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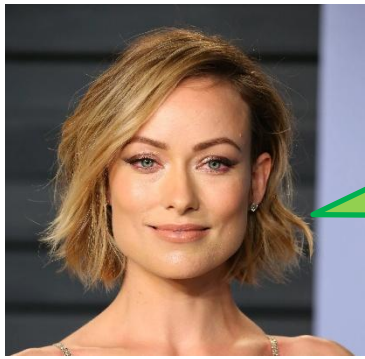


St Anthony's Catholic Primary School,
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Friday 8th May 2026

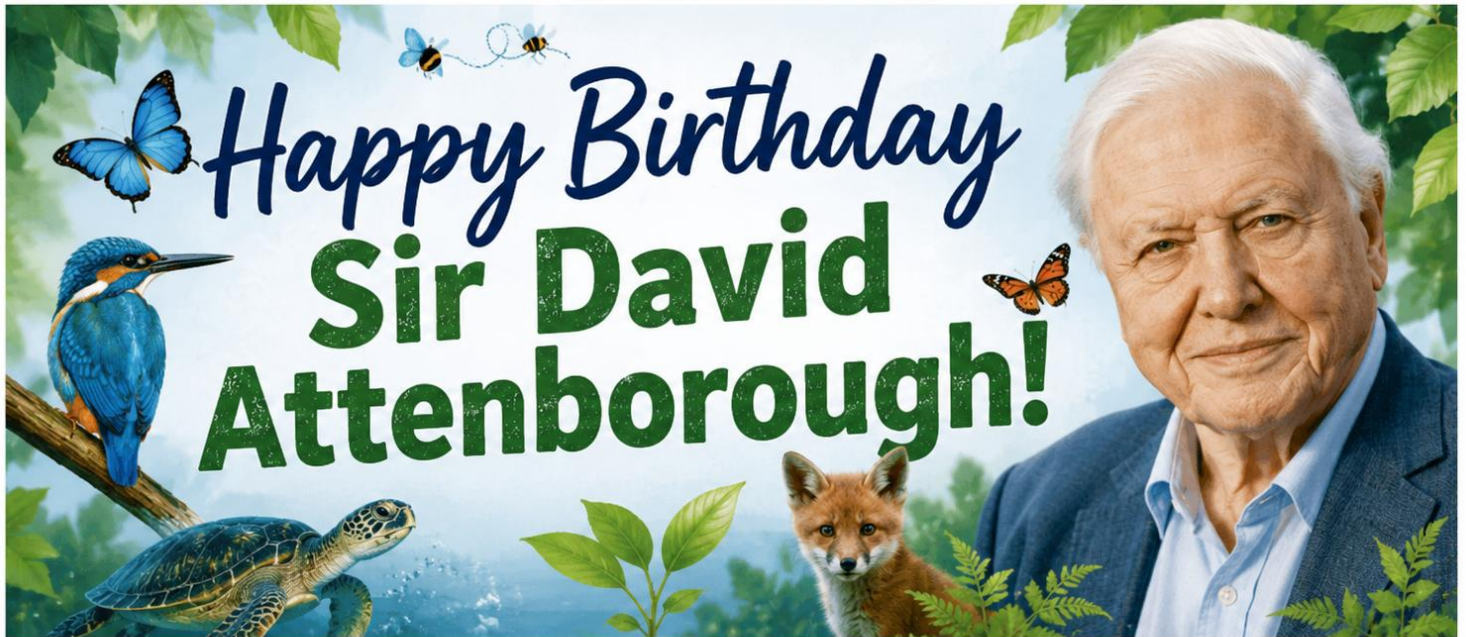


This half term, we are growing to be grateful for our own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and generous with our gift becoming men and women for others.



I try to start every day and end every day by taking a moment to be grateful.

Olivia Wilde – American actress and filmmaker



This week, we have been celebrating the birthday of **Sir David Attenborough!** The children have learnt about his incredible life, his love for our planet and the inspiring ways he encourages us all to care for the world around us. Happy Birthday Sir David! ❤️



Things to talk about..

TAKEHOME

4th - 10th May



Why do some people become so important to the world?



'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

This week we learnt that Sir David Attenborough, a famous naturalist and broadcaster, is celebrating his 100th birthday. For over 70 years, he has created and presented programmes that help people understand animals, nature, and the planet. His work has inspired millions of people to learn more about the world and take care of it. Many people are celebrating his life and the difference he has made.

Things you could talk about at home:

- What has David Attenborough done to help people understand the world?
- Do you think you have to be famous to make a difference? Why?

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Pope Leo XIV says...

X

X

X



“Have faith,”
Jesus tells us in
Jn 14:1. That is
the secret!

Big PENTECOST Walk

Our much-anticipated Big Lent Walk unfortunately had to be cancelled last half term due to the wet and windy weather conditions. However, we are delighted to announce that the event has now been rebranded as **The Big Pentecost Walk** and will take place at **1:15pm on Friday 22nd May**.

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 will walk together around Babbs Mill to continue raising money for CAFOD and their vital work supporting communities around the world with access to life-saving water and resources.

We would still love for family members to join us and walk alongside the children to help make this a special community event. If you would like to join us for the walk, please complete the Microsoft Form linked here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/V1bmr6J7km>

Scan the QR code to donate



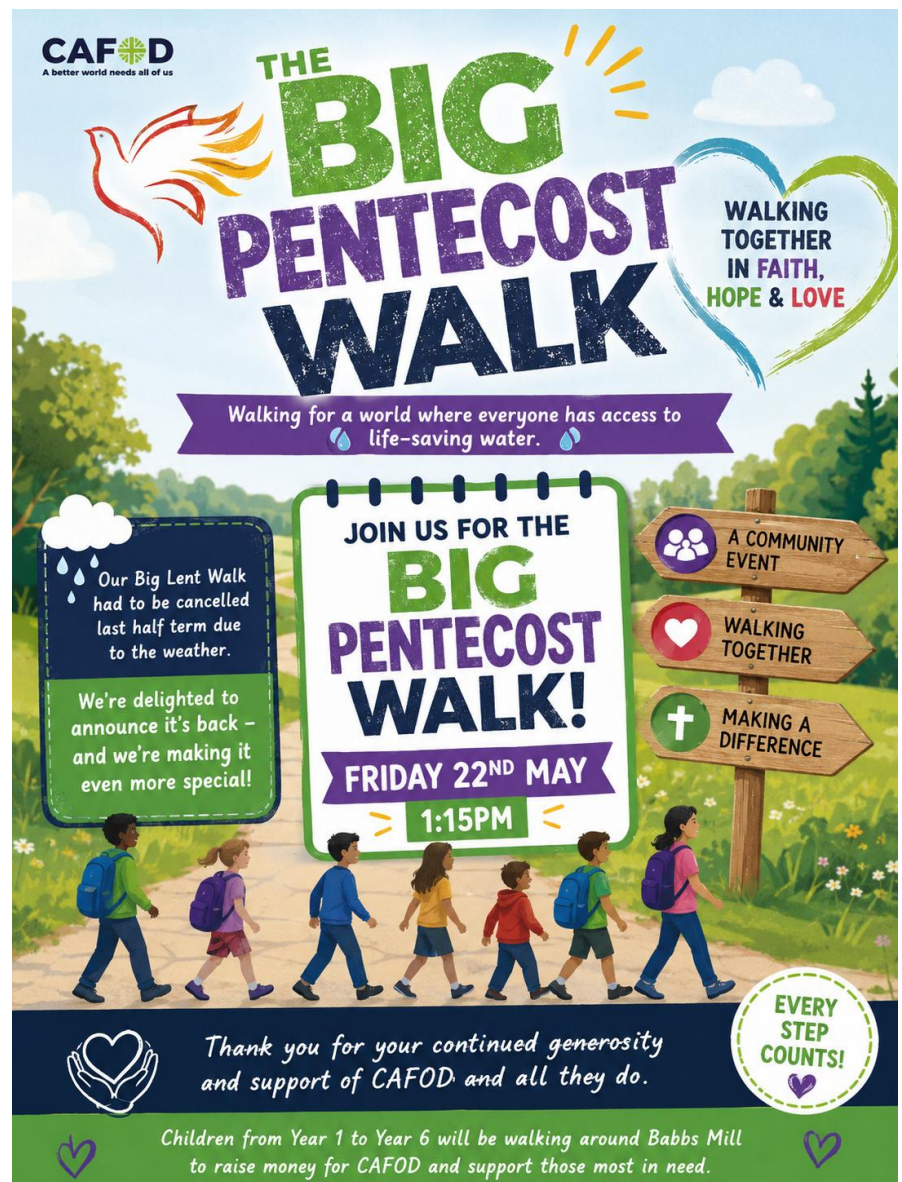
To make it easier to donate to this wonderful cause, we have set up a 'Justgiving' page which can be accessed from this link:

<https://donate.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-anthonys-fundraising-page2027/>

Simply replace the number in the box

with the number of pounds that you are able to donate.

Thank you once again for your continued generosity and support of this wonderful cause, helping our children live out their faith by supporting those most in need.



CAFOD
A better world needs all of us

THE BIG PENTECOST WALK

WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH, HOPE & LOVE

Walking for a world where everyone has access to life-saving water.

JOIN US FOR THE
BIG PENTECOST WALK!
FRIDAY 22ND MAY
1:15PM

A COMMUNITY EVENT
WALKING TOGETHER
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Our Big Lent Walk had to be cancelled last half term due to the weather.
We're delighted to announce it's back - and we're making it even more special!

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of CAFOD and all they do.

EVERY STEP COUNTS!

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be walking around Babbs Mill to raise money for CAFOD and support those most in need.

Catholic Life

Yesterday, our school community gathered together reverently for a beautiful May Procession planned and led by our wonderful Year 5 GIFT team and Miss Otis. Throughout the service, which began in church and finished in our prayer garden, the children honoured Mary with prayers, hymns and reflection, showing great respect and devotion.

It was especially lovely to see our Tiny Ants watching so quietly and reverently in their own handmade crowns, joining in this special celebration of Our Lady with such joy and wonder. We are also incredibly proud of our two Year 3 children, preparing for their First Holy Communion, who crowned Mary so beautifully and prayerfully at the end of the procession. Thank you to everyone who helped make the May Procession such a prayerful and memorable occasion for our school family.



A special thank you also goes to Miss Lilly's florist in Chelmsley Wood for creating the stunning crown for Mary.



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

'WOW' April results

We are still encouraging all pupils to aim to walk to school once a week in order to earn themselves a badge. If you live too far away, there is always the option to 'park and stride' – but please remember you should aim to walk for about 10 minutes.

The results this month were:



4 th place	Year 6 and Year 5	15 badges
3 rd place	Year 4	16 badges
2 nd place	Year 1 and Year 2	21 badges
1 st place	Reception and Year 3	19 badges

Get ready for Happy Shoesday! 🌟
On Tuesday 19 May 2026, pupils across the country will wear their brightest, boldest, happiest shoes to celebrate walking. 👟 In doing so we will raise funds for our school and for @LivingStreets campaigns for safer, more walkable streets.
#HappyShoesday #WalkToSchool #LivingStreets

Please ensure the shoes your child wears are safe and appropriate for school.

JOIN US ON:
Tuesday 19 May 2026
FOR
Happy SHOESDAY
£1 suggested donation
TO FUNDRAISE
Silly shoes are encouraged
#HappyShoesday

A vibrant yellow promotional poster for Happy Shoesday. It features a 'LIVING STREETS' logo, a cartoon foot character, and a starburst containing the text '£1 suggested donation'. A banner at the bottom right says '#HappyShoesday'. The central text reads 'JOIN US ON: Tuesday 19 May 2026 FOR Happy SHOESDAY'. A curved banner on the right says 'TO FUNDRAISE'. A small box at the bottom left says 'Silly shoes are encouraged'.

PTA



**LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS –
TODAY, FRIDAY 8TH MAY**

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

* Please pay for each child individually

* The 'family ticket' is for 3 or more siblings
in the same family.

Pupils in EYFS
and KS1 are
invited to wear
non-school
uniform on
Thursday 14th
May in
preparation for
the disco.

KS2 may wear
non-school
uniform on
Friday 15th May
to celebrate the
end of a busy
Year 6 SATs
week!

A £1 voluntary
donation would
be gratefully
received by our
hard-working
PTA.

Tiny Ants



This week Tiny Ants have been learning the nursery rhyme 'Mary, Mary Quite Contrary', we have made our own little maids all in a row adding facial features, hands and feet. The children made crowns for 'Mary' and joined in with the school procession in The Prayer Garden. Mrs Wedge helped us to work out how many children were in today using our 'mini me's'!



Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been remember VE day and have learnt that this is a day where we celebrate the end of World War II in Europe. We celebrated by creating Union Jack flags, talking about soldiers and having our own picnic with jam sandwiches.



This week we have also celebrated David Attenborough 100th Birthday and we have learnt all about his special job. To help celebrate this we created our own bird feeders and can't wait to observe which types of birds use them! When making these we spoke about how David Attenborough films and talks about animals as part of his job.

Nursery Places, September 2026



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



84office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk

We are accepting applications for **September 2026.**

Reception

This week, we celebrated Victory in Europe Day! The children compared objects used during the war with objects we use today and learnt about the brave animals that played an important role during the war. We made bunting, created animal prints, and enjoyed making and sharing jam sandwiches together. We also read 'Peace Lily', a story about a nurse who helped people during the war. The children wrote descriptive pieces about war and thought carefully about different people they could help in the world today. Our caterpillars have made cocoons this week! To celebrate David Attenborough's birthday, we watched a video explaining their life cycle, created a class caterpillar, and completed some beautiful artwork inspired by nature. In Maths, we have been exploring different arrangements of 10 using dice and singing the song 'Five Fat Sausages'.



Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been finishing our unit of fractions in Maths, and the children are excited to start learning how to tell the time when we begin our new topic next week. In English, we have now moved on to exploring books written by a different author, Julia Donaldson. We have explored different books, and we are excited to make our own potions relating to this and writing our instructions next week! In PE, the children are loving exploring both tennis and rugby, where we are learning key skills and exploring throwing and catching with a tennis ball compared to a rugby ball. 😊



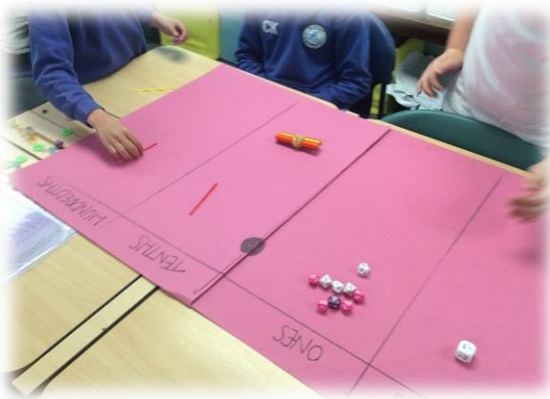
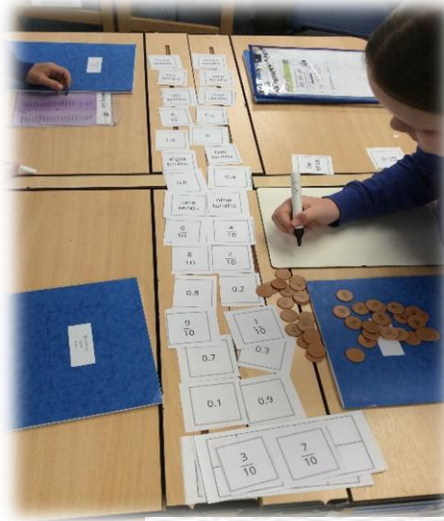
Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about the celebration of the Eucharist and the importance of listening to God's word through the priest whenever we go to Mass. We have enjoyed moving onto a new Maths topic looking at money. In English, we are looking at a new author 'Roald Dahl' and specifically focusing on the book *Fantastic Mr Fox*. We wrote our own descriptions of Mr Fox, Boggis, Bunce and Bean. In Computing, we enjoyed designing our own magazine articles!



Year 4

This week in Year 4, we continued to learn about tenths and hundredths in Maths. We matched up cards to make wholes and used counters too. We even used huge place value charts to get creative with our representations! In English, we have continued our myths unit with the stories of Daedalus and Icarus and Pandora's Box. We played a top trumps style game with mythical Greek creatures!



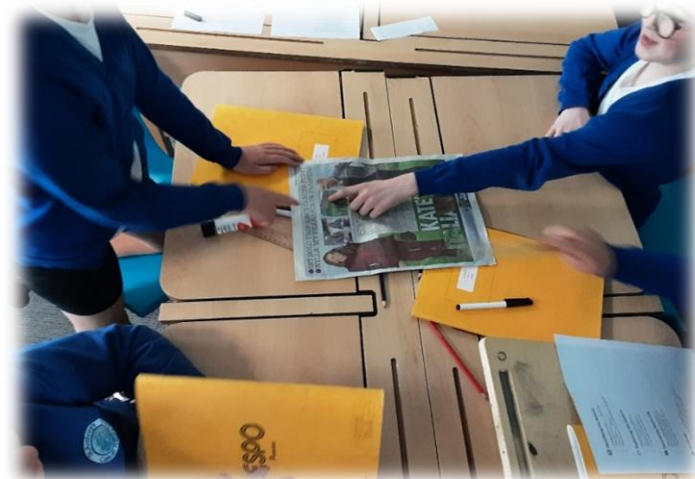
Year 5

We have had a lovely week this week in Year 5!

During RHE, we celebrated Sir David Attenborough turning 100. The children stepped into his shoes and created their own PowerPoints all about different animals, showcasing their research and presentation skills. To make the celebration even more special, we enjoyed some delicious chocolate birthday cake – thanks Miss Meek!

In English, we have been exploring newspaper articles in preparation for writing our own reports. Using our class text *Beowulf*, the children have been focusing on recounting a dramatic battle scene. They have worked incredibly hard to produce some truly terrifying and detailed reports of the fight.

Well done, Year 5 – keep up the fantastic work!



Year 6

As we approach what is one of the most important weeks in their time at school so far, Year 6 have continued to demonstrate fantastic attendance and we are excited for them to show off all that they have learnt in Key Stage 2 next week. Please ensure children arrive punctually and are in school EVERY day. Sausage sandwiches will be served from 8:15 – 8:30am in the hut for those that would like one 😊

YEAR 6 HOMEWORK

You've worked hard. Now it's time to relax, enjoy and feel confident!

We are now in the final few days before SATs and the most important thing this weekend is that you look after yourself, feel calm and spend time doing things that make you happy.

Please complete as many of these activities as you can and tick them off as you go.

- Read something you enjoy (a comic, magazine, book, instructions, football programme, recipe, leaflet or online article).
- Watch your favourite TV programme or film.
- Play a game with someone at home.
- Listen to your favourite music.
- Go for a walk outside or spend some time getting fresh air.
- Help make or prepare some food at home.
- Play football, dance, skip, ride a scooter/bike or do something active.
- Draw, colour or sketch something you like.
- Spend time on your favourite hobby or interest.
- Tidy or organise something to help someone at home.
- Rest and get a good night's sleep.
- Think about something you are proud of achieving this year.

★ If you would like to do some revision, you can - **BUT ONLY** for a maximum of **one hour** in total across the whole weekend.

Mrs Potter and Mr Flaherty are in charge of the worrying - you do not need to.
Every single one of you has worked incredibly hard and we are already so proud of you.

DON'T FORGET!
SATs Breakfast Club will run from 8:15am Mon - Thurs next week - hope to see you there!

ENJOY YOUR WEEKEND!

Attendance

Celebrating Attendance!

Our attendance raffle winners were:
Lia Maria, June, Amaia, Albie, Julia,
Jonah and James. We hope you
enjoy your sweet treat!



Celebrating Class and House Attendance!

Winning House: St. George

Winning Classes: Year 6



St David's

St George's

St Patrick's

GREAT JOB!

HOUSE



Online Safety for Parents and Carers

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and teachers with the information to make informed decisions about online safety with their children. We will keep the kit updated. This guide is one of our many resources available to help you protect your child's online safety. Please visit www.nos.org.uk for further guides, advice and signposts.

What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

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

WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments, pornography, and content that suggests self-harm or encourages or depicts violence, racism, self-harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 1% of their global turnover while their executives may even face jail time.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

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

MORE TRANSPARENCY

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

HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Search and influencer adverts must be labelled as sponsored, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

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

REPORTING AND FILTERING

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

AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

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

What this means for you

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

KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is drafting in response to the Online Safety Act. Now that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change, many of the elements will only come into force at the end of 2024. An Ofcom consultation on "protecting people from digital harm online" will be running until February 2024.

REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

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

WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

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

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

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

ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

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

Meet Our Expert

John Brennan is a digital safety specialist and the chair of responsibility for the UK's 113 Family Foundation. He is a regular speaker at conferences and writes for the UK's leading education and child protection journals and websites. He has also been named a national leader of the future by the National Education Trust and a national leader of the future by the National Education Trust.



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National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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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. 11th May 2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FOOD FESTIVAL by Asperns WEEK 2 Spring/Summer 2026 20/04/26, 11/05/26, 01/06/26, 22/06/26, 13/07/26, 03/08/26, 24/08/26, 14/09/26, 05/10/26	THE MAIN EVENT 	Beef Bolognese with Whole Grain Pasta C	Chinese Chicken Noodles C	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes and Gravy C	Chicken Paprika Wrap with Rice C	Fish Fingers and Chips B
	MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish	Cheddar & Tomato Pastry Tart with Wedges B	Chinese Vegetable Noodles B	Tomato & Lentil Layer Bake, Roast Potatoes, and Gravy B	Veggie Tortilla Wrap with Rice B	Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips B
	RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads	Cauliflower	Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Mixed Salad	Baked Beans and Peas
	BIG TOPPING Filled Jackets	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 	Lemon Shortbread Fingers B	Brookie (Brownie with Cookie Dough Chunks) A	Lemon Drizzle Cake and Custard B	Jammy Crumble Bar B	Chocolate Crispie Squares B

What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?

AVAILABLE DAILY
 DAILY SANDWICHES AVAILABLE
 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 **C**

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/3WV8e1s>

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 **phoneline** 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/4mDmVMO>



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/3LpD7Fe>



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

What's on in May?

Evergreen
Kingshurst



Timetable
May 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 – 09:00-14:00 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>Self-weigh baby clinic – 12:00-15:00 <i>Starting 11 May</i> Do you want to get your baby weighed but don't need to see a health visitor? Just pop in.</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 on the Family Helpline – 09:00-16:00 By calling 0121 788 4322 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 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>Family fun – 15:30-16:30 <i>Starting 5 May</i> 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>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>Chat and chat group – 14:00-16:00 Come along, make new friends over a cuppa. A friendly, local community group, always looking for new members. No booking required.</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>NOTICE Activities will not be running on Thursday 7 May as the Hub is being used as a polling station for the local elections. More information on voting can be found on the Council website (http://bit.ly/3Qvitzx).</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 <i>Term time only</i> Provision, creative arts, journaling courses available. Book through Solihull college.</p> <p>Kingshurst striders and strollers – 10:00-12:00 <i>Fortnightly – 14 and 28 May</i> A great way to meet new people whilst keeping active. Refreshments available at the Hub after the walk.</p> <p>Women's wellbeing Hub – 14:00-15:30 <i>Fortnightly – 14 and 28 May</i> A safe supportive and empowering place for women of all different ages living in the North of Solihull.</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/carers. No booking required, just come along and join in the fun. Sensory play also available.</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, plus CV and interview prep. To book, call Evergreen on 0121 779 1724.</p> <p>Baby explorers – 13:30-14:30 <i>Starting 8 May</i> Bring your baby along and join in with gentle sensory play, music, arts and crafts, perfect to spark early curiosity. Suitable for ages 0-12 months (pre-walkers). No booking required.</p>

Wellbeing and advice

Best Start in Life

Advice and support for your child's development, from pregnancy to childcare to starting school – beststartinlife.gov.uk

Health visiting

Text Chat Health on [0750 733 2563](tel:07507332563) between 09:00-16:00, Monday-Friday

Women's Aid

If you or someone you know needs support, call [0800 800 0028](tel:08008000028) between 09:15-17:15

Mental health support

Call the BSOL Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust on [0800 915 9292](tel:08009159292) 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?

Here2Help

Food, toiletries, fuel, money, and staying well, visit www.solihull.gov.uk/here2help

Stay and play area

Toys, books, and soft play

Sensory room

Available after 14:30 on Thursdays. To book, call [0121 779 1724](tel:01217791724)

Computers and private work pods

Internet and phone access

Community wardrobe

Free clothing

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

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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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Ward End Fire Station
July 19th 2026

11 am – 3 pm

Sensory time: 11 - 11:30



COME AND JOIN THE FUN!



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Washwood Heath Road, Ward End, Birmingham, B8

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
Thurs 14 th May	Whole school	PTA discos after school
Tues 19 th May	Whole school	'Happy Shoes-day'
Weds 20 th May	Whole School	Whole school Mass – Year 1 leading
Fri 22 nd May	Y1 – Y6	Re-scheduled Big Lent Walk from 1:15pm
Fri 22 nd May	Whole School	Break up for half term

HALF TERM HOLIDAY:

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th 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 celebration
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 11th 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 – Liliana – for being a loving friend who always brightens our classroom with their smile.

Year 1 – Aston – for showing resilience and determination in all areas and having a positive attitude.

Year 2 – Kiara-Belle – for being an absolute pleasure to teach and a credit to our Year 2 class! 😊

Year 3 – Milia – for having a fantastic week and coming into school with beaming energy and a huge smile 😊

Year 4 – Jacob-Jay – for working hard to do the right thing in lessons and tackling your work with great energy.

Year 5 – Harley – for showing up each day this week with positivity, compliments and a beautiful smile! 😊

Year 6 – Kai – for trying really hard to persevere in your learning and not give up!

