

Saughton Church of England Primary School and Pre-School

December Newsletter 2025

It has been a wonderful and busy term here at Saughton, filled with learning, laughter and lots of fun. Our children have settled into their new classes brilliantly and shown great enthusiasm in all that they have been doing around the school. We were excited to welcome five new hens to our Saughton family this term. They have also settled in well and our hen pals have been very attentive and caring. As we head towards the festive season, we are excited for the celebrations ahead and look forward to sharing the joy of Christmas with all our families.



Throughout the term, we have been very fortunate to support a number of local charities. Our harvest donations were gratefully received by Chester Aid for The Homeless and Kidsbank. Grosvenor class and Miss Dempsey organised a wonderful coffee morning for MacMillan where they sold cakes, refreshments and some beautiful homemade bracelets - well done Grosvenor! We put on our dancing shoes for Children in Need this year and took part in Pudsey's 25 step dance challenge. Earlier this week, the children took part in a festive fun run for The Hospice of the Good Shepherd. They had a fabulous time running, jumping and hopping around the playground and raised a fantastic amount of money for a very worthy charity close to our hearts.



A huge thank you to all of our families for your incredibly generous donations throughout the term - they are very much appreciated by our school family and all of the charities that we support!



We have thoroughly enjoyed a musical term at school, filled with wonderful performances and opportunities to appreciate the talents of our young musicians. The peripatetic team treated us to a beautiful piano recital that captivated everyone, and our festive guitar concert brought a joyful seasonal spirit to the school. These events have truly enriched our term and inspired our children to continue exploring the joy of music.



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There were lots of exciting visits for our children this term. Eaton and Pre-school enjoyed a trip to Imagine That where they explored science, construction and art zones and spent time in the imagination village.



Westminster, Belgravia and Grosvenor enjoyed visits from Jen from Chester Cathedral, who led wonderful workshops on light and mysterious materials. The children had a great time investigating and experimenting, exploring scientific concepts in an exciting, hands-on way. They also spent time thinking about Jesus as the light of the world, making meaningful connections between their scientific discoveries and their RE learning.



Our Year 5 children took part in Pilgrim Days in Chester Cathedral where they learned about the Cathedral's history, the Benedictine Monks and the role of pilgrimage in many religions. They were also very fortunate to attend a workshop with author Mitch Johnson to learn about his book 'Kick'.



Year 6 enjoyed a visit to Crucial Crew and learned lots of safety skills ahead of their transition to secondary school. They also had a fantastic opportunity to take part in Abbey Gate's Sustainability Conference which focused on protecting our planet by reducing waste and exploring renewable energy. The children represented our school brilliantly, sharing thoughtful ideas and showing real enthusiasm for making positive environmental change.

A message from the Friends of Saughton

Hello from your FOS team! The Autumn term has been fruitful and very successful it saw us have a Pub Quiz raising £290 and a bake sale making £120.50. During the forest school photo sessions, we made an additional £547 - a massive thanks to Caroline



Goosey Photography for her time and expertise. In the last few weeks, we were delighted to host our first ever Santa float (thanks to all the walkers and bucket shakers) with the Chester Round Table, making us £328 from locals within Saughton and Huntington. Finishing up our very successful Christmas Fundraiser (thanks to our amazing snow globe decorations) we all raised us a phenomenal £635! Our hamper and raffle ticket sales from today will add even more to the money for children's iPads. Keep your eyes peeled for dates and events in 2026! Thank you for continued support and helping us reach these goals. Merry Christmas from your FOS team and if you'd like to join in the the fun our doors are always open.



In recent weeks, our children shone brightly in their Christmas performances. Our EYFS pupils delighted families with their charming production of Whoops-a-Daisy Angel, sharing cheerful



singing and plenty of festive sparkle. Meanwhile, Years 1-6 performed The Sleepy Shepherd in Aldford Church, filling the space with wonderful music and heartfelt storytelling. Both performances were truly special occasions, showcasing the children's hard work, enthusiasm and growing confidence.



Flourishing together, life in all its fullness - John 10:10