

St. Saviour's C of E Primary School

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Welcome to our wonderful school



We hope that this information brochure will help you during your child's first year in our outstanding school. When your child first starts at St. Saviour's it can be confusing as there are so many exciting things going on. We thought that it would be useful to give you a list of the main events that take place so that you can join in as fully as possible.



Together we live and grow in the love of Jesus Christ.

Come and speak to us!

Please feel free to speak with Ms. Woodford or Mrs Nuechtern about anything that you are unsure about. You might need to find out more about clubs, homework, special needs, the PTA or just to have a chat. Mrs Pearman is the person to speak to about clubs. We always find that it is better to talk about any concerns as soon as they arise so that they can quickly get sorted out. This helps us to ensure that your child's time in St. Saviour's is as happy and productive as possible.

Newsletters

Each week, Ms Woodford writes a very informative newsletter that you will receive via email on a Friday. This is the most important channel for communication with you that we have and it gives you a full picture of what has been going on in the school during the previous week. We send this home via our ParentMail App, so please ensure you register. There are always important dates that you will need so please make sure that you check your child's book bag after school to ensure that you do not miss your copy. Should you need a paper copy, there are always a few spares in the entrance hall.

After School Clubs

The teachers organize after school clubs throughout the week which run from 3.30pm to 4.30 pm. Children need to apply for these clubs and there is a £3 charge per week. Clubs run for children from Year 1 upwards. Additional clubs may be organised and led by coaches from local sports clubs, these may run until 5.00pm.

Other special events that are held during the year

The School Mass is every Monday in St. Saviour's Church beginning at 2.50pm. The children attend throughout the whole year (from Reception upwards) and your child will take part in the school mass. You will be informed of the date via the school newsletter. This will be at least three times a year.

Parent Buddies

If you have a question, no matter how small, you can always ask a 'parent buddy' and they will either answer it, or point you in the direction of someone else who can. 'Parent buddies' can be recognised by their badges.

Breakfast club

Breakfast Club is available to all children from Reception to Year 6. It costs £4.50 per session and is available from 8am Monday-Friday. Please speak to the School Office for further details.



WAC (Wrap Around Care)

Wrap Around Care is available Monday-Thursday after school until 6.00pm for children from Reception to Year 6. Each session costs £15 for the full session until 6.00pm, or £7.50 for the first hour. Please speak to the School Office for further information and to book your child in (admin@stsavioursprimary.co.uk).

Questionnaires

At different points in the year, we may ask you to complete questionnaires to further develop our offering to your child. Often you may receive this via our ParentMail App and there may be incentives for you to complete them.

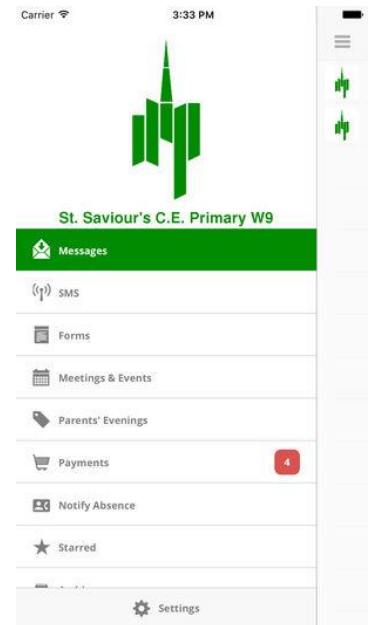
Fundraising and Non-Uniform Days

Our PTA are very active raising funds to support the school. All money collected raises funds for our Sports Coach, Artist in Residence and Music & Drama Teacher. There are several events during the year which are listed in this brochure as well as Non-Uniform days on the last Thursday of each term.

ParentMail App

We use an App called 'ParentMail' to communicate with our families. This is used to send messages from your child's class teacher, Ms Woodford, Mrs Nuechtern or the School Office. In addition, Parent Teacher meeting appointments can be booked via the App and we are working towards making payments electronically via this too. Watch this space!

When your child starts at our school you will receive a registration email from Parent Mail in order for you to receive messages. You can also download the App from the App store, search 'St. Saviour's W9.'



Teams

Children are put into four teams across the whole school. They are given team points over the week for good behaviour and work. These needs to be recorded on a class tally chart or a counter should be put in labelled pots in Key Stage One. These points are counted on a Friday and the winner announced in assembly. There is a chart in the hall recording the results of the weekly competition. The four teams are Mars, Earth, Saturn and Mercury.

PTA

If you want to be involved in our PTA you are very welcome! We have a PTA Committee and in addition, two 'Class Reps' for each class in the school. The Committee and the Reps meet once a month in school to help prepare for the events. Please contact our Secretary, Jane Ireland for more information.

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Autumn term

September

Secondary Transfer Meeting

This is an essential meeting for all Year 5 and 6 parents, but also anyone interested in their child's future education, usually held in the first week of term.

Meet the teacher open morning

This is a chance to see your child's class teacher and teaching assistant in your child's classroom. It is a really enjoyable opportunity to get to know other parents and how we work in St. Saviour's. The class teacher will not really have time to talk to you on an individual basis so if you need to speak to them about any issues, please make a separate appointment.

Inflatables Day

Normally towards the end of September, the PTA organise a day of 'Inflatable' fun for the children. This is on a Saturday and is fun for all of the family.

October

Harvest Festival

All families should attend the service at St Saviour's or their own church. Date announced each year - see the newsletter.



Smartie Appeal

All children are given a full tube of Smarties to show how much we love them. In return, we ask them to fill the empty tube with money as a donation to 'The Passage'; a charity which cares for the homeless in central London.

International food evening

At St Saviour's our families come from many different countries as well as the United Kingdom. To celebrate this, we have a special evening called the International Food Evening. This is a wonderful, colourful evening where families bring favourite dishes from their own country to share with others and wear national costumes. Huge tables are set up in the school hall with the different foods and there is a bar for the adults.



Vicar Appreciation week

During this week, we celebrate the amazing work of our local vicars across the parish. We invite them to visit each class and also have lunch with our RE Reps.

Parents Phonics Workshop

We welcome parents of children in Year 1 to explore how we teach phonics so that you can support your child with their reading at home.

November

Parent Teacher Meetings

It is important for parents and teachers to work in partnership to ensure your child makes the best possible progress in their learning. Parent Teacher meetings are a chance to talk through your child progress and targets for the year. You will be asked to choose your appointment time via our ParentMail App, then this will be confirmed by your child's class teacher. If you have more than one child in the school, you must book appointments for both of your children. Appointments are available from between 1.30pm and 5.30pm on two days in November and March. Meetings last for fifteen minutes and are tightly scheduled to ensure that we can fit them all in during the two evenings.

Road Safety Week

During this week, we raise further awareness to the whole school about how to stay safe on the road. Normally, we may have a competition too!

Calendar competition

Each year a school calendar is designed with all the essential dates published for your information. Each child draws their face so the calendars make great Christmas presents. There is a special competition for children to design the front cover of the calendar. The overall winner's picture goes on the front of the calendar as well as a special winner for each class. Children receive prizes during a special assembly.

Christmas Bazaar

This event allows the children to sell crafts and foods which they have made in preparation for Christmas. There are additional stalls and a café also available on the day. This normally takes place on the last Saturday of November.

December

This is one of the busiest times of the year so it is essential that you read the newsletter to ensure that you do not miss any of the special events.

PTA Disco

This is a fun event that takes place after school on the first Friday in December. Tickets can be purchased from the School Office prior to the event. The disco usually runs from 6.30pm until 9.00pm. As well as dancing, there are numerous other stalls including a bar for adults. You must accompany your child at all times.

Infant Nativity

Year Two play the major roles in the traditional Nativity story with the help of Year One who assist by providing the Angels' Choir. Rehearsals begin in earnest in November to ensure that this is a spectacular event. You will be asked to help your child to learn lines and songs as homework. We also need support from talented costume designers. Two performances are held in the church; one in the afternoon and one in the evening, usually in the first week of December. You are welcome to come along with family and friends to begin your Christmas festivities in style! Children in Year One and Two must attend the evening performance.

Foundation Stage Nativity

The Foundation Stage perform a very simple but moving performance of the Nativity story. They learn simple lines and carols to tell the story which they perform with gusto. There are two performances held at St. Saviour's Church, one in the morning during the school assembly and one in the afternoon in the same week as the Infant Nativity. Please bring your cameras and plenty of tissues. These performances are very popular so be aware that space and visibility is limited.



Senior Citizens Party

Year Six host a special Christmas Party for Senior Citizens in the local area as well as for members of their families. Children are asked to bring in special food and two wrapped gifts. The party is delightful and everyone leaves with a smile!

Christmas Lunch

This is a real treat meal! There is a child friendly traditional lunch with Christmas crackers and plenty of fun. If your child normally has a school lunch, you need do nothing more. If he/she has a packed lunch, you will need to order the lunch in the office. Watch the newsletter for when you have to do this. If you want your child to continue to have packed lunch, this is fine, they will still get a cracker! We also make this a Christmas Jumper Day on the same day with a donation of £1.

Paddington Waterway Carol Concert

Our School Choir (Years 3 – 6, Year 2 can start after Christmas) are very busy in December. They take part in the Paddington Waterway Carol Concert, usually held at St. Mary's Church and sometimes go Carol Singing outside nearby supermarkets, tube stations or care homes.

Christmas Parties

All classes have a special Christmas party. There are three separate parties, one for the Foundation Stage, one for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2. These are all held on different days. You will be asked to donate food. We



send out a newsletter outlining the choice for donations to ensure that we do not get a thousand packets of crisps. There is no cost for this event.

Non Uniform Day

This is held on the last Thursday of term. The children can wear their own clothes for the day and pay £1 at the school gate. The money raised goes towards school funds.

School ends at 2.00pm on the last day of term.

Spring Term

January

World Faiths' Day

During this special day, the whole school explore a chosen theme by creating art work, doing research, receiving visitors in school or visiting places of worship in London.

Confirmation Classes

The children in Year 5 have the opportunity to take part in Confirmation classes from January until the end of the school year, with the Confirmation Service being in September. These classes are held during the school day, usually on Wednesday afternoons with Miss. Rogers.

Holy Communion Classes

The children in Year 3 have the opportunity to take part in Holy Communion classes from January until around the first week of June. These classes are held during school time with Miss. Rogers.

Year 5 Production

Miss Hodgson works with Year 5 who put on a mini-production helping to develop their acting and drama skills.

February

Maths Week

This is a one of our themed weeks for the whole school, dedicated to Maths projects. There will be Maths trails and special visitors for which there may be an extra charge for parents. Children will have lots of fun learning about Maths in exciting and interesting ways including a Business Challenge which ends with a sale at the end of the week. We also have a 'Dads' afternoon' during the week and a KS2 Quiz.

Safer Internet Day

We celebrate our awareness of being safe online during this day where every class participates in special activities. Sometimes we have workshops for parents too.

Year 5 Residential

Usually during the final week of February, Year 5 visit Sayers Croft in Cranleigh. During the visit, the children focus on geography and history topics whilst outdoors. The trip is for 2 nights and 3 days.

PTA Bingo Night

This has been a successful event for the last two years. We invite children from KS2 to attend with their parents to try their luck at winning a line or house! A bar for adults and light snacks are available on the night.



March

PTA Quiz Night

Parents and friends make up teams for a traditional pub quiz. This is an adult only event with a bar and refreshments. It is a fun event where all the parents try to beat the teachers! Look out for the tickets on sale from the School Office. If you are not part of a larger group, come along and join with other parents and friends.

Year 2 and 6 SATs meeting

We hold a special meeting just for Year 2 and Year 6 parents to talk about the assessments that the children carry out at the beginning of the Summer Term. The aim of the meeting is to inform parents and to allay any fears that they might have. There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions.

Golden Lock Day

We love scooting to school and so one of the things we do in March is put a 'Golden Lock' onto a child's scooter during a chosen day. The owner of the scooter then wins a special prize!

Charity Days

World Water Day - We sometimes celebrate World Water Day. This is organised by our 'Eco Committee' who encourage children across the school to be eco-friendly. On this day, children are able to wear blue and donate £1 towards the Water Aid charity.

Comic Relief - We also do the same for Comic Relief and often have a theme for dressing up that day.

Year 6 Residential

The children go away for a week from Monday to Friday, usually to Kingswood in Kent. Whilst there, the children are immersed in a wide range of outdoor and adventurous individual and team building activities. The children have a fantastic time!



Book Week

This is another themed week dedicated to learning about particular authors and using a range of literacy skills. During the week we also celebrate World Book Day where your child can dress up as their favourite book character. There will be story telling and other special events as well as a 'Book Fair' after school.

Science Week

This is a special week dedicated to exciting science activities. Usually we have a Science Fair where children can create projects about any Science topic they want and then we showcase them to other classes and parents. The week might include trips out of school or visitors/workshops in school. Watch out for the special events planned.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parents Teacher meetings are held usually in mid-March. The format is the same as in the Autumn Term.

Imaginarium Day

This is a unique day mainly organised by parents for children to explore different STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Music) activities. The 'first' STEAMCo Day took place here several years ago and since then the format of the day remains the same, but we change some of the activities on a yearly basis. Nursery have their own special day in the Nursery, and the rest of the school are free to explore any activities they wish across the school for the whole day. The day relies on parent support, so watch this space for further information. The day normally takes place in March or April.



April

The Big Pedal

We join in with the national campaign 'The Big Pedal' and we track our journeys to and from school throughout two weeks of school during March/April. We also encourage the children to scoot or ride their bike to school on specific days.

Year 4 Residential

The children have the opportunity to visit the Holy Shrine of Walsingham. The children go together as a class on a coach and are away for one night. It is a lovely trip for all who attend!

Easter Service

There is a special service in church to celebrate Easter. All the classes make a contribution to the service and help to decorate a large cross with the story of Easter week. Please come along to the church at 1.15pm to watch this wonderful performance. This is normally on the last day of term.

School ends at 2.00pm on the last day of term

Summer Term

May

SATs Tests

Year Six and Year Two have special SATs and assessments during May. Year one, three, four and five also have special assessments to see how well they are progressing. Year Six also have a special breakfast club during this week. This a free, relaxing way to start the day and to get them ready for their important tests.

Chessington Trip

As a post-SATs treat, Year 6 have the day out at Chessington Theme Park!

PTA Grand Auction

Our biggest fundraiser of the year which raises around £30,000. There is a Silent Auction during the week leading up to the Auction night which is usually on a Friday evening in mid-May. We also have a children's auction on the same day during assembly. Every family is requested to donate an item towards the auction, whether it be a gift token, an experience or item of value.

Year 3 and 4 Production

As Year 5 and 6 have an end of year production, we give the younger classes a chance to shine and complete their own production, this year it was 'Cinderella.'

June

Phonics Screening

All children in Year 1 are expected to take their Year 1 Phonics Screening test, usually in the second week of June.

Expressive Arts Week

This is a week dedicated to art, drama and music. Activities include; singing, model making, sculpture, painting, drama workshops, designing and lots more. Children are also encouraged to audition for the Expressive Arts Concert, which is performed at the end of the week on the Friday evening in St. Saviour's Church.



Sports Day

Our Sports Day is held at Paddington Recreation Ground. This event is a mixture of co-operative team games and more traditional running games. All children participate fully and try hard to win points so that their team can win the coveted Trophy! Parents are very welcome to come and spectate and also to help run events.



Summer Fair

This is held in the afternoon on a Saturday, usually the last Saturday of the month. Come along and help raise funds for the PTA by either running a stall or visiting some of the great attractions and taking part in the fun competitions. Every class runs a stall with the help of their PTA Reps and the PTA is always looking for people to help to run additional stalls. This is a great way of getting to know other parents and children in the school.

July

Reports

In depth reports are given to parents about their child's progress throughout the year including comments by the teacher for each subject, National Curriculum levels and attendance figures. Nursery Parents will also be given a booklet with the report explaining the report in further detail as they can seem a little confusing if this is the first time that you have received a report for your child - we strive to make them as clear as possible.

New teacher morning

Before the end of term, every child spends a morning with their new class teacher for September to help with transition into the next year group. The children are very excited during assembly when they find out who their teacher will be!

Prize giving and special end of year service in the church

This is a wonderful opportunity to say good bye to Year Six as they leave to go to secondary school. All the classes contribute to the service, explaining what they have learned during the year in creative ways. Certificates are given out for effort, excellent homework, sporting achievement and in other special categories. It is a wonderful, cheerful way of ending the year and everybody always feels very emotional about how special the school is and how proud we are of the children. The service usually begins at about 1.00pm and ends at 2.00pm. Please pick your child up from church at 2.00pm if you are not attending.

100% Attendance

During the end of year service, children who have 100% attendance for that school year will receive a money can't buy St. Saviour's 100% attendance hoody which they are allowed to wear for school instead of a school jumper.

School ends at 2.00pm on the last day of term.

Termly Events

Forest School

Once a term our Reception and Year 3 class visit the Forest School at Paddington Rec. Here, the children will complete different activities and learning whilst outdoors. Sometimes the learning links directly to topics being taught in school.



Library Visits

Every class has a half-termly visit to the Maida Vale library down the road from school. Some sessions are led by the librarians, others are led by our class teachers. The children are issued with a book of their choice which are normally kept in school.

Weekly Events

Monday : School Mass at Church from 2.50pm - 3:30 p.m.

Children are collected from Church (Reception through to Year 6).

Tuesday: Whole School Assembly at 9:15 - 9:30am.

Taken by Ms Woodford. The assembly is usually based around the thought of the week of a Bible story.

Wednesday: Hymn Practice at 2:30pm.

This time is non-contact time for staff. A rota of Teaching Assistants stay in the hall to help, led by Miss Hodgson.

Thursday: Whole School Assembly 9:15 – 9:30am.

Taken by Mrs Nuechtern. This assembly is usually themed around events happening around the world at that time with some singing.

Friday: Whole School Assembly 9:05 – 9:30am.

Taken by Ms Woodford. This assembly celebrates achievements made during the week as well as deciding who wins 'Buster', 'Teacher Angel', Team points and any other celebrations.



Day to day school life

8:45am School gates on Shirland Road are opened by the Head teacher or Deputy Head. The Site Manager is on duty on the playground with another member of staff. *For Nursery, parents are to wait by the gate on Formosa Street which is opened just before 8.55am.*

All parents leave their children at the gate and they walk down the steps onto the playground. Year 6 and Reception wait at the top of the stairs for their buddy and then walk down onto the playground together. Nursery enter school through their own gate and are supervised by the Nursery staff.

8:55am The gate closed and the School Bell rings to start the day.

12noon End of morning session for Nursery

3.00pm End of afternoon session for Nursery

3.15pm End of the day for Reception. Children are dismissed from Formosa Street.

3:20pm End of the day for KS1- children are dismissed from the Main School entrance. Parents are asked to wait on the pavement outside the gate.

3:30pm End of the day for KS2 – children are dismissed from the gate on Shirland Road. Parents are asked to wait next to their child's Year group number which is attached to the school railings.

Additional PE and Sports

In addition to the PE lessons your child receives from our PE teacher, Mr. Michael, classes across Key Stage 2 are offered additional opportunities:

Year 4	Swimming (whole class, every week, currently Tuesday afternoons)
Year 5	'Bike It' cycling where children achieve their Level 1 and 2 'Bikeability' badges
Year 6	Horse Riding in Hyde Park (every week, groups attend over the year, currently Thursday mornings)

Chit Chat

Every week, class teachers write a class newsletter called 'Chit Chat' which informs you of class specific activities which have taken place that week and will be taking place the following week. This is normally emailed to you on a Thursday or Friday.

Class Trips

Our teachers and TAs organise class trip outings throughout the year. Normally, Nursery have visitors into school rather than exploring places outside of school. Sometimes, there may be a charge for trips, some may be free. You will be informed of trips via the class Chit Chat newsletter. Most trips require parents to volunteer and help so that we have the correct ratio of adults and children. We appreciate any time that parents can give to help out on trips as they are an important part of developing your child's understanding of the world.

Workshops in school

We regularly host visitors from different companies such as Drama, Music, Charities such as the NSPCC or even a Circus performer! Often these workshops are free of charge, but sometimes there may be a small charge. These are often organised to link with learning taking place in the classroom.

Sports Competitions

We are regular participants of the Westminster Sports Unit Competitions programme. They operate a yearly cycle of events which include Basketball, Rugby, Football, Tri-Golf, Tennis, Swimming, Athletics and Multi-Sports. Teams are selected by Mr. Michael, class teachers and TAs. Most events are for Year 3 upwards.

Dance Teacher

Every Friday we welcome our dance teacher, James who leads each class turn by turn. He works on different dance 'styles' each term and the children give a class performance to their peers to celebrate their dancing at the end of the term.

Photographs

We have a Whole School Photo every 4 years at Paddington Recreational Ground. In addition, the children have individual photos in October/November and class photos in the Summer term. Both of these take place every year.

School Nurse

We have a School Nurse provided by Westminster Health Unit. She regularly attends school and sometimes leads workshops for parents and families. Please speak to a member of the Office team should you wish to arrange an appointment to see her.



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