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Friday 1st May 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.



Nothing brings me more happiness than trying to help the most vulnerable people in society.

Princess Diana – former Princess of Wales

Yesterday, members of our GIFT team had the wonderful opportunity to visit St Chad's Cathedral, joining over 30 schools from across the Diocese for the Good Shepherd Mass. This special celebration marked our shared support for the incredible work of Father Hudson's Caritas, both within our local community and beyond.

The Mass was led by Archbishop Bernard Longley, making the occasion even more memorable for all involved. Our children represented the school superbly throughout the day and were a real credit to us all.



Join us for our Summer Term Whole School Masses

Wednesday 20 th May	Led by Year 1
Wednesday 24 th June	Led by Year 2
Wednesday 15 th July	Led by Year 6

St. Anthony's Church – 60th Anniversary

As part of our celebrations for **60 years of St Anthony's Church**, we are inviting our community to share photographs and memories from the past.

We would love for children and families to speak to parents, grandparents and relatives who may have special memories of the church. These could be photos of special occasions, celebrations, or simply moments that tell the story of our parish community.

Photos and memories can be emailed to: office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk

(For the attention of Anna Potter)

We also understand that some of our older parishioners may not be able to send items digitally. They are very welcome to bring photographs into school, where we will scan them and return them immediately.

As we begin planning our celebrations, we would also love to hear from anyone who may have contacts or links to catering, entertainment, or other services that could support this special event. Please do get in touch with the school office if you are able to help.

Thank you for helping us celebrate and preserve the wonderful history of St Anthony's.

Do you have **PHOTOS** *or* **MEMORIES** **of St Anthony's Church?**

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF FAITH, COMMUNITY & LOVE

As we celebrate **60 years** of St Anthony's Church, we would love to hear from **YOU!**

We are looking for **photos or memories** from the past 60 years to help us remember, celebrate and share our story.

Our History **Our Community** **Our Church**

CAN'T EMAIL YOUR MEMORIES? WE CAN HELP!

We would still love to hear from you!

If you have photos or special memories of St Anthony's Church but are unable to send them by email, please **don't worry** – **we have another way!**

You are warmly invited to bring your photographs into **St Anthony's School**, where a member of staff will:

- Carefully scan your photos
- Take copies of written memories
- Return your originals to you straight away

Your photos and memories are precious to us, and we will treat them with great care.

Every photo. Every memory. Every story.
Helps keep our history alive.

PLEASE SEND YOUR PHOTOS OR MEMORIES TO:
office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk
FOR THE ATTENTION OF ANNA POTTER

Things to talk about..

TAKEHOME



What is the best way to support people who need extra help?



NIHR

'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

This week we learnt that New AI-supported glasses to help people with dementia or memory problems have won a £1 million prize. The glasses, made by the company CrossSense, can recognise objects and show labels or give spoken instructions to help people remember what things are and what to do. They use an AI assistant that learns how each person lives and adapts to their needs over time.

Things you could talk about at home:

- In your opinion, is it better for people to get help from technology or from other people? Why?
- How might these glasses make someone feel more confident or independent?

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Pope Leo XIV says...

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Let us #PrayTogether that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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.

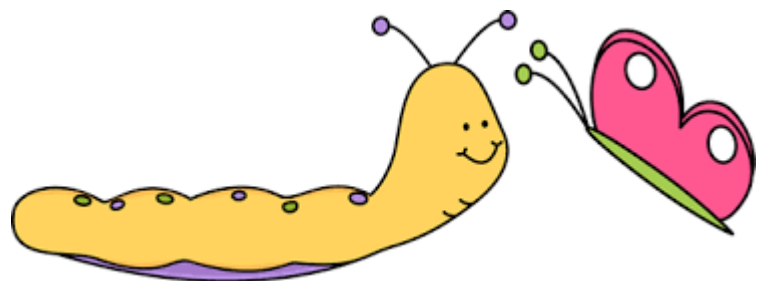
Healthy Active Lifestyles

Across school we have been learning about the importance of having healthy, active lifestyles and have really enjoyed getting our bodies moving!



Tiny Ants

This week Tiny Ants have been learning about caterpillars and butterflies. We have read the story of *The Hungry Caterpillar*, tasted healthy foods, matched caterpillar socks together and made playdough caterpillars using our hands to make small balls and add legs. The most exciting thing this week is we have had a delivery of our very own caterpillars to observe and understand their life cycle!



Nursery

This week in Nursery we have focused on the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We have acted out the story with props and retold the story whilst playing with porridge oats in the sensory trays. Nursery have also made their own porridge to eat at snack time - it was delicious. In maths we have also focused on repeating patterns, and we have dipped teddy bear counters in paint to showcase our patterns.



Nursery were also excited by the delivery of our caterpillars, and we can't wait to watch them grow into butterflies. In addition, Nursery were also amazed by their sunflower seeds growth and loved identifying which children have the tallest sunflowers so far.



Nursery



St Anthony's Catholic Primary School



APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

NURSERY PLACES 2026



We are pleased to let our families know that applications are now open for **Nursery** places.

If you have a pre-school aged child, or a younger sibling who will soon be ready to begin their learning journey, we warmly welcome your application.

**EVERY DAY IS AN
OPEN DAY!**

Please contact us to
organise a visit.



15 and 30 hour places available



Full wraparound care availability



office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk



[0121 770 3168](tel:01217703168)



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We are accepting
applications for
September 2026.

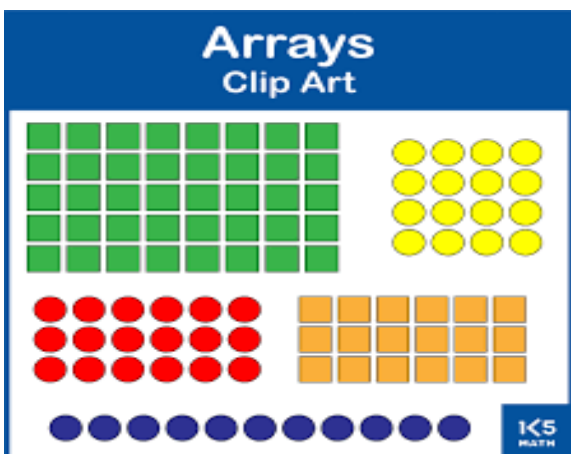
Reception

This week, we read the story *The Enormous Turnip*. The children printed orchards and crops using vegetables, wrote sentences to describe the turnip, and worked as a team—just like the characters in the book—to retell the story through Kagan activities. In Maths, we looked at the composition of 5 and created numbers to 10 using “5 and a bit.” We also sang the nursery rhyme *Five Little Speckled Frogs* and made fruit kebabs. In our Celebration of the Word, there was a beautiful reflection on how Jesus knows each of us by name and that we are the sheep in His flock: “I am the Good Shepherd.”



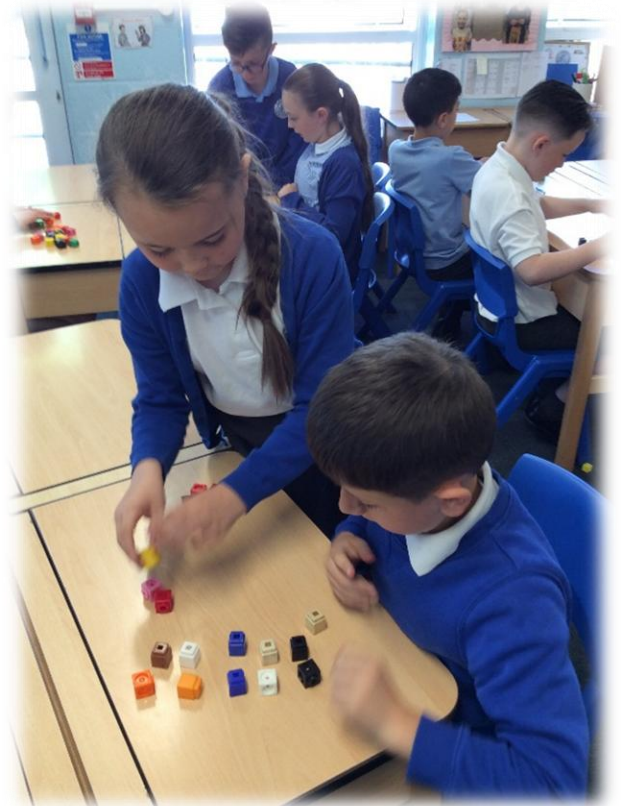
Year 1

In Year 1 this week, we have been learning all about arrays and how we can represent numbers using arrays. We used cones to represent each counter in the array. We have also been working on doubles, and the children were excellent at finding someone who had the matching double. We have also learnt all about the Paschal Candle and what the different symbols on the candle mean before the children made their own candles. In Geography, we have started our new unit all about the seaside, we worked together to stop features of the seaside and looked at some different beaches in the UK.



Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about the bible stories of the disciples fishing and having breakfast with Jesus. We created beautiful pieces of artwork and discussed how the disciples might have felt seeing Jesus again. We also began new topics in Geography and History, looking at Europe and light sources. We enjoyed getting practical in Maths to help us find fractions of amounts.



First Holy Communion Retreat

Year 3 also enjoyed a First Holy Communion Retreat at St Andrew's, led by Dan and Emily from One Life music where we learned some lovely new songs and enjoyed singing them. We made some new friends and wrote some prayers together. We even pretended we were at the last supper and enjoyed some bread and wine. We discussed how this reminded us of being at Mass.



Year 4

We have been so busy in Year 4! Not only have we continued working on the myth of the Twelve Labours of Hercules, but we also analysed religious artwork in RE and created circuits in Science. In Art, we zoomed in on aspects of rainforest photos to create our own drawings. We even had time to get moving in Whole Class Reading and explore the theme of work through St. Joseph the Worker in our Celebration of the Word.



Year 6

The children have been continuing with their tag rugby and tennis lessons in PE, proving there is still time for some fun in Year 6, despite our SATs tests taking place in just over a week's time! On Thursday we welcomed Sophie and Jess from SOLAR to our after-school booster session. They spoke to the pupils about exam stress and gave them strategies to try to not let their inner 'brain bully' take over!



Attendance

Celebrating Attendance!

Our attendance raffle winners were:
Lewis, Olivia, Maja, Kacie-Leigh,
Vivienne, Jaedal and Maya.

Celebrating Class and House Attendance!

Winning House: St. Patrick's
Winning Classes: Year 6

St David's St George's St Patrick's

GREAT JOB! HOUSE

Online Safety for Parents and Carers

At 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 wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

LEGO FORTNITE

Epic Games have recently introduced three new game modes to Fortnite: Rocket Racing, Fortnite Festival and, finally, Lego Fortnite: a survival game using official Lego characters. There are lots of great mechanics that encourage creativity in children, but – as with any online game – it's important to stay aware of the potential risks.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MONETISATION

Lego Fortnite utilises a similar online item shop to the main Fortnite game. When this title was released, the makers introduced thousands of Lego versions of the original game's character skins. Owning an original Fortnite cosmetic means you also own the LEGO version at no extra cost, but the addition of these extra versions could potentially spark new interest in young players, making it more tempting to play real money for these in-game accessories.

ONLINE PLAY

LEGO Fortnite can be played online, as with the base game. While a player's LEGO world is private when it's first created, they can then invite anyone on their in-game friends list to play with them. If any strangers are on this friends list, they can be invited onto their server. Thankfully, Epic Games has implemented a solid reporting system, as well as tools to kick other players from the game.

FEAR FACTOR

There is no explicit violence in Lego Fortnite, but there is a lot of combat. While the battles in Lego Fortnite remain very cartoonish and child friendly, a lot of the action unfolds inside dark caves, with spiders, skeletons or scary-looking monsters. The game can get a little spooky at times, which could potentially scare younger players.

COMPLEX GAMEPLAY

Lego Fortnite is a survival game, though it's not as simple as something like Minecraft. There are lots of different crafting stations and loads of items to use or combine (including various rarities to seek out and harvest). The gathering and crafting elements of the game can get quite complicated and confusing, which could be a source of frustration for some younger players.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEGO IS FRIENDLY

Much like real Lego, this game is incredibly inviting. It's friendly, fun and accessible: a younger player could still enjoy this title even if they'd never played Fortnite before. With sanitised violence, it's a far more family-friendly gaming experience all round – worth bearing in mind if you're concerned about children and young people being exposed to violent or frightening content.

SET LITTLE CHALLENGES

As we've noted, the game is a lot more difficult than it may seem, which could be frustrating or upsetting for some younger players. While the game does a good job of setting realistic targets for players, it can still feel overwhelming. If parents suggest smaller challenges – such as building a house – children can flex their creativity, express themselves with their builds and feel a real sense of accomplishment.

PLAY TOGETHER

Take some time to play the game together. Not only will that help with some of the complicated tasks, but it's also just a fun pastime. Playing with family members also reduces the potential for younger players to invite strangers to enjoy the game with – if any are on their friends list. Furthermore, playing with children will let you more effectively limit their time spent on the game. Instead of "switch it off", you can now say "let's play some more later!"

MONITOR SPENDING

If a child has provided their parents' email address and been given consent to make in-game purchases, it's worth keeping an eye on how much gets spent on the in-game currency, V-Bucks. It's very tempting to buy character skins in LEGO form, as a way of expressing yourself and feeling cool and unique. As you may know already, the average skin costs between £8–15, which can add up very quickly if not tracked and limited. Keep in mind that you can make it necessary to enter a PIN code to validate every purchase using the game's parental controls, and you can prevent the game from saving your payment information whenever you make a purchase. Furthermore, players under-13 automatically have their spending limited to \$100 (£78.85) per day.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality, augmented reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

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. 4th May 2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FOOD FESTIVAL <small>by Aspire</small> WEEK 1 Spring/Summer 2026 13/04/26, 04/05/26, 25/05/26, 15/06/26, 06/07/26, 27/07/26, 17/08/26, 07/09/26, 28/09/26, 19/10/26	THE MAIN EVENT	Macaroni Cheese	Butter Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chilli Con Carne with Rice	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips
	MEAT-FREE MAGIC <small>Veggie Dish</small>	BBQ Veggie Wrap with Rice	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Bean Chilli with Rice	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips
	RAINBOW ALLEY <small>Vegetables and Salads</small>	Broccoli	Sweetcorn	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans and Peas
	BIG TOPPING <small>Filled Jackets</small>	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
	DESSERT TROLLEY	Maple Oaty Cookie	Chocolate Concrete Cake	Carrot Cake and Custard	Chocolate Cinnamon Cake	Vanilla Shortbread
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/>



Lunch menu for 21st May 2026

**FOOD
FESTIVAL**
BY LUNCH

OUT OF THIS WORLD



21st May

Meatballs
In a Cream or Tomato Sauce with
Pasta

Or
Veggie Sausages
Mash
&
Rocket Lolly

Topped Pasta, Filled Jacket Potatoes &
Sandwiches also available



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
Flitingley 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>



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

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



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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 0008](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 215 9292](tel:08002159292) 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 Solihull Family Hubs evergreen@colebridge.org 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>

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SEND Children Transitioning

Education and inclusion



Solihull early years team

Transition Event – North Solihull

Theme:

Come and discuss SEND children transitioning to or from your setting in September 2026. This is a great opportunity for schools, PVI's, childminders and the Early years team across Solihull to talk to each other and plan for a successful transition – all in one afternoon.

When: Monday 1st June 2026

Time: 13:30

Where: Smith's Wood Primary Academy – Nursery, Burtons Way, Smith's Wood, B36 0SZ

Host: Early Years Team

Audience:

SENCOs, managers, teachers and practitioners from schools and PVI's and childminders.

Cost:

Free

Booking information:

To book a place please [click here](#) (Please ensure you choose your local transition event – 'Transitions in EYFS: SEND focus north Solihull')

Further information:

There will be members of our Early years SEND team, including Area SENCOs Anthony Hemphill, Julia Campbell and Kelly Bowkett, and our Inclusion Support Practitioners, available for questions and support. We are also hoping that colleagues from the health visiting team, and the school nursing team will be there for advice.


Please bring a list of the children that you wish to discuss and the settings/schools you want to meet up with!


We put children and young people
at the heart of everything we do


Free Bike Health Check

Dust Off Your Bike and Get Ready to Roll!



 **Tuesday 26th May**
Riverside Family Hub
289 Bosworth Drive, Chelmsley Wood B37 5DP

 **Wednesday 27th May**
Elmwood Family Hub
37 Burtons Way, Smith's Wood B36 0UG

 **10:30am – 2.30pm**

Half Term FREE Dr Bike Health Check & Bike Security Marking



Free Dr Bike Health Check

A qualified mechanic will give your bike a full once-over and make minor adjustments to help get it safe and road-ready again.



Free Bike Security Marking

Help protect your bike and improve your chances of recovering it if it's ever lost or stolen.



Free Gift

Receive puncture repair patches and tyre levers as a thank-you for taking part.

To help us continue offering free events like this, we kindly ask all participants to complete a short funders' survey during their visit. It only takes a few minutes and really supports our work in the community.

Goalkeeper Wanted!

U9 GOALKEEPER WANTED

(Year 4 from September)



ARDEN FOREST NEW SAINTS

We are looking for a committed goalkeeper to join our team for next season.



You do **NOT** need experience in goal – we are looking for someone who is:

- ✓ Willing to learn and be coached
- ✓ Brave and ready to face the ball
- ✓ Hard-working and reliable
- ✓ A team player who gives their best every week

At Arden Forest New Saints, we believe:

- » Effort beats talent
- » We work hard for each other
- » Players improve through attitude and commitment

Current Year 3 (moving into Year 4)
Training: Friday / 17:00
Matches: Sundays

Want your child involved? Message **Kieran on 07791 631722**

Also open to outfield players interested in learning the goalkeeper position.

- ✦ This helps your child develop confidence, teamwork, and love for the game – not just results.

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

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
Tue 7 th Jul	Year 6	Trip to Drayton Manor
Weds 8 th Jul	EYFS	Sports Day am
Thurs 9 th Jul	Y1 – Y6	Sports Day am
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 4th May



Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Wednesday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 3 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 – Swimming Tuesday, PE Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 – Tuesday

Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Willow – for shining like Jesus and showing love and kindness to everyone.

Year 1 – Hunter C – for having such a positive week and shining like Jesus everyday!

Year 2 – Keira – for being a joy to teach and being a fantastic role model to Year 2! 😊

Year 3 – Mia – for blossoming this year and becoming more confident in sharing your wonderful contributions with the class 😊.

Year 4 – Quinn – for being generous to others and participating with a positive attitude and showing gratitude.

Year 5 – Indie – for always being a kind, caring and respectful member of our school. Well done Indie!

Year 6 – Noah – for always making valuable contributions and demonstrating commitment to your learning.

