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Friday 5th December 2025

This half term, we are growing to be **learned**, finding God in all things and **wise** in the ways we use our learning for the common good.



I'm always ready to learn...but I do not always like being taught!

Winston Churchill – former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

St Anne's Parish Bazaar 29.11.25: Grand Raffle Winners

Thank you to everyone who was able to buy or sell tickets this year and congratulations to all the winners. As a school, St Anthony's raised £397.70!

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Winning ticket number</u>	<u>Winner's name</u>
£100	11144	Lynsey Curley
£75	00307	No name on counterfoil
£50	14526	Bobby C
£25	03158	Sally Farrell
£10	04440	Denis
£10	02782	Yas and Joe
£10	05505	T. Lawless
£10	02546	A. Kilbride
£10	04239	Linda and Phil

If you are a winner and have not collected your prize money yet, please contact Fr Sean at St Anne's on 0121 798 4101.

PTA page



12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



£1 PER TICKET
£3 PER STRIP
£10 FOUR STRIPS



Tickets will be sold at
classroom
doors and will continue
throughout the
raffle period.

All money raised goes
directly
back into events and
experiences
for the children.

What a way to win some Christmas presents! Each day has a monetary value of £30+ Please purchase your raffle tickets from classroom doors.

First draw will begin on Monday 8th with sales remaining open to begin with.



Ticket Prices:

£1 per ticket
£3 per strip (5 tickets)
£10 for 4 strips
(20 tickets!)

PTA page

We're excited to announce our Christmas Raffle with fantastic prizes to be won for 12 consecutive days. The first winner will be announced on Monday 8th December, with a new winner picked every day up until we break up on Friday 19th December!

We want to tell all what's included in every one of the 12 day prizes in the hope to increase ticket sales.

Day 1: Russel Hobbs Steam Mop!

Day 2: American sweet hamper, Cadburys chocolate hamper, 1kg pouch of sweets, Monty Bojangles x 3 Truffles and huge Custard Cream tin full!

Day 3: Bluey Play House

Day 4: Gentleman's Jack JD & £20 dining out Gift Card

Day 5: SIX Bottles of Wine (red and white)

Day 6: Beldray handheld Vacuum

Day 7: Morrocan Oil Giftset, Pink gin set, 3 x Yankee candles set, 2x essential oil candles

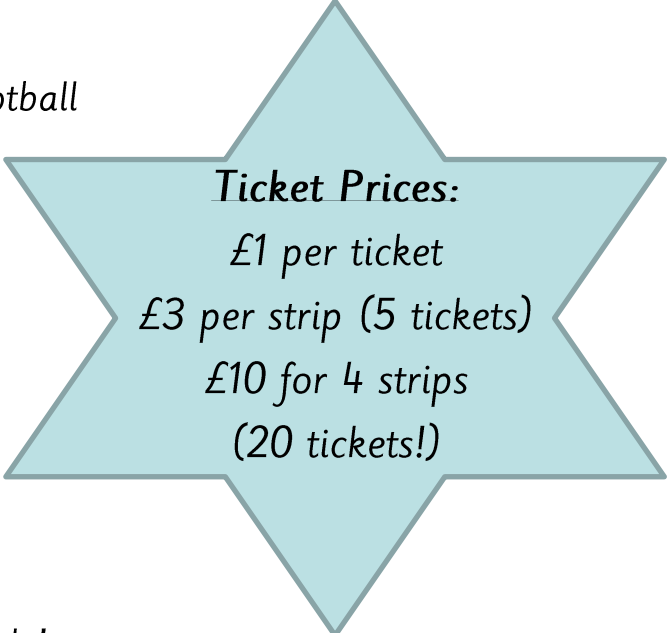
Day 8: Rocket Play Tent, Basketball and a Football

Day 9: 360 Spiro Spin (outdoor large)

Day 10: Karcher Window Vacuum (anniversary edition)

Day 11: Ring doorbell

Day 12: Flying ring, Sussed, Grabolo and Dobble!



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£1 per ticket
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Tuesday 9th December

Christmas School dinner & Christmas Jumper Day on **Tuesday 9th December**.

Thank you for the donations of Christmas jumpers. Is your child in need a jumper for Tuesday's event? Please come to the School Office today, Monday or Tuesday.



Visitor in School

On Tuesday 9th Miss Watkins will have a visitor in school. Sarah Danba is a social worker from Solihull Children's services will be shadowing Miss Watkins for the day and may meet with the children as part of the day.

Neurodiversity Survey

Neurodiversity Survey Our Bishops' Conference and [Birmingham Newman University](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/) are conducting research into neurodiversity and faith experience. If you are a Catholic neurodivergent adult or a caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic (aged 2+), they would like to hear from you. Project organisers are collecting information through two short (10-20 minute) anonymous online surveys, which are available to complete until **12th January 2026**: If you are a neurodivergent Catholic adult or a caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic (aged 2+), you can find links for the survey at: www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/new-survey-on-neurodiversity-and-the-catholic-faith

Kingshurst Santa Sleigh Routes 2025

Route 1 - (Approximately 2.2 miles)

Wednesday 3rd of December starting at
5.45pm

Start Church Close car park B37 6HA

Silverbirch Drive to roundabout

Turn Left Kingshurst Way

Turn Right Hemlingford Way

Turn Left Yorkswold Drive

Turn Right Kingshurst Way

On to roundabout Fordbridge Road

Back onto Kingshurst Way

Turn Right Oakthorp Drive

Turn Left Broomcroft Road

Turn Left Over Green Drive

Turn Right Kingshurst Way

Turn Right Silverbirch Road to Church

Close car park



Route 2 - (Approximately 2.0 miles)

Thursday 4th of December 5.45pm

Start Church Close car park B37 6HA

Turn Right into Over Green Drive

Turn Right Meriden Drive

Turn Right Wheeley Moor Road

Turn Right Mullensgrove Road

Turn Right Moxhull Road to turning circle
and retrace route to Gilson Way

Turn Right Gilson Way

Turn Left Meriden Drive

Turn Left Over Green Drive

Follow to Church Close car park



Tiny Ants

This week, we have been learning about the *Advent Wreath*. Throughout the week the children have decorated their own to take home. Mrs Cleary read us 'The Nativity Story' using puppets, we chose which one we wanted to be, to act out the story.



Thomas was happy to join his friends at the lunch table talking about the different foods in their boxes.

Thank you Noah, for sharing your birthday cake with your friends.



Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been focusing on the Christmas story, and we have been learning key words such as angel, Mary, Joseph, kings, shepherd and stable. We have re-enacted the story using wooden figures in the straw and sand tray, as well as creating our own stables using lolly sticks. Nursery have also learnt that we are in the season of *advent* and that we have an *advent wreath* as symbol of this special time where we are preparing for something important.

We have been working so hard practising nativity songs and actions in Church, and we can't wait to show you all next week!



Reception

This week, our Celebration of the Word focused on the work of one of our house saints—St Andrew. The children reflected on Andrew's call to be a disciple and created a 'footstep of kindness'; thinking carefully about how we can show kindness during our Advent journey. In Maths, we explored 2D shapes. The children enjoyed going on shape hunts around the classroom and sorting and comparing different shapes.



The Naughty Christmas Elf has returned to Reception, causing chaos once again! The children had great fun decorating our Christmas tree, making their own decorations by threading beads, and mark-making in our snowy town.



In English, we read *The Jolly Postman*. The children wrote letters to different characters from the story and drew and described a postman. In *Understanding the World*, the children drew portraits of their friends, then spent time talking about our differences and similarities.

Year 1

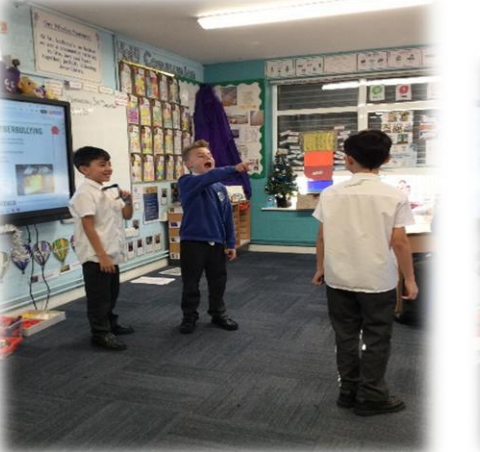
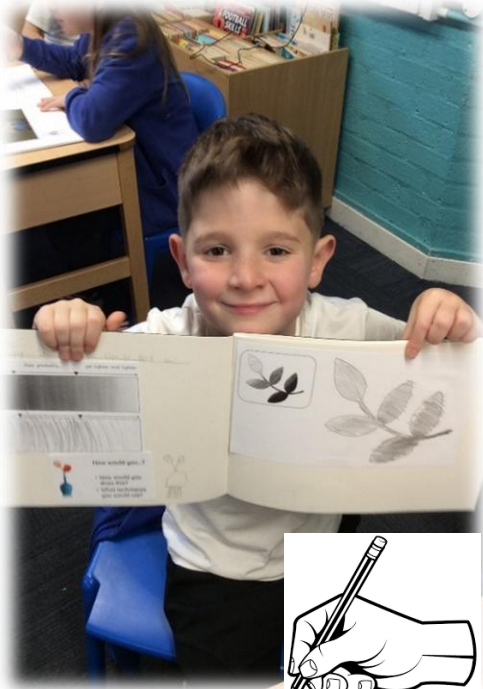


This week in Year 1, we have been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes. We have done lots of activities to help us to recognise and name each shape including a game of matching 4 shapes in a row. We have also been enjoying exploring how we can help our environment and protect animals' homes. We went outside to collect lots of fallen branches and leaves to make extra homes for animals. Year 1 have been busy practicing their nativity and are excited to perform to their family members and friends.



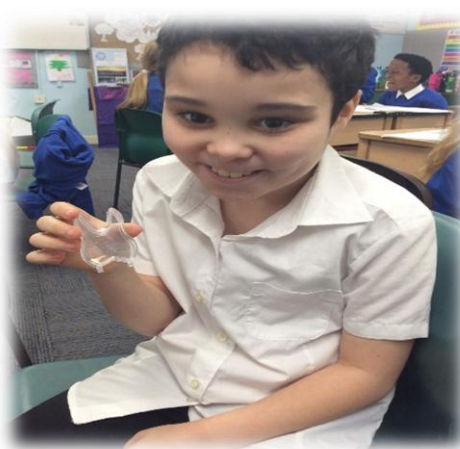
Year 3

Year 3 have been having lots of fun in computing creating our own stop frame animations. We also created some wonderful drawings in art and did some role play for our RHE this week on anti-bullying.



Year 4

We have been joyfully celebrating the start of Advent in Year 4 with some wonderful RE work about the Jesse Tree and Jesus' ancestry. In Science, we have focused on teeth, with help from Leoni, who brought her tooth in to help us in our learning! In Spanish, we recapped colours to create our little Rudolph bookmarks.



Year 5

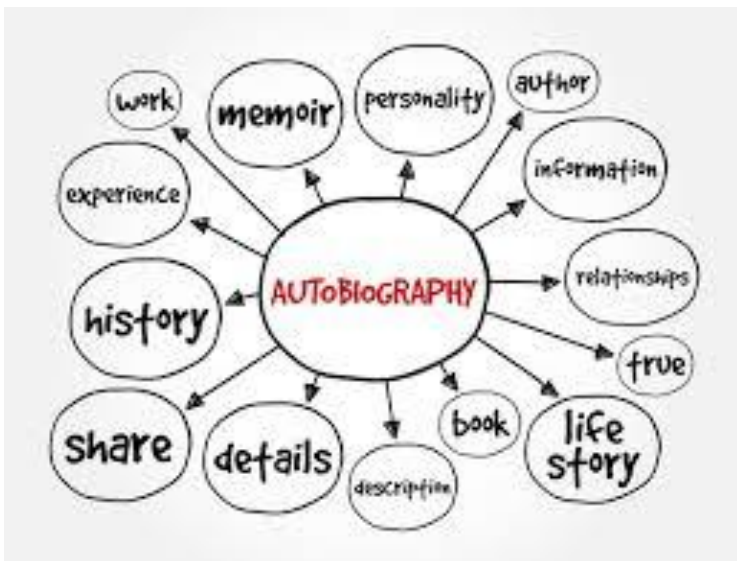
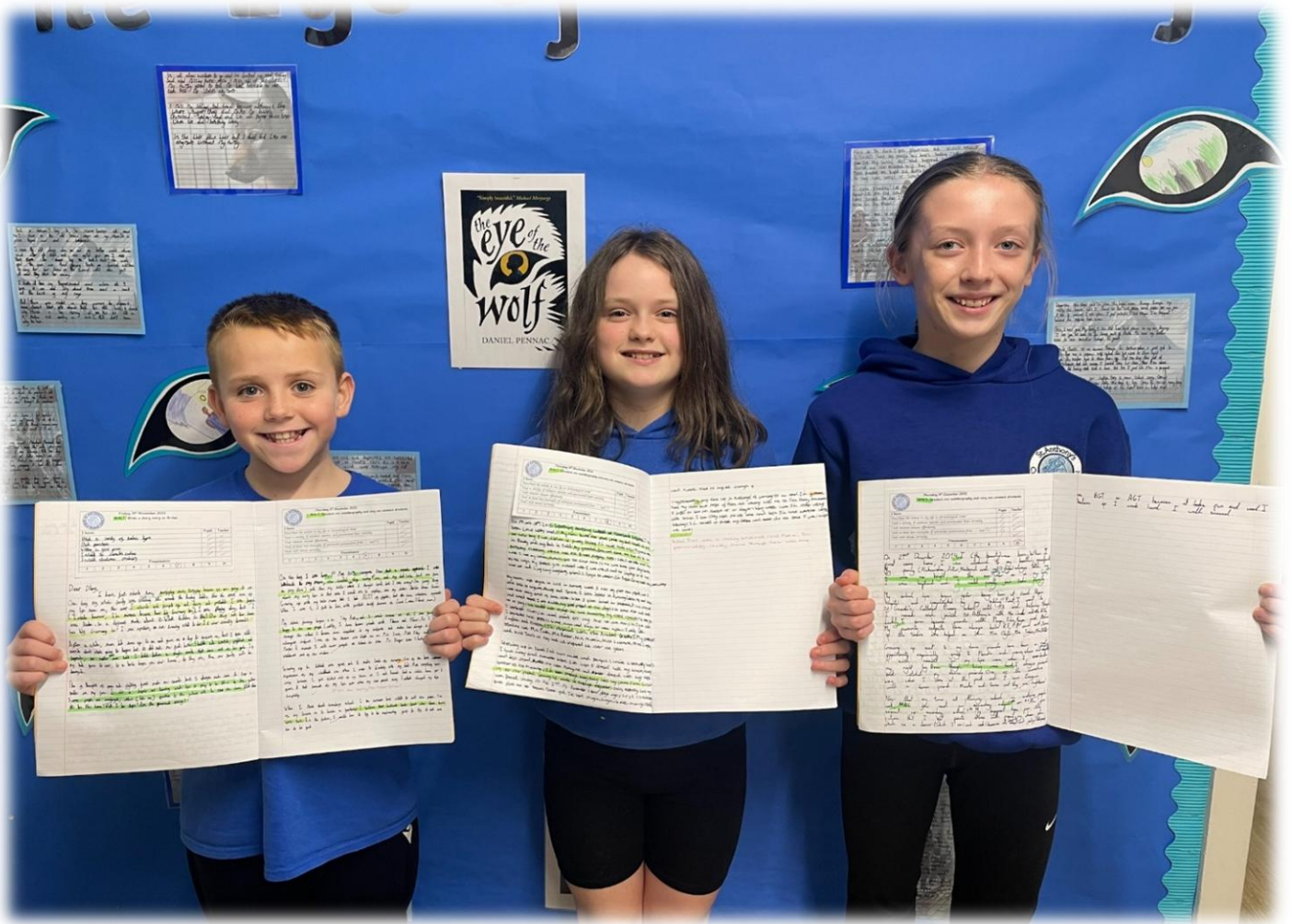


This week Year 5 took inspiration from Cai Guo-Qiang and used techniques to explore space and scale in Art. Our current topic is all about Installation Art and how art isn't always just on a page but can transform different spaces and areas.



Year 6

This week, Year 6 finally wrote their first-draft autobiographies. They have all written such beautiful accounts of their lives so far, but these three children really stood out – sharing some touching memories with us. Their final drafts will be sent home for their parents to read and keep. Well done Year 6!



Winter Uniform

**Children in Reception to Year 6
are now to wear Winter Uniform
(apart from PE days)**

*Girls' winter uniform:
Grey skirt/ school
trousers, white blouse &
tie, school
cardigan/jumper, grey,
white or black tights or
socks, black shoes*

*Boys' winter uniform:
Grey school trousers,
white shirt with tie, school
jumper, black or grey
socks, black shoes*



Please complete the School Uniform form, as soon as possible <https://forms.office.com/e/2HFH4ZePbR>

PE KIT EXPECTATIONS

Please be reminded that PE kit is; white round neck t-shirt, black bottoms (not baggy or flared), school hoody and trainers

*****If you are unsure, please contact the School Office*****

Medication

REMINDER: Please remember to bring in any medication your child may need including inhalers.



Illness and Attendance

Student Illness and School Attendance

To ensure the health and well-being of all students and staff, we kindly ask that you keep your child at home if they are experiencing symptoms of illness. Children should remain home if they have a fever of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher, are vomiting, have diarrhoea or show signs of contagious conditions.

Unacceptable Reasons for School Absence

While we understand that every child may occasionally feel unwell, it is important to distinguish between minor discomfort and genuine illness that warrants absence from school. Vague symptoms such as “feeling unwell,” mild headaches, or general tiredness are not considered valid reasons to keep a child home and absence due to these reasons will not be authorised. In such cases, we encourage parents to use appropriate over-the-counter medication, such as paracetamol, before school. If your child’s condition worsens during the day, school staff will monitor them and contact you if it becomes necessary for them to be collected. Regular attendance is essential for your child’s academic progress and social development. We appreciate your support in ensuring that absences are limited to genuine illness in line with school guidelines.

Solihull HAF Information

Please follow the link below for more information regarding holiday activities and food programme 2025

https://edportals.solihull.gov.uk/Synergy/Live/SynergyWeb/Solihull_FSD/HAF2025.aspx

Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2025



Click the boxes below to search for activity providers in Solihull who are providing free places to children on benefits-related free school meals during the October half term under the Holiday Activity and Food Programme - known as **HAF**.

You can search for activity providers by:

- **Name** of activity provider
- **Postcode** of where the activities are taking place (to view those closest to your home or work address).
- **Family Activities** that are available.

You can click below to view a complete list of **HAF activities** and **Specialist SEND activities** aimed at children with additional needs and/or disabilities.

The **Christmas 2025 HAF schemes** are now LIVE on the directory. Please click into the search boxes below to find a suitable HAF activity for your child.

Families can access the free online courses here [Solihull | Togetherness - Togetherness](#) using the code APPLEJACKS.

Online parenting support

The Council fund sponsorship of togetherness.co.uk (previously inourplace.co.uk) to make invaluable NHS learning and content free for local parents. Please share this [wellbeing news update](#) from the Togetherness team (formerly known as the Solihull Approach) with ALL parents/carers.

Togetherness is an online learning environment developed by psychologists and health practitioners providing accessible learning about emotional health and wellbeing, proven to positively impact mental health, behaviour and relationships.

Free Courses

Free course

GET INTO PERSONAL TRAINING

13th January to
17th February

Tuesdays

12:00 - 16:00

📍 Three Trees Community Centre

Develop the knowledge and practical skills needed to begin your journey into personal training. This course combines theory and hands-on experience to build your understanding of fitness, anatomy, and effective training methods. You'll also explore pathways into further study and careers in the fitness and wellbeing industry.

Free course for residents living in North Solihull

Kingshurst, Chelmsley Wood, Fordbridge and Smith's Wood

Complete the form on the QR code or email us to sign up community.projects@solihull.ac.uk



 Solihull College
& University Centre

Free course

Get into Floristry

📍 Woodlands Campus
Solihull College & University Centre

16th January
to 17th April

Fridays

11:45 - 15:00

Free course for residents living in North Solihull

Kingshurst, Chelmsley Wood, Fordbridge and Smith's Wood

Explore flower arranging and teamwork as you design a floral feature for a community celebration.

Complete the form on the QR code or email us to sign up community.projects@solihull.ac.uk



 Solihull College
& University Centre



Free to residents living in North Solihull –
Kingshurst, Chelmsley Wood, Fordbridge
and Smith's Wood.

Support for Parents

Solihull Parents' Network | Getting out and about | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

Use this link to find out about;

Library activities

The Core Gallery & Theatre

Family Hub Activities

Stay Active events

Creative Arts

SEND activities

Family Days Out

Family support worker drop-ins at the Family Hubs

Parents can go to the Family Hubs to talk to a Family Support Worker if needed. No need to book, just turn up.

Evergreen Hub is next to Yorkswood School.

Family Hub	Day	Time
Evergreen	Wednesday	1pm-4pm

Evergreen Family Hub



Timetable
September 2025



Wherever you live in Solihull, we're here to support you
Family Hubs are local centres where children, young people, and families can access support and take part in fun activities! Our friendly staff and service providers work in partnership with you and your community to access the information and support you need. Some services offer drop-in sessions, whilst others require booked appointments. The Hubs are a safe space for you and your loved ones.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Employment, training, and digital skills support – 09:00-16:00 Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. Drop in or call 0121 779 1724 to book an appointment.</p> <p>Buggy walk – 13:00-13:45 <i>Weather dependant</i> Times may change for the stay and play workshop dependent on the weather. Families to be notified through the Evergreen Facebook page or changes to app.</p> <p>Stay and play – 13:30-15:00 Come and play and meet new friends. Suitable for ages 0-4 and their parents/carers. No booking required, just come along and join in with the fun!</p> <p>After-school club – 15:30-16:30 Play board games, do quizzes, art, table tennis and other fun activities. Suitable for ages 4-12, parents/carers must stay and supervise their children.</p>	<p>Health Visitor clinic – 09:00-14:00 Booked appointments for parents and their babies and children with the Health Visiting team. Book by speaking to your Health Visitor.</p> <p>Midwifery team – 09:30-15:30 Community midwives that provide maternity care outside of a hospital setting. Parent consultation workshops with midwifery team.</p> <p>Community coffee morning – 10:30-12:00 Come in for a cuppa and tell us what you would like to see happening at Evergreen or find out more about volunteering and other services in your local area.</p> <p>Sensory room – 14:30-onwards Slots available for the sensory room. To book, call Evergreen on 0121 779 1724.</p>	<p>Employment, training, and digital skills support – 09:00-16:00 Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. Drop in or call 0121 779 1724 to book an appointment.</p> <p>Health in the hearts of our community social group – 10:30-12:00 Social group including fun, games and a cuppa! Learn more about heart health through one-to-one consultations.</p> <p>Health visitors' sensory play – 13:00-15:00 <i>Weather dependant Every second and last week of the month – 10 and 24 September</i> To book, call the Health Visiting Team on 0750 733 2563.</p> <p>Family support worker drop-in – 13:00-16:00 Drop-in service, advice, support and signposting to other services. Helpline is provided at Evergreen on Wednesday afternoon on 0121 788 4327.</p> <p>Sensory room – 14:30-onwards Slots available for the sensory room. To book, call Evergreen on 0121 779 1724.</p> <p>Seasonal crafts – 15:30-16:30 Autumn-themed craft workshop.</p>	<p>Health Visitor clinic – 09:00-14:00 Booked appointments for parents and their babies and children with the Health Visiting team. Book by speaking to your Health Visitor.</p> <p>Family support worker workshop – 10:00-13:00 Solution focused workshop</p> <p>Sensory room – 15:00-onwards Slots available for the sensory room. To book, call Evergreen on 0121 779 1724.</p>	<p>Employment, training, and digital skills support – 09:00-15:30 Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. Drop in or call 0121 779 1724 to book an appointment.</p> <p>Midwifery team – 09:30-15:30 Community midwives that provide maternity care outside of a hospital setting. Parent consultation workshops with midwifery team.</p> <p>Stay and play – 10:00-11:30 Come and play and meet new friends. Suitable for ages 0-4 and their parents/carers. No booking required, just come along and join in with the fun!</p> <p>Family activities – 13:30-15:30 Bring your homework, play board games, do quizzes, art, table tennis and other fun activities. Suitable for 4-12 years, parents/carers must stay and supervise their children.</p>

Wellbeing and advice

Here2help
Family Hubs can help with food, toiletries, fuel, money, staying well, and keeping safe. To find out more, visit www.solihull.gov.uk/here2help.

Health visiting
To speak to a health visitor, text Chat Health on 0750 733 2563 between 09:00-16:00, Monday-Friday.

Women's Aid
If you or someone you know needs support, call Women's Aid at 0808 800 0028. Available seven days a week, 09:15-17:15.

Mental health support
The Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust provide guidance and reassurance to people of all ages. Call 0800 915 9292 or 0121 262 3555.

Midwives
Please call your midwife using the phone number in your red book.

What else can the Family Hubs offer?

Help and support
Speak to our friendly staff

Stay and play area
Toys, books, and soft play

Sensory room
To book, call 0121 779 6943

Computers and private work pods
Internet and phone access

Community wardrobe
Free clothing

[42 Kinshurst Way, Kinshurst, Solihull, B37 6DX](https://www.solihull.gov.uk)

Support for Parents and Carers

Did you know Solihull now has a new Family Help Line?



This has launched to support families and the people around them. You can now call 0121 788 4327 for advice, information, strategies & support on things like:

- Parenting support
- Family conflict particularly because of difficulties managing children's behaviours
- Parents/carers needing support if they are struggling to get their child/ren into school and getting in trouble because of this
- Parents/carers struggling to manage their child's health, developmental or social needs (including mental health)

The team can offer:

- Signposting to services and what's on offer at the Family Hubs
- Referral to a Family Support Worker
- Advice and Support on the wider Early Help offer & how this works

**** This is not a safeguarding or social work service, so if you are worried about a child being unsafe – please call the MASH on 0121 788 4300.**

According to Ofcom, 90% of children are watching online videos and browsing the internet regularly. Children may love to stream videos and look up information, it's a fun way to learn and relax after all but they must be guided. The e-space is filled with inappropriate content and dangerous material. It is important that parents and even teachers, are able to steer their pupils and youngsters, towards the right places when online. Internet Matters has published a guide dedicated to supporting adults in setting digital boundaries for children, so that they can make smart choices and build healthy online habits. In the Internet Matters guide you'll find practical tips on managing content access, the use of safety controls, advice on setting boundaries and ways to educate children on how to stay secure online. If interested please follow the link below:

[Browsing and watching online safely guide Internet Matters](#)


Lunch menu for w.b. 8th December






FOOD FESTIVAL
by Aspens

WEEK 3
Autumn Winter 2025/26
15/09/25, 06/10/25, 27/10/25,
17/11/25, 08/12/25, 29/12/25,
19/01/26, 09/02/26, 02/03/26


LUNCHTIME

PRIMARY
TRADITIONAL



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
THE MAIN EVENT 	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Wedges B	Lasagne C	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy C	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Mash B	Golden Fish Fingers & Chips B
MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish 	Vegetable Lasagne C	Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Rice B	Carrot & Stuffing Puff Pastry Plait, Skin on Roasties with Gravy B	Super Veggie Pie with Mash A	Vegetable Fingers with Chips A
RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads 	Peas and Carrots	Mixed Greens	Carrots	Sweetcorn	Baked Beans or Peas
BIG TOPPING Filled Jackets 	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B
DESSERT TROLLEY 	Sweet Potato Chocolate Brownie C	Maple Cookie C	Eve's Apple Pudding & Custard B	Muesli Bars B	Vanilla Cookie B

What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?




AVAILABLE DAILY

DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT

PASTA TWIRLER
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

TOPPED PASTA
HOT PASTA TOPPED WITH HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE & CHEESE C



****Change to menu: Tuesday will be Christmas School Dinner and Wednesday will be lasagna or sweet & sour vegetables****

Due to school dinners being cooked fresh, please ensure that you pre order meals that your child will eat. Unfortunately, we cannot offer alternatives

Changes to ordering school lunches...

We have now moved to our new simplified lunch ordering system, a single login system via ParentPay

<https://www.parentpay.com/>





Diary Dates



Y6 SATs

Year 6 weekly booster starting from Thursday 6th November for all pupils from 3:15 till 4:15pm

2025

Tues 9 th Dec	Whole school	Christmas dinner and jumper day
Wed 10 th Dec	EYFS	Nativity and Workshop (a letter has been provided)
Thurs 11 th Dec	Year 2	Trip to 'Journey to the Stable'
Fri 12 th Dec	Year 1 and Year 2	KS1 Nativity 2:15pm
Weds 17 th Dec	Whole school	Whole school Mass @ 9:15am - Year 3 leading. Parents and family members welcome
Thurs 18 th Dec	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm
Fri 19 th Dec	Whole school	Non-uniform day (£1 donation) and end of term

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:

Monday 22nd Dec - Friday 2nd Jan 2026

Term dates 2025 - 2026

	Term starts	Half term	Term ends
Autumn	1 st September 2025	27 th Oct – 31 st Oct	19 th December 2025
Spring	5 th January 2026	16 th Feb – 20 th Feb	27 th March 2026
Summer	13 th April 2026	25 th May - 29 th May	20 th July 2026

Inset days: 1st September, 24th October, **5th January**, 23rd February, **13th April**, 20th July

P.E Days

Week beginning Monday 8th December

Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Wednesday

Year 2 – Friday

Year 3 – Tuesday

Year 4 – Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday (swimming)

Year 6 – Tuesday



EYFS Nativity and Workshop

Wednesday 10th December 2025 - EYFS Nativity and Workshop

Group 1:

9:15-10:00am - Nativity

10:00-11:00am - Workshop

Group 2:

1:10-1:40pm - Nativity

1:40-2:40pm – Workshop



Letters have been sent home with your child to confirm which group they are in.

Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Elsie – for showing enthusiasm, working hard and growing in confidence every day.

Year 1 – Hunter C – for being a kind, caring class member and shining like Jesus.

Year 2 – Roman – for your joyful smile and being a positive presence in our classroom!

Year 3 – Alice – for striving to do your best every day and consistently producing amazing work 😊

Year 4 – Julia – for truly embodying our Gospel Virtues. You are a kind friend, excellent listener and so resilient! Keep up the positive attitude.

Year 5 – Lily-Mai – for being a helpful, caring, delight to teach

Year 6 – Freddie – for sharing his joyful personality with us all, making us smile and always working hard.

