hear them sing so beautifully together.

It's been a truly positive start for Year 7, and I'm excited to see all that they continue to achieve as the year progresses!

## YEAR 8

Throughout this half term, I have been pleased to recognise and reward many students for their positive contributions. Through excellent effort in lessons, acts of kindness, or continuous and consistent positive attitude, we have enjoyed football and crafting. I even got a penalty!

After the break, I will continue to focus on rewarding those students who consistently demonstrate determination, resilience, and a commitment to making positive choices every day.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support. I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable half term break.

## YEAR 9

Year 9 have had a fantastic start to the year at All Saints Academy, showing maturity, focus, and a real enthusiasm for learning. A particular highlight has been the launch of the GCSE RS programme, where students have embraced the challenge with impressive effort and a grown-up attitude. Looking ahead, there are some exciting opportunities on offer: students have the chance to apply for the Paris 2026 trip, with limited spaces remaining. We are also thrilled to offer a unique experience at Dartmoor Zoo, where selected students will work collaboratively to build an animal enclosure, gaining valuable practical and teamwork skills. It's been a great start, and we're excited for what's to come.

## YEAR 10

Year 10 have made a fantastic start to the year! They have recently attended an Art trip and a Health and Social trip, both of which were super exciting opportunities, as well as a trip to Queen's College, Taunton for a 'Chemistry of Cooking' show with Bake-Off star and food scientist, Josh Smalley. New Prefects have been chosen, and they are now busy preparing for their first set of mocks taking place at the end of November.

## YEAR 11

Year 11s attended the Launchpad Live careers event at the Life Centre, exciting opportunities were provided including; Army activities such as Deadmans Hang, woodwork using drills and saw, wall building, wheel barrow races, even doing keep-ups with Plymouth Argyle! It was a useful and informative event, we look forward to our Careers Fayre in school next half-term.

We were really proud of our Year 11s who travelled to Queen's College, Taunton for a 'Chemistry of Cooking' show with Bake-Off star and food scientist, Josh Smalley, excellent culinary skills!

Year 11s are preparing for their drop down week after half term before their next set of mocks, we know they will take this opportunity to learn and improve ahead of May, fast approaching.

Attendance: we need every Year 11 student in every day that they can, in order to give themselves the best chance they can with their GCSEs. If there is anything preventing this, please talk to me or any member of staff so that we can maximise learning and maximise outcomes.

You can do this Year 11!

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# WELL DONE!



**Classchart Points - students listed below have achieved the highest number of positive points in their Year group - congratulations to you all!**

## Year 7

Cherry P  
Anashe M  
Julia D  
Meelah M  
Jacob C  
Poppy W  
Braxton S-B  
Basit O  
Kaylen W  
Elsie B

## Year 8

Kyla D  
Ollie B  
Evie H  
Jaxon B  
Paige B  
Kainan D  
Carter C  
Star W  
Lacey G  
Willow L

## Year 9

Ethan H  
Fletcher M  
Kaycie C  
Logan L  
Lorelai G  
Bethany A  
Rumeysa K  
Skyla H  
Jayden O  
Lacey D



## Year 10

Dexter S  
Edward S  
Connie M  
Jaden S  
Aria D  
Matthew B F  
Blake M  
Ryan P  
Briannah D  
Sydney H

## Year 11

Sofia F  
Ollie T  
Harrison M  
Dylan M  
Lucy A-F  
Ethan R  
Hayden M  
Megan W  
Alecia W  
Ruby J



# Prefects

**We're thrilled to welcome a fantastic group of new prefects to join our already outstanding team! The number of applications we received this year was incredible, making it a real challenge to narrow down the shortlist for interviews. During the interview process, our students truly impressed us with their confidence, kindness, and passion for making a difference within our school community. We're so proud of each and every one of them and know they will leave an amazing legacy here at All Saints Academy. Welcome to the team!**



**Introducing our new Librarian Prefects  
Abi Alldis and Lia Lilley.**

**Their duties vary from our school prefects in that they are in the school library helping Mrs Little with all the important library tasks. They are such a wonderful asset and have been a great help.**



**This October, ten students from All Saints Academy Plymouth represented the school at the GreenPower International Finals at the legendary Goodwood Circuit. The team of 11–13-year-olds spent the year designing and refining two electric race cars – ASAP Interceptor and ASAP Slimer – making them lighter, faster, and more energy-efficient.**

**After strong regional performances and multiple podium finishes, the team earned their place among the top 20% of schools worldwide. During the finals, both cars performed brilliantly, achieving their best-ever distance of 32.6 miles and finishing in the top 15% internationally – an outstanding result against older and more experienced competitors.**

**The students also impressed judges in the Ford Engineering Award presentation, showcasing their innovative design work with confidence and enthusiasm. A huge thank you goes to our sponsors – CityBus Plymouth, Babcock International, and Murray Group – for making this incredible experience possible. The team now looks ahead to new ideas and recruits for next season!**



# Health & Social Trip



**Year 10 and 11 students had the opportunity to visit Plymouth Universities Healthcare Showcase. This showcased the University's offer of healthcare course and gave students information and a hands-on experience of each course (from giving birth to a baby using a model, to taking an X-ray!) Students had access to University lecturers and academics currently studying at the university to ask any questions they had and learn from their extensive knowledge. All enjoyed the day and represented the academy fantastically with impeccable behaviour throughout. Well done all that attended.**



# Van Gogh - Art Trip

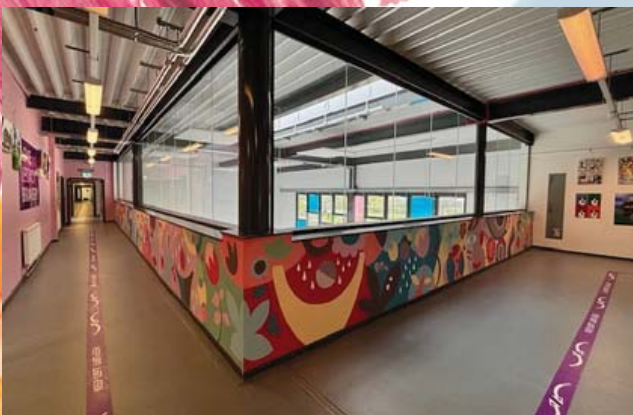
**Our Year 10 Art students recently took part in an exciting trip to the Beyond Van Gogh: Immersive Experience in Exeter. The exhibition brought Van Gogh's famous paintings to life through stunning visuals, music, and movement, creating a truly memorable experience for everyone. Students were fascinated by the vibrant colours and emotional storytelling behind each piece, and the visit sparked plenty of creative ideas to bring back into their own artwork at school. It was a fantastic day filled with inspiration, learning, and enthusiasm for the world of art!**



# Art Departmental Mural Project



**A group of talented Year 8 and 9 students recently joined forces with our amazing Creative Arts Technician, Ms Ellis, to transform the Art Department with a bright and vibrant new mural. Over several sessions, students contributed their ideas, designs, and painting skills to create a stunning piece that celebrates creativity and teamwork. The finished mural has brought a burst of colour and energy to the space, making it an inspiring environment for all our young artists to enjoy!**



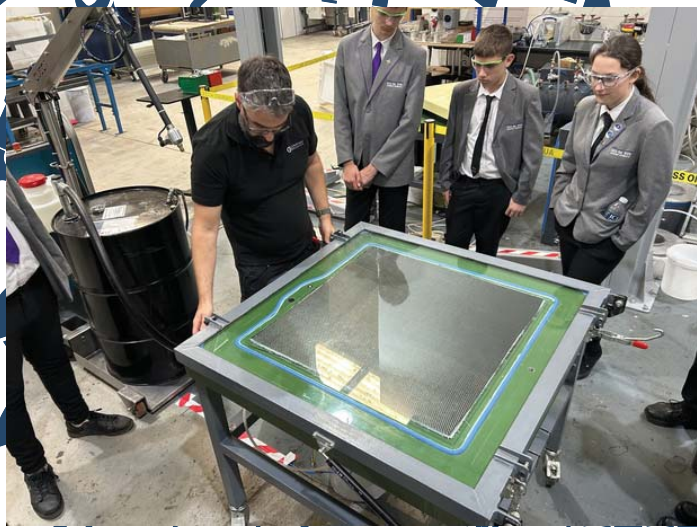


**A group of year 10 engineering design students were taken on an inspirational trip this week to Composite Integration Ltd. Here they were able to see and take part in some very high tech engineering and manufacture.**

**The students were given a tour of the amazing manufacturing facility, research and development department and design studio.**

**They were also given a superb workshop where they were taught to assemble a 100cc resin pump using a range of assembly tools and a composite material workshop. It was also great for the students to see a company like this using the exact same AutoDesk Computer Aided Design software that they have been using at a really impressive level since year 9. This really helped them see the link between their classwork and future careers.**

**We are so grateful to the team at Composite Integration who provided an unforgettable experience for the students.**



# STEMfest

🐟 Our Year 7 students had a brilliant experience at the National Marine Aquarium for #STEMfest2025 🌊🧠👥 where they learnt all about ocean friendly homes and explored the impact that decisions in our homes have on the ocean and the climate 🌊🧠☀️

The behaviour and attitudes were EXCEPTIONAL over both visits and we could not be any more proud of how students conducted themselves 🌟👏 The aquarium staff were extremely complimentary about them in their feedback so well done Year 7!



# Catering



**Yesterday, some of our Year 10 & 11 Food & Nutrition students travelled to Queen's College, Taunton for a Chemistry of Cooking show with Bake Off star Dr Josh Smalley!**

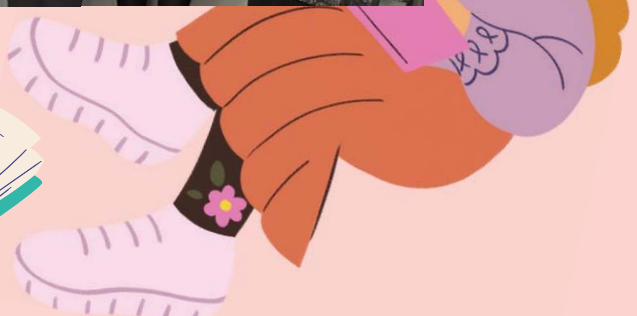









**From experimenting with raising agents to tempering chocolate (just in time for GBBO Chocolate Week!), students were wowed by high-level techniques – and even got to taste chocolate & caramel swiss roll and meringue.**

**A special shoutout to one of our Year 11 students, Peter, who bravely stepped on stage for a 1:1 piping demo with Josh 🍌 – living out our school values of bravery, legacy & love.**

**Well done, All Saints Food & Nutrition students – what an inspiring day! ❤️**



# Children's Book Awards



**For the first time ever, All Saints Academy has joined the Children's book awards, an award organised by the Federation of Children's Book Groups. A charity that values the joy of reading for pleasure and wants all children to have access to books and encourages all children to pick up a book to read for pure enjoyment. The Children's book award is the only national award in the UK that is decided by the young readers which will now include our students from All Saints book Club. Mrs Little our school Librarian and the All Saints Book Club was excited to welcome a visit from Libby Allman who runs the scheme here in Plymouth who gave out our first books to review and explain how it all works. The Book Club are all very excited to start**



# Extra-Curricular Clubs

**Our Extra-Curricular programme has got off to an incredible start this year, with a hugely exciting range of clubs available to all of our students. Gym, Football, Science, Cookery and Girl's Active have been hugely popular, along with the exciting new Law, Automotive, Theatre and Rocket League clubs, which have all added huge excitement to our Extra-Curricular offer.**

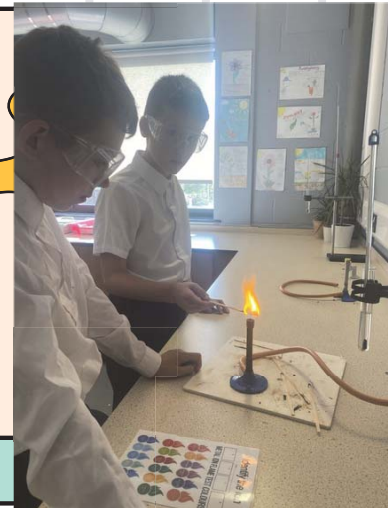
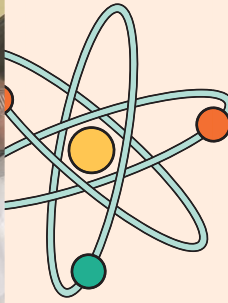
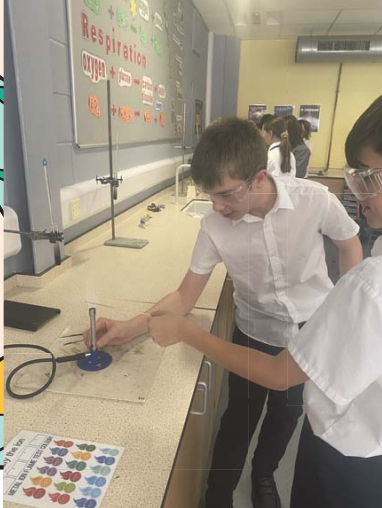
**Our clubs have already seen a total attendance of over 500 students, which is outstanding numbers.**

**We have 3 new clubs all set to start after Half Term: Dance, Volleyball and Warhammer. Details to follow soon.**

**Thank you all for your incredible support of our Extra-Curricular programme.**

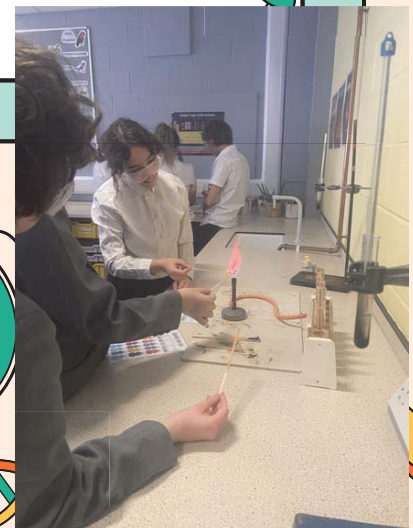
  
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**EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS**  
**AUTUMN TERM 2025**

LUNCHTIME CLUBS	DAY	VENUE	STAFF
BOOK CLUB	Monday	Library	Mrs Little
GIRL'S FOOTBALL	Mon (B) & Wed (A)	Dome	Miss May
GIRL'S ACTIVE	Tues (A) & Wed (B)	Main Hall	Miss Whittle
INTRODUCTION TO LAW	Wednesday	243	Mrs Gibbons
DODGEBALL	Thursday	Dome	Mr Wheeler
FAITH THURSDAY	Thursday	Global studies	Chaplain team
BASKETBALL	Friday	Dome	Mr Kandampully
ROCKET LEAGUE	Every day	142	Mrs Tuft
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	DAY	VENUE	STAFF
NETBALL	Tuesday	Astro	Miss Whittle/Miss May
RUGBY	Tuesday	Top field	Mr Kandampully
GYM	Tuesday	Brunel Gym	Mr Gibbons/Mr Wheeler
RUNNING	Tuesday	Changing room	Mr Gunderson
SCIENCE	Tuesday (Week A)	143	Mrs Offer
CHOIR	Tuesday	136	Mrs Trethewey
KS3 HOMEWORK	Tuesday	Study Hall	Mrs Church
SEWING & CROCHET	Tuesday	142	Mrs Tuft
COOKERY	Wednesday (Week B)	051	Mrs King/Mrs Jarwood
ASAP THEATRE COMPANY	Wednesday	Drama studio	Mr Hext
CHESS	Thursday	113	Mr Cockbain
AUTOMATIVE	Thursday	Garage	Mr Mellors
TAKEAWAY THURSDAY	Thursday	051	Barnado's
FOOTBALL	Thursday	Astro	Mr Wheeler/Mr Gibbons
GIRL'S GYM	Thursday	Brunel Gym	Miss May
GREEN POWER RACING	Thurs (A) & Tues (B)	080	Mr Keegan & Mr Hooper
LEGO LEAGUE	Friday	142	Mrs Tuft



**Science club which takes place  
Tuesday week A.**

**We have investigated acids  
and alkalis and then this week  
we looked at fireworks and  
tested ions to see which colour  
flame they produced.**



## Law Club Gears Up for the Magistrates' Mock Trial Competition

Law Club meets every Wednesday lunchtime and Thursday after school, offering students a fantastic opportunity to explore the world of law and justice. Under the guidance of Mrs Gibbons, members are preparing to take part in this year's Magistrates' Mock Trial Competition – a national event where students step into the roles of lawyers, witnesses, and magistrates. Participants will be presented with a real-world-style case and will prepare to argue it in a Magistrates' Court setting against teams from other schools. It's an exciting chance to develop public speaking, teamwork, and critical thinking skills – and to experience what it's really like to work in a courtroom!

There's still time to join the club, so anyone interested in law, debating, or performing should come along and get involved!



**Our Year 11 students recently attended the Careers Fair at Plymouth Life Centre, where they had the opportunity to explore a wide range of post-16 and career options. The event brought together local colleges, universities, employers, and training providers, giving students valuable insight into the many pathways available after GCSEs.**

**Students spoke directly with industry professionals, asked questions about apprenticeships, courses, and career routes, and gathered information to help them make informed choices for their next steps. It was an inspiring and engaging event that encouraged students to think about their future ambitions and the exciting opportunities that lie ahead**



# October

## Spooky Books

### The Changing Man by Tomi Oyemakinde



When another pupil goes missing from their exclusive boarding school, three teenagers investigate the truth behind the legend of the Changing Man with horrific consequences. Just because they let you in...it doesn't mean they'll let you out. For Ife, it's just another strange element of this school that doesn't care about its students. But as more and more people start going missing, including one of Ife's only friends, she starts to feel haunted. Who is the figure she's started seeing in the shadowy halls, who looks mysteriously like herself? And is there any truth in to the strange urban legend that travels the school like mist...the legend of the Changing Man?

### Read, Scream, Repeat by Various authors



A spooktacular collection of scary stories by thirteen of the most exciting authors in children's books today! A collection of horror stories that will chill, thrill and delight, keeping you on the edge of (or hiding behind) your sofas!...

### The Last Kids on earth by Max Brallier



Forty-two days ago I was an ordinary kid, living an uneventful life. But now it's total monster zombie chaos and I'm battling beasts on a daily basis. Crazy, right? But I know exactly how to make it through the zombie apocalypse.

Jack Sullivan's ultimate feats of apocalyptic success:  
Locate Quint Baker, best friend and inventor  
Find and rescue June Del Toro, the coolest girl I know  
Defeat Blarg, the biggest, baddest monster in town  
Become a zombie-fighting, monster-bashing tornado of cool!

Wish me luck - 'cos I'm gonna need a bunch of it.

### Wise Creatures by Deirdre Sullivan



Former child psychic Daisy hasn't thought about her past for a long time. She was only six, after all. The 'wise creatures' in the walls of the house, whispering secrets to her, are long gone. Her parents, dead in a mysterious accident, are forgotten. Some surfaces are better left unscratched. Daisy has left those things behind. And now, ten years on, she has a happy, normal life. But she does wonder, sometimes, about the blank spaces in her memories. The fear when she encounters certain textures, scents. It can be hard to feel safe in a world that's full of fears you can't explain. Thank God for Nina, her trusting, sweet foster sister and best friend. So when something seems to upturn in Nina's life Daisy is shaken. Nina has some secret she is guarding, that she won't share with Daisy. And then Nina begins to speak of murmurs in the walls, of cold spots. She claims it isn't her. It's something else. A malevolent force. And Daisy knows that something's up. And that the wise creatures, locked away for so long, are back. And this time they want both Nina, and Daisy...

### Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror by Chris Priestley



Uncle Montague lives alone in a big spooky house, and whenever his nephew, Edgar, calls on him, he seizes the opportunity to tell the boy some truly terrifying tales.

But as the chilling stories unfold, a newer and more surprising narrative emerges - one that is perhaps the most frightening of all.

Uncle Montague's tales of terror, it transpires, are not simply works of the imagination...

### Most Haunted Houses by Yvette Fielding



Paranormal investigator Yvette Fielding has been uncovering the ghostly pasts of places for over 20 years. Join her as she brings to life the hauntings and chilling histories of some of the most notorious houses in the UK.

From the homes of kings and queens, to the 'Most Haunted House in Britain', and even Yvette's own home, these spooky stories are not for the fainthearted! Prepare to discover some truly terrifying paranormal activity, including the ghost of a barbaric priest, a witch who stood trial for murder, and a pair of tragic lovers.

### Goosebumps Slappyworld: attack of the Jack! by R.L. Stine



Violet and Shawn Packer have been sent out to sea. Well, more like sent out to visit their uncle Jim, who lives near the ocean. He's an old admiral who sleeps in a lighthouse with his cat.

But Violet and her brother realise quickly that the lighthouse is full of Admiral Jim's secrets. Like a door he tells them never to open. A treasure chest that is full of the strangest items. And Captain Jack, who is absolutely not what he seems. Will Violet and Shawn survive the open water and make it back home where they belong?

Two children have a terrifying adventure when they unearth an evil pirate ventriloquist dummy whilst staying at their uncle's seaside house.

# Burrington Community Hub

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We kicked off the year with fantastic news – we've received £20,000 from the National Lottery Fund to help us open our very own Community Café! 🎉  
Alongside this exciting project, we've been continuing our much-loved regular sessions, including arts and crafts, coffee mornings, and toddler groups. We're also looking to work with community members to help us develop our school garden and green spaces – a great opportunity to get involved, share ideas, and make a lasting impact!

We're also thrilled to have launched our new Food Co-op, making it easier for local families to access affordable, healthy produce while supporting one another.



Want to stay up to date with everything happening at our Community Hub? Follow us on Facebook [burringtoncommunityhub](https://www.facebook.com/burringtoncommunityhub) for the latest updates, events, and photos



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**Wedofootball  
October Half Term Holiday Club**



Stoke Damerel Community College

Monday 27th October  
Tuesday 28th October  
Wednesday 29th October  
Thursday 30th October  
Friday 31st October

Tor Bridge

Tuesday 28th October  
Wednesday 29th October  
Thursday 30th October

Morley Meadow Primary

Thursday 30th October  
Friday 31st October

Old Priory

Wednesday 29th October

Hooe Primary

Friday 31st October

Ages 5 to 15

10.00am till 15.00pm

Just £12.50 per child per day

Maximum fun, with no pressure and a safe learning environment.

Can all players please bring a packed lunch and drink, moulded studs and trainers. If you require any further information, contact: Joe Geraghty on 07795804127 or email wedofootball1@gmail.com.

**Drop off from 09.15am no extra cost**



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**We Do Multisports  
October Holiday Clubs**



St Matthews Primary School

Monday 27th October  
Tuesday 28th October  
Wednesday 29th October  
Thursday 30th October  
Friday 31st October

Old Priory Primary School

Monday 27th October  
Tuesday 28th October  
Thursday 30th October  
Friday 31st October

Hooe Primary School

Monday 27th October  
Tuesday 28th October  
Wednesday 29th October  
Thursday 30th October

Dodgeball, Netball, Rounders, Basketball  
and more

10.00am till 15.00pm

Ages 5 to 11

**Just £12.50 per child**

Can all players please bring a packed lunch, a drink and trainers. If you require any further information, contact: Joe on 07795804127 or email Wedomultisports@gmail.com



**HALF TERM SURF'S UP AT BANTHAM & BIGBURY!**

Open Daily | Sat 18th Oct-Sun 2nd Nov | 10:30am-4:00pm

Half term is nearly here! While the waves are small this week, next week's looking promising. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned surfer, we're open every day with lessons, rentals, and expert coaching at both Bantham and Bigbury.

**OPENING HOURS**

**Bantham & Bigbury**

**Sat 18 Oct-Sun 2 Nov**

**10:30am-4:00pm daily**

**Booking ahead recommended!**

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# Dates to Remember

Information on term dates can be found here at any time  
on our website

ASAP term dates

Monday 27th October - Friday 7th November 2025  
October Half Term

Wednesday 12th November 2025  
Year 11 Information Evening

Wednesday 26th November 2025  
Year 7 Theatre Trip

Thursday 11th December 2025  
Christmas Fair

Monday 15th December 2025  
Non-Pupil Day

Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026  
Christmas Holidays

Monday 5th January 2026  
Non-Pupil Day