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St Anthony's Catholic Primary School,
Fordbridge Road,
Kingshurst,
Birmingham,
B37 6LW.

Friday 22nd May



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.



True generosity is an offering; given freely and out of pure love.

Shakira - Colombian singer-songwriter

Thank you to everyone who was able to come on our 'Big Pentecost Walk' today. The weather was beautiful and it was a joyous way to end our half term. The children did so well walking in the heat and would be so incredibly grateful if you could reward their hard work by donating whatever you can to CAFOD via the 'Justgiving' page that we have set up: <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. Every £1 donated makes a huge difference.

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.

JustGiving Page



CAFOD
A better world needs all of us

WE DID IT!

THANK YOU for being part of our Big Lent Walk!

Now, please help us **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**
Your donation will help CAFOD support communities around the world with life-saving water and hope. Every gift, big or small, makes a real difference.

PLEASE DONATE **TODAY**
Every pound brings hope.

DONATE HERE:
<https://donate.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-anthonys-fundraising-page20271>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS!

Together, we are building a better world for all.

Celebrating Success



Thank you Mr Flaherty for allowing us to wear our sports kits to school today to celebrate Aston Villa's triumph in Europe!



Celebrating Success

Made memories we will never forget!



Kingshurst Art Project

Twelve of our Y5/6 children enjoyed taking part in a special community art experience this week, working alongside pupils from other local schools.

During the workshop, the children experimented with different creative techniques and contributed ideas towards a collaborative piece of artwork celebrating the local area.

They were encouraged to think about what makes Kingshurst special to them, producing drawings inspired by places and landmarks that are important in their everyday lives.

Their artwork will now help inspire a larger display piece, led by local artist Aaron, which will be showcased within the community.



Catholic Life



Thank you Year 1 for leading us in such a beautiful Mass reflecting on the Divine Mercy on Wednesday. You sang and read beautifully!

We need you!

We have two very exciting Saturdays coming up at St. Anthony's.

On 6th June at 11am we have our First Holy Communion Celebration. Thank you to those children who have kindly volunteered to come and sing in the choir but it isn't too late for anyone else who wants to join – please see Miss Bolter or Mrs Potter to get a letter!

SAVE THE DATE: On 13th June we have our parish 60th anniversary celebration and Bishop Timothy will be coming to lead a special Mass for us at 1pm. We will be looking for children to sing in the choir and represent out school at this special occasion. Mrs Potter will be handing out letters after half term.



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**

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
FOR THE ATTENTION OF ANNA POTTER

Things to talk about..

TAKEHOME

18th -
24th May



Do we learn
more from
winning or
losing?



'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

This week we learnt that Last weekend, football teams Manchester City and Chelsea competed in the Men's FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium. The FA (Football Association) Cup is one of the oldest football competitions in the world, with teams from across England and Wales taking part each year. Millions of people watched the match, supporting their teams and hoping to see them win the famous trophy. For the players, reaching the final is a huge achievement after months of hard work.

Things you could talk about at home:

- Talk together about how you believe we should behave when you lose.

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Pope Leo XIV says...

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In these days leading to Pentecost, we pray that the Holy Spirit will grant us the gift of #ChristianUnity, bestow upon us enduring peace, and renew the face of the earth.

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](tel:01217703168)

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

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

PTA



Follow us on
Instagram!

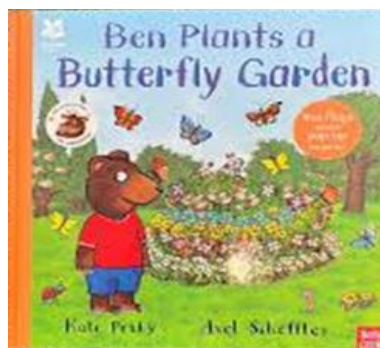
@stanthonys.pta

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



Tiny Ants

This week, Tiny Ants have been reading the story 'Ben Plants a Butterfly Garden'. They have been matching butterflies with their friends, painting symmetrical butterflies, watching the butterflies flying around in their net, finding different minibeasts on their clip boards, making perfumes and potions with lavender, basil, thyme and mint, sharing our story of the week with friends and finally releasing our butterflies in the prayer garden with our Nursery friends!



Nursery

This week in Nursery we have focused on the story *Little Red Riding Hood*. We have acted out the story using costumes and puppets and have loved taking on the role of different characters. Nursery have also worked hard on matching the amount of currant buns to the numerals and numicon 1-5 on Little Red Riding Hood's basket.



Nursery were also very excited to observe all five of our cocoons transforming into beautiful butterflies. Nursery have loved observing this life cycle and couldn't wait to release the butterflies into our prayer garden!



Reception

What a busy week in Reception!

We have explored co-operation and sharing through our drawing club story 'Stone Soup' and made our own class soup together. In Maths, we have investigated capacity with our Maths magician who needed help sorting out his mixed-up potions.



As we approach Pentecost, our role play became the Upper Room, where Jesus's disciples gathered and we made Holy Spirit crowns to remember Jesus's special helper.

We also released our butterflies after watching them grow from caterpillars. Some children were sad to see them go, but we know they'll visit our playground again soon!



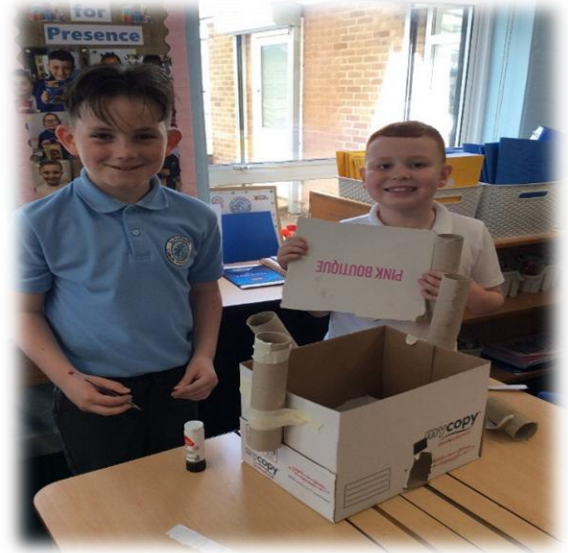
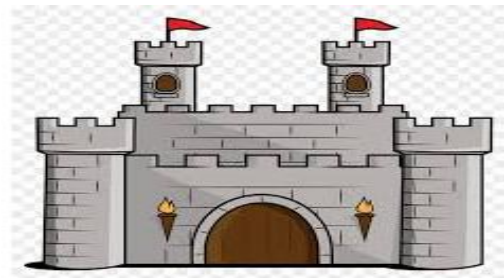
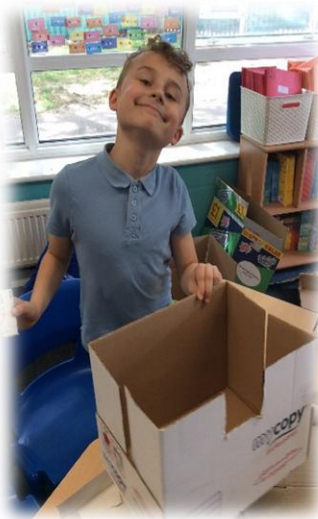
Year 1

This week in Year 1, we had the pleasure of leading Whole School Mass, and the children were fantastic at reading and singing and made the rest of the school very proud. We have also enjoyed taking part in new Kagan tasks in History where children had to tell their partner where they think the type of transport shown is used and their reasoning behind this decision, the children were brilliant at explaining their thoughts to their partners. We have also continued learning about how to find a quarter of an amount in Maths using counters and bar models. The children also made their very own Tree of Life using paper as part of our Art unit and the results were fantastic!



Year 3

Year 3 had a wonderful half term! It is lovely to look back and reflect on how much they have all matured and flourished. They've been making their teachers extremely proud with all their hard work and resilience. Here are the castles we made in this week in DT 😊



Year 4

We have enjoyed some new visitors in Year 4 this week – our teddies came to join us! We labelled them with price tags in a 'Teddy Shop' and estimated the amounts of the teddies on our tables. This helped us think about how we use money in real life while developing our rounding skills.



We also finished off our 'Fabric of Nature' topic by painting our creations and planted seeds in small groups to show how we can take care of the world.

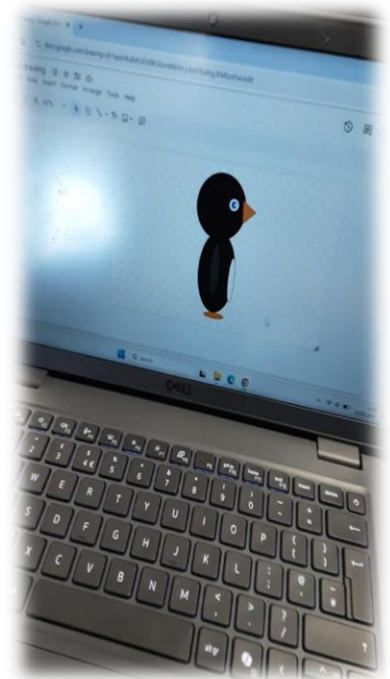
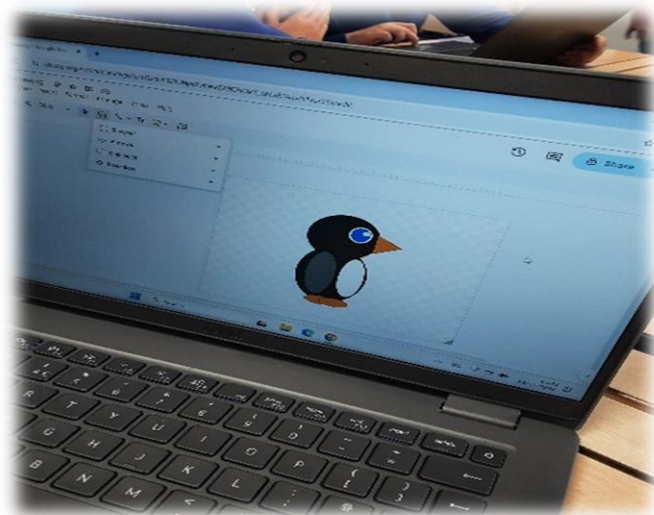


Year 5

This week, Year 5 have had a fabulous time. In Music, we have been exploring music from South Africa. The children learnt how to play chords on the glockenspiel and enjoyed singing along to the South African song Shosholoza.

We have made some amazing digital photos of penguins as part of our computing topic on vector drawings!

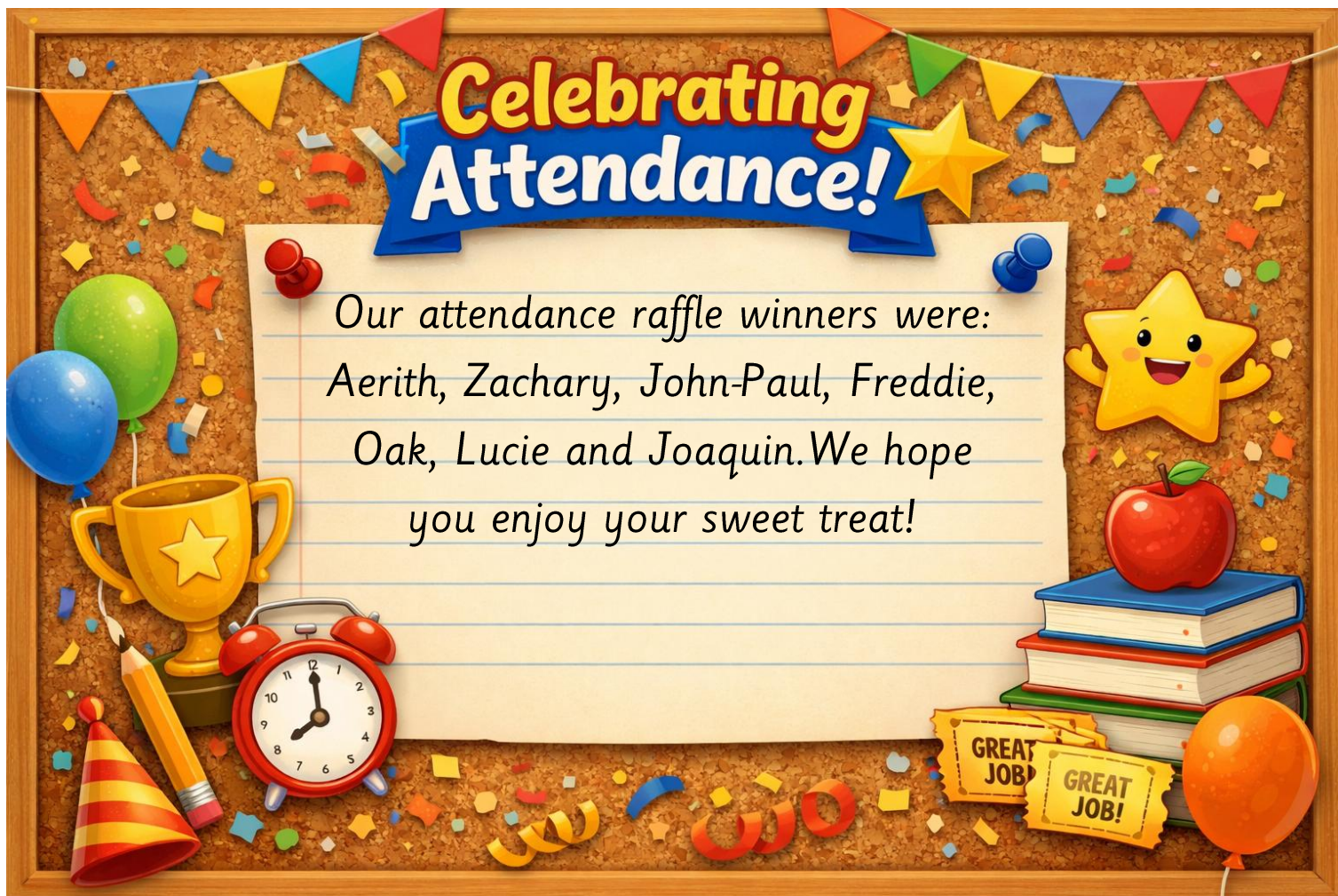
Well done Year 5, have a fabulous half term!



Attendance

Celebrating Attendance!

Our attendance raffle winners were:
Aerith, Zachary, John-Paul, Freddie,
Oak, Lucie and Joaquin. We hope
you enjoy your sweet treat!



Celebrating Class and House Attendance!

Winning House: St. Andrew

Winning Classes: Y6, Y5 and 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. 1st June 2026

| | | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| FOOD FESTIVAL <small>by Leppings</small> 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 E | 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 <small>Veggie Dish</small> | 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 <small>Vegetables and Salads</small> | Cauliflower | Sweetcorn | Carrots and Cabbage | Mixed Salad | Baked Beans and Peas |
| | BIG TOPPING <small>Filled Jackets</small> | 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? A Very Low B Low C Medium D High E Very High | 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/>



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
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?

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>

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/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>



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



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 <i>Thursday 7 May</i> 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](http://42KingshurstWay,Solihull,B376DX)

Family Hubs | solihull.gov.uk Solihull Family Hubs evergreen@colebridge.org 0121 779 1724

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 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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Ward End Fire Station
July 19th 2026

11 am – 3 pm

Sensory time: 11 - 11:30



Ufity Hubb



Washwood Heath Road, Ward End, Birmingham, B8



Diary Dates



Summer Term 2026

| | | |
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| Fri 22 nd 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 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 20 th 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 1st June

Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Monday and Wednesday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 3 – Swimming Tuesday, PE Friday

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 – Eli – for enthusiasm in all areas of his learning and always encouraging others.

Year 1 – June – for lighting up our Year 1 classroom everyday with your wonderful smile and positive energy.

Year 2 – Erin – for being a kind friend and a fantastic role model to everyone around her. We are lucky to have you in our class! 😊

Year 3 – Riley – for being kind, caring and thoughtful, always using your manners and considering others 😊

Year 4 – Subhan – for modelling beautiful behaviour and manners inside and outside of school. Your kindness always shines through! ★

Year 5 – Harlow – for always being a pleasure to teach, your attitude, kindness and dedication make a difference every day!

Year 6 – Huey – for being a joy to teach, a great friend and a fantastic example to others in everything you do 😊

