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All Saints' CEVCP School SEND Newsletter

School Nursing Service

Following our meeting, I contacted the School Nursing Service to see whether they would be able to offer some additional support to the group. They have kindly offered to run a session covering areas such as sleep, eating, routines and boundaries, as well as providing an opportunity for parents to access more general advice and support.

I will liaise with the team to arrange a suitable date after the October half-term and will share further details once this has been confirmed.

SEND Forum Dates

Future SEND Forum meetings will take place each half term. These sessions will include a mix of useful information and guidance, alongside opportunities for parents and carers to talk, share experiences and ideas, ask questions, and seek advice.

I will send out some possible dates shortly, once I have checked the availability of the school hall.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached a copy of our SEND Policy, which will be presented to the Governing Body on 7th October for approval.

An important aim of the policy is to ensure that information about our SEND provision is clear, accessible and helpful to parents and carers. I would therefore really value your feedback from a parent's perspective.

If you are able to read through the policy, it would be particularly helpful to know:

- whether there are any sections that you find unclear or difficult to understand;
- whether anything could be explained in a more parent-friendly way;
- whether there are areas where you feel further information or clarification would be helpful; and
- whether there is anything you would expect to see included that you feel is currently missing.

Please don't feel that you need to comment on every section. Any feedback, however brief, would be really useful in helping us make sure the policy is as accessible and informative as possible for families.

If you could send me any comments by **Wednesday 30 September**, I would be very grateful.

Thank you, as always, for your support and for helping us to continue improving our SEND provision. If you have any queries or concerns please do get in touch:

head@allsaintsprimary.org

Best wishes,

Clare Lamb (Headteacher/ SENCo)

Transition to Upper School

At our SEND Parent Forum last week, we discussed secondary school open days and evenings. A number of parents of children in Years 4 and 5 shared that they had already started visiting secondary schools. They felt that visiting early was a useful way to become familiar with different schools, understand the provision they offer and begin considering which environment might best suit their child.

Our SEND Governor, Annabel Douglas Hughes, has kindly researched the open days and evenings at a number of our local and feeder secondary schools. We thought it would be helpful to share these with you should you wish to visit.

Bury St Edmunds

King Edward VI School
🌐 https://www.king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk/
🗓️ **Open Evening: Thursday 1 October 2026, 6.00pm to 8.00pm**

County High School
🌐 https://www.countyhigh.uk/
🗓️ Open Evening: Thursday 24 September 2026, 5.00pm to 7.00pm
This event has now taken place, but you may wish to contact the school to ask whether a separate visit can be arranged.

Sybil Andrews Academy
🌐 https://www.sybilandrewsacademy.co.uk/
🗓️ Open Evening: Thursday 17 September 2026, 5.00pm to 7.00pm
📞 01284 413400
✉️ saa@sybilandrewsacademy.co.uk
This event has now taken place, but you may wish to contact the school to ask whether a separate visit can be arranged.

St Benedict's Catholic School
🌐 https://www.st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk/
🗓️ Open Day: Saturday 19 September 2026
📞 01284 753512
✉️ enquiries@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk
This event has now taken place, but you may wish to contact the school to ask whether a separate visit can be arranged.

Other Local Schools

Thurston Community College
🌐 https://www.thurstoncollege.org/
🗓️ **Open Evening: Thursday 8 October 2026, 5.30pm to 8.00pm**

Thomas Gainsborough School
🌐 https://tgschool.net/
🗓️ Open Evening: Thursday 24 September 2026

This event has now taken place, but you may wish to contact the school to ask whether a separate visit can be arranged.

Ormiston Sudbury Academy
🌐 https://ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk/
🗓️ Open Evening for Year 6: Thursday 24 September 2026, 5.30pm to 7.00pm
This event has now taken place, but you may wish to contact the school to ask whether a separate visit can be arranged.

Stour Valley Community School, Clare
🌐 https://stourvalley.org/
🗓️ **Open Evening: Thursday 1 October 2026, 6.00pm to 8.00pm**

Although secondary school applications may still feel some way off for families in Years 4 and 5, visiting schools early can be particularly helpful for children with SEND. It gives families time to explore the different environments and provision available and to consider which settings may best meet their child's individual needs.

Please check the individual school websites before attending, as arrangements may be subject to change.

Message from the Psychology in Schools Admin Team

Please see details of our upcoming free online parent/carer Mental Health workshops for the Autumn Term!

Please see the flyer attached for dates and booking information for parent/carer workshops on Mental Health and wellbeing.

We have also attached a social-media-friendly image. Please do share these with your staff/teams, on social media and to families who might find these workshops beneficial.
All our upcoming workshops can be booked for free on our Eventbrite page. Information on all our workshops, past and present, as well as workshop recordings, can be found on our website.

Please see flyers attached.

Comets Football Team

Comets Football is a local pan-disability football team for girls and boys aged 5 to 11. The team meets every Saturday in Lavenham and provides a friendly, supportive and inclusive environment for children and their families. Sessions are open to children with physical disabilities, learning disabilities or additional needs, and no formal diagnosis is required to take part.

When: Saturday mornings, 9:00am to 10:00am
Where: Lavenham Recreation Ground, CO10 9SH
Contact: Vickie Stone
Phone: 07491 965451
Email: lavenhamallstars@gmail.com

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