



# All Saints' Roman Catholic High School

## Newsletter

July 2024

Dear All Saints' Community,

As we approach the end of this academic year, I find myself reflecting on my first year as Headteacher at All Saints' Roman Catholic High School. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable experience, and I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support I have received from both parents and students. Your encouragement has been invaluable as we continue our journey of improvement, striving to provide every student with the opportunity to shine.

I am pleased to report that our new school building project is progressing well and remains on schedule for completion next year. This development represents an exciting step forward for our school community, promising enhanced facilities to support our students' learning and growth.

Recently, we had the pleasure of welcoming our new Year 7 students during our Transition Day. It was wonderful to see them begin to integrate into the All Saints' family, and we look forward to nurturing their potential in the coming years.

There have been numerous achievements to celebrate this term. We have appointed our new Year 11 Senior Student Leadership team who will play an invaluable part in our continued journey to success. Our Year 10 students have also been particularly active: 27 Year 10's have successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh expedition, despite the best intentions of the weather! The year 10's have also participated in a week of work experience and enjoyed a visit to Accrington College for a taster day. These experiences have not only been enjoyable but have also provided valuable insights into potential future pathways.

We've also enjoyed some memorable events, including a fantastic evening at the Year 11 Prom and a successful reward trip to Blackpool. These occasions allow us to come together as a community and celebrate the hard work and achievements of our students.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff members: Miss A Montgomery, our new Deputy Headteacher; Miss E Whalley, who joins as second in the MFL Department; Mrs K Thomas, our new teacher of Geography; Mrs K Mahmood, our new teacher of Science; Mrs R Williams our new teacher of English. We are delighted to have them join our team. At the same time, we bid a fond farewell to Mr Swarbrick, who returns to Fishermore. We express our immense gratitude for his contributions this year and assure him that he will always remain a part of the All Saints' family.

On a personal note, we congratulate Miss Kelly on the birth of her first child and wish her a peaceful maternity leave. We look forward to welcoming her back later in the next academic year.

As we look ahead, please note that school closes for the summer holidays on Thursday 17th July at 12.15pm and reopens on Wednesday 4th September at 8.30am. I hope you all have a lovely, safe, and restful summer holiday.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school community. I look forward to the next stage of our improvement journey together in the coming academic year.

Mrs F Lord  
Headteacher





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## News from the RE Department

Dear Parents and Carers

I cannot believe how quickly this year has passed! In our last newsletter, I wrote that we had wished our Y11 well as they left All Saints'. I reiterate what I also wrote: that Pope Francis, when addressing an audience of school leavers in Rome in 2017 told them to 'not fear walls'. He urged them to look to the horizon beyond the wall, to go out into the world and experience life to the full. We wish them all the best for their future as they head off into the world. As a department, we are very impressed at how the students have prepared for their exams and we look forward to celebrating with them on results day in August.

On June 20<sup>th</sup> there was an opportunity for staff to reflect and offer prayers to our friend and former colleague and my predecessor, Clare Atherton, as it was the first anniversary of her passing. I am sure she will be thrilled to know that we have a new school award in her honour, 'The Clare Atherton award for Contribution to the Religious and Spiritual Life of the School'.

Next academic year we have Castlerigg and pupils are looking forward to visiting on 2nd -4 th October. More information will be sent to parents closer to the time, but please could payments be made according to letters sent out by Miss Kenwright.

The October Valley Mass and Chaplaincy Training Day is also booked in; we look forward as ever to working with our Primary Feeder Schools.

As always, if there are any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a restful summer

Mr Sidlow  
Head of RE





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## News from the Duke of Edinburgh Award

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

Huge congratulations to the 27 year 10 pupils that completed the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh assessment expedition on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June in Rivington! They were all in great spirits all weekend and worked together well with no complaining and with a smile on their faces. All 27 of them completed the 2 days hike carrying heavy packs, cooking their own food and navigating the route on their own.

The weather on Saturday was atrocious. It rained most of the day and night which brought out the midges in force. But even this didn't dampen their spirits. They all saved energy to play a cricket match back at camp and even sang Happy Birthday to Nathan Frangoulis over some cake and candles at the campsite which was a lovely touch.

If you see anyone limping, with sore shoulders, or covered in bites around school please congratulate them as they all were a credit to All Saints'.

Massive thanks to all the staff volunteers and to The Friends of All Saints' for supporting the program. Letters will be going out to year 10 in September to recruit the next cohort.



### Mr Briggs



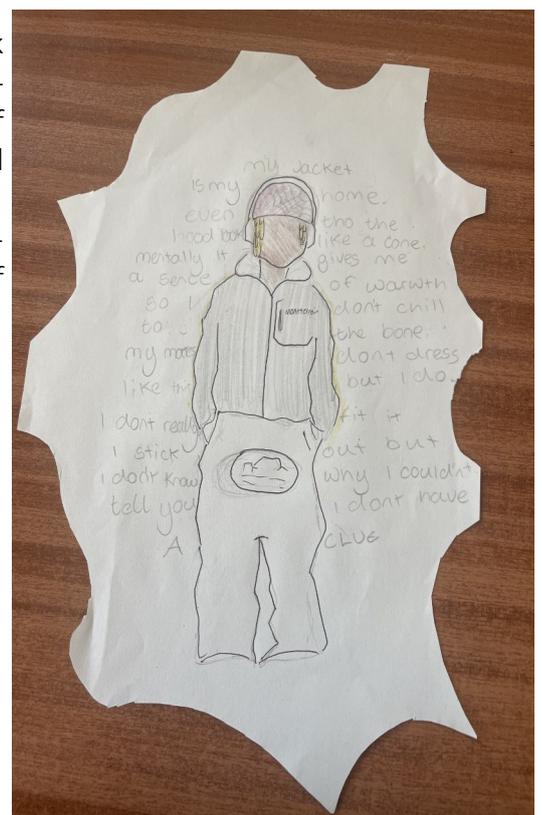
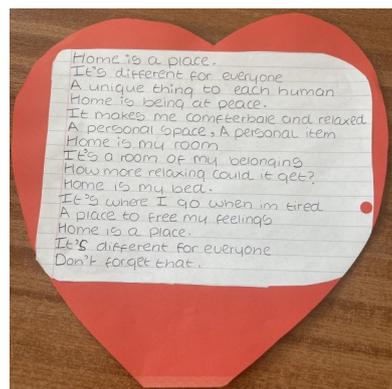
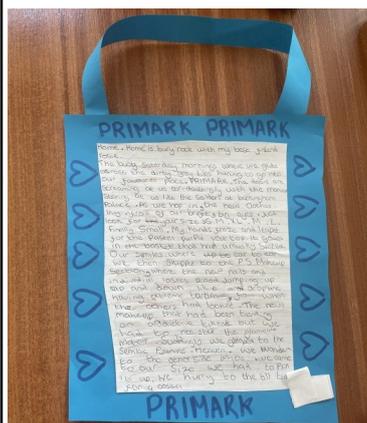
## News from the RE and English Departments

### Refugee Week

In June, RE and English teamed up to celebrate Refugee Week with the Literacy Trust. Throughout the week, Years 7 and 8 considered the idea of home and explored stories and experiences of refugees around the world. At the end of the week, they created poems to describe their own idea of home.

We are so proud of how thoughtfully and how maturely our pupils approached the week, and loved listening to their stories of home. Here's just a small selection of the work they produced.

### Miss Schofield





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## News from the Pastoral Team

### Year 10 Prefect Training Day at Accrington and Rossendale College

Our Year 10 students recently participated in an enriching Prefect Training Day at Accrington and Rossendale College. This event provided our aspiring prefects with a fantastic opportunity to develop their leadership skills and team-building abilities. Throughout the day, students engaged in a series of challenging activities designed to enhance their problem-solving, communication, and collaboration skills.

The students tackled various leadership challenges, working together to overcome obstacles and demonstrating remarkable teamwork and determination. Their enthusiasm and dedication were truly inspiring, and they embraced each task with a positive attitude.

The day concluded with a VIP tour of the college facilities, giving our students a glimpse into the opportunities available at Accrington and Rossendale College. To top off the day, they enjoyed a complimentary lunch, making the experience both productive and enjoyable.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 10 students for their exemplary behaviour and active participation in the training day. The skills and experiences gained during this event will set them up for success in their new roles as prefects in our school, preparing them to be effective leaders and role models for their peers.

Congratulations to all our future leaders for a successful and memorable training day!

Mr Panaro



## News from Careers

### Year 10 College Taster Event at Accrington and Rossendale College

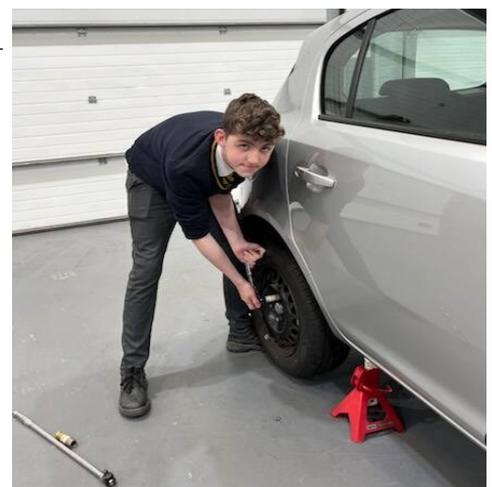
We are delighted to share that our Year 10 students recently attended an exciting college taster event at Accrington and Rossendale College. Our students had the opportunity to explore a variety of vocational areas, including Motor Vehicle, Sports, Hair and Beauty, Construction, Business, Law, Digital IT, Health, and Education. This immersive experience provided them with valuable insights into potential career paths and hands-on experience in fields they might pursue in the future.

We are immensely proud of our students, who were a credit to our school. Their exemplary behaviour was noted and praised by the college staff, reflecting the high standards and values we uphold at our school.

This college visit was part of a busy and enriching period for our Year 10s, who have just completed their work experience placements. They have shown great enthusiasm and dedication in all these activities, gaining practical skills and knowledge that will undoubtedly benefit their future educational and career journeys.

Well done to all our Year 10 students for their hard work and commendable conduct!

Mr Panaro





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## News from the Science Department



For the past 6 weeks, our second batch of Year 7's have been taking part in Science Club. Every Tuesday during lunch, they have been enjoying various fun experiments. So far, we have made: bath bombs; Oobleck; balloon rockets; bouncy balls; Van de Graaf generator experiences. Next week they will be taking part in our Harry Potter inspired experiments. Well done Year 7 and keep up the good work!



## News from the Music Department

Our very talented year 10 band 'The Staags' were invited to play live on Rossendale Radio on Friday 22nd June 2024, morning. Stanley Lumb (lead singer), Bella Culbert (guitar), Stanley Udo (Bass) and Louis Fremont (drums) spent a whole hour live on air giving song choices, interviews and playing their original music. The radio station made us feel really welcome and the pupils were a credit to the school. I am very proud to be their music teacher!

**Miss Padwell**





## News from Crochet Club

### Crochet Club

If there is one thing that the Crochet Club students learned, it's that crochet is not as easy as it looks! This however, did not deter the girls and their determination to succeed was inspirational. As you can see from the photos, some did manage to master the craft and produced some delightful little worry worms.



This beautifully crafted little granny square was made by Lola Youll who, along with a family member will be making many more to stitch together into a granny square blanket.



I really cannot praise the group enough for their perseverance; hopefully they will continue over the summer break and show

us the results in September.

Fantastic effort Freya, Maddie, Eva, Shannon, Lola and Danielle.

**Mrs Bennett**  
Librarian



## News from the PE Department

### Year 7 Rounders Competition

The year 7 girls played phenomenally in their first ever rounder's competition. It was a slow start and we faced two really tough teams in the first half of the tournament. However, after a team talk and some positive reinforcement, the girls absolutely smashed it! They won 3/5 games and were placed 3rd overall in the competition. The girls played exceptionally and their batting was outstanding. On the last game All Saints' won by 8 1/2 rounders to 2! For a year 7 team, I was thoroughly impressed with their communication, teamwork, attitude and sportsmanship.

The girls are:

Poppy J  
Ruby  
Lily  
Jess  
Eva  
Mia  
Holly  
Mollie  
Eva  
Sophie





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## News from PE Department—boys

A group of year 7 pupils have been involved in a research study conducted by Edge Hill University and commissioned by Sport England. Pupils have undergone physical tests such as 'The Dragon Challenge' as well as mental and cognitive online tests. The results will feed in to a national study looking at physical activity rates of young people. Well done to all involved.

A mixed U13s football team played a fixture at Alder Grange. For some of the pupils, it was their first time representing school. The lads performed brilliantly in an exciting game that ebbed and flowed before eventually being won 7-5 by Alder Grange. Goal scorers for the Saints' were Hussain Webster (2), Junior Smith (2) and Leighton Ferguson.

In PE this half term the boys have been developing their skills in a range of athletics events in preparation for sports day. Attitudes and efforts have been excellent. Well done lads!

It was fantastic to welcome our new Year 7 starters to the PE department on the Y6 transition day. All pupils had a PE session and developed their cricket skills with Mr. Parkes and Miss. Lavery.

Before the end of term there are more football and cricket fixtures for the boys as well as the annual Colour Run event at Marl Pits.

Thursday night table tennis club has proved popular with pupils again this year with pupils making huge progress thanks to the excellent coaching offered by Mr. Young.

Over the past 10 weeks a group of Year 7 boys have been participating in sessions every Monday with Space to Bee. The program is centred around sport but looks at developing wider skills such as confidence, resilience and positivity. The lads have engaged really well and have all benefitted from the experience. A big well done to - Kaiyan Ali, Brayden Dearden, Logan Dunn, Jayden Hood, Alan Lasek, Dylan Love, Joshua Noon, Jaxon Martin and Logan Skinner.

Mr Parkes  
Assistant Headteacher





## News from the PE Department

### The Rossendale Schools Athletics competition

Our students at All Saints' represented the school amazingly at the Rossendale Schools Athletics competition. It was a great day for athletics, with events beginning at 9:30am. Every student who participated showed great enthusiasm, respect and worked really hard. Please see below the results from our student's at All Saints'. A brilliant result and a fantastic competition.

#### Year 7

Henry Templar - Shot Put = **1st**  
Henry Templar - 800m = **2nd**  
Louie Edmondson - 1500m = **2nd**  
Louie Edmondson - 200m = **3rd**  
Bertie Sefton - Javelin = **3rd**  
Ruby Monks - 300m = **3rd**  
Eva Williams - Long Jump = **3rd**



#### Year 8

Lyla Duffy - 1500m = **1st**  
Lyla Duffy - 300m = **1st**  
Lyla Duffy - Long Jump = **1st**  
Alice Carr - 800m = **1st**  
Hussain Webster - 1500m = **1st**  
Hussain Webster - 200m = **1st**  
Lyla Duffy - 100m = **2nd**

#### Year 9

Lois Cowking - 300m = **1st**  
Hollie Kakanskas - Shot Put = **1st**  
Hollie Kakanskas - Javelin = **1st**  
McKenzie Cashinelle - Javelin = **1st**  
Oscar Beesley - 1500m = **2nd**  
Tom Abiola - Long Jump = **3rd**  
Elliot Clements - Shot Put = **3rd**





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### News from the PE Department

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June All Saints competed in the annual Year 9 Rossendale Schools Rounders Competition at Haslingden High School. Five schools entered the tournament: All Saints, Haslingden, Alder Grange, Whitworth, and The Valley Leadership Academy. All Saints' had a team of 9 pupils: Lois Cowking, Ellie Brierley, Annabel Butterworth, Erin Bewley, Faye Hawke, Maddie Smith, Romilly Ashworth, Leia Webb, and Ava Lynch. Our All Saints' team were a fantastically strong team and came second overall in the competition which was a great result and even when they lost one game they still got 6 players out of 9 out when fielding. The pupils were a credit to the school as they showed great sportsmanship, resilience, and determination. Well done to all the players.

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, students from All Saints' travelled to St James the Less Primary school, to help out in their annual sports day. To our surprise, the weather was fantastic, and the sun was shining all afternoon.

We had 14 students from All Saints', all previous students of St James the Less, who kindly offered to help and assist their old primary school brilliantly, by aiding the teachers and supporting the children in all their events. Our students were respectful and positive, representing the school excellently; demonstrating the school's SHINE values in true sporting spirit.

Miss C Hill  
Curriculum Leader of PE

### News from the PE Department

#### Primary Schools Sports Day

On Tuesday 25th June All Saints' Hosted the Rossendale Schools Primary Sports Day. The Primary Schools that entered the sports day was St Peter's, St James the Less, St Veronica's, Our Lady and St Anselm's, St Joseph's and St Mary's Haslingden. The sun was shining and the day was a massive success. There were some fantastic races, throws and jumps, excellent sportsmanship, comradery, competitiveness and the atmosphere in the sports hall was electric. Well Done to St James the Less who just managed to beat St Peter's with the final points. A massive 'well done' and 'thankyou' to our year 8 helpers who were brilliant at running events, cheering on schools, supervising groups of pupils and being great All Saints' Sports Leaders.

All Saints helpers:

Poppy Jones	Louie Edmondson
Ellie Brierley	Eli Vaz Te
Lois Cowking	Henry Templar
Lydia Jones	McKenzie Cashinella
Aimee Townsend	Tom Abiola
Hollie Kakanskas	James Griffiths
Hollie McGuire	Adam Lee
Feebie Thomas	Joe Shodeinde
Lillymay Ashworth	Josh Crabtree

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## News from the Extra Curricular Team

### Art Club review

I think Art Club is a great place to express yourself. Your imagination is set free and you can put all your wildest thoughts onto paper, or a canvas, or any of the resources provided. The teachers in charge always make sure you feel comfortable and safe. It's a great place to make new friends as you all make the best art possible. It doesn't matter if you don't think you are good at art, nobody judges you! It is a safe space for your creativity to spark. So far, we have made positive affirmations on canvases which everyone has added their own spin onto. It is open to everyone who wants to have a go at art, practice their skills, or have a bit of fun.

A Stuart



## News from Careers

The week beginning the 24<sup>th</sup> June saw our Year 10 students going out into the world of work on their work experience placements. We had a variety of placements such as schools, farms, solicitors, retail and hospitality.

Patrick went to work at Rossendale carpets and has done some heavy lifting and has learnt a lot about the trade, specifically how to cut carpet and which flooring goes in which room. Whilst we were there Patrick practised his sales technique. Patrick has also perfected the art of making a brew!

Jodee went to work at St Joseph's Primary School and whilst there she has been teaching the younger children some gymnastics and she has been helping to tidy up too. Jodee received a lot of hugs whilst she was there and the children love her; she is really going to be missed!

Eva and Hallie also went to work at St Joseph's and they really want to work there longer. They love helping the little children and an extra treat is being able to leave school at lunchtime to go to the shop- the world of work gives a lot more independence than High School!

Hollie went to work at Nellie's cafe in Bacup and she has been working exceptionally hard making sure everyone is fed and watered. The hours are long but she has really enjoyed seeing the regulars and having a chat!

All of the students on work experience have represented All Saints' exceptionally well with feedback such as, 'extremely polite and well mannered', 'an asset to the team' and 'I don't know what I'm going to do without them'.

Well done all of Year 10!

Kind regards,

Kat Haworth (she/her)  
SENDCo





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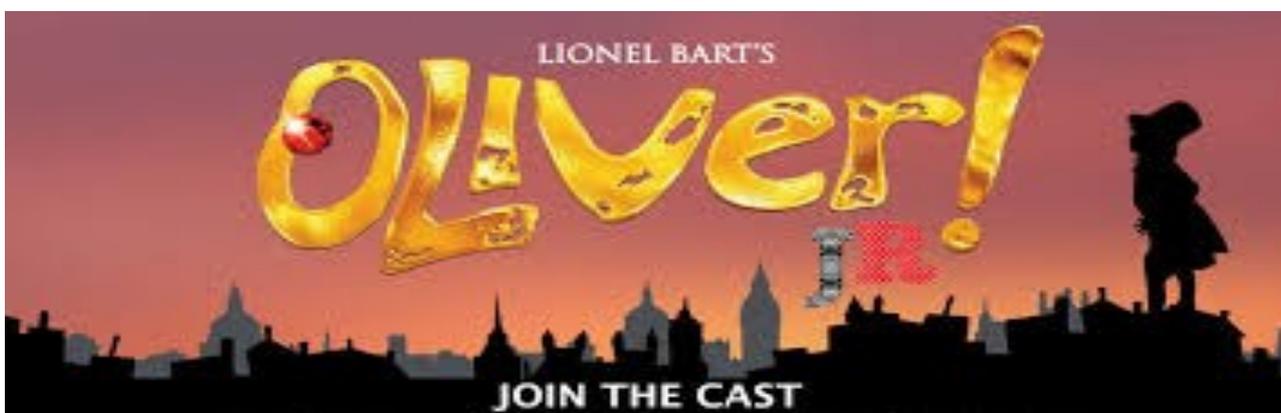
## News for the school show

COMING SOON!

All Saints' presents the award-winning musical "Oliver jr" which is packed with memorable songs such as "Consider Yourself", "You've Got to Pick a Pocket or Two" and "Food Glorious Food".

We need enthusiastic actors, singers, dancers and, of course, stage crew. As always, guest appearances will be made by All Saints' staff! Auditions will be held in September. Hope to see you there!

Mrs Hindley and Miss Padwell



## News from the Year 11 Prom





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During the Summer term pupils attended a virtual talk from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service about water safety. They learnt about

- Knowing what 'open water' is and recognising the dangers associated with it.
- The possible consequences of entering 'open water', including Cold Water Shock and Tombstoning.
- The effects being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol can have.
- What to do if you need help, including when someone else is in the water or if it is you struggling.
- Who to call and practical help such as the 'Float to Live' concept

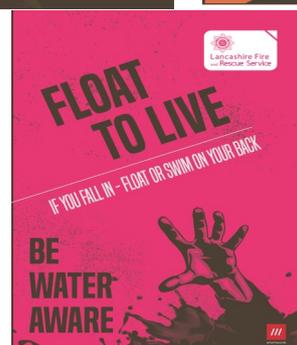
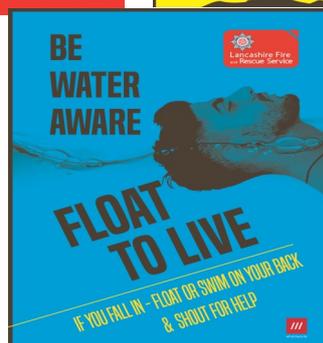
How open water can be enjoyed more safely.

During form time pupils have watched videos and presentations from the Safe4Summer campaign covering consequences and the law around anti-social behaviour, how to prevent grassland fires and further information about open water safety.

Pupils have been asked by Network Rail to watch a Rail Safe video intended to reduce trespassing on the rail network and to educate young people about the risks and dangers. We strongly recommend parents watch it themselves first, as it is extremely hard hitting talking about the death of a young person due trespassing on railway lines. The link is below to access the video.

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/>

We hope that our pupils at All Saints have been equipped with the knowledge to have both a fun and safe summer.





### Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices

#### Information for Parents

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period<sup>1</sup>. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

#### **Absences can have a lasting effect on learning**

**Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning**

**This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential**

<sup>1</sup> A school week is any week in which a school meets at least once.

