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Friday 24th April 2026

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 gift becoming men and women for others.



The highest gratitude is not to utter words, but to live by them.

John F Kennedy – American president

We send CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to Miss Cartwright and her partner. Baby Archie was born on Wednesday 22nd April 2026, weighing 6lb 12oz.



Join us for our
Summer Term Whole School Masses



Wednesday 20th May

Led by Year 1

Wednesday 24th June

Led by Year 2

Wednesday 15th July

Led by Year 6

Things to talk about..

TAKEHOME

20th - 26th April



Is it ever too late to try something new?

'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

This week we learnt that an 82-year-old runner, Eileen Hieron, has shown that age hasn't stopped her trying something new. She only started running in her 70s and ran her first marathon at the age of 74. Since then, she has completed nearly 10 marathons and even won her age group at the London Marathon. This Sunday, runners from all over the world will take part in the 2026 London Marathon, and stories like Eileen's are inspiring others to think about whether it's ever too late to try something new.

Things you could talk about at home:

- Do you believe age should matter when trying something new? Why or why not?

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Pope Leo XIV says...

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No one is excluded from God's love! With our unique pasts, mistakes, and sufferings, each one of us remains precious in the Lord's eyes.

PTA



Follow us on
Instagram!

@stanthonys.pta

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



PTA



Tickets are now available via <https://www.parentpay.com/>

- * Please pay for each child individually
- * The 'family ticket' is for 3 or more siblings in the same family.

Tiny Ants

Last week, we were welcomed back on Tuesday to a beautiful pot of tulips that the children had previously planted and have been observing. Throughout the week, we have been painting and chalk marking what the tulips look like to us; developing our creative skills. In the home corner, the children have been matching the correct cutlery to the matching-coloured plate using the words 'knife', 'fork' and 'spoon'. We sang 5 Little Ducks while playing in the water tray, Mrs Wedge has been teaching us The 5 Currant Buns number song using our fingers and Ozzy shared number skills with his friends matching his cars to the numerals then touch counting.

It was a great first week back!



Nursery

This week in Nursery we have learnt all about Earth Day; where we have focused on the importance of caring for our planet. We have learnt that we should turn lights off when we leave the room as well as turn the taps off when we have finished washing our hands. Nursery also now know that we should not throw rubbish on the ground as it is harmful to our wildlife. To support our learning of this we littered picked around our school and created some posters to encourage people to not litter.



Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been learning about recognising and adding equal groups in Maths. We have learnt all about the resurrection of Jesus in RE and the children were fantastic at role playing the story. We have also enjoyed learning how to represent different characters voices in the Three Little Pigs story by changing the volume of the instruments the children are using in Music and learning how to follow hand gestures to make the music quieter or louder.



Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been finding a half in Maths and looked at how we represent this as a fraction. In English, we have been looking at Colin McNaughton's book, 'Suddenly!', in more detail and have enjoyed writing our own story based on the style of this book.

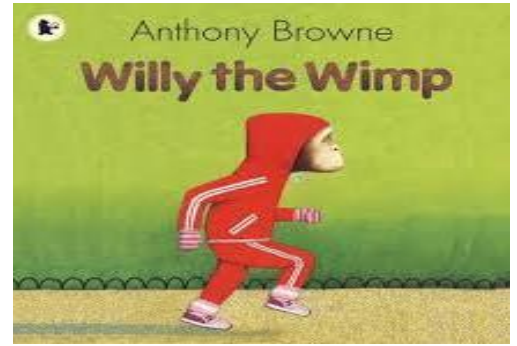
We have also all had a wonderful week in our Music and PE lessons!

Well done Year 2 😊



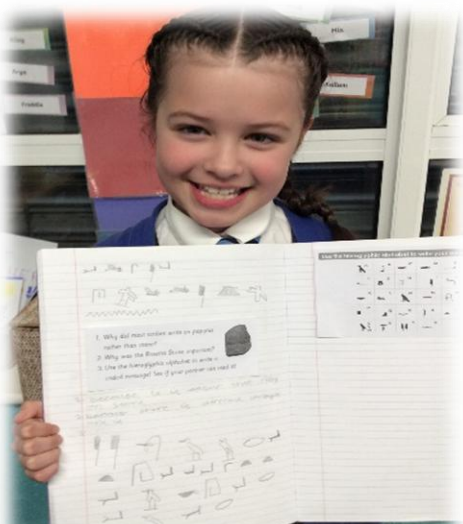
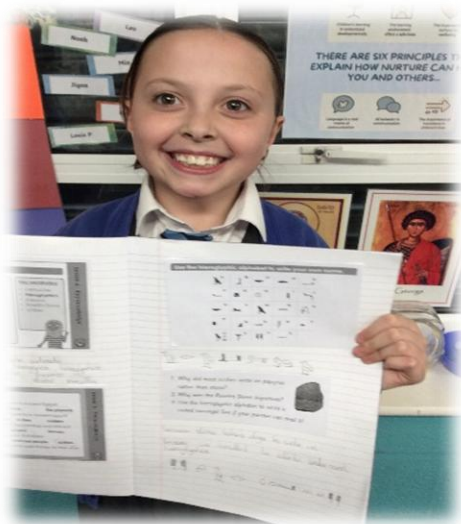
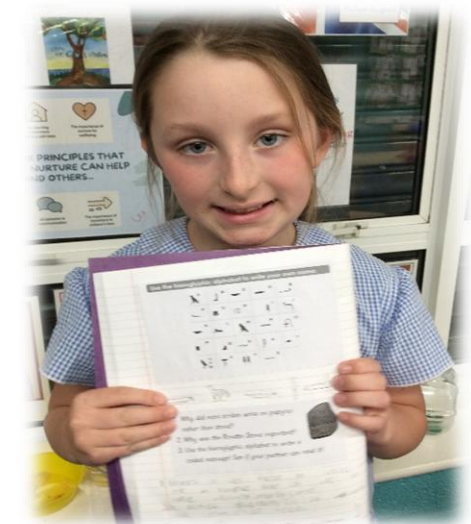
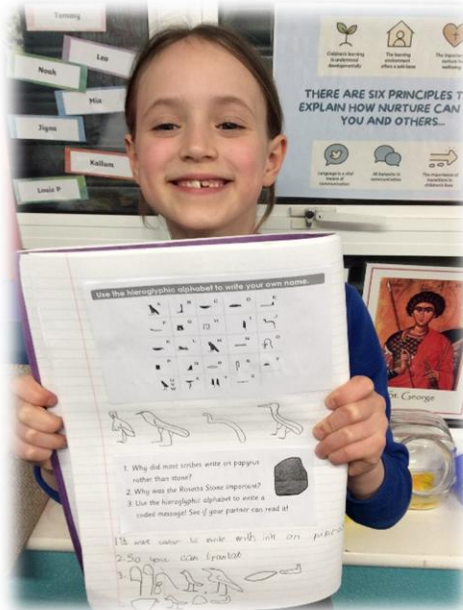
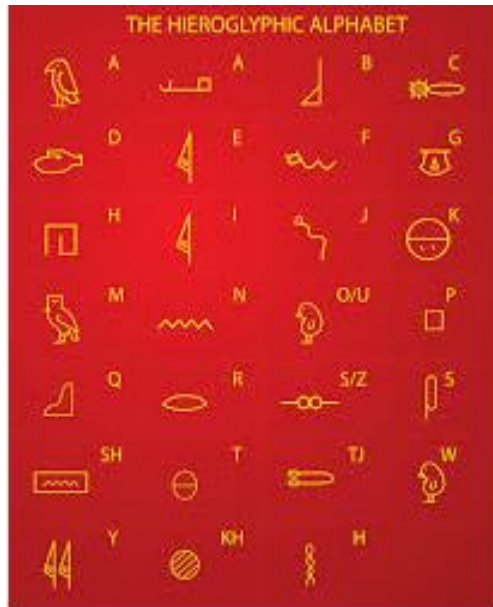
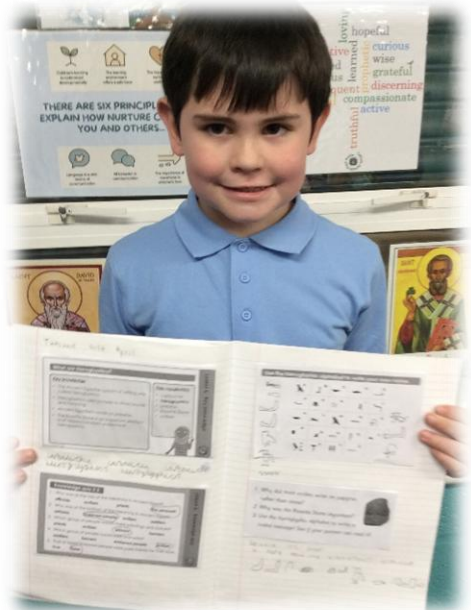
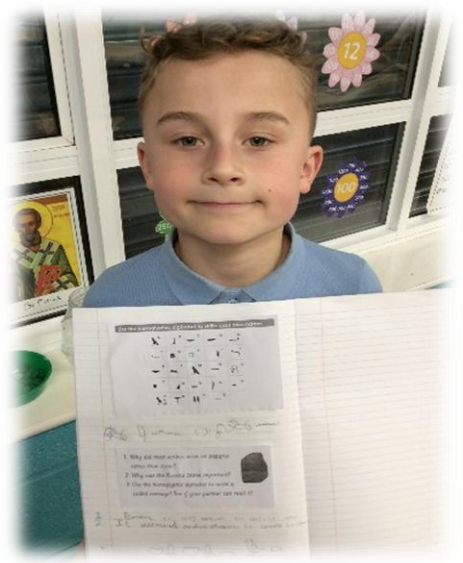
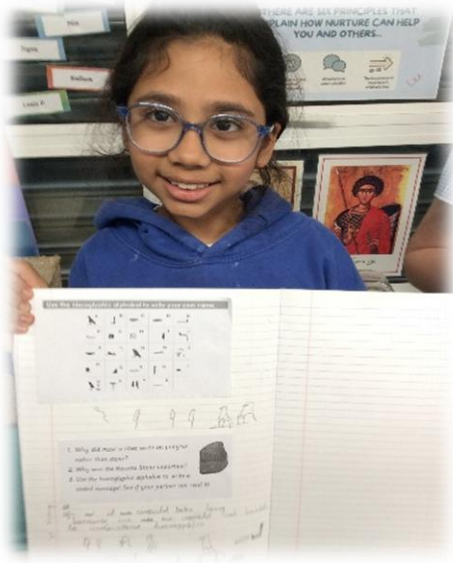
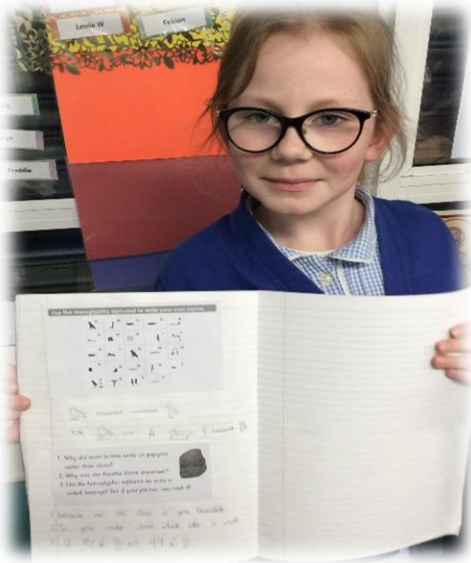
Year 3

Last week, Year 3 had a great first week back 😊 We had a lot of fun starting our new English topic on author study and exploring the author, Anthony Browne. However, we will be writing a letter of complaint to him as we are not very happy with the way one of the characters was treated in his book 'Willy the Wimp'!



Year 3

This week Year 3 have moved on to a new topic in Maths, looking at fractions. Our focus has been adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. In Spanish, we were learning to say some fruit and vegetables and in History, we learnt how to write our own names in hieroglyphics like they did in Ancient Egypt.



Year 4

In Year 4, we have been exploring our new Art unit 'Fabric of Nature' by creating mood boards with rainforest-themed colours, patterns and shapes. In English, we learnt about the 12 labours of Hercules through drama.

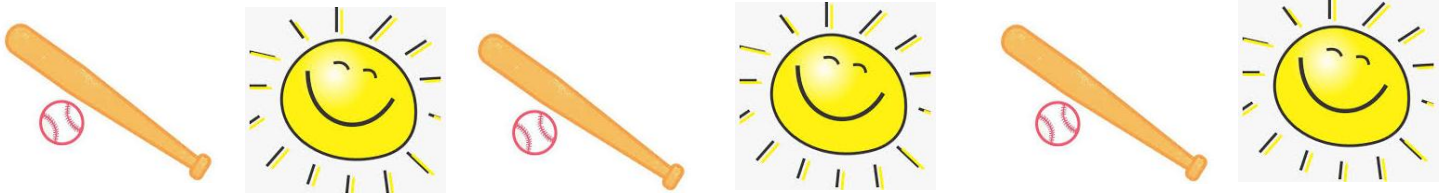


Year 5

Year 5 have had a meaningful and engaging week, as we had a special visit from Father Hudson's Caritas. Emily led an inspiring workshop focused on homelessness, encouraging the children to think deeply about the challenges faced by others in our community. As part of the session, the children explored the importance of compassion, respect, and understanding, linking closely to our Catholic Social Teaching focus this half term: the dignity of the worker. The children produced thoughtful ideas about how they could be charitable and support those in need.

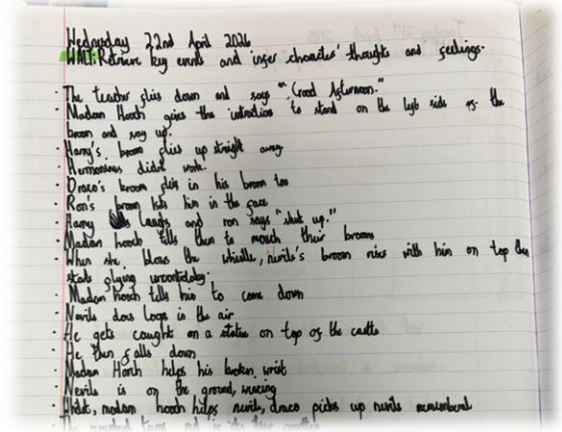
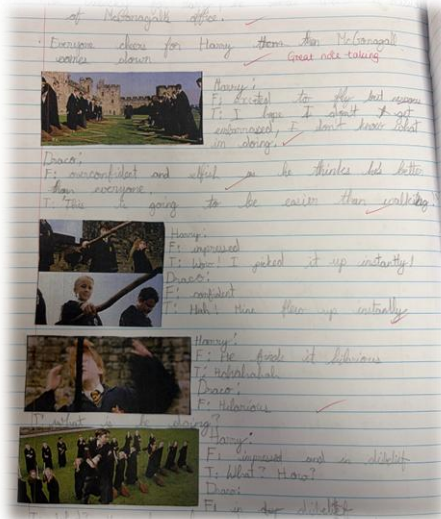
We then ended our week enjoying the gorgeous sunshine in P.E! The children worked really hard in our new topic of rounders. They have shown excellent teamwork, communication, and determination!

Well done Year 5 😊



Year 6

The pace isn't slowing down in Year 6! However, the children have enjoyed English lessons based around a scene from 'Harry Potter' this week and produced some great sentences in preparation for writing their own diary entries in role as Harry and Draco.



At the start of the week, our celebration of the word was prepared and led by Reggie, Dylan, Thomas, Farhan, Maya and Poppy. They thought very carefully about their 'respond' activity, which was to write an anonymous compliment for someone else in the class.



I was also in for a treat this week when I was able to experience a Year 6 guitar lesson for the first time. I was completely wowed by the talent and skill that the children showed – particularly when some children volunteered to play a solo!



GIFT Team

This week Emily from Father Hudson's Caritas came to talk to Year 5 about homelessness. The children explored the difficulties that rough sleepers faced and suggested ways we could help as a school.

Following this, the Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Team met to have further discussions on what actions we should take this half term to make a difference to the lives of people that have no permanent place to live.



There were some creative ideas from Donation Drives such as helping at a soup kitchen and even making blankets from crisp packets. Keep an eye out for further details and be prepared to grab a blanket to have a night under the stars!

Girl Power

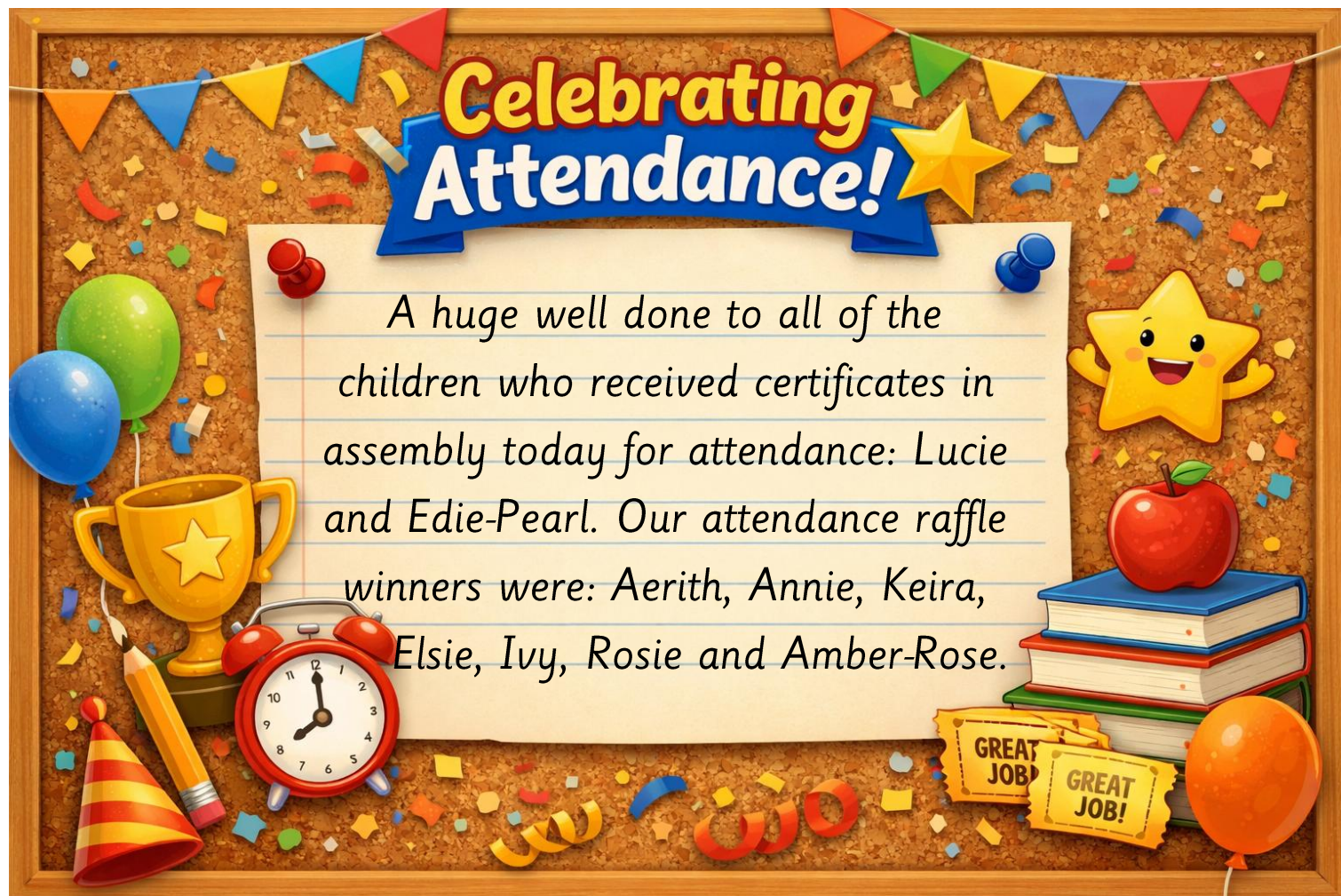


Girl Power in Primary Schools is aimed at empowering young girls, boosting their confidence, encouraging physical activity, and promoting educational equality. This week Miss Otis and Miss Trowman took 15 girls to take part in an event where everyone had so much fun whilst meeting other girls from local Primary Schools.

Attendance

Celebrating Attendance!

A huge well done to all of the children who received certificates in assembly today for attendance: Lucie and Edie-Pearl. Our attendance raffle winners were: Aerith, Annie, Keira, Elsie, Ivy, Rosie and Amber-Rose.



Celebrating Class and House Attendance!

Winning House: St. Andrew's

Winning Classes: Year 6



St David's

St George's

St Patrick's



GREAT JOB!

HOUSE



Online Safety for Parents and Carers

All The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address other topics and themes. For further guides, tips and tips, please visit nationalcollege.org.uk.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows about YouTube. The Google-owned platform allows users to upload and share videos globally, making it a readily accessible resource with free content on almost any topic. However, with over 28 million videos uploaded each day, not all material is suitable for younger audiences.

AUTOPLAY

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



YouTube is free and can be accessed across multiple device types, even without an account. While some videos are marked as 'age restricted', this rather unglorious honesty and uninvited moderation, meaning children and young people may still encounter unsuitable content if these measures aren't taken.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS



YouTube includes social features such as comments and direct messaging. This means young users can interact with people they don't know, potentially exposing them to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or unwanted contact. Young content creators may be especially vulnerable.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES



Popular trends and challenges can be entertaining and widely shared. While many are harmless, some can be risky or harmful if copied. For example, the 'Salt and Ice Challenge' has caused injuries when imitated.

SUGGESTED CONTENT



YouTube recommends videos based on what users have previously watched. While this can enhance the experience, it may also encourage binge-watching and excessive screen time, particularly when autoplay is enabled. However, at times, users are shown trending videos, which are not always age appropriate.

EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT



The platform's algorithm often promotes content that attracts high engagement, which can sometimes include videos containing extreme language, misinformation, or drug promotion. As children and young people watch more of this content, similar videos are likely to be recommended by YouTube's algorithm, therefore reinforcing the exposure.

SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT



YouTube Shorts – short, fast-paced videos – are designed for continuous viewing. This style of content can be highly engaging but may also contribute to increased screen time and difficulties with maintaining focus over longer periods.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS



YouTube Kids can help reduce young users' exposure to unsuitable content by filtering videos into age groups, with no preschool, younger, and older children. However, as moderation is automated, it should be used alongside active supervision.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS



If a child is your own, consider setting videos to Private or Unlisted so they are only shared with trusted viewers. Disabling comments can also help reduce unwanted interaction from strangers.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS



Google Family Link allows adults to filter content, monitor usage, and manage younger users' screen time. Supervised Accounts offer a gradual step up from YouTube Kids, enabling children to explore the platform with appropriate safeguards.

WATCH TOGETHER



Spending time watching YouTube with the children and young people in your care can help you understand what they enjoy and gain your conversations about content. Tools like Don't Disturb in Family Link can also help limit unsupervised viewing.

Meet Our Expert

Alex Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, TechRadar, TechCrunch, The Evening Standard and The New York Times.



See full reference list on our website

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Summer Uniform

Summer uniform can be worn after Easter until Autumn Term in October.

School Caps

School caps are recommended during the hot weather, these can be purchased from the School Office and are £6 (please pay on ParentPay)

School caps only – no other caps to be worn



Boys

**Grey trousers or school shorts*

**White sleeved shirt with a school tie or blue or white polo shirt*

**Black school shoes*

**Blue school jumper*

Girls

**Grey skirt, trousers, pinafore or blue gingham dress*

**White blouse with tie or blue or white polo shirt*

**Black school shoes (no heels, no sandals)*

**Blue school cardigan or jumper*

Lunch menu for w.b. 27th April 2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FOOD FESTIVAL <small>at Aspens</small> WEEK 3 <small>Spring/Summer 2026</small> <small>27/04/26, 18/05/26, 08/06/26,</small> <small>29/06/26, 20/07/26, 10/08/26,</small> <small>31/08/26, 21/09/26, 12/10/26</small>	THE MAIN EVENT	Hunters Chicken and New Potatoes C	Sausage and Mash B	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy C	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges B	Fish Fingers and Chips B
	MEAT-FREE MAGIC	Ratatouille and New Potatoes B	Veggie Sausage and Mash C	Med Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes with Gravy B	Veggie Whole Grain Pasta Bolognese C	Vegetable Fingers with Chips A
	RAINBOW ALLEY	Sweetcorn	Peas	Carrots	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans and Peas
	BIG TOPPING	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B
	DESSERT TROLLEY	Vanilla Shortbread C	Old School Sprinkle Sponge with Custard A	Sweet Potato Brownie B	Flapjack B	Banana Cookie B
What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today? 	DAILY SANDWICHES AVAILABLE		AVAILABLE DAILY DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT		PASTA TWIRLER AVAILABLE EVERY DAY TOPPED PASTA HOT PASTA TOPPED WITH HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE & CHEESE	

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

Ordering school lunches...

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

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



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?

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.



<http://bit.ly/4arRa02>

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.



<http://bit.ly/3WwBx1s>

For more information, please email 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 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/4mDmVwQ>



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 (Elmdon)

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
Flongley Road, CV7 7LW
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 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/4qvV4RN>

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/3LpDfE>



familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk <http://bit.ly/4oFR74>

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

<http://bit.ly/4oewqaw>

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>

Fidgets

Do you have any fidget toys at home that your child does not want/play with any more? If so, we would love to have them in school if you are happy to donate.

Please send your donations to the school office or Miss Watkins.



Support for Parents

Evergreen
Kingshurst



Timetable

April 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>Employment, training and digital skills support – 09:00-16:00 Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. Drop in or call 0121 779 1724 to book an appointment.</p> <p>Stay and play – 10:00-11:30 Come and play and meet new friends. Suitable for ages 0-4 and their parents/carers. No booking required, just come along and join in the fun! Sensory play also available.</p> <p>Baby group – 13:00-14:30 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. Suitable for ages 0-12 months (pre-walkers). No booking required.</p> <p>Family fun – 15:30-16:30 Play board games, do quizzes, art, table tennis and other fun activities. Parents must stay and supervise their children. Suitable for ages 4-12 years. Sensory play also available. No booking required, just come along and join in the fun!</p>	<p>Health Visitor clinic – 09:00-14:00 Booked appointments for parents and their babies and children with the Health Visiting team. Book by speaking to your Health Visitor.</p> <p>Family Support Team are available through the Family Helpline – 09:00-16:00 By calling 0121 788 4327 for parenting, family guidance, and signposting to local services, as well as advice regarding behaviour and social development.</p> <p>Adult craft and chat – 10:00-11:30 Starting 14 April Come along and bring any craft you are currently working on. Have a chat over a cuppa and share crafty hints and tips. Some sessions may be guided. No booking required.</p> <p>Sensory room – available after 14:30 To book, call 0121 779 1724.</p>	<p>Employment, training and digital skills support – 09:00-16:00 Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. Drop in or call 0121 779 1724 to book an appointment.</p> <p>Born 2 Sing baby notes 15 April – 10:00-11:00 22 April – 13:00-14:00 Interactive classes for babies age 3-24 months to explore colours and exciting textures to support with Early speech and language development. Sessions are free and funded by Colebridge Trust. To book, visit www.born2sing.co.uk or email info@born2sing.co.uk.</p> <p>Cartoon club – 15:30-16:30 Suitable for ages 4-12 years to come together to enjoy their favourite cartoons. No booking required, just drop-in!</p>	<p>Health Visitor clinic – 09:00-14:00 Booked appointments for parents and their babies and children with the Health Visiting team. Book by speaking to your Health Visitor.</p> <p>Solihull College – 09:30-14:00 Term time only Provision, creative arts, journaling courses available. Book through Solihull college.</p> <p>Kingshurst Striders and Strollers – 10:00-12:00 Fortnightly – 16 and 30 April A great way to meet new people whilst keeping active. Refreshments available at the Hub after the walk.</p> <p>Community Wardrobe – 10:00-13:30 23 April Drop in community event no pre-booking required. Clothing and toys, all items are free, please bring a bag. Donations are also welcome.</p> <p>Women's wellbeing Hub – 14:00-15:30 Fortnightly – 16 and 30 April A safe supportive and empowering place for women of all different ages living in the North of Solihull.</p> <p>Sensory room – available after 14:30 To book, call 0121 779 1724.</p>	<p>Digital Divide – 09:00-15:30 Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. Drop in or call 0121 779 1724 to book an appointment. Help also with phone and computer skills.</p> <p>Midwifery team – 09:30-15:30 Community midwives that provide maternity care outside of a hospital setting.</p> <p>Stay and play – 10:00-11:30 Come and play and meet new friends. Suitable for ages 0-4 years and their parents or carers. No booking required, just come along and join in the fun.</p> <p>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 prep.</p> <p>Family fun – 13:30-15:00 Play board games, do quizzes, art, table tennis and other fun activities. Parents must stay and supervise their children. Suitable for ages 4-12 years. Sensory play also available. No booking required, just come along and join in the fun!</p>

Wellbeing and advice

Here2Help

Family Hubs can help with food, toiletries, fuel, money, staying well, and keeping safe. To find out more, visit www.solihull.gov.uk/here2help.

Health visiting

Text Chat Health on [0750 733 2563](tel:07507332563) between 09:00am – 4:00pm, Mon-Fri.

Women's Aid

If you or someone you know needs support, call [0808 800 008](tel:0808800008) between 09:15am - 5:15pm.

Mental health support

From the BSOL Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust provide guidance and reassurance to all ages. Call [0800 815 9292](tel:08008159292) or [0121 262 3555](tel:01212623555).

Midwives

Please call your midwife using the phone number in your red book.

What else can the Family Hubs offer?

Help and support

Speak to our friendly staff

Stay and play area

Toys, books, and soft play

Sensory room

To book, call [0121 779 6943](tel:01217796943)

Computers and private work pods

Internet and phone access

Community wardrobe

Free warm winter clothing

[42 Kingshurst Way, Kingshurst, Solihull, B37 6DX](https://www.solihull.gov.uk/42-Kingshurst-Way-Kingshurst-Solihull-B37-6DX)

Family Hubs | solihull.gov.uk
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 0121 779 1724

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>

Park Run

junior parkrun – where everyone is



welcome

junior parkrun is a free, fun, friendly, weekly, community event organised by volunteers of all ages for children aged 4 to 14.

2k junior parkrun events take place on Sunday mornings and are for the whole community to come together to walk, jog, run and volunteer. Join in on the fun at junior parkrun!



junior parkrun



Diary Dates



Summer Term 2026

Weds 29 th April	Year 3	First Holy Communion retreat @ St. Andrew's school for pupils (letter to follow but pupils will return to school at 4:30pm)
Mon 11 th – Thurs 14 th May	Year 6	SATs week – all pupils must be in school every day.
Tues 12 th May	Year 3	Swimming sessions begin (letter to follow)
Thurs 14 th May	Whole school	PTA discos after school (more info to follow)
Tues 19 th May	Whole school	'Happy Shoes-day' (more info to follow)
Fri 20 th May	Whole School	Break up for half term
HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May 2026		
Mon 1 st – Fri 12 th June	Year 4	Multiplication Check to be completed
Weds 3 rd June	Year 6	Confirmation Retreat Day for pupils at St. Anthony's
Sat 6 th June	Year 3	First Holy Communion 11am
Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th June	Year 1	Phonics screening check to be completed
Tues 9 th June	Whole school	Class photographs
Sat 13 th June	Whole school	St. Anthony's Church 60 th anniversary
Weds 24 th – Fri 26 th June	Year 6	Alton Castle Residential
Tues 30 th June	Year 3	Trip to Dudley Zoo
Weds 8 th Jul	EYFS	Sports Day am
Thurs 9 th Jul	Y1 – Y6	Sports Day am
Fri 10 th Jul	Year 6	Trip to Drayton Manor
Weds 15 th July	Year 6	Leavers' Mass
Thurs 16 th July	Year 6	PTA Leavers' event after school
Fri 17 th July	Whole school	Last day in school for pupils

Monday 20th July – INSET day for staff
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS UNTIL SEPTEMBER



Diary Dates



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

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

P.E Days

Week beginning Monday 27th April

Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Monday and Wednesday

Year 2 – Tuesday & Friday

Year 3 – Friday

Year 4 – Swimming Tuesday, PE Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 – Monday and Tuesday



Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Aerith – for spreading joy and being a kind and loving friend.

Year 1 – Tony – for lighting up the classroom every single day with his humour and positive attitude.

Year 2 – Nancy – for your continued hard work and determination. We are so proud of the progress you are making. Keep it up! 😊

Year 3 – Louie – for your wonderful contributions across all subjects this week – keep up the good work 😊

Year 4 – Niamh – for resilience and not letting small problems distract you from your learning. Great effort!

Year 5 – Harvey – for being a role model and brightening up the classroom.

Year 6 – Oliver – for demonstrating the British value of tolerance and the virtues of loving, discerning and compassionate in class this week. Thank you for being so kind and thoughtful.

