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Friday 23rd 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.



I think the key to the future is curiosity. I look at the people I admire most and they're curious people.

Carey Nieuwhof – Canadian influencer

Candlemas Project: Sharing the Light of Hope

The Feast of Candlemas (2nd February) occurs 40 days after Christmas. It celebrates the Presentation of Jesus in the temple.

In the Bible story of this event, Simeon describes Jesus as 'the light' that would bring salvation and hope into the world.

Who brings light and hope into your life?

Create something special to show who has brought light into your life:

- Draw a picture
- Make a collage
- Write a poem or story
- Create a photo display
- Build a small model or craft

Please bring your project to school by Thursday 29th January.

Families are invited to view our 'Display of Light' after school on Monday 2nd February or before school on Monday 3rd February.

— DRAWING — — COLLAGE — — PHOTO DISPLAY — — CRAFT — — WRITING —

Let's celebrate those who bring light into our lives!

We hope you are getting on well with your Candlemas projects, which are due in by Thursday 29th January.

You are invited to come and view our final exhibition on Monday 2nd February after school (3:15pm – 4:30pm) and Tuesday 3rd February before school (8:30am – 9am).



Things to talk about at home...

TAKEHOME

19th - 25th
January



Can awards encourage people to help others and care for the world?

'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

This week we learnt that Recently, a new award, called the Jane Goodall Earth Medal, has been created to celebrate people who work to help others and care for the world. It is named after Dr Jane Goodall, who spent her life protecting animals and encouraging people to look after nature. The award recognises kind and caring actions that make a positive difference, even when people are not looking for praise.

Things you could talk about at home:

- Do you believe it's important to recognise kind actions?
- Can you think of someone you know who helps others or cares for the world in everyday ways?

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Pope Leo XIV says...

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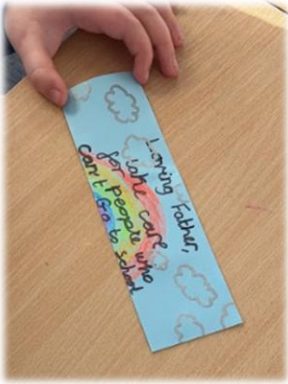
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Let us not waste our time and energies chasing after appearances. Rather, let us learn from John the Baptist to love simplicity.

Epiphany Pilgrimage Day 16.1.26



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Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning all about dentists; including what they wear, where they work and which tools they use. We have role-played being dentists and used a range of sensory materials such as white paint and shaving foam to brush our toy teeth. We have also learnt how to look after our teeth properly including brushing them for two minutes twice daily - in the morning and at night - and using a pea size amount of toothpaste. Nursery have also sorted food into groups based on what food and drink is good for our teeth and what we can only have a little bit of.

Thank you to all the parents/carers for sending in your child's Baptism photographs, they have loved sharing them with their friends and learning even more about Baptism.



Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been learning how to estimate and use number lines to 20 in our maths work. We were learning about what a community is and made a paper chain to show that we are a class community. We have also been exploring past forms of transport, and the children drew and labelled their own pictures of past and present forms of transport.



0 to 20 Number Line

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we had so much fun playing our team building Kagan game, Mr Magoo! In English, we have been exploring poetry, and the children have been amazing at finding rhyming couplets. In Art this week, we have been naming the primary and secondary colours and seeing what happens when we mix colours. Jenson-John was able to tell us what a secondary colour was!



Year 3

This week year 3 really enjoyed their visit from Aspens and making smoothies using a bike!



Year 4

This week, we had a huge treat – the surprise of a smoothie bike! We all got to have a go at creating our own smoothies and pedalling the bike. We also reflected on feeling a calling from God in a pupil-led Celebration of the Word, where Patryk's group lead incredibly well. We continued reading *Rumaysa* and she finally managed to escape from her tower! Lastly, we got to know our new table groups with a teambuilding activity finding common interests.



Year 6

It was 'Terrific Tuesday' in Year 6 this week. We began the day with a workshop led by Aspens. Children chose a range of fruits and then hopped onto the 'smoothie bike' to blend them into a nutritious drink.



In the afternoon the children choreographed some incredible gymnastics routines incorporating jumps, balances and inverted movements.

Attendance

Celebrating Attendance!

Congratulations to **Dylan** in Y6 who was this week's attendance raffle winner.

A huge well done to **Mia** in Y3 and **Ava-Mae** in Y4 who received attendance postcards today.



Celebrating Class and House Attendance!

Winning House: **St. David's**

Winning Classes: **Y1 & Y6**



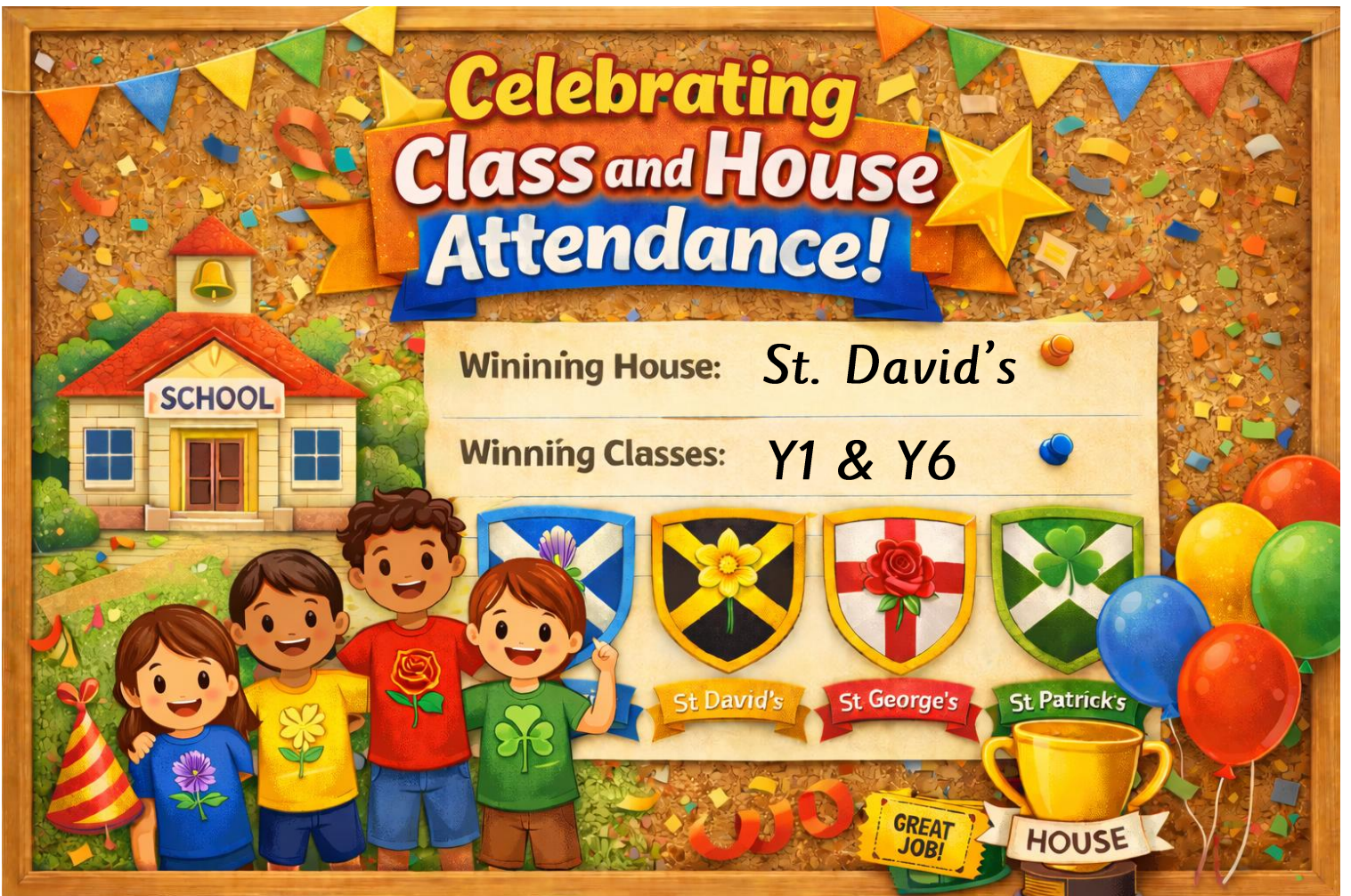
St David's

St George's

St Patrick's

GREAT JOB!

HOUSE



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. 26th January 2026

FOOD FESTIVAL
by Aspens

WEEK 1
Autumn Winter 2025/26
01/09/25, 22/09/25, 13/10/25,
03/11/25, 24/11/25, 15/12/25,
05/01/26, 26/01/26, 16/02/26,
09/03/26, 30/03/26

LUNCHTIME

PRIMARY
TRADITIONAL



THE
MAIN
EVENT

MONDAY

Cheese and Tomato
Pizza Slice
with Wedges 

TUESDAY

Meatball
Marinara Pasta 

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken,
Stuffing, Skin on
Roasties
and Gravy 

THURSDAY

Bangers, Mash
and Gravy 

FRIDAY

Golden Fish Fingers
or
Salmon Fingers
and Chips 



MEAT-FREE
MAGIC
Veggie Dish

BBQ Cheesy
Sweetcorn Pizza
with Wedges 

Veggie Korma
with Rice 

Roasted Vegetable
Strudel,
Skin on Roasties
and Gravy 

Veggie Bangers,
Mash and Gravy 

Cheesy Bean Wrap
with Chips 



RAINBOW
ALLEY
Vegetables and Salads

Peas

Sweetcorn


Carrots and Cabbage


Mixed Greens


Baked Beans





BIG
TOPPING
Filled Jackets

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo 

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo 

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo 

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo 


Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo 




DESSERT
TROLLEY

Butterfly Pastry
Biscuits 

Shortbread 

Banana Bread
and Custard 

Apple
Cinnamon Buns 

Lemon
Drizzle Cake 

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 

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

Ordering school lunches...

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

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



Give Rugby A Try!



Give rugby a
try!



10.30am
- 12pm

bring your friend
along to try rugby!

Birmingham Exiles RFU, old Damson Lane
B92 9ED

Sunday 8th Feb

for every friend brought with you, is a entry
into our raffle for a Exiles Goodie Bag!

contact Jo Hart - 07526807439

PIC•COLLAGE

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



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 dependant 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 2562.</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



Diary Dates



2026

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 28 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 26th January



Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 2 – Monday & Friday

Year 3 – Tuesday & Friday

Year 4 – Wednesday & Thursday

Year 5 – Monday & Tuesday (swimming)

Year 6 – Tuesday & Thursday

Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Hanna – for using creativity and brilliant imagination to explore ideas and create wonderful things.

Year 1 – Adesewa – for always making the right choices and being an excellent role model.

Year 2 – Elsie-May – for always trying your best and being resilient with your learning!

Year 3 – Leo – for being a wonderful example of hard work and kindness and always doing the right thing.

Year 4 - Ivy – for being a kind and caring friend, always trying your hardest and helping Miss Garfield with little jobs!

Year 5 – Sophia – for sharing her knowledge, curiosity and kindness with others.

Year 6 – Aarush – for a wonderful start to Year 6 – we are really pleased that you have joined our St Anthony's family.

