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Friday 13th March 2026

This half term, we are growing to be intentional in the way we live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and prophetic in the example we set to others.



What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

Dame Jane Goodall – British Anthropologist

Diary Dates

2026		
Mon 16 th March – Friday 20 th March	Whole School	Book Fair in school
Tues 17 th March	Year 6	Trip to Harvington Hall
Tues 17 th March	Year 5	Cinema trip – Kangaroo
Weds 18 th March	Year 1	Cinema trip – Pets on a Train
Fri 20 th March	Whole school	Pyjama day
Mon 23 rd March	Y2 and Y3	Non-uniform day
Weds 25 th March	Whole school	CAFOD BIG LENT WALK followed by Whole school Mass @ 10:15am – Year 3 leading.
Fri 27 th March	Year 3	Bikeability
EASTER HOLIDAYS: Monday 30 th March - Friday 10 th April 2026		

Things to talk about..

TAKEHOME



How might robots change our daily lives?



'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

This week we learnt that *during China's Lunar New Year Gala, one of the world's most-watched TV shows, humanoid robots danced and performed kung-fu moves on stage. The robots could spin, jump, and move in time with music, showing how fast robotics technology is developing. The performances have sparked global conversations about how robots might be used in future entertainment and everyday life.*

Things you could talk about at home:

- Do you think robots should be used for entertainment, work, or both?
- What are some of the things that people can do that robots can't?

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Pope Leo XIV says...

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The Church is a great sign of hope for our times, We are a people in which women and men of different nationalities, languages, and cultures live together in faith.

Staff News

Mr Scanlon



As you are aware, Mr Scanlon will be leaving his post here to take up the role of Headteacher at St Cuthbert's Catholic School.

Mr Scanlon has been part of St Anthony's since 2015 and has played a major role in the transformation of our school. In his roles as both Deputy Headteacher and, more recently, Head of School, he has overseen many aspects of school life. He has led key subjects including Mathematics and Science, worked as a lead English moderator across schools, and played a central role in driving standards and assessment.

Alongside these responsibilities, Mr Scanlon has always contributed to the wider life of the school, from running gardening club to faithfully taking on dinner duty every day. The list of contributions is truly endless.

Throughout his time at St Anthony's he has been a respected leader, known for his commitment to high standards and deep care for the children and families within our community. His influence can be seen not only in pupils' outcomes, but also in the professional growth of many colleagues who have benefited from his guidance and leadership.

Perhaps most importantly, during some of the most challenging times for the school community, Mr Scanlon provided leadership, encouragement and good humour, qualities that have been greatly valued by staff, pupils and families alike.

We thank him sincerely for his dedication, professionalism and service to St Anthony's and wish him every success as he begins this exciting new chapter as Headteacher.

Mrs Tween



After 12 years of dedicated service, Mrs Tween will be stepping away from her teaching role at the end of this term.

This has been a very difficult decision, made due to a serious illness within her immediate family and the need for her to be fully present at home to offer the care and support that is needed at this time.

During her time at St Anthony's, Mrs Tween has made a significant and lasting contribution to the life of our school and to the lives of countless children and families. She is an outstanding teacher and leader, whose classroom practice is second to none. Her high expectations, calm presence and commitment to helping every child succeed have ensured that pupils in her care have always received an exceptional standard of teaching and support.

She is also a much loved colleague, someone who has quietly supported and influenced many of the teachers within our school. Her professionalism, generosity in sharing her knowledge and willingness to support others have helped shape the strong teaching team we have today.

Beyond her classroom, Mrs Tween has always embodied the values of our school community care, service and dedication to others. Her contribution to St Anthony's will leave a lasting legacy, both in the standards she has helped to build and in the many children whose lives she has touched.

At this time, we keep Mrs Tween and her family very much in our prayers, and we thank her sincerely for everything she has given to our school community.

Mrs Perks



Another key member of our school family, Mrs Perks, will also be leaving us this term. After over 21 years of dedicated service, she will be hanging up her mop and vacuum and moving into well-deserved semi-retirement.

Mrs Perks has been a wonderful servant to our school. Not only through the important work she has done in keeping our school clean, safe and welcoming, but also through the warm relationships she has built with staff and, most importantly, with our pupils.

She is a much loved and respected member of our community, and we are extremely grateful for the kindness, friendship and warmth she has shown to us all over the years.

We thank Mrs Perks sincerely for everything she has given to St Anthony's and wish her every happiness in her semi-retirement.

While we are naturally sad to see these valued members of staff move on to new chapters, we are deeply grateful for the care, dedication and service they have each given to the St Anthony's community.

Schools are shaped by the people who serve within them, and the impact that Mr Scanlon, Mrs Tween and Mrs Perks have had on our children, families and staff will be felt for many years to come.

St Anthony's has always been a community as much as it is a school, and like all members of our family, they will always have a place here and will always be welcome home.



PTA



Follow us on
 Instagram!
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Stay updated with St. Anthony's
PTA events, news, and
fun moments!



Thank you PTA!

The children were very excited when their golden tickets were delivered by Willy Wonka and his Oompa Loompa friend last Friday!

Congratulations to our winners – the children are very much looking forward to redeeming their prizes over the next fortnight.



Golden Ticket Prizes

All classes won a **pyjama day** and this will take place on **Friday 20th March**.

Children in **Y2 – 5** are able to bring in a small soft toy to sit on their desk this day (they voted for this 😊)

Children in **Year 2 and Year 3** won a **non-uniform day** and this will take place on **Monday 23rd March**.



Children in **Y1 and Reception** will be spending some time with their buddies in **Y5 and 6** on **Wednesday 18th March** as one of their prizes.



Other prizes included movie afternoons, the chance to sit on a bench in assembly, discos in the hall, no homework and time on the MUGA to name but a few!

Thank you PTA for all of your hard work.



Soup and a roll on Fridays

All parents / carers / family members are invited to attend each week on Fridays from 12:30pm – 1:10pm. Please just ensure you complete this form so that we can ensure your child is there to share their lunchtime with you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/g8ckngSjGHn>

There was an incredible turn out today and you were all so generous – thank you so much. The Year 4 children provided excellent hospitality and were **AMAZING** at taking orders, serving and even washing and drying up!





THE **BIG LENT WALK IS BACK!**

Join us in trying to walk 200km to raise money for life-saving water.

At **9am on Wednesday 25th March**, children from Year 1 – 6 will be walking around Babbs Mill in an effort to raise money for CAFOD.

We would **LOVE** for family members to walk alongside us to make this a real community event.

We will end the walk with a whole school Mass led by Year 3.

If you would like to join us for the walk, please complete the Microsoft Form linked here: <https://forms.office.com/e/rmv9Xy9g10>

To make it easier to donate to this wonderful cause, we have set up a 'Justgiving' page which can be accessed from this link: <https://donate.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-anthonys-fundraising-page2027/>

Simply replace the number in the box with the number of pounds that you are able to donate.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and helping our children to understand the importance of supporting those in need.

Scan the QR code to donate



Book Fair

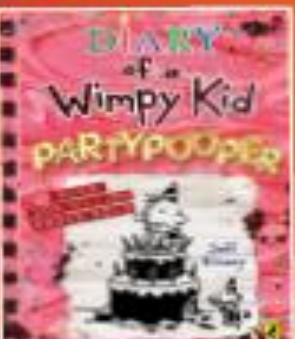
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GO ALL IN.
National Year 5 Reading 2019

DATE: WB. 16th March TIME: TBC

LOCATION: School Hall

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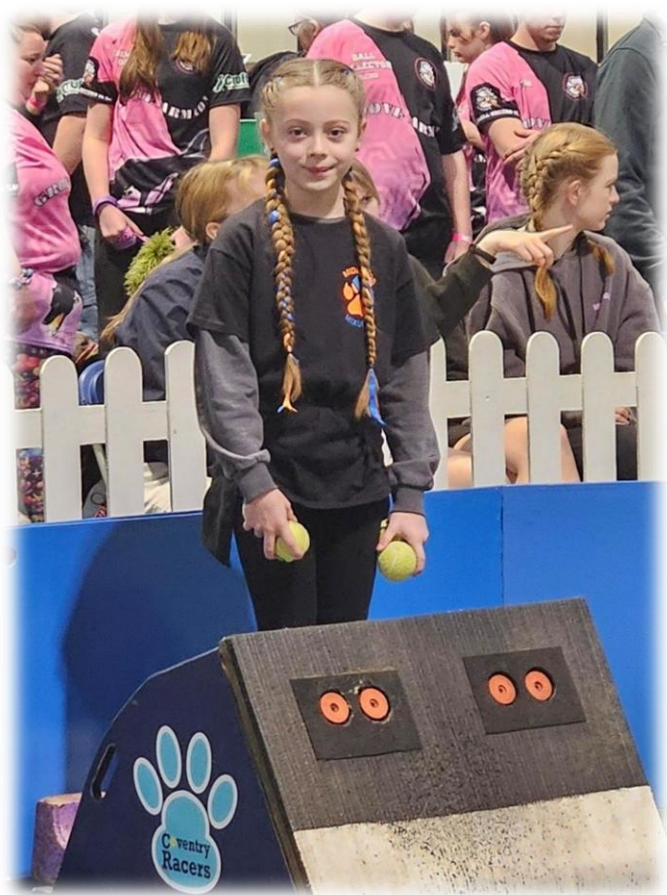


*Your World Book Day token is valid
at the Book Fair.*

A star in the making!



On Saturday 7th March 2026 Lily-Mai competed at Crufts with her flyball team Midlands Mixups. She was their box loader and stood behind the box as if she was meant to be there. She looked confident, enthusiastic and very focused on what needed to be done. Not only did she have other flyball teams watching, she also had members of the public watching as well, but that didn't phase her. She has grown in confidence, learnt new skills and is part of a team that shares the same love for the sport.



Flyball is a team sport made up of 4 dogs and their handlers, it's a relay race where the dogs need to run over four jumps, collect a ball from a loaded box and then back over the jumps as another dogs runs up.

Tiny Ants

World Book Day was amazing; Year 4 and Year 6 children came and read stories to our children.



World Book Day



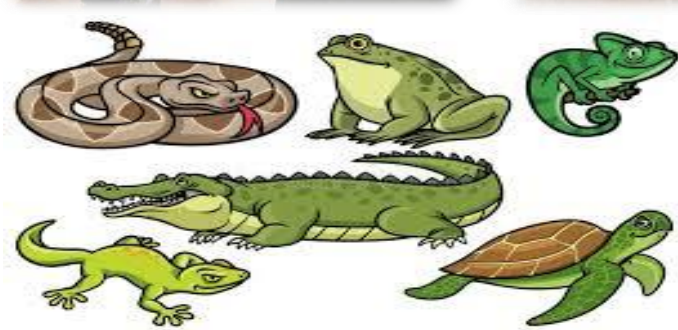
Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been focusing on the topic 'space'. We have learnt the Solar System song, about astronauts and created our very own rockets. Nursery were also visited by the Wonderdome and they had lots of fun exploring space.



Nursery continued...

Nursery loved their visit from the animal man and all the children were very kind, caring and gentle with all the animals. The children had the opportunity to look at and hold a lizard, a bearded dragon, a skunk, a snake, a kingfisher and a cockroach.



Reception

Reception had a fantastic Science week! At the start of the week, we had a visit from the animal man. The children learned lots of interesting facts about animals from all around the world. They even had the opportunity to hold and stroke a variety of animals, including; a snake, a honey bear, a kookaburra, cockroaches, geckos, a bearded dragon and a skunk! Later in the week, we had an exciting visit from the WonderDome. The children went on a space adventure where they learned many fascinating facts about the planets and what it is like in space.

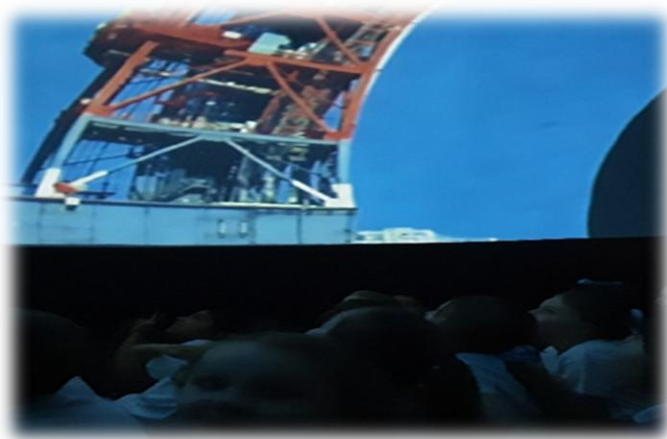


Throughout the week, the children also carried out several experiments, planted flowers and learned about different animals. It was a wonderful week full of curiosity, exploration and discovery!



Year 1

As part of British Science week Year 1 enjoyed a visit from WonderDome. We learnt all about the people who have been to the moon, and the rocket that has taken them there. The children loved this and were asking so many questions!



We have also started our DT topic on puppet making and have learnt about the different ways we can join materials together and even designed our own puppets ready to make soon!



Year 2

This week in Year 2 , we have just begun our new unit in Maths; mass, capacity and temperature. The children have enjoyed exploring and comparing mass using scales and we spoke about how we could use scales when we are baking or cooking! We have also enjoyed our music lesson, where we were looking closely at the beat and exploring what this looked like with drums and tambourines.



Year 3

Year 3 have been busy! We began learning about mass and capacity in Maths and started looking at the story of the Lost and Found in English. We had lots of fun in our cricket session this week as well as attending the Commonwealth Personal Best Sports Event!



Check out the amazing artwork we made this week using tea bags, paint, chalk and cardboard, inspired by Ancient Egypt ☺



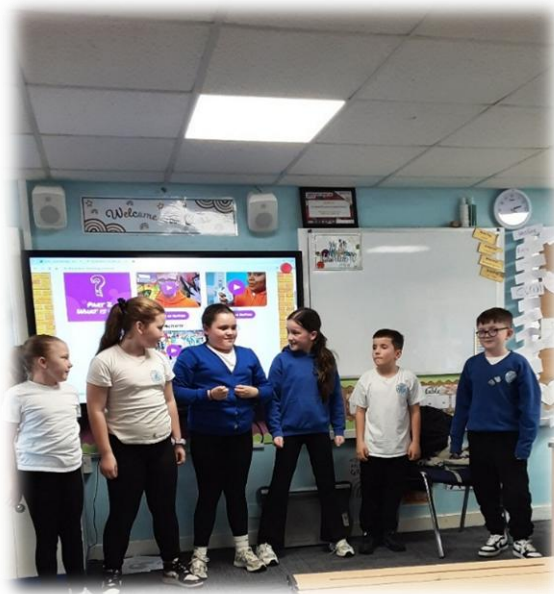
Year 4

We've been so lucky to enjoy the expertise of some different visitors this week! On Monday, we had a super exciting afternoon with visits from our new cheerleading coach and also Emily from Father Hudson's Caritas. In just two hours, we learnt a cheerleading routine and made cards for the elderly! Later in the week, we considered body image in RHE, pondering: what do we love about ourselves? What makes us unique? In the mornings, we have had various tasks for British Science Week, including 'what's that picture?' to develop our curiosity.



Year 5

Year 5 had a visit from the CO Crew this week to learn all about Carbon Monoxide. They are now experts in where CO can be found, the dangers of CO, symptoms of potential CO poisoning and also what to do if you have any concerns.

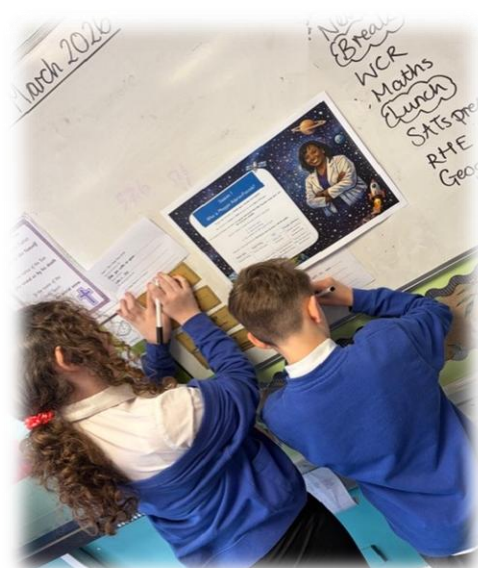


Year 6

This week Year 6 have learnt all about scientist Maggie Aderin-Pocock as part of British Science Week. We found out that she has been incredibly influential in the field of physics, despite many barriers that she had to face. We completed a one-stray to find out about her life and work and also other influential scientists who have overcome adversities.



In Geography we have been considering the effects of climate change and used the tablets to research how it would affect crop growth in different countries around the world.



Online Safety for Parents and Carers

What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools ...

WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments; pornography; and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove this.

MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent about the hazards that any children using them could encounter – by publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.

HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. The new laws also relate to any individuals who even threaten to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.

REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.

AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: it's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change: many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2023. An Ofcom consultation on 'protecting people from illegal harms online' will be running until February 2024.

REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.

WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instance – making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people do make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content; they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

Meet Our Expert

Luke Ramadan is Senior Deputy Headmaster and Director of Safeguarding for the St Benedict's family of schools. He is a regular speaker at conferences and writes in the TES (among other journals) on school leadership, pastoral care and safeguarding. In 2022, he was named Pastoral Leader of the Year at the National Awards for Pastoral Care in Education.

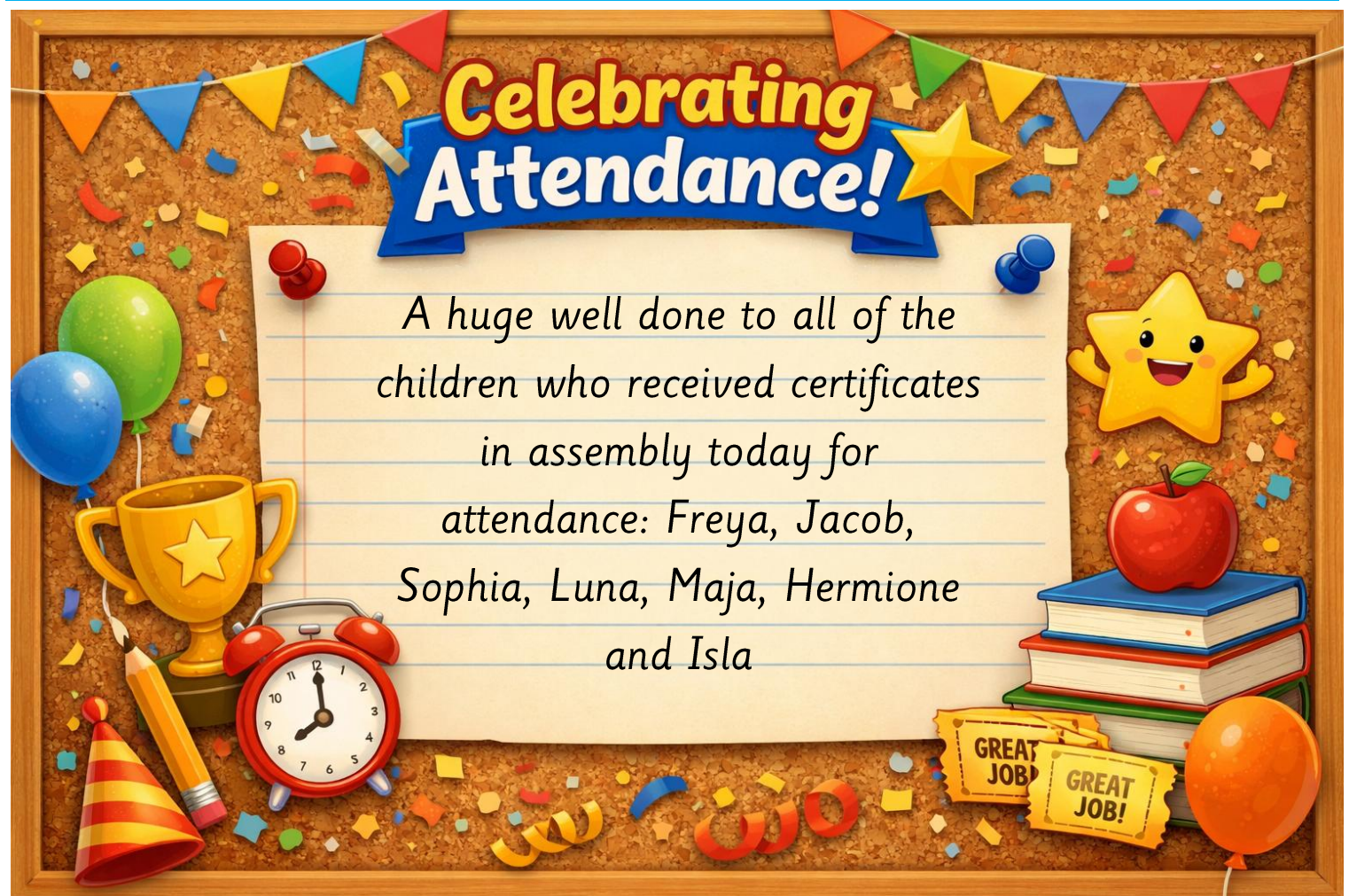


National
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#WakeUpWednesday

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Attendance



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
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/2HFFH4ZePbR>

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. 16th March 2026

LUNCHTIME					
PRIMARY TRADITIONAL					
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					
FOOD FESTIVAL					
The MAIN EVENT					
Meat-free MAGIC					
RAINBOW ALLEY					
BIG TOPPING					
DESSERT TROLLEY					
What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?					
AVAILABLE DAILY					
PASTA TWIRLER					

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/>



Lunch menu for 15th April 2026

Easter Lunch
Wednesday 15th April

Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Yorkshire
Pudding

or

Roasted Vegetable & Cheese Puff
Pastry Wreath.

Served with skin on roasties,
Vegetables and Gravy.

Chocolate Cracknel.

Topped Pasta, Filled Jacket
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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/4ar8a62>

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: <https://bit.ly/4sahm16>

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/3WWRx1s>

For more information, please email solihullcoordinators@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 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/4nMDmMO>



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



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
elmwood@solihull.gov.uk
0121 779 1700

Evergreen (Kingshurst)
42 Kingshurst Way, B37 6DX
evergreen@colebridge.org
0121 779 1724

Hatchford Brook (Eldon)
Old Lodge Lane, B92 8JE
hatchfordbrook@solihull.gov.uk
0121 704 6943

Riverside (Chelmsley Wood)
289 Bosworth Drive, B37 5DP
riverside@solihull.gov.uk
0121 779 1750

Outreach
Meriden Primary School
Rilingley Road, CV7 7UW
Shirley Heath Junior School
Coombe Road, B90 3DS

solihullfamilyhubs



www.solihull.gov.uk/solihull-family-hubs

Family Support

The Family Support Service provide regular drop-in sessions at 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/4wV4iRN>

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/3LoT2Fe>



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

familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk <https://bit.ly/4cFRH74>

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/4owagaw>

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

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>

Parking

PARKING REMINDER



We have received another complaint from a local resident about how our parents/carers park. Please be reminded to park considerately and to be mindful of our neighbours. Please be mindful of parking safely and respectfully around school remembering the importance of not obstructing residents' driveways.

Don't forget...

REMINDERS...

To take part in Cricket Coaching during PE, Years 2, 3, 5 & 6 need to wear PE kits on Tuesdays until half term.

... And Year 1 will take part on Tuesday 17th March



Year 4 have swimming every Tuesday this term. Please ensure that your child is wearing their PE kit and brings their trunks/costume and towel.

Year 6 will be serving a cup of soup and bread roll for £1 on Fridays. Please check your emails for full details.



Year 4 will now be having cheerleading sessions on a Monday. Please ensure they are wearing PE kit.

Important

All after school clubs and childcare (Mrs Riley) will be cancelled on the 19th 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
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.	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.	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.	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.	Digital divide – 09:00-15:30 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.
Evergreen baby group – 10:00-11:00 An opportunity for new mums 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.	Family Helpline – 09:00-16:00 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.	Born 2 Sing Baby Niles – 10:00-11:00 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 www.born2sing.co.uk or email info@born2sing.co.uk .	Solihull College – 09:15-14:00 Provision, creative arts, and journalism courses available. Book through Solihull College. Term time only.	Midwifery team – 09:30-15:30 Community midwives that provide maternity care outside of a hospital setting.
Stay and play – 13:00-14:30 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.	Midwifery team – 09:30-15:30 Community midwives that provide maternity care outside of a hospital setting. Parent consultation workshops with midwifery team.	Family support working team are available through the helpline – 9:00 am - 4:00 pm during February on the following number - 0121 788 4327 Parenting and family guidance, signposting to local services. Can offer advice regarding behaviour and social development.	Women's well-being hub – 14:00-15:30 5 and 19 February A safe supportive and empowering place for women of all different ages living in the North of Solihull.	Stay and play – 10:00-11:30 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!
Family fun – 15:30-16:15 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.	Sensory room – 14:30 Families can call Evergreen to book sensory room slots after 14:30 by calling 0121 779 1724.	Family fun – 15:30-16:15 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.	Community wardrobe – 10:00-14:00 26 February All clothing items are FREE. Please bring a bag. Donations are welcome but not required. No need to book, just drop-in.	Computer group – 13:30-14:30 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.

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

Text Chat Health on 0250 233 2333 between 09:00-16:00, Mon-Fri.

Women's Aid

If you or someone you know needs support, call 0800 800 0099 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 4943

Computers and private work pods

Internet and phone access

Community wardrobe

Free warm winter clothing

42 Kingshurst Way, Kingshurst, Solihull, B37 6DX



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

P.E Days

Week beginning Monday 16th March

Reception – Friday

Year 1 – **Tuesday** and Wednesday

Year 2 – Monday and Tuesday

Year 3 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4 – PE Monday and Swimming Tuesday

Year 5 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 – Thursday



Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – David – for working hard in every lesson and growing in confidence each day.

Year 1 – Micah – for having a super week full of smiles, kindness and great effort.

Year 2 – Isobelle – for being a fantastic role model to others and an absolute pleasure to teach! 😊

Year 3 – Lainey – for always being polite, trying your best and making people smile 😊

Year 4 – Harry D – for being self-motivated to complete work to a high standard. Keep up the consistency!

Year 5 – Cieran – for his excellent work in all areas this week – keep it up!

Year 6 – Poppie S – for your incredible presence and the increased effort that you have put in this week. Your anecdotes always bring a smile to my face.

