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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025



This half term, we are growing to be grateful for our own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and generous with our gifts becoming men and women for others.



I've never ceased to be grateful of the fact that I am able to get up in the morning and do a job I really love.

Dame Judy Dench – British Actress

Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents / carers into school for Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** and **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**.

After looking at the parent surveys completed in October, we are aware that there may be some sensitive issues that you wish to discuss in private with your child's teacher. If this is the case, please speak to the teacher on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** and it may be possible for your consultation to take place in a quieter space.

# Time to talk...

## TAKEHOME

10th - 16th February

### Should we be allowed to travel anywhere we like?



## 'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

This week we learnt that climbers aiming to reach the top of the world's highest mountain (Mount Everest) will have to pay just over £12,000 during the main climbing season. This is because there are too many people climbing the mountain, leaving rubbish and not respecting nature. It is hoped the extra money will go towards protecting the area from tourists.

### Things you could talk about at home:

- Why do you think so many people want to climb Mount Everest? Can you imagine what it feels like?
- Can you recall some of the places you have visited?
- What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of tourism?

X

## Pope Francis says...

X

X

X



Be courageous witnesses of the love of God our Father, who wants us all to be brothers and sisters.

# Catholic Life

Our next whole school mass will be led by **Year 2** on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 9:30am.**

At this Mass our Year 6 Confirmati will receive their certificates and are invited to wear their Confirmation outfit to school on this day.



## Sacramental Preparation - Year 3

If your child is a Roman Catholic in **Year 3** and is due to make their **First Holy Communion** on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June**, they will need to attend a commitment Mass on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 4:30pm** in St. Anthony's church with an adult.



# Swimming

Swimming for **Year 3** children will begin on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at North Solihull Leisure Centre. Please note that long (below the knees) or baggy swimming trunks are not permitted and long hair must be tied back.

Children are to wear their PE kit to school and are to bring their swimming kit with them. Children will get changed at North Solihull Leisure Centre and will put their PE kit back on to travel back to school.



We are asking parents to make a contribution of £1 per week to cover the cost of transport which can be paid via ParentPay. You can make weekly payments or pay £9 once for the block.

## Can you help our Early Years?

Early Years would appreciate donations of pants, socks, tights and trousers suitable for 2-4 years old please.

Thank you, The Early Years Team.



## Tiny Ants Star of the Week

Our Tiny Ants 'star of the week' is Amelia.

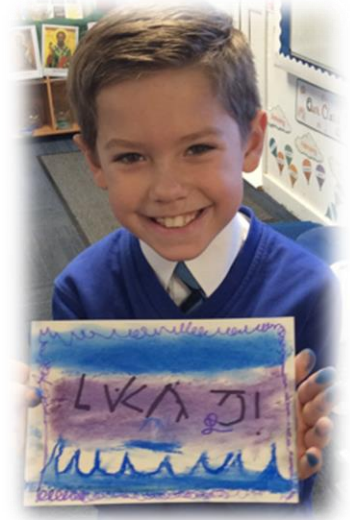
For her infectious smile

Well done Amelia 😊



# Year of Jubilee – Pilgrimage Day

We had a FANTASTIC day at St. Anthony's on Wednesday as we enjoyed a whole school pilgrimage to 'Rome'! After boarding our plane in the morning, children visited different classrooms throughout the day to learn all about life in modern and ancient Rome. Bishop Timothy also taught us some Italian phrases and even brought in a photograph of himself meeting Pope Francis for us to see! Thank you to all of the staff who worked so hard to make the day a success. Take a look at what we got up to!



# Year of Jubilee – Pilgrimage Day



# Tiny Ants

Thank you to all our parents and carers who came to support our Valentine's Day Celebration - it was the best turn out ever. It was lovely to share your children's journals, photos and experiences they have had with us; and as the photos show everyone enjoyed themselves. Have a happy and safe half term



# Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning all about Valentine's day. We have been making pictures for our special people and we have been talking about who we love and care about in our lives. Ms Riley also helped us make our own heart biscuits which we enjoyed tasting at snack time.



We have enjoyed printing hearts cutters in paint and we have loved making potions with the petals in the water tray and sand tray.



Nursery have also loved role playing in the hair and nail salon, where they have been taking turns to do their friends hair and nails.



# Nursery continued.....

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended Nursery's Valentine's workshop. We hope you enjoyed it.



# Reception

This week in Reception, love is in the air! We have been learning all about Saint Valentine. The classroom has been filled with hearts, roses and love.

As part of our prayer service, we invited our special grown-ups into school, for us to share a prayer service about love.

We shared the beautiful hearts we had made and expressed in our own words who we loved and why. It was a very special celebration of love! We think we may have seen a few glistening eyes in the audience.

We have enjoyed learning to double in maths. We have been using mirrors and numicon to understand when we double, we have to add the number to itself. Perhaps your child could tell you what double two is, or even double four!

As part of Pope Francis' Year of Hope, we have been on our own pilgrimage throughout the school. Our school has been transformed into Italy. We have painted our religious artwork in the Basilica, created beautiful stained-glass windows and enjoyed creating Italian flags. Dylan made a very thoughtful comment during our pilgrimage, "I hope my family and friends will be happy; we are all part of God's family."

Thank you, Reception, for another wonderful week. We hope you have a safe and restful half term, ready for more learning and adventures when you return.



# Year 1

Year 1 have had a wonderful week. On Wednesday, they went on a pilgrimage to Rome. The children started the day learning about Roman coins before creating their own. Then they went on to learn about famous landmarks like The Colosseum and St Peter's Basilica. The children did some meditation, dance, mosaics and finished the day by making stain glass windows.



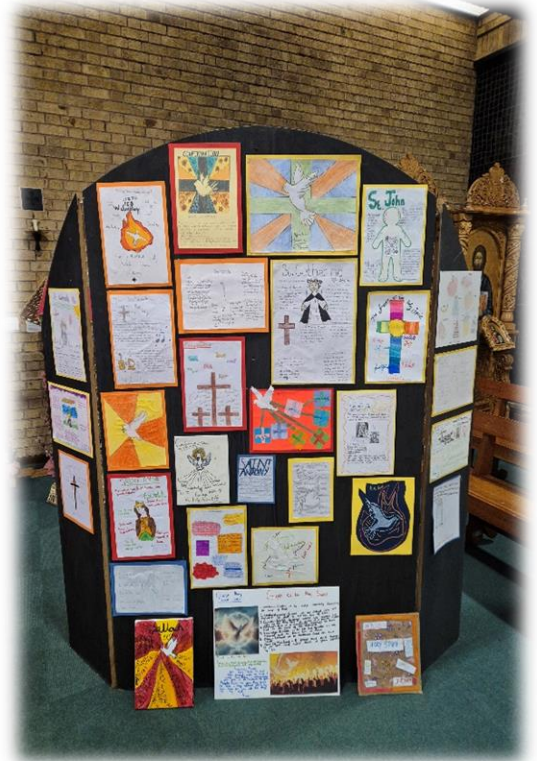
# Year 3

Year three have had a wonderful end to the half term! We loved putting our addition and maths skills into a real-life context. We bought things to build a gorgeous garden within our budget of £1000. We also loved our pilgrimage day where we explored all of the different classrooms and painted the Vatican Gardens!

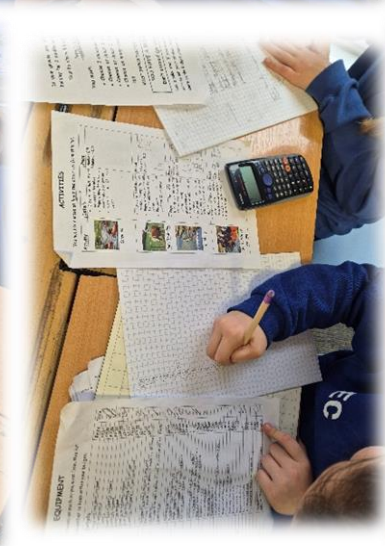


# Year 6

Congratulations to our Confirmati who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday night. This truly was a special evening and celebration for our Year 6s and we'd like to say a big thank you to all those involved, parents, families and also Bishop Timothy Menezes.



Last Friday we celebrated Number Day. Year 6 planned their own camping holiday.



# Extreme Reading Competition

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**  
6 MARCH 2025

Extreme Reading Competition

World Book Day

6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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Where is the most interesting/extreme place you have ever read a book?  
Whether it is up a tree, with your toes in the sand or on top of a mountain, we want your photos!

Your challenge is to take a picture of yourself reading somewhere interesting/extreme and **send it in to school by Thursday 6th March.**

We are doing this as part of the school's celebration of **World Book Day** on **Friday 7th March** this year. This competition will then be judged with prizes up for grabs for children in each year group.

We are really looking forward to seeing who in school has such a passion for reading that they have to do it anywhere and everywhere! Why not get your parents and carers involved by taking a picture of them whilst extreme reading too?

Here are some ideas to get your reading juices flowing:

- in a museum, art gallery, or shopping centre
- on a trampoline
- in the wardrobe
- on a swing or climbing frame (hanging upside down?!)
- with a pet/animal
- at the beach
- in a tent or home-made fort
- in the rain (using an umbrella of course!)
- in the garden shed
- at the top of a hill
- halfway up the stairs

You can print your photos at home or email them to the school office on [office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk)

# Attendance

*Thank you to parents for letting the office know if your child is absent from school. We really appreciate this as it really helps our workload!*

*If we do not hear from you, your child's absence will be marked as unauthorised. Our contact details are:*

*School email address: [office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk)*

*Telephone number: 0121 770 3168*



## Attendance Matters



*The winner of today's attendance raffle was **Patryk** in Year 2.*

*We also did a **BONUS** draw today as we had a £20 'Big Bounce' voucher to give away and the winner of that draw was... **Maya** in Year 5.*

*Wishing everyone a safe and wholesome half-term! We look forward to seeing all pupils back in school on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February.*

# Solihull Parent Carer

We have teamed up with Solihull Parent Carer voice who are independent parent carers working together to raise awareness and improve outcomes for all children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND 0-25).

They work with organisations that provide services for families. They are completely independent of the Local Council and Health services which lets us share the experiences and ideas of parent carers, giving them a voice and effect positive change.

They are going to be running a coffee and chat session on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Why not come along and find out more information?



St Anthony's and  
Solihull Parent Carer Voice



Solihull Parent  
Carer Voice

## Coffee and Chat

Come and meet the School  
Engagement team from  
Solihull Parent Carer Voice.

Come and join us for a coffee and  
chat at St Anthony's School for All  
Parents and Carers of those who  
attend!

Venue

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School  
Fordbridge Road  
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Date

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Time

2pm



# Next week's menu ...

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
by Aspens

**LUNCHTIME**

TRADITIONAL  
Week 2

Autumn Winter  
2024-25:  
9/9, 30/9, 21/10,  
11/11, 2/12,  
23/12, 13/1, 3/2,  
24/2, 17/3, 7/4

**THE MAIN EVENT**

**MEAT-FREE MAGIC**  
Veggie Dish

**RAINBOW ALLEY**  
Vegetables and Salads

**BIG TOPPING**  
Filled Jackets

**DESSERT TROLLEY**

**DAILY SALAD BOWL.**  
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,  
YOGHURTS AND  
CUT FRUIT  
AVAILABLE DAILY

**DAILY SANDWICHES**  
AVAILABLE

**PASTA TWIRLER**  
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY  
Topped Pasta  
Hot Pasta topped with  
Homemade  
Tomato Sauce & Cheese

**MONDAY**

Cheesy Tomato  
Pizza Muffins

BBQ and  
Sweetcorn  
Pizza Slice

Wholegrain  
Pasta Salad and  
Green salad

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Toffee Apple  
Sponge and  
Custard

**TUESDAY**

Chicken Curry  
and Rice

Winter  
Vegetable  
Crumble and  
Herby Potatoes

Carrots

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Chocolate  
Sprinkle Iced  
Cake

**WEDNESDAY**

Roast Pork,  
Roast Potatoes  
and Gravy

Cauliflower Cheese,  
Crispy Onion Topping  
& Roast Potatoes  
(You don't have to have  
the onions)!

Mixed  
Greens

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Vanilla  
Cookie

**THURSDAY**

Classic  
Cottage  
Pie

Roasted Sweet  
Potato Pastry Roll  
and Mash

Peas

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Oaty Apple  
Crunch

**FRIDAY**

Battered Fish  
and Chips

Cheese and  
Tomato Toasted  
Wrap with Chips

Baked  
Beans

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Anzac  
Biscuits

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

## Blue Runner

It is essential that all parents/carers have registered for a Blue Runner, even if your child does not order a school meal. You can register using the following link is <https://olaas.myschoolmealorders.com/login>. If you need any support in signing up, please let the school office know.

Thanks to the majority of parents who have signed up and who are pre ordering meals. We have had some brilliant Blue Runner feedback!

# Special menu: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

FOOD  
FESTIVAL  
by Asda

## WORLD BOOK DAY

**Neverland Burger**  
with Wedges & Magic BBQ  
Beans

**Jack's Beanstalk Burrito** with  
Wedges & Garden Salad

**Rainbow Fairies Sprinkle  
Cookies**

Jacket Potato, Topped Pasta &  
Sandwiches are also available



*Don't forget to book via  
Blue Runner*

<https://olaas.myschoolmealorders.com/login>

# Lunchtime MUGA activities

As we informed you of last week, Years 2-6 now have a designated MUGA day, allowing students to participate in competitive sports alongside their classmates.

If your child would like to take part in MUGA activities on their allocated day, please ensure they bring trainers to change into at lunchtime.

Monday - Year 6

Tuesday - Year 4

Wednesday - Year 3

Thursday - Year 2

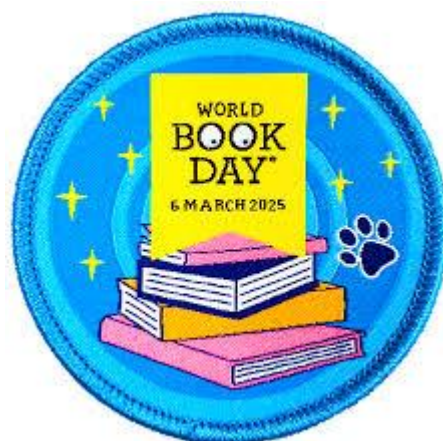
Friday - Year 5



## World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**.

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book.



# P.E Days

Please read carefully as the PE days can change from week to week.

## Week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Reception – Thursday

Year 1 – **Tuesday and Friday**

Year 2 – **Tuesday and Wednesday**

Year 3 - **Tuesday (swimming) and Friday**

Year 4- **Tuesday**

Year 5 – **Wednesday and Thursday**

Year 6 – **Wednesday and Thursday**



Please remember that pupils need to come into school in their PE kits on these days:

- plain white t shirts (or those with the school badge on)
- **PLAIN BLACK** shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings.
- Hair must be tied back
- No jewellery should be worn.
- Please remove your child's earrings before school. If your child's ears have been recently pierced, please cover the earrings with plasters to enable your child to participate in PE.

**Don't  
Forget!**

Please continue to pre-order your child's meals for the following week via ParentPay. If you do not pre-order, your child will be given the option of a jacket potato, pasta or a sandwich but this is time-consuming for staff so please make every effort to pre-order, even if one of these is their preferred option.



# Diary Dates



## 2025

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY:

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025

Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole school	INSET DAY FOR STAFF – no pupils in school
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole school	Return to school
Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> and Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole school	Parents Evening
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole school	Whole school Mass at 9:30am – Year 2 leading
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 3 First Holy Communion pupils	Commitment Mass in church 4:30pm
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 6	Trip to Harvington Hall
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 1	Into Film Festival cinema trip
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Year 4	Trip to Parliament
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Whole school	Whole school Mass at 9:30am – Year 5 leading
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Whole school	Last day of half term for pupils

### EASTER HOLIDAYS:

Monday 14th April - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Whole school	Pupils return to school – start of Summer Term
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole school	May Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Whole school	Last day of half term for pupils

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY:

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	Whole school	INSET DAY FOR STAFF – no pupils in school
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	Whole school	Return to school
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Whole school	Last day of the school year for pupils
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	Whole school	INSET DAY FOR STAFF – no pupils in school



# Diary Dates



Please note the INSET day for staff on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Children will return to school for the Summer 2 half term on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

DATES OF SACRAMENTS 2025		
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun 11am	Year 3	Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Holy Communion)



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, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February, 20 <sup>th</sup> July plus two more dates TBC			



# Head Teacher's Awards



# Congratulations!

**Reception – Olivia** – For always setting a wonderful example to others in her words and actions.

**Year 1 – John-Paul** – For bringing wonderful energy and enthusiasm to every lesson.

**Year 2 – Elsie** – For always making the right choices and striving to improve everyday. You are a joy to teach.

**Year 3 – Kacey** – For being a wonderful member of Year 3 and always carrying out our school mission statement 😊.

**Year 4 – Eve** – For simply being a delight to teach and growing in confidence as the year progresses.

**Year 5 – Poppy** – For having and inspiring attitude to life and learning and never hiding her light.

**Year 6 – Kalen** – For being such a mature and kind member of Year 6.

Mr K Scanlon, Head of School

