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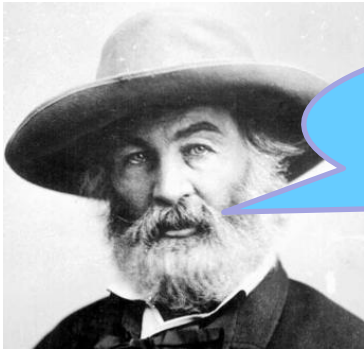
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Fordbridge Road,
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Friday 16th January 2026

This half term, we are growing to be curious, about everything;
and active in our engagement with the world, changing
what we can for the better.



Be curious not judgmental

Walt Whitman (American poet)



Applying for a Nursery place for September 2026

If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 you can apply for 15 or 30 hours (depending on your employment status working hours) free Nursery education in a Solihull school starting in September 2026.

The application process has now changed and individual schools are running their own Nursery application process.

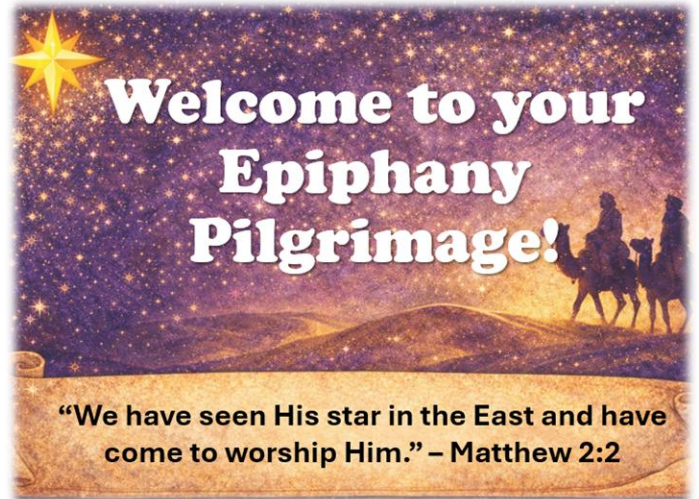
Please ensure that you apply as soon as possible. Offer day is 31st January 2026. **PLACES ARE FILLING FAST!**

Applications can be submitted by email or in person by completing the relevant forms.

Catholic Life

Today we enjoyed a very special **Epiphany Pilgrimage Day**, centred on the theme of **“Following the Star”**. As pilgrims of hope, the children reflected on the journey of the Wise Men and what it means to follow Jesus in our own lives.

Throughout the day, pupils travelled around the school taking part in a range of activities including: an orienteering challenge, a treasure hunt, a symbolic obstacle course, seed planting linked to caring for God’s creation, prayer activities focused on the worldwide Church, and time to reflect on the gifts we can offer to Jesus. We have all had such a lovely day! Photos will be shared in next week’s newsletter.



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Pope Leo XIV says...

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Jesus calls us to be His friends;

let us not leave this invitation unheeded.

Tiny Ants



It's lovely to see the children back after the Christmas break, full of enthusiasm ready to learn all about 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We have listened to the story, painted our own tiger, worked together to complete a floor puzzle and built a house with a garden for him.



We made our own snowmen at home whilst enjoying the snow day.



Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning about paramedics and ambulances. We have role-played being paramedics and have also drawn and created our own ambulances. We have learnt that the number to call in an emergency is 999 and that ambulances turn on their siren so that they can reach us and the hospital quickly.



In RE we have also learnt about Baptism and have role-played a Baptism. We now know that Baptism is a ceremony where babies are named and that holy water is used. We are looking forward to sharing our own personal Baptism photos next week with our friends.

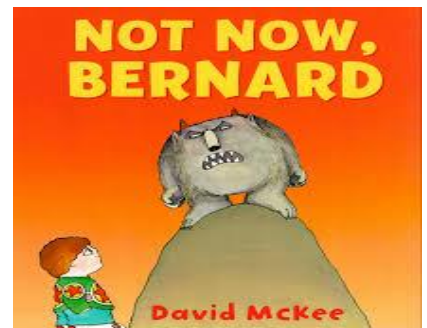


Reception

In Reception, the children have had a really busy and fun week of learning. In Maths, we have been focusing on numbers up to 6. The children enjoyed recognising numbers, matching them to amounts, and spotting dice patterns. They worked brilliantly in teams to build Numberblocks and number towers, sharing ideas and working together.

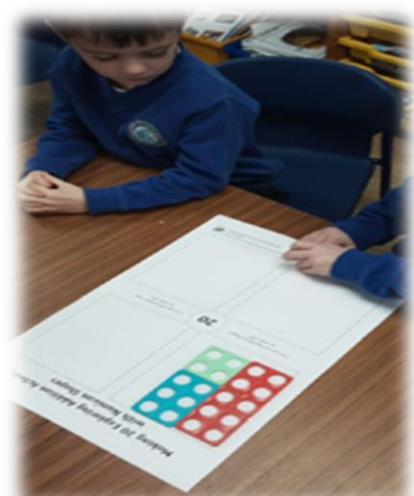
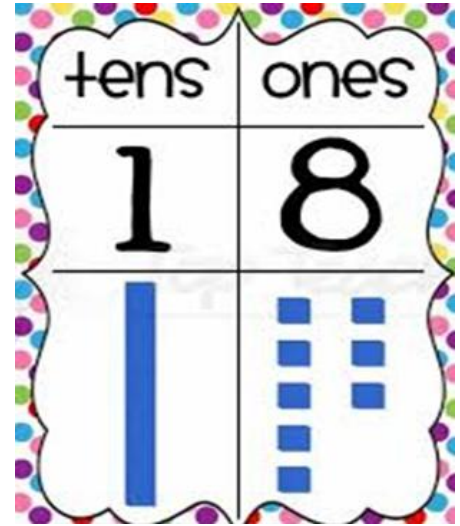


In English, we read the story *Not Now, Bernard*. The children did some fantastic sentence writing: describing the monster; explaining where he came from; and thinking about what might happen if he came to school. Their ideas were creative and full of imagination. In RE, we revisited the Nativity story and talked about how Mary and Joseph might have been feeling; linking this to showing kindness and understanding to others. In Understanding the World and RHE, the children explored different feelings and enjoyed making monsters and robots in class, inspired by our story *Not Now, Bernard*. They loved using different materials and bringing their ideas to life!



Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have enjoyed using lots of different resources to make 20 in our place value topic in Maths. We have been using our new knowledge to work out how many 10s and 1s are in a number. The children have worked really hard and are great at this! We also enjoyed a talk about water safety from staff at North Solihull Sports Centre and learnt all about when and where it is safe to swim in water.




WATER SAFETY -
Flags you need to know



RED FLAG - no swimming at all



BETWEEN TWO RED AND YELLOW FLAGS
safe to swim and belly board



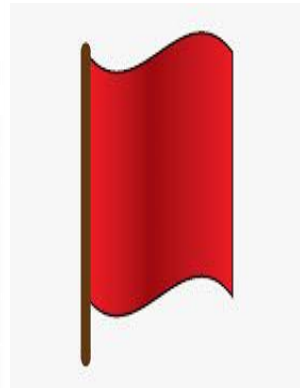
BETWEEN TWO BLACK AND WHITE FLAGS
NO SWIMMING
area used by surfers and windsurfers

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have had a very busy week! We have started our 'Birthday party' topic in Spanish and have made party hats and learnt a birthday song. In PE, we have been working very hard on learning some different movements in gymnastics. The children have been enjoying this topic!

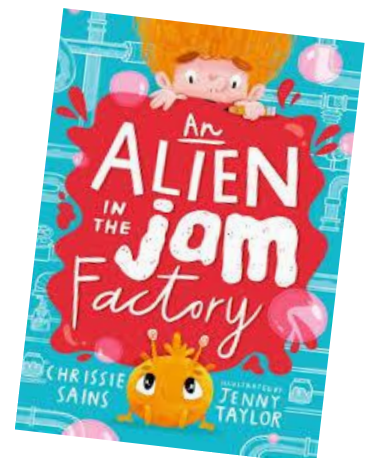


We were also very lucky to have a visit from the wonderful staff at North Solihull Sports Centre, who spoke to us about water safety.



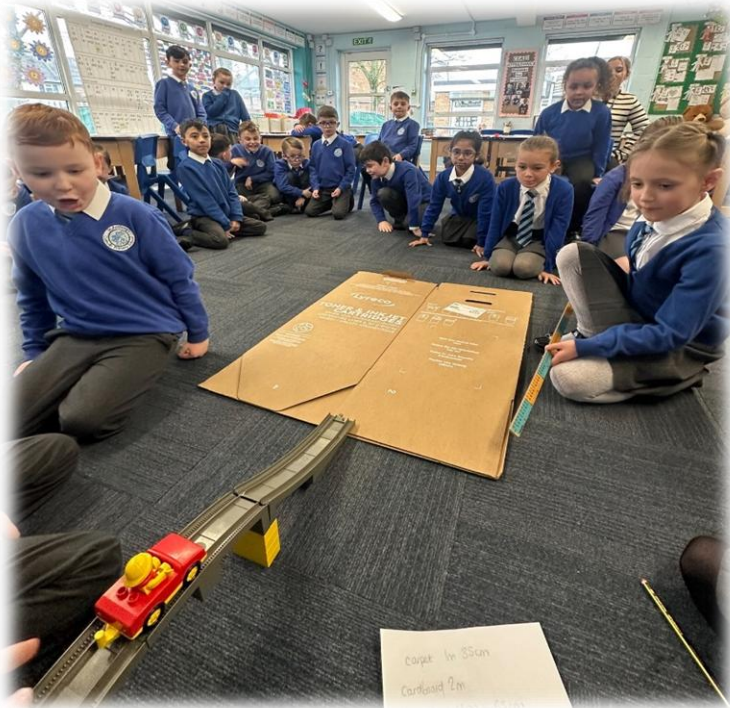
Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful first week back! In RE we explored how the shepherds must have been feeling when the angels appeared to them. In Maths, we have started learning about how to measure in cm, m and mm. In English, we have moved onto our new topic on poetry. This week we have been focusing on list poems and looking out for rhyming couplets. We also started our new whole class reading book, 'An Alien in the Jam Factory' and we are loving it! We also loved Spanish and learning the names for lots of different animals 😊



Year 3

This week, Year 3 have enjoyed making sentences using rhyming words in English and measuring metres, centimetres and millimetres in Maths. We particularly enjoyed our Science lesson where we were investigating friction!



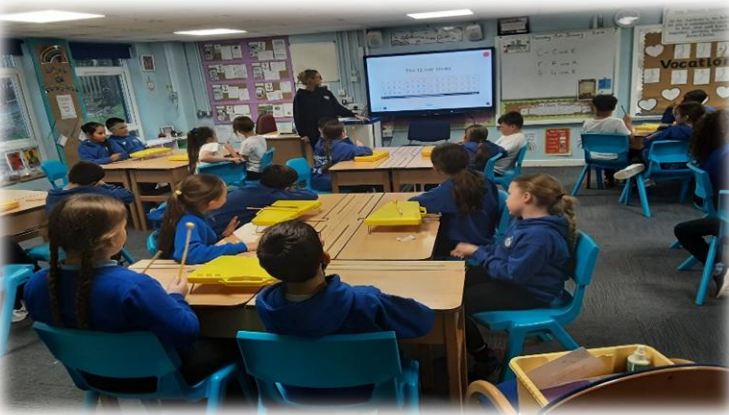
Year 4

In Year 4, we began our new RE unit, thinking about Jesus as the 'Light of the World'. In RHE, we took inspiration from 'A Bug's Life' to think about standing up for what's right even when it's hard. We created role-plays of similar situations. We've also been growing closer with fun class building activities like 'Mirror Mirror' ...ask your child to show you!



Year 5

Year 5 have been studying the Blues in Music. This week we learnt how to play a chord and used the chords C, F and G to play the 12-bar Blues.



Year 6

Year 6 created some fantastic group sequences in our gymnastics lesson and will be continuing to develop these next week.

In RE lessons we are continuing to learn about Baptism and Confirmation. All children have been set a homework challenge (to be completed by Friday 30th January) to research a saint who inspires them.

YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION HOMEWORK

*Homework for Friday 9th, Friday 16th and Friday 23rd January
To be returned by Friday 30th January.*

Task: You are required to research the saint that you have chosen to take for your Confirmation name. If you are not making your Confirmation, you will create a project on the saint that you WOULD have chosen.

You must present information about:

- 1) Name of saint
- 2) Place and year of birth
- 3) A brief outline of the life of your saint – are they a patron of anything?
- 4) How did your saint show that they loved God through their actions?
- 5) Choose two events from the life of your saint and explain which gifts / fruits of the Holy Spirit they demonstrated at this time.
The fruits of the Holy Spirit are: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control
The gifts of the Holy Spirit are: Understanding, Knowledge, Wisdom, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety and Fear of the Lord.
- 6) In what year did this person become a saint? When is their feast day?
- 7) How would you like to imitate this saint in your life?

Presentation:

1. The project can be
 - a) handwritten b) typed c) a PowerPoint document d) A poster
2. It can include text, illustrations, quizzes etc
3. It can be a piece of artwork with the information listed above on the back.

** Please do not take your information from Wikipedia, but a reliable Catholic source.
* Please do not copy and paste information that you do not understand. You must be able to explain all that you have written.*

Your homework project will need to be brought into school by Friday 30th January. If you are producing a document using a laptop/tablet, please email it to the school office if you are unable to print this out (office@st-anthonys-solithull.sch.uk)
On Wednesday 28th January we will be asking you about which saint you have chosen and why so please ensure you do not leave this homework until the last minute.



Year 6 really embraced the orienteering activity during today's Epiphany Pilgrimage. Well done to this group of girls who were the first group in the school to correctly locate all 20 letters / numbers!



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*****

Lunch menu for w.b. 19th January 2026

		LUNCHTIME				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FOOD FESTIVAL <small>WEEK 1</small> <small>Autumn Winter 2025/26</small> <small>01/09/25, 22/09/25, 13/10/25,</small> <small>03/11/25, 24/11/25, 15/12/25,</small> <small>05/01/26, 26/01/26, 16/02/26,</small> <small>09/03/26, 30/03/26</small>	THE MAIN EVENT	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Wedges B	Meatball Marinara Pasta B	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy C	Bangers, Mash and Gravy B	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips B
	MEAT-FREE MAGIC <small>Veggie Dish</small>	BBQ Cheesy Sweetcorn Pizza with Wedges B	Veggie Korma with Rice B	Roasted Vegetable Strudel, Skin on Roasties and Gravy B	Veggie Bangers, Mash and Gravy A	Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips B
	RAINBOW ALLEY <small>Vegetables and Salads</small>	Peas	Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans
	BIG TOPPING <small>Filled Jackets</small>	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	Butterfly Pastry Biscuits B	Shortbread B	Banana Bread and Custard B	Apple Cinnamon Buns B	Lemon Drizzle Cake B
What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today? A Very Low B Low C Medium D High E Very High	AVAILABLE DAILY DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT					PASTA TWIRLER <small>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</small> TOPPED PASTA HOT PASTA TOPPED WITH HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE & CHEESE C

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/>



February Half Term - Cycling Sessions

GET PEDALLING

Solihull



Fun and supportive cycle training for children aged 8+ whether they're just starting out or building confidence on two wheels!

Join our two-day course for children to have fun learning to ride or just polishing their skills, riders will build confidence and master the basics of cycling.

Tudor Grange Cycle Track

February 2026 16th – 17th sessions from 9.15am

We encourage riders to bring their own bike and helmet, if you need to borrow equipment do request at booking and leave riders height details. We will have a limited supply of bikes, and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Book via: <https://solihull.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>



If you would like further information please email bikeability@solihull.gov.uk

GET PEDALLING

Solihull



NEW Indoor Learn to Ride sessions
February Half Term

FUN cycle training for children aged 5 - 7

Join our two-day course for children to have fun learning to ride, gain basic cycle skills and grow in confidence on their bikes.

Tudor Grange Leisure Centre (on the indoor tennis courts)

February 2026 16th – 19th sessions from 9.15am

For these sessions we will provide our fleet bikes to borrow. Helmets will be available to borrow too or bring your own.

Book via: <https://solihull.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

Please note, there is a £10 booking fee for each booking.



If you would like further information please email bikeability@solihull.gov.uk



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



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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)

Nurturing ADHD Kids

Nurturing ADHD kids

This online 6 week course is free for Birmingham parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD or suspected ADHD

LED BY ADULTS WITH ADHD

Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?

Are you trying to support them but find that everyone gives you different advice?

In this 6 week course, you will

- learn about ADHD
- Understand the effect on our mental health
- Understand the reasons behind behaviours
- Gain confidence in advocating for our children
- Learn new strategies
- Help our kids be confident, resilient and be their best selves

What parents have said about this course

This course is literally game-changing for parents, caregivers, teachers and anyone living with a child (or adult) with ADHD. So much misunderstanding, frustration and worry could be prevented if everyone had access to this amazing resource.

Essential course for any parent of a child with ADHD. It changed the way I see my son and my ability to respond to his needs effectively.

Very informative, friendly, no pressure, enjoyable sessions

Email:
contactus@brewseducation.org

Birmingham Resilience Education and Wellbeing Services CIC

CIC Business Registration: 13240865



Nurturing ADHD Kids

Nurturing ADHD Kids

NEW GROUPS STARTING SOON!

Free online 6 week courses for parents and carers
Each session is 90 minutes

January 2026 courses

Wednesday mornings 10 - 11.30 am
starting Wednesday 7th January
Register [HERE](#) or use QR code



Thursday evenings 7-8.30 pm
starting Thursday 8th January
Register [HERE](#) or use QR code



**Registration closes at
5 pm on Friday January 2nd**

If you miss the deadline, email us at
contactus@brewseducation.org and you can
join the next one starting in March



Little Brum Youth Theatre

Open to all Year 6 children



Every Wednesday

17:30 to 18:30

Starting 14th January 2026

Elmwood Family Hub, 37 Burtons Way,
Birmingham, B36 0UG

Please email katie@bigbrum.org.uk
to sign up or for further details



Diary Dates



2025

Weds 21 st Jan	Whole School	Whole school Mass @ 9:15am – Year 2 leading. Parents and family members welcome
Thurs 22 nd Jan	Year 3 – Year 6	KS2 Water Safety talk from North Solihull Sports Centre
Mon 2 nd Feb	Whole school	Candlemas project available for parents to visit from 3:15 – 4:30pm
Tues 3 rd Feb	Whole school	Candlemas project available for parents to visit from 8:30am – 9am
Weds 4 th Feb	Year 6	Sacrament of Confirmation 6pm
Mon 9 th Feb	Rec – Y6	Father Hudson's Caritas Pledge £1 assembly
Tues 10 th Feb – Thurs 12 th Feb	Year 4	Year 4 Bikeability

HALF TERM HOLIDAY:

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026

Mon 23 rd Feb	Whole school	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Weds 25 th Feb	Whole School	Whole school Mass @ 9:15am – Year 5 leading. Parents and family members welcome
Thurs 26 th Feb	Year 1	Road Safety Talk
Sat 27 th Feb	Year 3	First Holy Communion blessing Mass 5pm @ St. Anthony's church
Mon 9 th March	EYFS	Animal Man visit
Mon 9 th March	Year 4	Father Hudson's Caritas workshop (just pupils no parents)
Weds 11 th March	EYFS and Year 1	Wonderdome in school am
Mon 16 th March – Friday 20 th March	Whole School	Book Fair in school
Tues 17 th March	Year 6	Trip to Harvington Hall
Weds 25 th March	Whole school	Whole school Mass @ 9:15am – Year 3 leading. Parents and family members welcome

EASTER HOLIDAYS:

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April 2026



Diary Dates



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 19th January



Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 2 – Wednesday & Friday

Year 3 – Tuesday & Friday

Year 4 – Wednesday & Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday (swimming) & Thursday

Year 6 – Tuesday & Thursday

Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Tommy – for spreading kindness and being a loving friend to everyone

Year 1 – Eoin – for always being cheerful and setting an example for the rest of Year 1.

Year 2 – Erin – for being a joy to teach and brightening everyone's day. We are lucky to have you in our Year 2 class!



Year 3 – Freddie – for your honesty, kindness and fantastic work!

Year 4 – Anh – for fabulous effort, teamwork and active listening ALWAYS! You are a star every single day and it doesn't not go unnoticed.

Year 5 – Eve – for always having a positive attitude towards her learning.

Year 6 – Dylan – for showing maturity and leadership in tasks this week.

