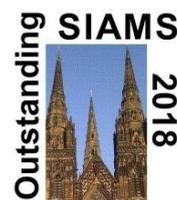




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School Notices - January 2026

Happy new Year and welcome back to you all!

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we have navigated the changing weather conditions this week. It was not the start to the new year we wanted but the safety of our children, families, and staff is always our highest priority. Where possible we will always make every effort to stay open, however there always remains a possibility that we may need to close if staff are unable to travel safely from their home locations due to snow or ice. Any decision regarding closure are always made with great care and consideration.



If a closure becomes necessary, we will inform families via email, ClassDojo, and our Facebook page, following the same communication approach used earlier this week.

Census Day will be the 15th of January this term. We would encourage your child to have a school lunch on this day as the number of meals provided relates to the funding in school for all children. Our school budgets are tighter than ever and every little helps with boosting our income so that we can continue to provide an excellent education for your children. Our new school cook, Robyn, will be cooking a delicious 'Build a Burger' menu on this day.



Dates for the Diary

15th January: Census Day

16th January: Standon Bowers information evening, 3:30pm in school

26th January: Lego Church, 3:30-5:00 in school

6th February: Number Day. More information to follow.

6th February: Celebration Parent Assembly, 2:30pm.

12th February: Standon Bowers for Year 3 and Year 4

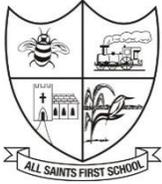
13th February: Standon Bowers, Year 4

13th February: School closes for half term.

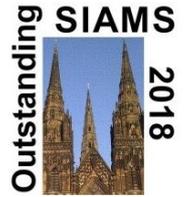
23rd February: Children return to school.

The Mobile Library will visit on the 16th and 30th of January and the 13th of February.





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Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Kirsty Devenport.

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) are Mr David Elliott-Hancock and Mrs Clare Griffin.

If you should have any safeguarding concerns regarding any child or young person you can contact:

Staffordshire Families Integrated Front Door (SFID) on 0300 111 8007

If a child or young person is in immediate danger call Staffordshire Police 999

Christian Distinctiveness - Picture News

Picture News is a resource we use once each week during Worship, as a way to show our pupils the world around them in a child-friendly way.



Picture News “finds the positives in current affairs by turning world events into learning opportunities.” Each week a news story is chosen to pose a question to children to challenge their thinking, explore ideas surrounding British Values as well as referring to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.



This week Picture News shared the image on the left, and posed the question: [How can we show kindness to elderly people?](#)

We explored how, this winter, a charity called Small Acts of Kindness has sourced, packed and distributed over 10,000 ‘Warm in Winter’ gift bags across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire, which opened up a wider discussion about charitable giving and acts of kindness,

We saw how the Bible teaches that God gave Jesus to the world as a gift. The kindness God showed by sending Jesus was fully seen in how Jesus lived His life, making everyone feel welcome, helping others and teaching forgiveness. God demonstrated kindness in sending Jesus, and so His followers are expected to live their lives showing that same kindness to others.

Questions we explored included: Why do people give gifts? Do all gifts have to be something physical, like a toy or a book? How so? What are some gifts you can give that you can't wrap up? How might you give the gift of kindness? How can we make a kind impact this week and beyond? This gave our children the opportunity to reflect on their own feelings about giving and how we might be able to do more.

But the angel said to them,
‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord’.
Luke 2:10-11