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B37 6LW

Friday 30th 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.



We were successful because
we were curious guys.

Sir Paul McCartney – British musician

To ensure that our pupils are safe at drop-off and pick-up times, please be mindful and ensure you do not park anywhere that causes an obstruction.

Parents should not use the school car park; many of our pupils walk through the car park to enter and exit school.



Thank you for your consideration.

Things to talk about...

TAKEHOME

26th January
- 1st February



Does how we behave matter
as much as how well we play?

'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

This week we learnt that *The Football Association (FA)* has published a review looking at behaviour in football across England.

It wants to ensure football practice and matches are safe, fair, and enjoyable for everyone, including players, referees, and fans. The review encourages all involved in the sport to play their part in supporting and following values of positive behavior.

Things you could talk about at home:

- Have you ever felt strong feelings when watching or taking part?
- Do you believe players and fans should have the same rules about respect?

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Pope Leo XIV says...

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Peace is built
on respect for
people!

Tiny Ants

The children have been learning about Goldilocks and the Three Bears, designing bed quilts, matching bowls and spoons to the correct size then filling with porridge oats, using tweezers to sort the bears into the correct colours, making The Bear's Cottage using boxes and pens and working together as a team to complete floor puzzles.

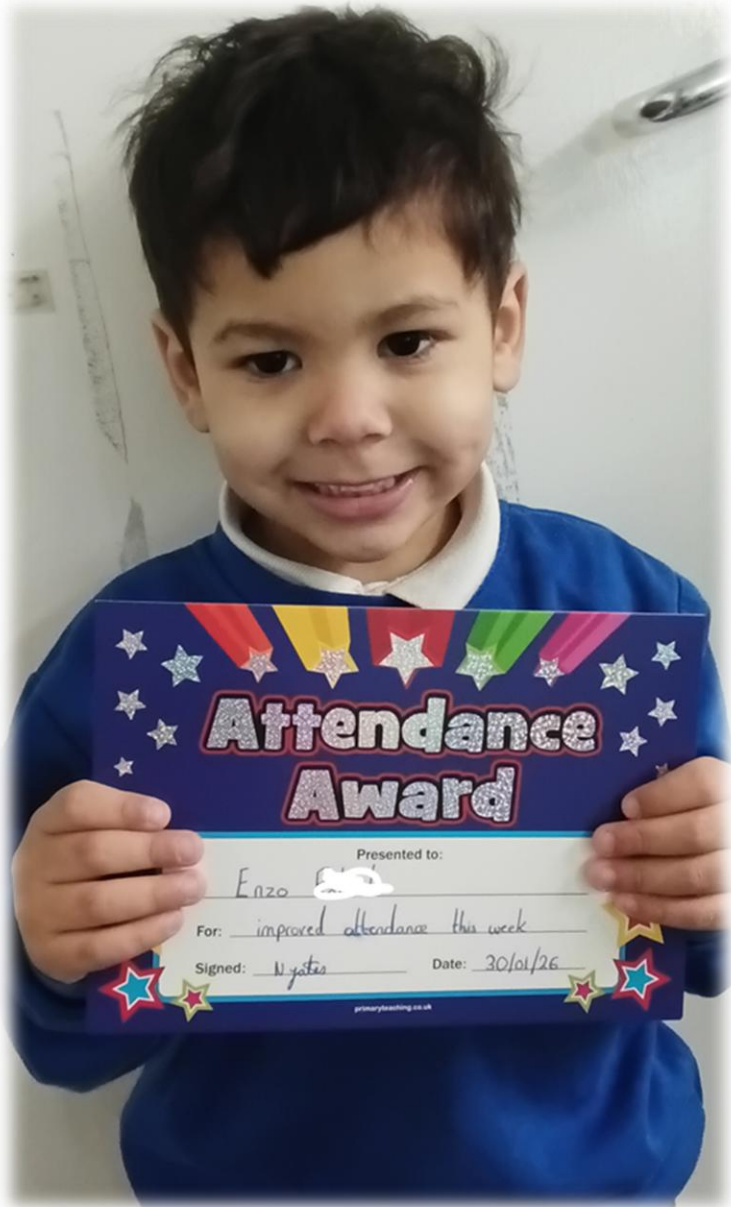


Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning about Police Officers including; what they wear, the vehicles they drive, the animals they work with, as well as what number to call in an emergency. Nursery have role played being Firefighters and created their own jails using large blocks to catch the 'bad people'. On the creative table, Nursery have also worked hard to create their own shiny police badges to wear. Additionally, Nursery are becoming superstars at recognising and writing letters from their names.



Nursery Attendance Award



WELL DONE!

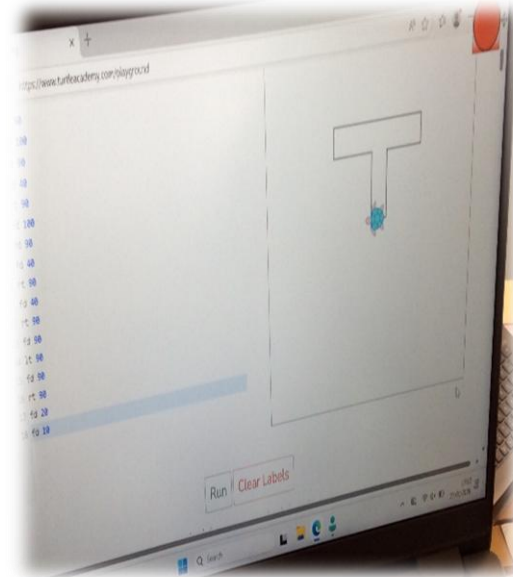
Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been comparing and ordering numbers to 20 in Maths and have been excellent! We have also been acting as colour detectives and using the primary colours to make different colours in Art. We have enjoyed learning all about Scotland In Geography and all of the attractions that people like to visit. We have also been learning about fundraising and the different ways which this can be achieved and came up with some ideas of our own!



Year 4

In Year 4, we had the privilege of a visit from firefighters from Sheldon Fire Station. We learnt (and demonstrated!) how to stop, drop and roll. In Art, we added tone and shade by mixing colours with white and black. In RE, we learnt the story of the Transfiguration and depicted this with cups as the mountain and cotton wool as the clouds. We also started our new Computing topic, programming using Logo. We even made letters and numbers by coding the turtle!



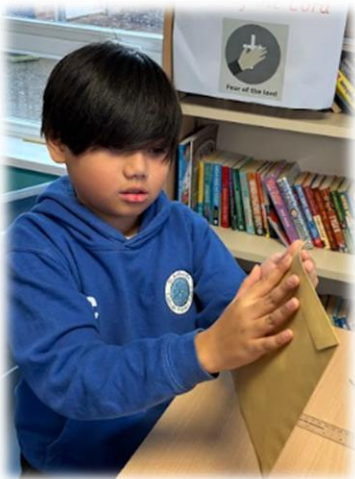
Year 5

Year 5 have been studying the Blues in Music. This week we perfected our chord playing and used the chords C, F and G to be able to confidently play the 12-bar Blues.



Year 6

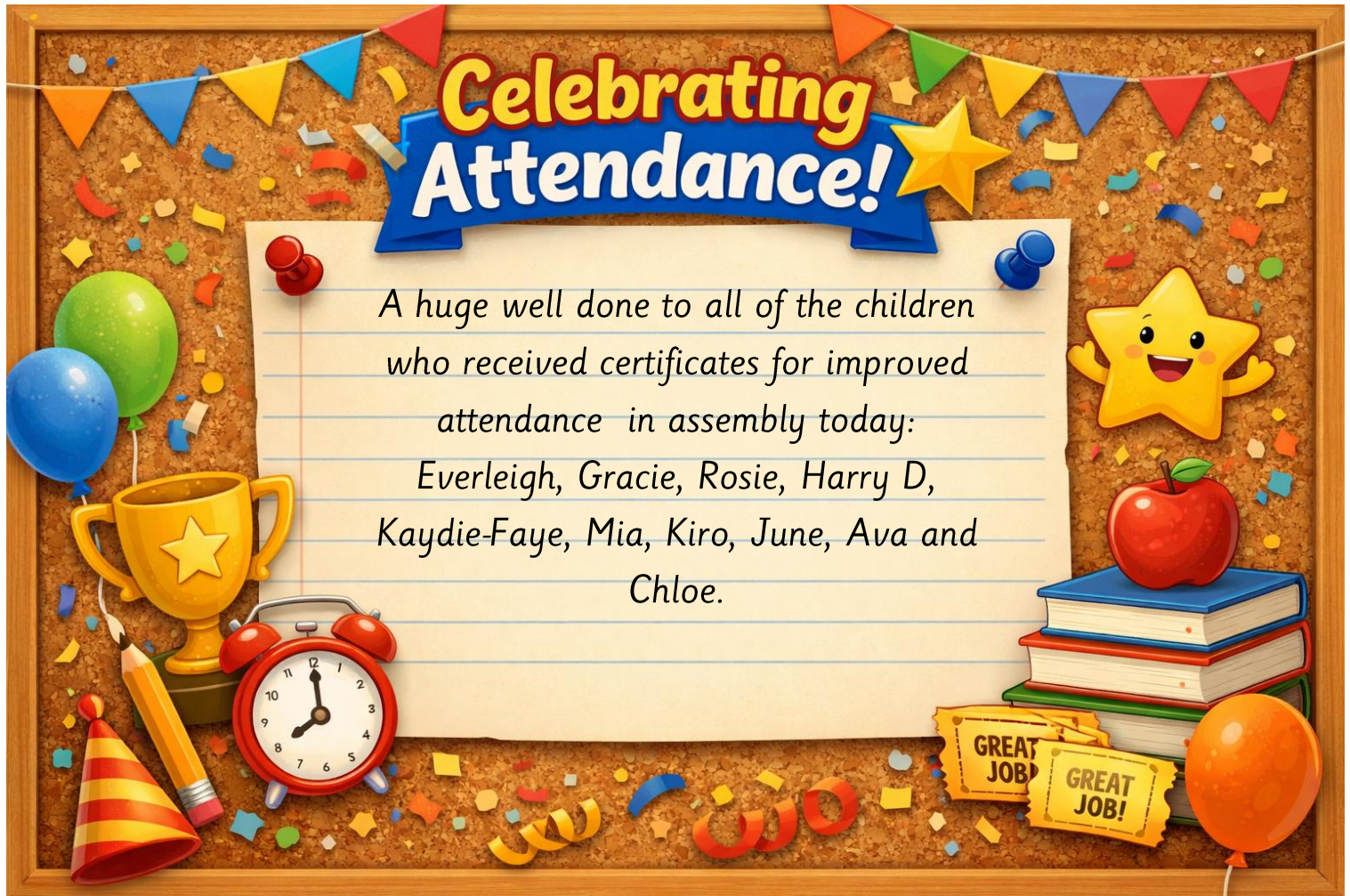
It has been another busy week in Year 6! In our gymnastics lesson this week we practised the skill of vaulting – we may have some future Harry Hepworth's here in the making at St. Anthony's. The children looked at motivational speeches in English and will be performing their own speeches as Ernest Shackleton next week. Our main focus currently is preparation for Confirmation and this week we learnt about the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit. We used sweets to represent each of the gifts and discussed the importance of using these gifts once they have been sealed within us!



Attendance

Celebrating Attendance!

A huge well done to all of the children who received certificates for improved attendance in assembly today:
Everleigh, Gracie, Rosie, Harry D, Kaydie-Faye, Mia, Kiro, June, Ava and Chloe.



Celebrating Class and House Attendance!

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

Winning Classes: **Y2 & Y3**



GREAT JOB!

HOUSE



School Absence

If the reason for absence is due to illness, **medical evidence may be requested** to support this, please send; screenshots of appointments, prescriptions or any other supporting correspondence.

Remember to call the **school absence line** to advise of your child's absence and include their symptoms, reasons of; **'unwell', 'tired' or 'under the weather'** do not give school enough information about your child's illness.

We kindly ask all families to be honest about the reason for any absence. It is not fair to put children in the difficult position of feeling they must hide the truth about where they have been. Transparency helps us to maintain trust and ensures accurate school records.

We would like to remind all families that **Leave of Absence requests must be submitted to the school office at least four weeks in advance** of the proposed absence date.

Please note that, in line with government guidance, **holidays during term time cannot be authorised**. However, if your child will be absent from school for any reason, you are still required to complete a Leave of Absence request form so that we can record the absence appropriately.

Thank you for your co-operation and continued support.



Are you struggling to get a Doctors appointment?

As qualified health professionals, pharmacists are trained in the use of medicines, managing minor illnesses and providing health and wellbeing advice.

Most community pharmacies across Birmingham and Solihull can provide advice and treatment, if appropriate, for you or members of your family for seven common conditions.

This service is called Pharmacy First.

It's free*, confidential and may be much quicker than seeing your GP.

<https://www.birminghamsolihull.icb.nhs.uk/health-information/your-community-pharmacy/think-pharmacy-first>

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. 2nd February 2026

		LUNCHTIME				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FOOD FESTIVAL By Aspens WEEK 2 Autumn Winter 2025/26 08/09/25, 29/09/25, 20/10/25, 10/11/25, 01/12/25, 22/12/25, 12/01/26, 02/02/26, 23/02/26, 16/03/26	THE MAIN EVENT (Circus tent icon)	Macaroni Cheese B	BBQ Chicken with Rice C	Roast Gammon, Skin on Roasties and Gravy C	Special Menu	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips B
	MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish (Pumpkin icon)	Sweetcorn Fritters with Wedges B	Veggie Whole Grain Pasta Bolognese B	Cauliflower & Broccoli Bake B	Special Menu	BBQ Veggie Wrap with Chips B
	RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads (Rainbow arch icon)	Sweetcorn	Broccoli	Carrots and Peas	Special Menu	Baked Beans or Peas
	BIG TOPPING Filled Jackets (Circus tent icon)	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 (Train icon)	Flapjack B	Carrot Cake C	Apple Tea Cake and Custard B	Iced Vanilla Sponge Cake B	Marble Cookie 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 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/>



Swimming lessons



Welcome!

...to S4 Swim School

A commitment to continuing swimming development

Book your place on one of our courses today!

At S4 Swim School we provide clear effective progression for our swimmers. Children experience a high level of swim teaching, with opportunities to progress to advanced technique & elementary coaching sessions.

Our fully qualified, DBS checked instructors are able to deliver quality swimming lessons and advanced coaching sessions. S4 follows the Swim England Award Scheme. Our swimmers are regularly assessed and monitored by a swim coordinator and instructors at every lesson.

For further information feel free to browse our website or to book a place on one of our courses, contact us today!

m: 07488242696
jade@s4swimschool.co.uk

Term Times

Our swimming courses run parallel with the school terms.

Holidays

S4 Swim Intensive courses run throughout the school half terms & summer holidays.

Member Benefits

- Small group sizes
- Online personal member area
- Personal achievement records
- Fast progression through groups



s4swimschool.uk

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



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 2nd February



Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 2 – Monday & Friday

Year 3 – **Wednesday** & Friday

Year 4 – Wednesday & Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday (swimming) and Thursday

Year 6 – Tuesday & Thursday

Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Willow S – for being a ray of sunshine in the classroom and a joy to teach.

Year 1 – Bella-Rose – for always showing beautiful manners and having a positive attitude.

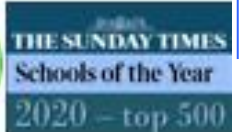
Year 2 – Isabelle – for being a fantastic role model to others and being a ray of sunshine!

Year 3 – Elsie – for being a ray of sunshine in Year 3! Your kindness, hard work and bright smile make you a joy to teach 😊

Year 4 – Gabija – for embodying our virtues of Curious and Active in every single lesson – you love learning and it shows!

Year 5 – Louie – for not allowing anything to hold him back.

Year 6 – Ruebee – for always giving 100%, striving to complete every task fully and bringing joy to the Year 6 classroom at all times.



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)

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

