



# Saighton Church of England Primary School and Pre-School

## July Newsletter 2025

As we head towards the end of another year in Saighton, we reflect on a year filled with much joy, happiness and excitement. We are very proud of all of the children's achievements and it has been wonderful to see all of them grow and flourish throughout the year. This term, we were delighted to have been accredited as an Attachment Friendly and Trauma Aware school. Our trauma informed approach will help all of our pupils, not just our most vulnerable, to feel safe and supported during their time at the school.

We wish you all a lovely, restful summer and look forward to welcoming the children back to school in September.



Sports have played a vibrant role in school life at Saighton this academic year. Mr Ffoulkes and staff have had the pleasure of attending a wide range of sporting events, including Football Matches, Football League Fixtures, a Girls' Football event at Chester FC Stadium, and Mini Kickers tournaments for both boys and girls. We've also taken part in cricket and rounders events, culminating in the fantastic achievement of earning the Bronze Award for the School Games.

Throughout all these activities, our pupils have consistently shown outstanding team spirit, represented the school with pride, and approached every opportunity with enthusiasm and determination. A huge thank you must go to our parents for their continued support, particularly for helping with transport to and from events. We're also incredibly grateful to Mr Ffoulkes for his unwavering support and encouragement from the sidelines - it makes a real difference to the children and their experience.



To round off an exciting year of sport, we were delighted to attend both a Water Polo competition and a Swimming Gala. These final events offered pupils the chance to demonstrate their confidence and skill in the pool, as well as their ability to work together in a different sporting environment. It was a brilliant way to end the year, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved.



We have been very fortunate to enjoy some beautiful weather this term and the children have loved spending time in our outdoor spaces. We would like to say a big thank you to those parents who spent time in school for our 'Forest Tidy' day. They worked incredibly hard to tidy our forest space and created signs, seating areas and a bird hide for the children to enjoy during their outdoor learning sessions.



There have been lots of opportunities for our children to demonstrate their musical talents this term. Grosvenor have enjoyed peripatetic music lessons this term from Music For Life and have been learning to play Samba drums. They performed for parents in a wonderful recital in the forest and we were all very proud of their efforts.

We were very lucky to attend the AmaSing concert in Chester Cathedral once again this year and the children performed songs from various around the World. It was lovely to collaborate with other Cheshire schools and share our love of music with the community.



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The children have enjoyed a variety of exciting visits this term. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their residential visit to Glan Llyn where they took part in canoeing, paddle boarding, rock climbing, raft building and lots of other exciting activities. The children had a wonderful time and created memories to last a lifetime.



Westminster and Belgravia had a fun-filled visit to the Lego Discovery Centre where they took part in a 'get up and dance' workshop and explored Lego with moving parts.



Our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a morning in the Abbey Gate College Science labs. They had an enriching morning testing acids and alkalis, investigating onions under a microscope and creating their own aerodynamic rockets!



Eaton and Pre-School had an exciting Pirate and Mermaid Day. Their morning was spent exploring and crafting in the the forest and they had a very special visit from The Story Tent in the afternoon. A big thank you to our parent volunteers who helped make the day so special!

### A message from our Friends of Saighton

Well, where do we start? A big thank you to you all for your continued support with all our events, it does not go unnoticed.

The combined generosity from amazing helpers, wonderful donations, and people's time and expertise has been invaluable. We have accomplished so much in such a short space of time, and we truly appreciate everyone's effort. We hope you and the children have enjoyed helping us reach all our goals.

With our amazing mix of events including bingo and race nights, Christmas jumper day, raffles and fundraisers, discos and movie nights, the egg decorating competition, our infamous cake sales, and of course, our summer event last week — we have raised a staggering £4363.33.

Thanks to this amazing amount, we have been able to build and install the forest school canopy, create a reflection area, and purchase a brand new PA system for future school occasions and church services.

These items will stand the test of time and are a fantastic legacy of what we have all contributed to together.

Our team is entirely made up of volunteers, and everyone is welcome. No idea is too big or too small, and every donation is appreciated. We've loved being part of this success and have had so much fun organising and taking part in all the activities.

Thank you again, and we hope to see you all at future events in the next academic year. If you'd like to be part of the team, please speak to your WhatsApp representative and jump on board!



As they head towards the end of their Primary School journey, our Year 6 pupils attended the Chester Cathedral Leavers' service. This was a beautiful event celebrating the achievements of all Year 6 children from schools across the Diocese. We were incredibly proud, as always, of how the children represented our school and were pleased to present our handmade church banner during the service.

Year 6 also put on an incredible performance of Aladdin to round off their time in Primary School in style! The children's hard work preparing for the show really paid off and they performed with confidence and love for one another.



We wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best as they move on from our school family. They are very well prepared and ready for the next stage of their learning journey and are a brilliant group of children who will be sadly missed. To the families that will be leaving us we thank you for your support and wish you well for the future.