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Executive Head Teacher: Mr C. Flaherty

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



If you get more... you must give back.

Aditya Jha - Nepalese-Canadian businessman and philanthropist.

## Concentration Aids in School

We understand that **some** children may benefit from having something small to help them concentrate during lessons. However, squishies are no longer allowed in school. Unfortunately, they have led to a significant amount of upset and lost learning time due to items being lost, popped, damaged or traded between children — not to mention being incredibly messy and potentially dangerous when they do “pop”!

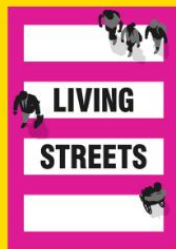
If parents / carers feel their child **genuinely** needs a concentration aid to support their learning, you may provide a **small** piece of Blu Tack for them to use discreetly in class. Please ensure it is sent in a named container or bag. Thank you for your support and understanding.



# 'Happy 'Shoes-day'

Get ready for Happy Shoesday! 🌟 On Tuesday 19th 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



**JOIN US ON:**

**Tuesday 19 May 2026**

**FOR**

**Happy  
SHOESDAY**

**TO FUNDRAISE**



**WOW** the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge



**WOW** the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge

£1  
suggested  
donation

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



**#HappyShoesday**

# Catholic Life

On Thursday each year group spent some time in Church and participated in a celebration of the word around the theme of the Ascension. This is a holy day of obligation in the Church and the children were all reflective and prayerful as they considered how they can be Jesus' hands and feet on earth and bring his light to others now that he is in heaven.

As part of their mission, children in Year 5 and 6 are attempting to pray the prayer to the Holy Spirit each day from now until Pentecost to complete their own novena.

## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be  
created.  
And you shall renew the face of the earth.  
Amen.



## Big **PENTECOST** Walk

Our BIG PENTECOST WALK takes place next Friday at 1:15pm.

Please read the next page of the newsletter for more detailed information, but if you would like to come and walk with your child (Years 1-6) **PLEASE COMPLETE THIS MICROSOFT FORM.**

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/V1bmr6J7km>

At the moment, we only have 5 children who have someone walking with them which is a huge decrease from last year's fantastic turnout.

Rescheduled CAFOD Big Lent Walk  
22.5.26



# 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



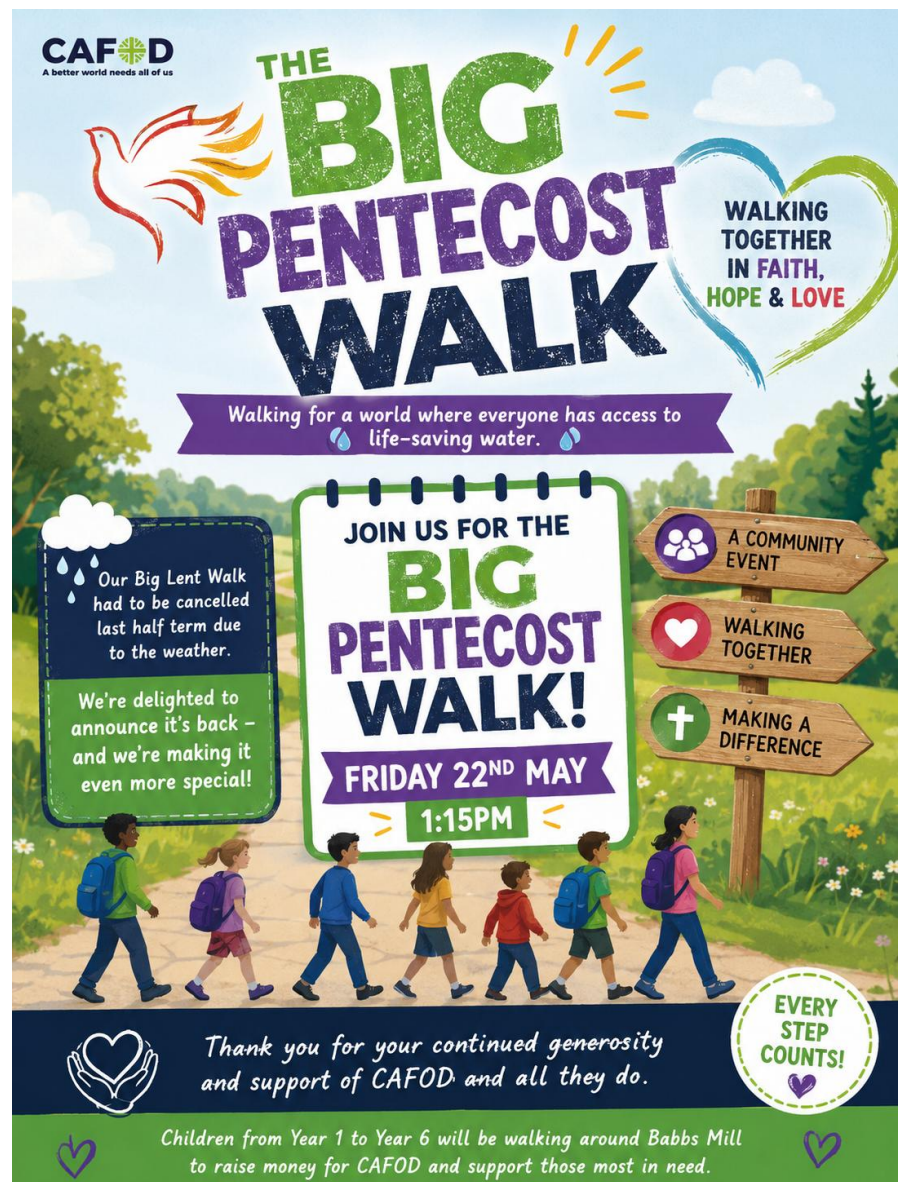
To make it easier to donate to this wonderful cause, we have set up a 'Justgiving' page which can be accessed from this link:

<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.



# St. Anthony's Church – 60<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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**

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

**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.*

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

# PTA discos

Thank you to our PTA for another fun-filled evening of discos and to our office staff for managing and co-ordinating ticket sales.



# Things to talk about..

## TAKEHOME



## 'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

This week we learnt that This week, countries from across Europe and beyond are currently taking part in the Eurovision Song Contest. Each country performs a song, and millions of people watch and vote for their favourites. The contest celebrates different styles of music, languages, and cultures from around the world.

### Things you could talk about at home:

- What kind of music do you enjoy most, and why?
- Does everyone in your house enjoy the same music?
- Why do you think people from different countries enjoy listening to music together?
- Do you believe competitions like Eurovision are fair? Why?

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## Pope Leo XIV says...

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Mary is the Mother of the whole Church. Everyone can turn to her with confidence; certain of being heard, protected, and loved.

# 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](mailto:office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk)

 [0121 770 3168](tel:01217703168)

 [84office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:84office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk)

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

# Nursery

This week in Nursery we have focused on the story of The Gingerbread Man. We have acted out the story using the animal masks as well as the animal figures whilst joining in with all the repeated phrases. With Ms. Riley, Nursery also loved following the instructions to bake their own gingerbread men to eat at snack time. Taking on the role of a baker, playing in the flour and making marks using a range of utensils also proved popular this week. In Maths we have been working hard on slow-touch counting buttons to match the correct numeral and numicon 0-5 on the giant gingerbread man.



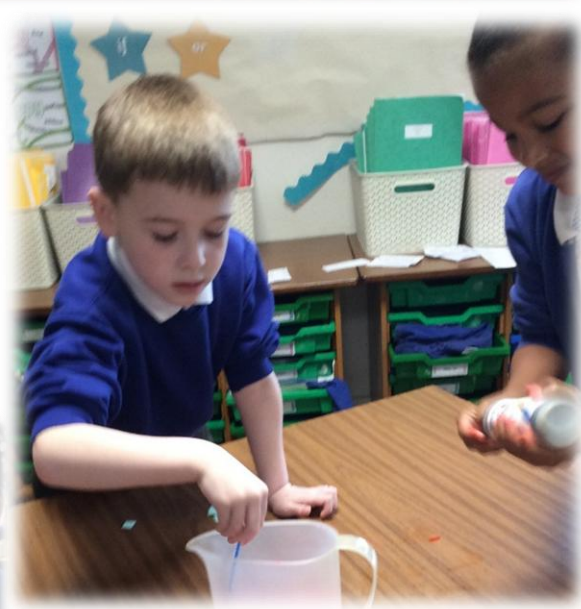
# Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been learning about the fractions 'half' and 'quarter'. We have been halving numbers and finding quarters of shapes and objects by folding and shading the fractions in different shapes. We also created pieces of art which show the meaning behind Easter, and the work that the children produced was fantastic! We also visited church for our celebration of the word all about the Ascension and the children contributed to this beautifully with their discussions.



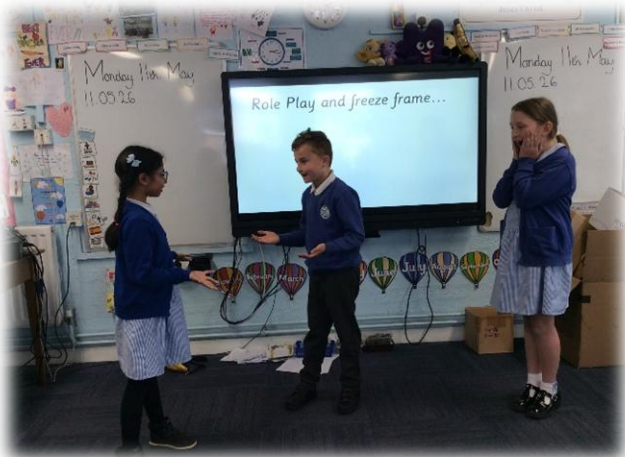
# Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been busy making potions so that we could write some instructions for others to follow. We have enjoyed making digital music in our computing lessons and playing it back to our friends. In maths, we have started our topic of time. This is a hard concept, so please try and support them with reading o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to times at home where possible. 😊



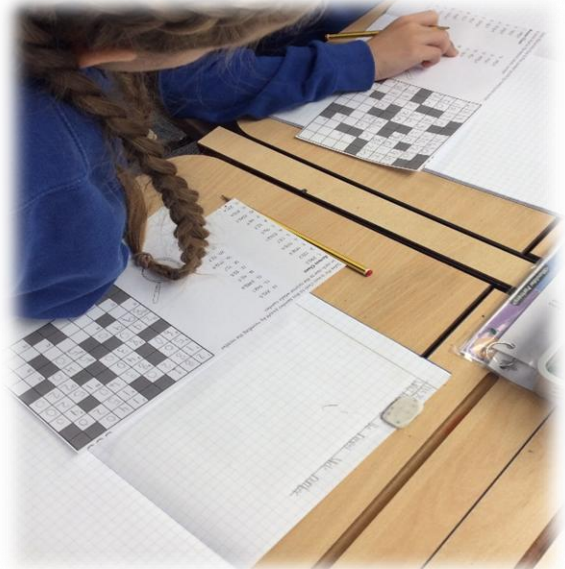
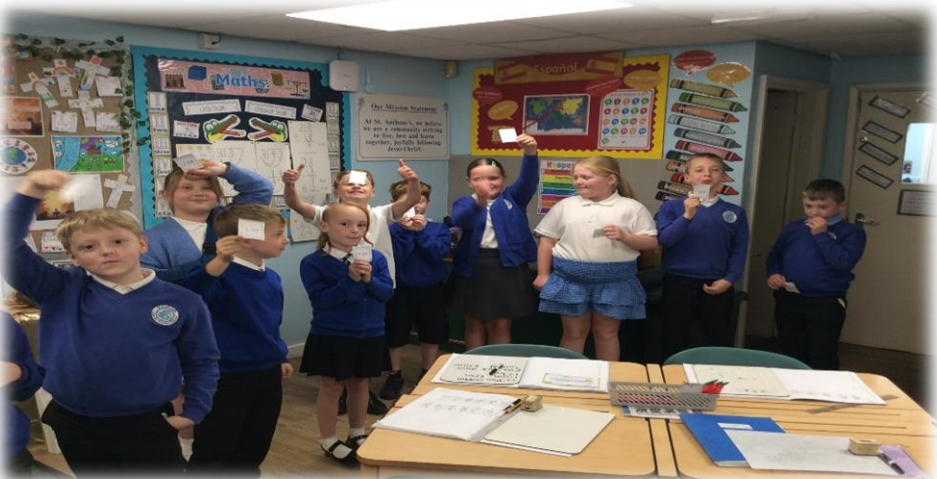
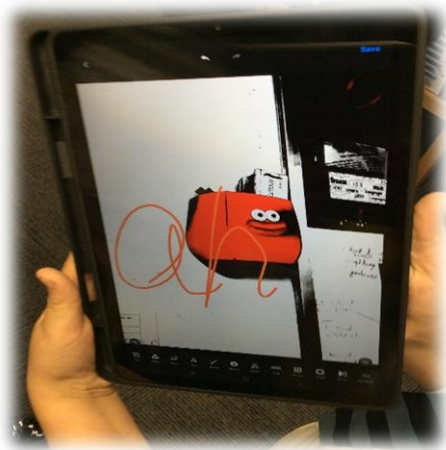
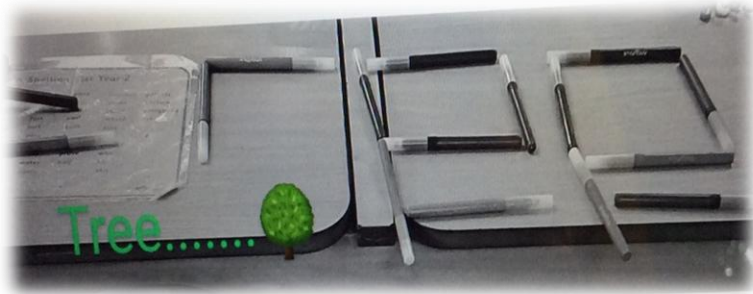
# Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed adding and subtracting money this week as well as calculating change. We began looking at the story of 'The Twits' in English and have planned our very own prank for them to play on each other! In RE we started looking at the story of Pentecost and here are our wonderful freeze frames...



# Year 4

We have been editing and filtering some photos in Computing and many fantastic creations have emerged: including some spooky ones! In Maths, we have come to the end of our decimals unit and did a 'rounding' crossword to consolidate our learning. It was a challenge but one that we tackled with enthusiasm! We also made a human number-line when ordering decimals.



# Year 5

Year 5 have had a fabulous week! We have been working really hard in maths, using protractors to measure all kinds of angles. We worked together as a team to calculate their size and even had the chance to write on the tables, which was very exciting!

In science, we have been exploring the life cycles of plants and insects. Nursery were very kind and let us investigate the stage of development their caterpillars are currently in. It was fascinating to see them formed into chrysalises.

Well done Year 5!

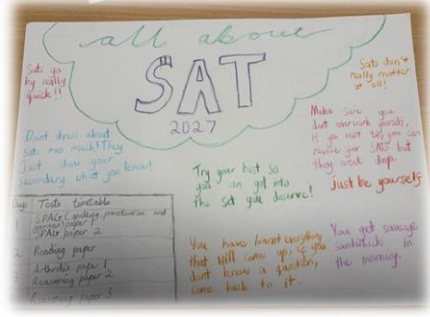
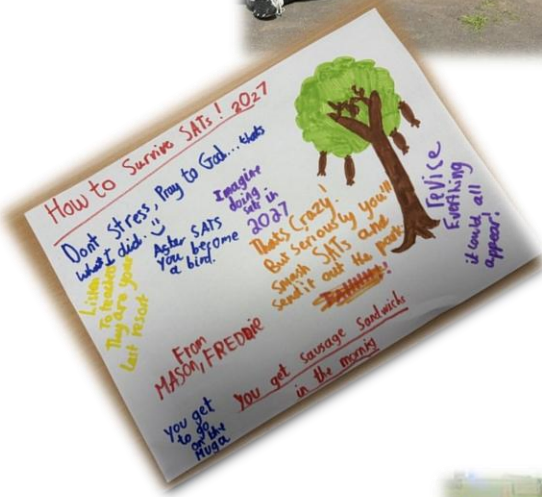


# Year 6

We did it!

Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils, who have not only survived SATs week but 'smashed' it! A HUGE thank you to Mr Dickenson, Miss Yates, Ms Riley and Miss Otis for their incredible help; but also to all of the other staff and pupils in school who were so flexible and supportive.

Our PTA disco was a great way to unwind last night and today the children have located the countries involved in the Eurovision song contest using atlases as well as beginning to plan their own fictional summer festival. Yesterday, the children made helpful guides for our Year 5 pupils around how to thrive in their SATs next year.



# Attendance

## Celebrating Attendance!

Our attendance raffle winners were:

Eli, Eoin, Amelia, Lincoln, Joseph,  
Rayne and Huey.

We hope you enjoy your sweet treat!



## Celebrating Class and House Attendance!

Winning House: St. George

Winning Classes: Reception



St David's

St George's

St Patrick's

GREAT JOB!

HOUSE



# 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. 18th May 2026

		LUNCHTIME				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>FOOD FESTIVAL</b> WEEK 3 Spring/Summer 2026 27/04/26, 28/05/26, 08/06/26, 29/06/26, 20/07/26, 10/08/26, 31/08/26, 21/09/26, 12/10/26	<b>MAIN EVENT</b>	Hunters Chicken and New Potatoes	Sausage and Mash	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Fish Fingers and Chips
	<b>MEAT-FREE MAGIC</b>	Ratatouille and New Potatoes	Veggie Sausage and Mash	Med Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes with Gravy	Veggie Whole Grain Pasta Bolognese	Vegetable Fingers with Chips
	<b>RAINBOW ALLEY</b>	Sweetcorn	Peas	Carrots	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans and Peas
	<b>BIG TOPPING</b>	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
	<b>DESSERT TROLLEY</b>	Vanilla Shortbread	Old School Sprinkle Sponge with Custard	Sweet Potato Brownie	Flapjack	Banana Cookie
	<b>What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?</b>	A	B	C	D	E

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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



# Why only put water in school bottles?

## A healthier choice for growing smiles

### Smile Month



50 Years Celebrating Smiles

11th May -  
11th June 2026

### 1



#### Protects Teeth

Water does not contain sugar or acid, so it won't contribute to tooth decay. Juice—even "natural" juice—can wear down enamel and lead to cavities.

### 3

#### Keeps kids properly hydrated

Water hydrates the body more effectively without any extra ingredients. It helps concentration, energy levels, and overall brain function during school.



### 2



#### Lower sugar intake

Juice often contains a lot of natural (and sometimes added sugar) Drinking it regularly can increase the risk of weight gain and energy crashes. Water has zero sugar.

### 4



**Water is much cheaper than juice** and is easily available from taps or fountains, making it a more practical everyday choice.

### 5



#### Encourages healthy habits early

Choosing water helps children build lifelong healthy drinking habits, making them less dependent on sugary drinks as they grow older.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:elmwood@solihull.gov.uk)  
0121 779 1700

#### Evergreen (Kingshurst)

42 Kingshurst Way, B37 6DX  
[evergreen@colebridge.org](mailto:evergreen@colebridge.org)  
0121 779 1724

#### Hatchford Brook (Elmdon)

Old Lodge Lane, B92 8JE  
[hatchfordbrook@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:hatchfordbrook@solihull.gov.uk)  
0121 704 6943

#### Riverside (Chelmsley Wood)

289 Bosworth Drive, B37 5DP  
[riverside@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:riverside@solihull.gov.uk)  
0121 779 1750

#### Outreach

Meriden Primary School  
Flitingley Road, CV7 7LW  
Shirley Heath Junior School  
Coombe Road, B90 3DS

[solihullfamilyhubs](http://solihullfamilyhubs)



[www.solihull.gov.uk/solihull-family-hubs](http://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/4ovV4RN>



### 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](mailto: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](http://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



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><b>Employment, training and digital skills support – 09:00-14:00</b> Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. Drop in or call <a href="tel:01217791724">0121 779 1724</a> to book an appointment.</p> <p><b>Stay and play – 10:00-11:30</b> 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><b>Self-weigh baby clinic – 12:00-15:00</b> <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><b>Baby group – 13:00-14:30</b> 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><b>Family fun – 15:30-16:30</b> 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><b>Health Visitor clinic – 09:00-14:00</b> Booked appointments for parents and their babies and children with the Health Visiting team. Book by speaking to your Health Visitor.</p> <p><b>Family Support Team are available on the Family Helpline – 09:00-16:00</b> By calling <a href="tel:01217884322">0121 788 4322</a> for parenting, family guidance, and signposting to local services, as well as advice regarding behaviour and social development.</p> <p><b>Adult craft and chat – 10:00-11:30</b> 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><b>Family fun – 15:30-16:30</b> <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><b>Employment, training and digital skills support – 09:00-16:00</b> Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. Drop in or call <a href="tel:01217791724">0121 779 1724</a> to book an appointment.</p> <p><b>Chat and chat group – 14:00-16:00</b> Come along, make new friends over a cuppa. A friendly, local community group, always looking for new members. No booking required.</p> <p><b>Cartoon club – 15:30-16:30</b> Suitable for ages 4-12 years to come together to enjoy their favourite cartoons. No booking required, just drop-in!</p>	<p><b>NOTICE</b> Activities will not be running on <b>Thursday 7 May</b> as the Hub is being used as a polling station for the local elections. More information on voting can be found on the <a href="http://bit.ly/3Qvitzx">Council website (http://bit.ly/3Qvitzx)</a>.</p> <p><b>Health Visitor clinic – 09:00-14:00</b> Booked appointments for parents and their babies and children with the Health Visiting team. Book by speaking to your Health Visitor.</p> <p><b>Solihull College – 09:30-14:00</b> <i>Term time only</i> Provision, creative arts, journaling courses available. Book through Solihull college.</p> <p><b>Kingshurst striders and strollers – 10:00-12:00</b> <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><b>Women's wellbeing Hub – 14:00-15:30</b> <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><b>Digital divide – 09:00-15:30</b> Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. Drop in or call <a href="tel:01217791724">0121 779 1724</a> to book an appointment. Help also with phone and computer skills.</p> <p><b>Midwifery team – 09:30-15:30</b> Community midwives that provide maternity care outside of a hospital setting.</p> <p><b>Stay and play – 10:00-11:30</b> 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><b>Computer group – 13:30-14:30</b> 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 <a href="tel:01217791724">0121 779 1724</a>.</p> <p><b>Baby explorers – 13:30-14:30</b> <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](http://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](http://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)

Family Hubs | [solihull.gov.uk](http://solihull.gov.uk) Solihull Family Hubs [evergreen@colebridge.org](mailto: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>

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Dr 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 OUG

 **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.

# 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

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# OPEN DAY

COME AND MEET YOUR LOCAL  
FIREFIGHTERS AND SEE OUR FIRE ENGINES!



**Ward End Fire Station**  
**July 19<sup>th</sup> 2026**

11 am – 3 pm

**Sensory time: 11 - 11:30**



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Washwood Heath Road, Ward End, Birmingham, B8



# Diary Dates



## Summer Term 2026

Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole school	'Happy Shoes-day'
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School	Whole school Mass – Year 1 leading
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y1 – Y6	Re-scheduled Big Lent Walk from 1:15pm
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Whole School	Break up for half term
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY:</b> Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026		
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4	Multiplication Check to be completed
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6	Confirmation Retreat Day for pupils at St. Anthony's
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3	First Holy Communion 11am
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1	Phonics screening check to be completed
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole school	Class photographs
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole school	St. Anthony's Church 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6	Alton Castle Residential
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3	Trip to Dudley Zoo
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Year 6	Trip to Drayton Manor
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> Jul	EYFS	Sports Day am
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Y1 – Y6	Sports Day am
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6	Leavers' Mass
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6	PTA Leavers' event after school
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school	Last day in school for pupils

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Spring	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Summer	13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	25 <sup>th</sup> May - 29 <sup>th</sup> May	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

*Inset days: 1<sup>st</sup> September, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 20<sup>th</sup> July*

## P.E Days

Week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – if your child has PE on Tuesday, please ensure the shoes that they wear for ‘Happy Shoes-day’ are suitable for PE.

Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Monday and **Tuesday**

Year 2 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 3 – Tuesday (swimming) and PE **Wednesday**

Year 4 – Wednesday and Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 – Monday and Tuesday



Please remember that earrings **MUST NOT** be worn on PE days.

# Head Teacher's Awards



# Congratulations!

**Reception** – Hanna – for being a thoughtful and caring friend to everyone.

**Year 1** – Thyanna – for having such a positive first week in Year 1, you are a great addition to our class family.

**Year 2** – Frankie – for being a joy to have in Year 2. You are wonderfully committed to your learning and shine like Jesus everyday 😊

**Year 3** – Fabian – for being such joyful energy to the classroom with your enthusiasm and bright spirit 😊

**Year 4** - Lucas – for his warm and imaginative sense of humour. Your personality brings lots of joy to Year 4!

**Year 5** – Rosie – for persevering and always trying your very best, even when things are challenging.

**Year 6** – Freya – for being an incredible role-model: hardworking, a great friend and a valued member of Year 6.

