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Dates for the Diary:-

Wednesday 11th September; Meet the Teacher—in classrooms 3:15—3:45.

Wednesday 18th September; Year 2 Wicken Fen Trip

Wednesday 25th September; All Years -Flu Immunisation

Wednesday 23rd October; School Photos (Individual)

Friday 25th October; Non Pupil Day

Monday 28th October; Half Term.



Our value this term is ;

FORGIVENESS

Welcome Back everyone!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Meet the teacher event on next Wednesday.

May I take this opportunity to introduce myself—My name is Katie Hammond and I am the new Headteacher at All Saints' CE Primary. I have moved up from Plymouth where I was Head of School for a 2 form entry school, I have taught in most year groups throughout my career from Nursery up to Year 6. I have 2 children, a dog called Woody and a cat called Jasper. I am really excited to be the new Headteacher at All saints' and am looking forward to getting to know all the children and parents at the school and ensuring your children are able to thrive at All Saints'.

It has been lovely to see how well the pupils have settled back into the new term ready to learn. A huge welcome to Miss Ellie Venables who has joined us as the Year 1 Teacher.



School Uniform

It has been great to see so many pupils back in school looking really smart. Please remember to label any uniform so if it gets lost we can return it to your child. Please remember no jewellery should be worn in school.



PARKING

Please think about where you are parking to drop your children at school— Please park legally and responsibly outside of school.

The Department for Education (DfE) has implemented significant updates to school attendance guidance, aimed at enhancing student engagement and reducing absenteeism. The new guidance titled 'Working together to improve school attendance' came into force on 19th August 2024.

Daily Attendance Data Sharing: All state schools in England are now required to share their daily attendance registers with the DfE, local authorities, and academy trusts. This initiative will create a comprehensive attendance data set to identify and support students at risk of persistent absence.

Expanded Attendance Hubs: The DfE has increased the number of attendance hubs to 32, supporting over a million pupils. These hubs will share best practices and provide targeted support to schools, helping them address attendance issues more effectively.

Legal Interventions: New regulations standardise the use of fines for unauthorised absences. Parents will face increased fines if their child misses five days of school without permission. The fines have been raised from £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days, and from £120 to £160 if paid within 28 days.

National Attendance Ambassador: Rob Tarn, CEO of Northern Education Trust and founder of England's first attendance hub, has been appointed as the national attendance ambassador. He will work with schools and school leaders to champion attendance, share effective practices, and support the ongoing development of the attendance hubs programme.

These changes underscore the DfE's commitment to improving school attendance and ensuring every child receives a quality education.

I have included a pictorial Ladder so you are able to see how missing just one day of school effects your attendance percentage.

