

NEWSLETTER Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear families,

What a wonderful week where we are reminded what it means to be a St Saviour's child.

Belonging is in the news from the education secretary recently as a post-pandemic focus. COVID school closures and separation affected some years for children and families, leading to lower attendance, and diminished social connections and greater school anxiety. The cost of living crisis has led to increased familial poverty whilst chronic underfunding, SEND pressures and political teacher bashing have hurt the profession.

We believe that we are all born belonging, it is not something we earn, we already belong. When a child puts on a red jumper or white top with the St Saviour's logo, they belong with us. We embrace the uniqueness of each child as a child of God, included for who they are, not having to fit in. Classes were out in the capital this week, we belong here, and we are part of a wider whole.

Wishing you a safe and warm time

*Mrs Smith  
& Mr Hall*



The choir sang in Chrisp Street Market to turn on the Christmas lights. It is with pride we appreciate children standing on stage even when they felt vulnerable and singing so beautifully. That is belonging, connected and collectively ensuring people flourish together.

Jesus said "I have come so that you can live life in all its' fullness" John 10:10

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception	Anit	Shloka
Year One	Yara	Even
Year Two	O'Shea	Evie
Year Three	Etta	Asher
Year Four	Teddy	Richard
Year Five	Camilla	Ellie
Year Six	Adeola	Zaynab



## WORSHIP FOCUS

God,  
grant me the  
*Serenity*  
to accept the things  
I cannot change,  
*Courage*  
to change the things  
I can and  
*Wisdom*  
to know the difference



*Our stars*



*Kindness leaves*

 *Happy Birthday to you...* 

Aron  
Louie  
Isabelle  
Parker  
Alanna  
Arthur  
Grace  
Alexander  
Zayan

## SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



## Congratulations to our top 3 classes!

1<sup>st</sup>: Year 3 93.33%  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Reception 93.10%  
 3<sup>rd</sup>: Year 6 92.71%

### Polite reminder:

Children need to be in school every day and on time.  
 Gates are open for 10 minutes every day from 8:45 - 8:55. Early morning learning at this time sets the children up for the day. Some have targeted interventions at this time.

### Did you know?


**10 MINS LATE**

**EVERY DAY = 33 HOURS LOST LEARNING EACH YEAR.**

**CAN YOUR CHILD AFFORD TO MISS OUT?**

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

We are aware that some people may find that our pursuit of attendance for all children challenging. The Department of Education has updated its advice for schools and local authorities because of a desire to ensure all children return to school fully.



## SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

### Christmas Raffle – Hamper Items Needed!

Dear Families,

In the past, our hamper raffle has always been hugely popular and helps to raise invaluable funds for the school.

We are asking each class to create a hamper that can be won just before Christmas.

We would like the hampers to be full of a variety of items so please use your imagination. Remember that it doesn't have to be expensive and can be something that you find in the cupboards.

Some ideas are non-perishable festive food items: biscuits, chocolate, crackers, a bottle items.

Nursery & Reception:	Bags of Sweets
Years 1 & 2:	Cakes and Biscuits
Years 3 & 4:	Bottles of Drinks (non-alcoholic/alcoholic)
Years 5 & 6:	Chocolate

We would be grateful if the donations are sent into school starting from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. Boxes will be in your child's classroom where they can be dropped off!

As always, thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Best Wishes.

Mrs Rachel Sablon  
Family Support Officer

## SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

### It's that wonderful time of the year.... Dates for your diary

#### **Week beginning: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Ice skating at Canary Wharf
- 4<sup>th</sup> Panto in school
- 5<sup>th</sup> iRock concert

#### **Week beginning: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

- 9<sup>th</sup> EYFS nativity at 10:30am
- 11<sup>th</sup> Year 1 & 2 nativity at 2pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch
- 13<sup>th</sup> Celebration at Clifford Chance, year 1-6

#### **Week beginning: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

- 16<sup>th</sup> Year 3 & 4 nativity at 2pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Y5 & 6 Christmas performance at 2pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Reindeers 11-4pm & in school fun of the fair
- 19<sup>th</sup> Christingle Service at 2pm (last day for after school provision)
- 20<sup>th</sup> class parties and in school disco – school finishes at 1:30 (all children)

*We hope that Father Christmas will come to visit us in  
December but not sure when...*

## SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

**SEND Sport celebration: 25 year of SEND SPORT!** On Wednesday 20th. We went to Marion Richardson Primary School. We played archery, badminton, and a marble game, where you have to get the closest to the white ball. We had fruit kebab for snacks, which were really nice. We won a gold medal and it was really fun. Written by Freya & Sofia Y6

**Year 2's Great Fire of London walk...** was shorter than planned due to the cold temperatures, thank you for making sure your child was wrapped up warmly. The children had a lovely time and began their journey at All Hallows Church, where Samuel Pepys first saw the Fire of London. The children walked on the original cobbled roads, visited the Monument and stood where Samuel Pepys house used to be.

**Year 1 trip to the Soanes Centre** was just in time before any storms.... Year 1 recently visited the Soanes Centre, where they had the opportunity to explore plant life. They observed a wide variety of plants and trees, using their senses to enhance the experience. The children looked for plants, crushed leaves and seeds to smell, and closely examined the different textures. They also sketched the parts of a plant they found most interesting. The class thoroughly enjoyed their walk around Tower Hamlets Cemetery, learning about the history of the woodland and how it came to be. It was a fun and educational experience for Year 1!

**Year 3 visited All Saints Church** where they learnt all about baptism from vicar Matt and even got a demonstration around the font!

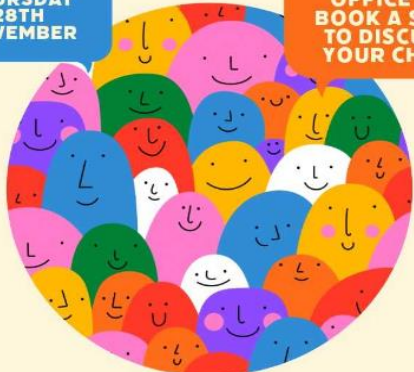




## SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

THURSDAY  
28TH  
NOVEMBER

CALL THE  
OFFICE TO  
BOOK A SLOT  
TO DISCUSS  
YOUR CHILD



## Meet the new SENDCo

You may be aware that Mr. French will be saying farewell to St. Saviour's at Christmas. The new SENDCo, Louise Wilcox, has already started with us to ensure a smooth transition for families of pupils with SEND. Join us next week and say hello!

## KING OF THE WORLD!

Sunday, 24 November 3.30–5.30pm

All Saints' Church, Newby Place, E14 0PT

Mark the Festival of Christ the King  
with a children's party

Treasure hunt Crafts  
Biscuit making

... ending with a short service of Evensong at 5pm

Optional: Come dressed  
as a King or Queen!



JOIN THE FUN

There are  
spaces in  
bands at  
your school



iRock

Dear Parents/Guardians,

There was an iRock concert at your child's school today!

**What is iRock?** At iRock, children experience the thrill of being in a band! Led by our passionate and professional Band Coaches, our weekly in-school band sessions are open to all pupils from Reception to Year 6.

**Music for all.** iRock aims to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where every child feels they belong. Each week, children develop their musical skills, confidence, and teamwork as they work towards exam-free music qualifications – celebrating progress without the pressure of formal exams.

**Feel like a rockstar!** The excitement culminates every term in a live concert where children perform as a band for their families and peers. These performances are more than just a showcase—they're an opportunity for children to build self-esteem, enhance their confidence, and experience the joy of accomplishment.

iRock isn't just about music; it's about helping children thrive cognitively, socially, and academically through the power of music.

### Key Information:

- **No experience needed** and all instruments are provided
- Parents/guardians can access our **online portal** for updates, pictures and videos
- Hassle-free **monthly subscription** that can be cancelled at any time with a **first lesson money-back guarantee**.

Head to <https://www.irockschool.com/enrol> to check availability and start your child's iRock journey!

Joshua Franklin  
Founder  
iRock School of Music

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## Healthy Eating

For breaktimes snacks for Years 3, 4 5 & 6

Healthy snacks should consist of fruit, rice cakes, breadsticks.

**Crisps, chocolate, biscuits, and popcorn ARE NOT classed as a healthy snack.** We are what we eat, healthy alternatives are on offer daily.



### What should be in a healthy lunchbox?

There are lots of ideas for a healthy lunch, which were highlighted in a recent Zoe study podcast- the link to this is [here](#) Please have a listen or a read of the transcript.

We are what we eat and highly processed food for children can store health issues for their near and distant future.

As Mr Macka.B sings "Wha Me Eat" the children have created a vegetable and fruit display in the hall and are still singing Cucumba and Children Children.

### Pack your child a HEALTHY LUNCH BOX

Choose a variety of foods from each food group

Fruit	
Vegetables	
Dairy	
Wholegrains	
Lean meat & alternatives	
A Healthy Lunch Box	

