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Friday 13th February 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.



Curiosity and questions will get you  
further than confidence and answers.

Maxime Lagacé – Canadian Ice Hockey player



Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

# Catholic Life

We began this week by welcoming Emily from Fr. Hudson's Caritas to lead our assembly, where we focused on their work on disability. Our GIFT Team then met with Emily to discuss fundraising ideas for Lent.

Three of our Year 5 pupils visited the Columbans on Tuesday and planted trees as a reminder of our commitment to the Seeds of Hope Tree Growing project, to help the Higaonon community in the Philippines.

The whole school has explored Mardi Gras this week and we celebrated with a mini parade in assembly led by EYFS. Thanks for all of your efforts digging out those items of green, yellow and purple clothing! Don't forget Ash Wednesday takes place next Wednesday - 18<sup>th</sup> February.



# PTA



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fun moments!





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# Things to talk about..

**TAKEHOME**

9th - 15th February



**Should children have social media?**



## 'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

This week we learnt that *adults in the UK are talking about whether children under 16 should be allowed to use social media, as the government is considering new rules to help keep children safe online.* Some people believe social media helps children stay connected, while others worry it can affect wellbeing and mental health. During Children's Mental Health Week, the story reminds us how important it is to look after our mental health both online and offline.

Things you could talk about at home:

- What rules or agreements can help us feel safe when using technology at home?
- Can you think of ideas to help balance screen time?

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*Pope Leo XIV says...*

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Let us #PrayTogether that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

# Tiny Ants

This week, we have made Valentine's cards for people who are special to us. We printed red hearts then sprinkled glitter to make them sparkle.



Miss Caffrey bought us a new Humpty Dumpty so we built him a wall and when he fell off all the marshmallows inside his tummy dropped to the floor.!



# Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been learning all about Valentine's day. We have spoken about all our friends and family that we love. Amelia: "I love my mommy she is the best", Charlie P: "I love Daisy-May, she is my best friend".



On the creative table we have created beautiful heart Valentine's Day cards with paint and collage materials. Nursery have also worked hard to write names inside their cards. Making potions in red sparkly water also proved popular this week as well as developing our fine motor skills by threading Cheerios on pipe cleaners.



In Maths we are also working hard at being able to recognise numerals 0-5 as well as matching quantities to numerals and Numicon.

# Nursery Attendance Award



Well done Aurelio!



# Reception

It has been a busy and exciting week in Reception as we have been learning about Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. We learned about the traditional dragon and lion dances. The children made their own dragons and danced to the beat of drums as we held a special procession around school. They also created beautiful lanterns and practised writing some Chinese numbers using black paint. During Drawing Club, we explored the story of The Great Race and discovered the zodiac animals linked to Chinese New Year. The children described the animals and their journey across the river, gave the heroes superpowers, and produced some fantastic creative writing. As part of our Valentine's Day learning, we shared messages of kindness and love. The children drew and wrote thoughtful messages to people they care about and talked about how Jesus loves us all. In Maths, we explored measurement and capacity. The children compared heavier and lighter objects from around the classroom and used water to investigate the capacity of different containers. In our lessons on Understanding of the World, we learned about Mardi Gras, designing and making colourful masks before finishing the week with a parade during assembly.



# Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been learning about Children's Mental Health Week. We learnt what mental health is and how it can be good and bad. We drew pictures of ourselves, had a snowball fight and other children in the class wrote kind messages about each child. We have also been learning all about minibeasts in Spanish and we listened to a story and role played it in our groups. We have loved learning all about forgiveness in RE this week and why it is important to forgive others.



# Year 2

This week in Year 2 , we made a 3D triorama of our chosen habitat. We had so much fun making them and loved talking about the different animals in our habitat. We have also been working hard in English, learning about the poet Roger Stevens. Year 2 have had a lot of fun exploring his poem and even writing their own reasons why they think Miss Carson may be an alien!

Have a wonderful, safe half term. 😊



# Year 3

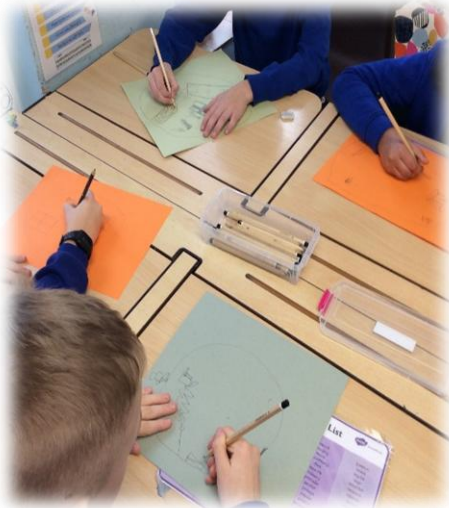
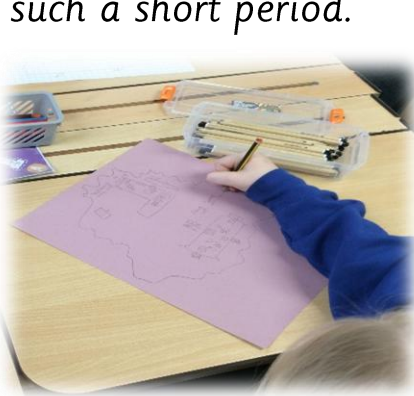
Year 3 have had a wonderful end to the term 😊

We have created kennings and riddles in English. We focused on non-unit fractions in Maths and have loved our basketball games in PE this week too. We particularly enjoyed our computing lessons where we have been creating sequences on Scratch!



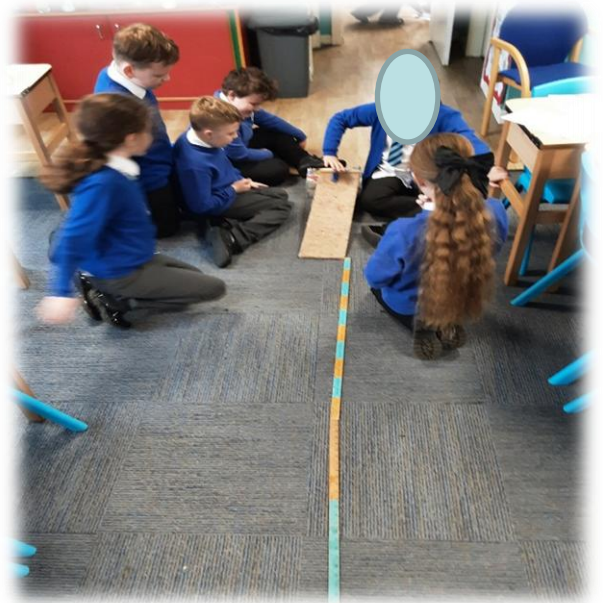
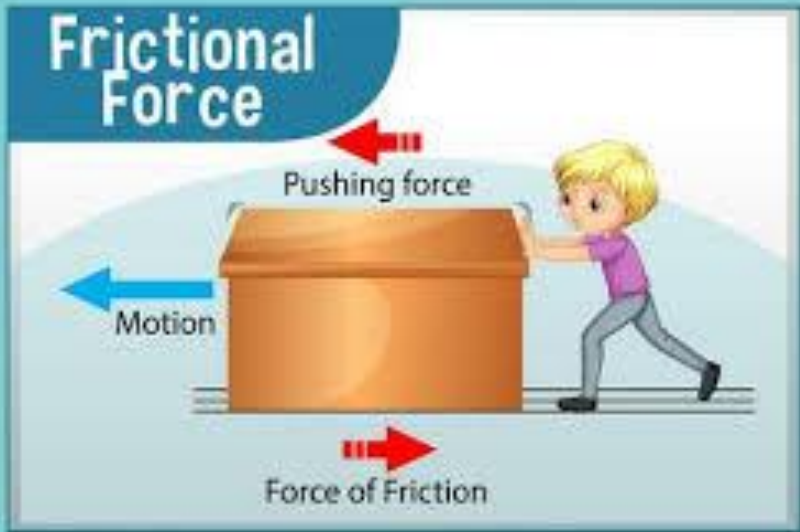
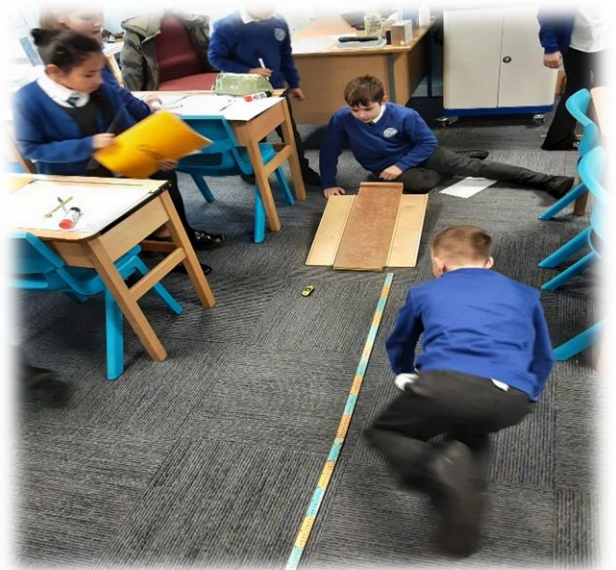
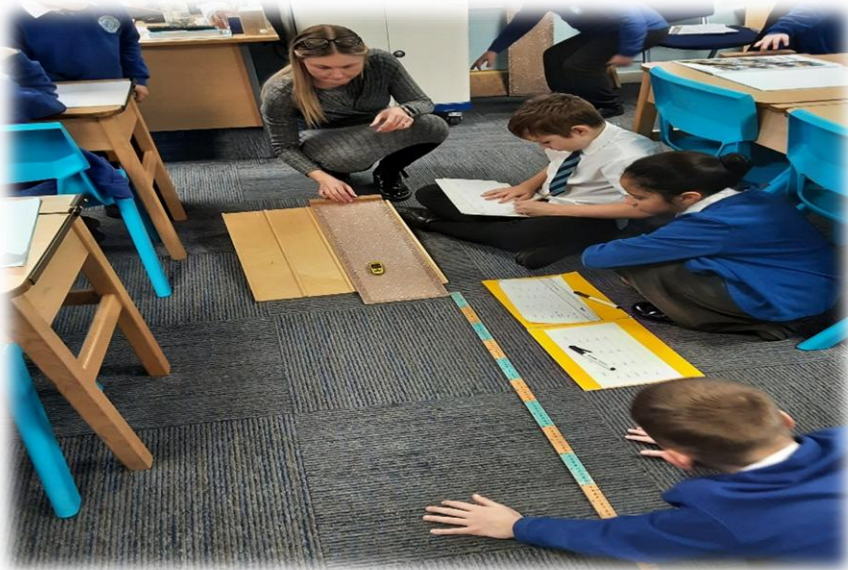
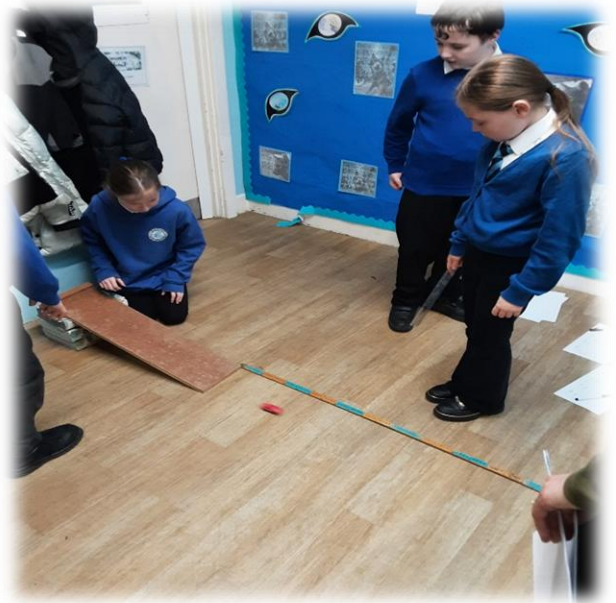
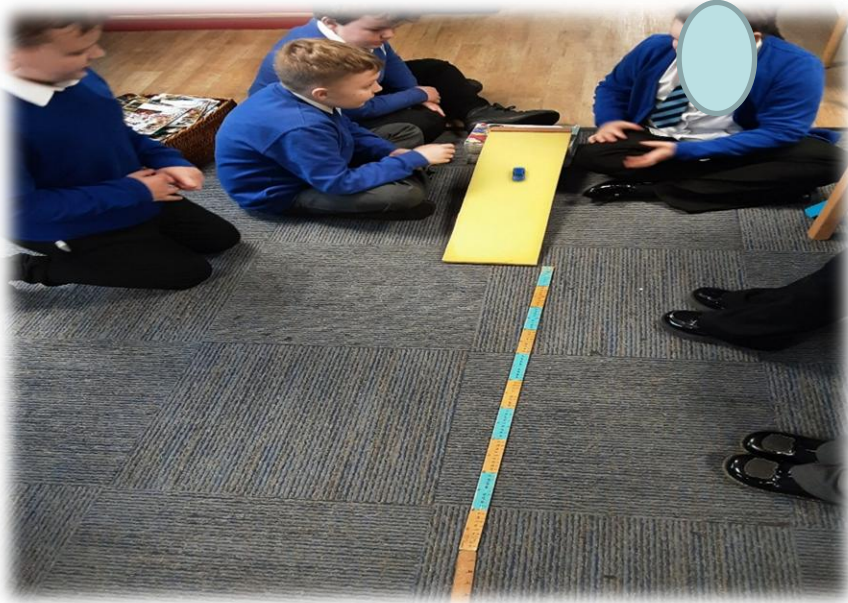
# Year 4

In Year 4, we started our new Maths topic about perimeter. Meanwhile, we finished up our fables topic in English with creating biographies of each other and Aesop! It was amazing to find out lots of new information about our classmates. In RHE, we asked: where do I belong? We created maps with the places and things that feel like home to us. To top it all off, we spent three afternoons cycling with Bikeability instructors – and we were fantastic! It was wonderful to see our confidence bloom in such a short period.



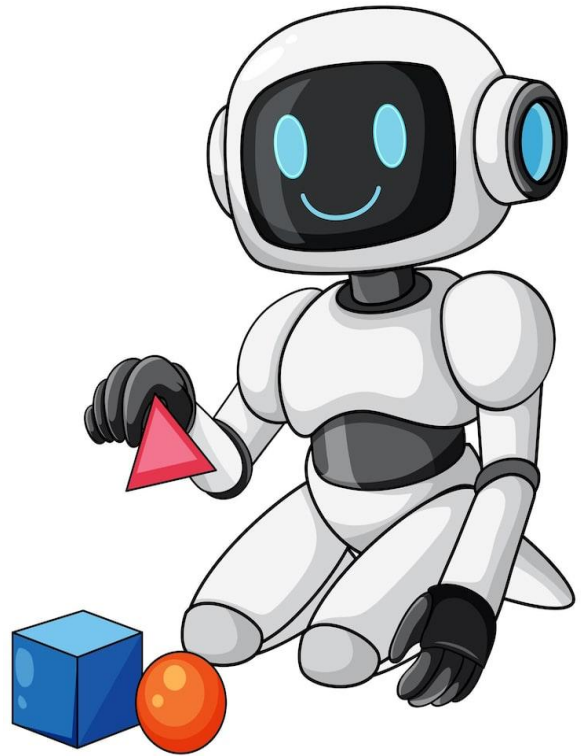
# Year 5

Year 5 had a fantastic science lesson this week. We were learning all about friction and testing different materials to see the impact they have.



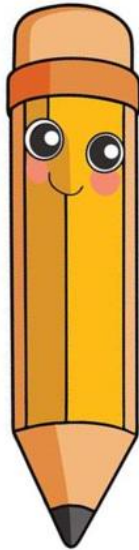
# Year 5

It was **Safer Internet Day** on Tuesday and Year 5 loved getting involved with the BBC Live Lesson all about 'safe and sensible use of AI'. We had some activities in class and were discussing the benefits and considerations we need to make when using Artificial Intelligence.



# Year 6

Year 6 began this week at their athletics event and have continued to work hard all week. We had a great art lesson on Monday, exploring how to draw using perspective to show depth and we have also begun designing playgrounds in DT. Huey, Aarush, Chaney, Robyn, Noah and Edie-Pearl led us in an Ash Wednesday themed Celebration of the Word on Tuesday and we also explored AI for Safer Internet Day. We enjoyed a cheeky Mardi Gras celebration of our own during wet play today after exploring it during a whole class reading session! Have a great half term Year 6 and come back well-rested ahead of a busy term when we return!



# Online Safety for Parents and Carers

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# YOUTUBE

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows YouTube. The Google-owned site lets anyone upload videos to be shared around the world, and as a result, it's an incredible resource with instant free access to material covering every conceivable topic. But with over 500 hours of video uploaded every minute, not all of it will be appropriate for young eyes.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate content. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

#### CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but it can also lead to binge-watching and screen addiction – especially if 'auto-play' is active. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

#### RADICALISATION

YouTube's algorithm tends to promote content that's getting the most traffic – a lot of which can be quite extreme. This can be fine for harmless topics, but YouTube isn't regulated like television, and that means that conspiracy theories, fake news and hateful ideologies can occasionally surface to warp impressionable minds all too easily. Remember – the more they watch, the more they'll be recommended.

#### CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as message other users directly. Connecting with strangers online can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, cyberbullying and – in the worst cases – online predators. If a child is creating content themselves, this can increase the likelihood of them becoming a target.

#### TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends and challenges, some of which are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may cause physical or emotional harm: children who watch or copy them. The painful 'salt and ice challenge' – where people use these two ingredients to burn their skin – is just one of many examples.

#### SNEAKY SCAMMERS

The comments sections of popular content creators regularly have scammers posing as that influencer, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and often offer cash gifts or 'get rich, quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users aren't who they claim to be.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

For older children, Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate material (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence, and sexual content) to underage viewers. To prevent children from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that they use to access YouTube. It's worth also turning the auto-play feature off, to prevent YouTube's algorithm automatically recommending something inappropriate.



#### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows parents and carers to monitor what their child is watching, uploading, and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches, and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives a parent or carer oversight of how their child uses sites like YouTube and helps to ensure that they are only accessing appropriate content.



#### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them under 18. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course. You may want to keep an eye on how children interact with this material – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand what they're interested in. Remember that creators often share content outside of YouTube, so don't ignore their web presence elsewhere!



#### CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

It's possible to sidestep most inappropriate content completely via Google's own YouTube Kids app for Android handsets and iPhone. This lets you filter content by "preschool" (4 and under), "younger" (ages 5 to 8) and "older" (ages 9 to 12). This isn't a perfect substitute for personal supervision, as the app's filtering system is automated, and Google can't manually review all videos.

#### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that a child is subscribed to can be hidden. If the child is only uploading videos set as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.



#### LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases. For example, users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch. If you'd like to avoid children purchasing content online, limit their access to online payment methods. Many parents have discovered the hard way that a child happily consuming a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!



### Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.

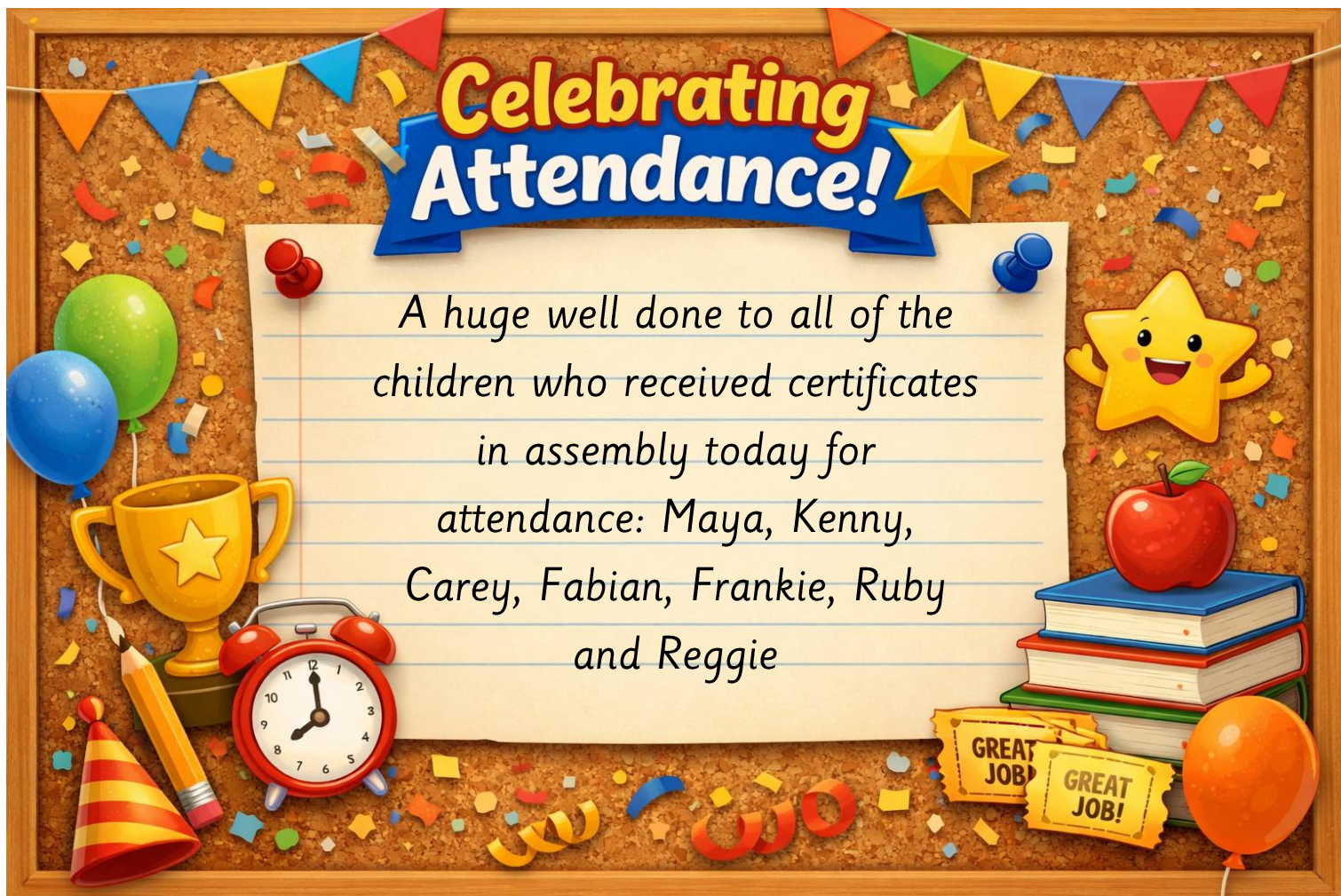


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# Attendance

## Celebrating Attendance!

A huge well done to all of the children who received certificates in assembly today for attendance: Maya, Kenny, Carey, Fabian, Frankie, Ruby and Reggie



## Celebrating Class and House Attendance!

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

Winning Classes: **Y2 & Y6**



St David's

St George's

St Patrick's

GREAT JOB!

HOUSE



# Attendance

## Attendance and punctuality

Every child has the right to an education, and it is the legal responsibility for parents and carers to ensure that their children attend on time every day possible.

As part of St Anthony's Support First Approach, I wanted to sign post parents and carers to information and support.

Guidance and information about illness can be found at the link below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Solihull School Nursing service.

You can contact us by telephone on **0121 726 6754**, or via our Confidential Text Messaging service, called Parent Line, on 07480 635 496, to discuss any concerns or worries you have regarding your child's health and wellbeing.

## Solihull Solar (mental health)

For routine support please complete our [referral form](#), if you wish to discuss this referral please call us during office hours on **0121 301 2750**

## Education Participation advisory Service

**Check session is being held before traveling to Elmwood place.**

[attendanceenquiries@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:attendanceenquiries@solihull.gov.uk)  
or **0121 704 6191**

Tuesday 12-1.30pm @ Elmwood Place

Does your child worry about going to school? Do you feel you have tried everything to ensure your child attends school, but nothing seems to be working? Do you feel there has been a relationship breakdown with your child's school? Do you have general questions around school attendance?

# 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. 23rd February 2026

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
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

**MEAT-FREE MAGIC**  
Veggie Dish

**RAINBOW ALLEY**  
Vegetables and Salads

**BIG TOPPING**  
Filled Jackets

**DESSERT TROLLEY**

What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?  
A Very Low B Low C Medium D High E Very High

## LUNCHTIME

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Macaroni Cheese	BBQ Chicken with Rice	Roast Gammon, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Mild Chilli Con Carne with Rice	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Sweetcorn Fritters with Mayoes	Veggie Whole Grain Pasta Bolognese	Cauliflower & Broccoli Bake	Vegetable Bean Chilli with Rice	Margherita Pizza with Chips
Sweetcorn	Broccoli	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans or Peas
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
Fruit Cake	Carrot Cake	Apple Tea Cake and Custard	Iced Vanilla Sponge Cake	Marble Cookie

**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

PRIMARY TRADITIONAL

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/>



# Family Support



## Early Help in Solihull

The right support at the right time



### Community-led Early Help assessments



An Early Help assessment is used to identify and address the needs of children, young people, and their families at an early stage before problems escalate and require support.



<https://bit.ly/4arBa62>

Any professional can complete an Early Help assessment. The Family Support Team will help to assess whether further support is needed based on the Solihull Safeguarding Children Partnership's thresholds for support.

### Early Help Coordinators



Early Help Coordinators work with every school or education setting in Solihull to support families.

They review and screen assessments, provide tailored advice to families, and support Designated Safeguarding Leads and other pastoral staff with Early Help.



<https://bit.ly/3WWRk1s>

For more information, please email [earlyhelpcoordinators@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:earlyhelpcoordinators@solihull.gov.uk)

### Family Helpline

0121 788 4327

Mon-Thu - 09:00-16:30  
Friday - 09:00-16:00

The Family Helpline is a phone line for parents, families, professionals, or anyone involved with supporting parents and children in Solihull.

The Helpline is staffed by Family Support Workers who help people find the right services for them, whether that be signposting to Family Hub sessions, facilitating Early Help assessments and referrals, or offering bespoke advice on next steps.

We acknowledge that not everyone will be able to access the Helpline. All are welcome to visit the Hubs in-person or email [familyhubs@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:familyhubs@solihull.gov.uk) to be directed to the right support service for them.

### YOUTH OFFER

Our youth offer defines what activities, opportunities and support is available for young people between 11-18 years old or up to 25 years old for those with SEND.

<https://bit.ly/4nDmVdQ>



The SSCP includes organisations that work with children and families such as Solihull Council, West Midlands Police, local NHS services and schools. They work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children and young people in Solihull.

[www.safeguardingsolihull.org.uk/sscp](http://www.safeguardingsolihull.org.uk/sscp)



Local centres where children, young people, parents, and carers can access support and take part in fun activities!

We work with trusted partners with expertise in areas such as education, finance, health, maternity, and SEND.

Partners include public services such as the NHS and schools and a range of established community groups and charities.

#### Elmwood (Smith's Wood)

37 Burtons Way, B36 0UG  
[elmwoodh@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:elmwoodh@solihull.gov.uk)  
0121 779 1700

#### Evergreen (Kingshurst)

42 Kingshurst Way, B37 8DX  
[evergreen@colebridge.org](mailto:evergreen@colebridge.org)  
0121 779 1724

#### Hatchford Brook (Elmdon)

Old Lodge Lane, B92 8JE  
[hatchfordbrookh@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:hatchfordbrookh@solihull.gov.uk)  
0121 704 6943

#### Riverside (Chelmsley Wood)

289 Bosworth Drive, B37 5DP  
[riversideh@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:riversideh@solihull.gov.uk)  
0121 779 1750

#### Outreach

Meriden Primary School  
Filongley Road, CV7 7LW  
Shirley Health Junior School  
Coombe Road, B90 3DS

[solihullfamilyhubs](http://solihullfamilyhubs)



[www.solihull.gov.uk/solihull-family-hubs](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/solihull-family-hubs)

### Family Support

The Family Support Service provide regular drop-in sessions of the Solihull Family Hubs.

Families can simply visit one of the Hubs and chat with a Family Support Worker without needing to book in advance.

The Family Support Team can also complete an Early Help assessment and provide targeted support.

For more information, call the Family Helpline on 0121 788 4327.

#### Start for Life offer

The Start for Life offer has lots of information and advice on planning for a baby, pregnancy, babies, toddlers, and more.

<https://bit.ly/4ovVARN>



### TOGETHERNESS

Bringing the Solihull Approach to the world. Mums, dads, grandparents, and carers who live in Solihull can access online parenting courses for free by entering the code APPLEJACKS on the Togetherness website.

<http://bit.ly/3UpDfEe>



Childcare, activities and services for parents and carers  
**0800 389 8667**

[familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk) <https://bit.ly/4oFRH74>

### Local Offer



The Local Offer brings together support services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) between the ages of 0-25 in Solihull.

It includes information on:

- SEND Information, Advice, and Support
- Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)
- Solihull Parent Carer Voice and Network
- Strategies such as Graduated Approach
- Engagement hub and surveys
- SEND funding and provision
- Service directory

<https://bit.ly/4oewaaw>

### My Solihull Map

The My Solihull Map highlights free and low-cost activities and services from the voluntary, community, faith, and social enterprise sector.



Discover local community groups on the digital map.

[www.solihull.gov.uk/communities/my-solihull-map](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/communities/my-solihull-map)

### CONNECTED CARE NETWORK

Working across the NHS and the voluntary, community, faith, and social enterprise sector to care for children and young people in Solihull.



<https://connectedcarenetwork.co.uk>

## Date for your diary...

### Important

All after school clubs and childcare (Mrs Riley) will be cancelled on the afternoon of 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 due to whole school child protection training where all staff are required to attend.



# 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  
February 2026



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><b>Employment, training, and digital skills support – 09:00-16:00</b> Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. Drop in or call 0121 779 1724 to book an appointment.</p> <p><b>Evergreen baby group – 10:00-11:00</b> An opportunity for new moms and dads to meet other local parents, build friendships, and play and bond with their babies. Sensory play also available. For ages 0-12 months (pre walkers). No booking required.</p> <p><b>Stay and play – 13:00-14:30</b> Come and play and meet new friends. Suitable for ages 0-4 and their parents or carers. No booking required, just come along and join in the fun! Sensory play also available.</p> <p><b>Family fun – 15:30-16:15</b> Play board games, do quizzes, art, table tennis, bring your homework, and other fun activities. Suitable for ages 4-12. Parents/carers must stay and supervise their children. Sensory play also available.</p>	<p><b>Health Visitor clinic – 09:00-14:00</b> Booked appointments for parents and their babies and children with the Health Visiting team. Book by speaking to your Health Visitor.</p> <p><b>Family Helpline – 09:00-16:00</b> The Family Support Team can be called on 0121 788 4327 for parenting and family guidance, signposting to local services, and advice regarding behaviour and social development. Evergreen staff can signpost daily when needed.</p> <p><b>Midwifery team – 09:30-15:30</b> Community midwives that provide maternity care outside of a hospital setting. Parent consultation workshops with midwifery team.</p> <p><b>Sensory room – 14:30</b> Families can call Evergreen to book sensory room slots after 14:30 by calling 0121 779 1724.</p>	<p><b>Employment, training, and digital skills support – 09:00-16:00</b> Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. Drop in or call 0121 779 1724 to book an appointment.</p> <p><b>Born 2 Sing Baby Niles – 10:00-11:00</b> An opportunity for children aged 3-24 months to explore colours and exciting textures to support their speech and language development through interactive classes. Sessions are FREE, funded by The Colebridge Trust. To book, visit <a href="http://www.born2sing.co.uk">www.born2sing.co.uk</a> or email <a href="mailto:info@born2sing.co.uk">info@born2sing.co.uk</a>.</p> <p><b>Family support working team are available through the helpline - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm</b> during February on the following number - 0121 788 4327</p> <p>Parenting and family guidance, signposting to local services. Can offer advice regarding behaviour and social development.</p> <p><b>Family fun – 15:30-16:15</b> Play board games, do quizzes, art, table tennis, bring your homework and other fun activities. Suitable for ages 4-12. Parents/carers must stay and supervise their children. Sensory play also available.</p>	<p><b>Health Visitor clinic – 09:00-14:00</b> Booked appointments for parents and their babies and children with the Health Visiting team. Book by speaking to your Health Visitor.</p> <p><b>Solihull College – 09:15-14:00</b> Provision, creative arts, and journalism courses available. Book through Solihull College. Term time only.</p> <p><b>Women's well-being hub – 14:00-15:30</b> <b>5 and 19 February</b> A safe supportive and empowering place for women of all different ages living in the North of Solihull.</p> <p><b>Community wardrobe – 10:00-14:00</b> <b>24 February</b> All clothing items are FREE. Please bring a bag. Donations are welcome but not required. No need to book, just drop-in.</p>	<p><b>Digital divide - 09:00-15:30</b> Support with job searching, creating, emailing, sending your CV, and phone and computer skills. Drop in or call 0121 779 1724 to book an appointment.</p> <p><b>Midwifery team – 09:30-15:30</b> Community midwives that provide maternity care outside of a hospital setting.</p> <p><b>Stay and play – 16:00-11:30</b> Come and play and meet new friends. Suitable for ages 0-4 and their parents or carers. No booking required, just come along and join in the fun!</p> <p><b>Computer group – 13:30-14:30</b> A fun, simple, and hands-on IT lesson with Chris. Free apps you should know, how to stay safe online, and CV and interview preparation.</p> <p><b>Family fun – 13:30-15:00</b> Play board games, do quizzes, art, table tennis, bring your homework and other fun activities. Suitable for ages 4-12. Parents/carers must stay and supervise their children. Sensory play also available.</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](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/here2help).

**Health visiting**  
Text Chat Health on 0250 233 2353 between 09:00-16:00, Mon-Fri.

**Women's Aid**  
If you or someone you know needs support, call 0808 800 0298 between 09:15-17:15.

**Mental health support**  
From the BSOL Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust provide guidance and reassurance to all ages. Call 0800 915 9292 or 0121 242 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 4243

**Computers and private work pods**  
Internet and phone access

**Community wardrobe**  
Free warm winter clothing

42 Kingshurst Way, Kingshurst, Solihull, B37 6DX

# LEGO fans!

## BRICK FESTIVAL

After the **HUGE** success of last year, the Coventry Brick Festival returns on 4<sup>th</sup> April, and it's gearing up to be the biggest brick-tastic celebration for LEGO fans!

Immerse yourself in a world of creativity and fun as families, collectors, adult builders, and every LEGO-fanatic imaginable come together for a day of brick-filled bliss!

Wondering what's on at a Brick Festival event? Hold onto your bricks, as Coventry Brick Festival is unleashing a whirlwind of excitement! With new LEGO activities that include lightning-fast speed building competitions to super creative mosaic making rounds, minifigure hunts, a dedicated building area, and so much more, this festival is a LEGO lover's dream come true for all ages to enjoy!

Browse through traders selling loose bricks, brand new or rare & retired LEGO sets, minifigures, accessories and all other LEGO themed items you could imagine – it's the ultimate treasure trove for LEGO enthusiasts and collectors alike!

But that's not all – Coventry Brick Festival showcases a brand new, unique selection of LEGO displays crafted by master LEGO builders from across the country! Get up close and personal, chat with the LEGO building maestros about their latest projects, snag some insider tips, and leave brimming with inspiration!

Hurry and book your tickets in advance to secure your spot on this brick-filled day, as these events regularly sell out! Early Bird tickets fly off the shelves, so make sure to snap these off before they go! These offer an extra hour of LEGO fun and a FREE LEGO gift upon entry too!

Whether you're a die-hard collector or a casual LEGO fan, the Coventry Brick Festival at Coventry Building Society Arena is the place to be. Secure your entry online now – adult tickets from £8, child tickets from £6, and there's even an extra value family ticket available too!

Don't miss the chance to be a part of the most epic LEGO celebration! Grab your tickets and get ready for a day filled with building, creativity, and endless fun!

Book now at [www.CoventryBrickFestival.com](http://www.CoventryBrickFestival.com)

Save the date: 4<sup>th</sup> April

Where: Coventry Building Society Arena



# 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!

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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



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# Diary Dates



## 2026

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Whole school	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole school	Whole school Mass @ 9:15am – Year 5 leading. Parents and family members welcome
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole school	Parents' Evening
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 1	Road Safety Talk
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Parents' Evening
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 3	First Holy Communion blessing Mass 5pm @ St. Anthony's church
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school	World Book Day
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS	Animal Man visit
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4	Father Hudson's Caritas workshop (just pupils no parents)
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 and Year 5	Safety Seymour and CO Crew sessions in school (pupils)
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS and Year 1	Wonderdome in school am
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School	Book Fair in school
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6	Trip to Harvington Hall
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1	Cinema trip – Pets on a Train
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school	Whole school Mass @ 9:15am – Year 3 leading. Parents and family members welcome

### EASTER HOLIDAYS:

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026



# Diary Dates



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

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

## P.E Days

Week beginning Monday 23rd February



Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Wednesday

Year 2 – Friday

Year 3 – Tuesday & Friday

Year 4 – Swimming Tuesday, PE Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 – Wednesday & Thursday

# Head Teacher's Awards



# Congratulations!

**Reception – Nolan** – for always using kind words and joining in with a big smile.

**Year 1 – Annie** – for being a joy to teach and shining like Jesus.

**Year 2 – Millie Jai** – for always being a ray of sunshine and making everyone's day brighter by being a kind and caring friend!

**Year 3 – Arya** – for being a joyful and hardworking member of Year 3 and always trying her best! 😊

**Year 4 – Sophia** – for trying hard (always!) to be a resilient and friendly member of our school team.

**Year 5 – Lacie** – for quiet determination to succeed.

**Year 6 – Gracie** – for the commitment shown to her studies this half term – you have truly shone like Jesus!

