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St Anthony's Catholic Primary School,
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Headteacher: Mr C. Flaherty

Friday 11th September 2026

This half term we are growing to be **compassionate**
towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and
loving by their just actions and forgiving words.



I think one of the best words in the English language is 'compassion.' I think it holds everything. It holds love, it holds care.

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.



Things to talk about..

TAKEHOME



What keeps us going when things get tough?



'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

This week we learnt that between 2nd and 6th September, more than 100 of the world's best cyclists competed in the Tour of Britain Men. In the men's event, the cyclists cover nearly 900 kilometres, tackling steep hills and challenging conditions along the way. Thousands have been gathering along the route to watch and cheer the riders on.

Things you could talk about at home:

- Can you think of a time when something felt difficult, but you kept going?
- What helped you to persevere?
- Who encourages you when you face a challenge?

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Pope Leo XIV says...

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Without faith, each person might feel alone and become suspicious of others. But we are brothers and sisters who can live in harmony: meeting one another, forgiving one another and listening to one another.

Tiny Ants Places, September 2026



APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

2-YEAR OLD PLACES 2026

At St Anthony's Tiny Ants, children flourish in a warm, nurturing Catholic environment where every child is known, valued and encouraged to achieve their best. Our **Outstanding** Early Years provision provides children with the very best start to their educational journey.

Our experienced Early Years team creates exciting learning opportunities that develop confidence, independence, communication skills and a love of learning, ensuring children are fully prepared for Reception and beyond.

EVERY DAY IS AN OPEN DAY!

Please contact us to organise a visit.



SCAN ME



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



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WHY CHOOSE TINY ANTS?



Outstanding Early Years Provision (Ofsted 2022)



Caring **Catholic** ethos rooted in Gospel values



Strong focus on **communication, language** and **early reading**.



Excellent preparation for Reception and future learning



Experienced and nurturing staff team



FUNDING AVAILABLE



Funded places for eligible 2-year-olds



30 hour funding for eligible working families



The staff helped our child grow in confidence and independence. We couldn't have wished for a better start to school life.



My teacher helps me learn new things every day.



I love playing outside with my friends!



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Nursery Places, September 2026



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NURSERY PLACES 2026



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Nursery Places, September 2026

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- ☀️ **Outstanding** Early Years Provision (Ofsted 2022)
- ✓ Caring **Catholic** ethos rooted in Gospel values
- ✓ Strong focus on **communication, language** and **early reading**.
- ✓ Excellent preparation for Reception and future learning
- ✓ Experienced and nurturing staff team
- ✓ Seamless transition into our Reception class



FUNDING AVAILABLE

- ✓ Funded places for eligible 2-year-olds
- ✓ Universal 15 hours funding for all 3 and 4-year-olds
- ✓ 30 hour funding for eligible working families
- ✓ Full wraparound care available



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“My teacher helps me learn new things every day.”

“I love playing outside with my friends!”



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Summer Uniform

Summer uniform can be worn until October. Winter uniform can also be worn.

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*

Jeans for Genes day

– Friday 18th September

Children are invited to wear jeans to school on Friday 18th September, in support of the 1 in 25 children who have a genetic condition. A donation of £1 would be greatly appreciated.

Children should wear their white shirt / polo shirt and cardigan or jumper as usual.

*Pupils in
Year 6,
Year 4 and
Reception
should bring in a
pair of plain
black leggings,
jogging bottoms
or shorts to
change into for
their PE lesson
and may wear
their PE t-shirt
and hoodie.*



Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning our friends' and teachers' names. We have also had fun exploring and playing in our new classroom. This has included playing with the sea creatures in the water tray, making sandcastles, drawing, painting, building with blocks and making creations with playdough.



We are also working hard at being able to say 'Good morning' in response to our names for the morning register.



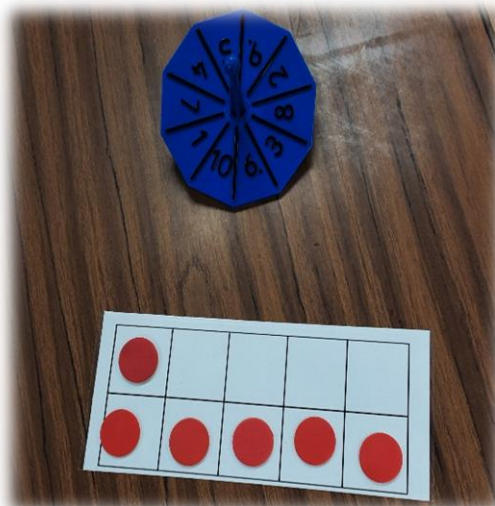
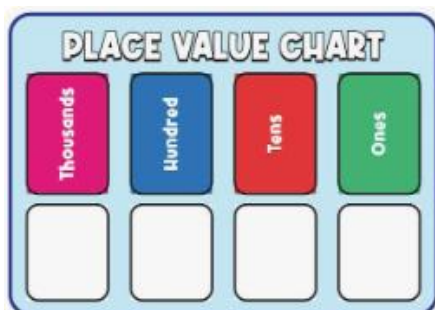
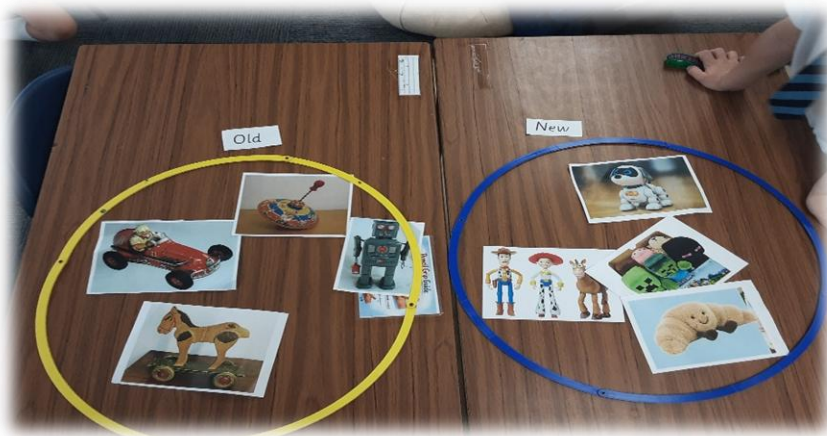
Reception

In RE, we have been learning some new prayers and practising how to make the Sign of the Cross. The children enjoyed singing our Sign of the Cross song with actions, practising with their Kagan partners and even playing a game of Simon Says! We then held our first pupil-led prayer and liturgy, where the children were able to lead parts of our prayer time together. As part of our learning, the children used paint, collage and different mark-making materials to create some beautiful crosses. We talked about how making the Sign of the Cross helps to prepare us for a conversation with God. We have also been playing lots of games during phonics this week and learning our new sounds with the help of some familiar friends – Fred the Frog, Bertha the Bus and Metal Mike the Robot! Our class story this week was 'People Need People'. We talked about the special people in our families and the wider community and discussed why people are important to us. The children then created some beautiful drawings of the special people in their lives. Another lovely week of learning, praying, playing and growing together in Reception!

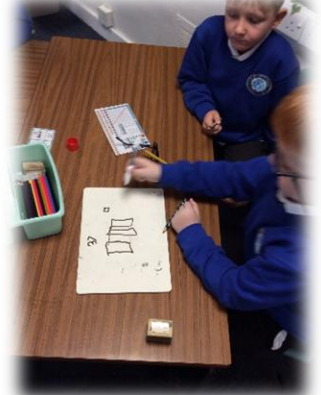
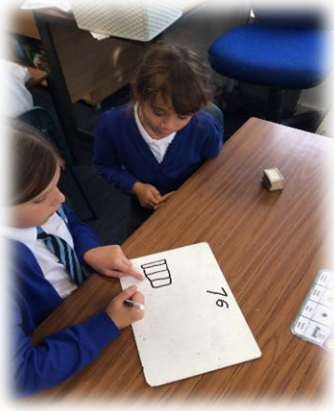


Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy week! We have been looking at the Artist Paul Klee and how he produced his work. We found out that Paul Klee often played the violin before beginning his artwork for inspiration; so, to inspire us, we also listened to music before we drew. We have begun our new topic in history this week, 'Toys Over Time' and have explored different types of toys. We enjoyed looking at various pictures of toys and sorting them into old and new. We have been working on place value to 10 in maths this week which has required us to represent numbers to 10 and count objects from a larger group.

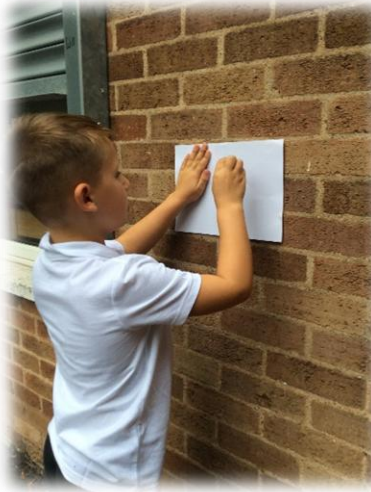


Year 2



Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the new school year! We have been incredibly busy and have already enjoyed lots of exciting lessons.

In Maths, we worked with a partner and took turns coaching and supporting each other to represent numbers using base 10. It was amazing to see the children working so collaboratively and confidently.



In Art, we had lots of fun exploring different textures during our texture scavenger hunt. We searched outside for interesting textures and created rubbings to capture what we found.

We have also started our new History topic, The Great Fire of London. Miss Doherty has been impressed by how enthusiastic and eager the children have been to learn about it.

Well done, Year 2, on such a brilliant start! We are looking forward to an amazing year!

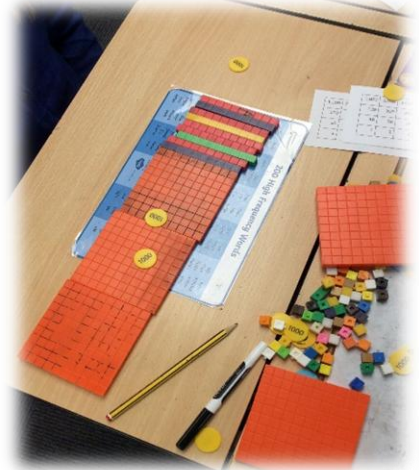
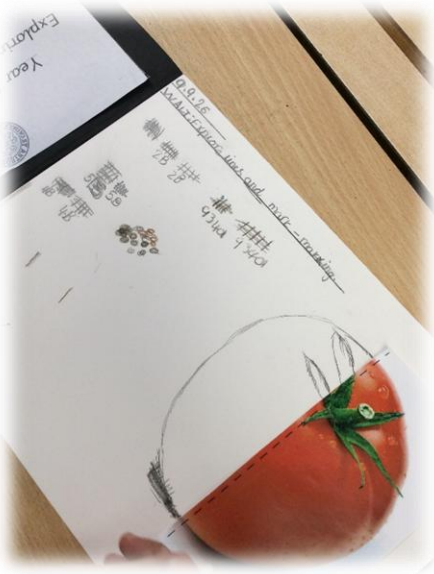
Year 3

It's been a great week for collaborative learning in Year 3. The children have worked **FANTASICALLY** in RE lessons to memorise key knowledge statements and recite them with actions before writing them down. In English, we have been looking at 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk'. After completing a 'quiz, quiz, trade' to learn about the features of letters, the children have written their own, linking what happened in the story to Catholic Social Teaching. In Spanish we completed a 'find someone who' to translate greetings, and in maths we have been partitioning numbers to 100 in different ways. What a busy week!



Year 4

We've had a blast settling back into the school year, with so much going on! We revised place value all the way up to 10,000, using our base 10 blocks and counters to help; and created cathedral inspired artworks to celebrate Adoremus. We then practiced our mark-making skills, using cross hatching and shading.



PTA



Price increase September 2026

Over recent years we have ensured that our Nursery (chargeable sessions), Tiny Ants and Mighty Ants before and after school child care have remained the same price.

However, with the large increases in the cost of overheads, we now need to increase the prices to ensure that it doesn't cost school. We have looked at other schools locally and across the MAC to ensure that our prices are reasonable. The new prices are displayed below:

Provision (per session)	Current Price	Pricing from September 26
Tiny Ants am or pm sessions	£15.00	£16.00
Nursery afternoon sessions	£15.00	£16.00
Nursery from 2:50pm	£2.00	£2.50
Breakfast Club	£6.00	£6.50
Mighty Ants till 16:15	£7.00	£7.50
Mighty Ants till 17:15	£8.00	£8.50
Mighty Ants till 18:00	£10.00	£10.50

Thank you for your understanding.



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Password: **StAnthony1234**



Thank you for your continued support.



• ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS •

Social Supermarket



There is a 'Social Supermarket' based in Chelmsley Wood, open to those residents struggling with the cost of living.

They offer 14 items of the resident's choice from their shop shelves for £5.

All you need to do is scan the QR code on the poster and complete the membership form.

Lunch menu for w.b. 14th September 2026

FOOD FESTIVAL WEEK 2 Spring/Summer 2026 26/04/26, 11/05/26, 01/06/26, 22/06/26, 13/07/26, 03/08/26, 24/08/26, 14/09/26, 05/10/26		LUNCHTIME					PRIMARY FUSION
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
 MAIN EVENT  MEAT-FREE MAGIC  RAINBOW ALLEY  BIG TOPPING  DESSERT TROLLEY		Beef Bolognese with Whole Grain Pasta	Chinese Chicken Noodles	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Paprika Wrap with Rice	Fish Fingers and Chips	
		Cheddar & Tomato Pastry Tart with Wedges	Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Tomato & Lentil Layer Bake, Roast Potatoes, and Gravy	Veggie Tortilla Wrap with Rice	Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips	
		Cauliflower	Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Mixed Salad	Baked Beans and Peas	
		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	
		Lemon Shortbread Fingers	Brownie (Brownie with Cookie Dough Chunks)	Lemon Drizzle Cake and Custard	Jammy Crumble Bar	Chocolate Crispie Squares	
 What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today? 		 DAILY SANDWICHES AVAILABLE  AVAILABLE DAILY DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGURTS AND CUT FRUIT					 PASTA TWIRLER 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/>



Special menu

FOOD
FESTIVAL
2019

WELCOME BACK

**Tuesday 15th
September**

**Chicken Nuggets served with
Chips & Vegetables**

**Macaroni Cheese served with
Garlic Bread & Vegetables**

&

Ice-cream

**Jacket Potatoes, Pasta &
Sandwiches also available**



Football Courses for Reception – Year 7



FOOTBALL FUTURE STARS

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM FOOTBALL COURSE 2026

✓ FA QUALIFIED | ✓ DBS CHECKED | ★ 16+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

📍 QUEENSBIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL (GRASS PITCHES)
QUEENSBIDGE ROAD, MOSELEY, BIRMINGHAM B13 8QB

STARTING FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

GROUP 1	GROUP 2
4:30PM – 5:30PM	5:30PM – 6:30PM
SCHOOL YEARS	SCHOOL YEARS
RECEPTION	YEAR 4
YEAR 1	YEAR 5
YEAR 2	YEAR 6
YEAR 3	YEARS 7+

★ AGES 4 - 15 ★



£7 PER WEEK
PAID EVERY 4 WEEKS
£28 DUE ON WEEK 1

FINAL WEEK

- ✓ TROPHIES AND MEDALS
- ✓ PRESENTATION DAY



TO RESERVE A PLACE - TEXT
SOUTH BIRMINGHAM + CHILDS NAME + AGE + GROUP (1 OR 2)

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Attendance



Attendance Support



EPAS
Education Participation
Advisory Service

Supporting
children, young people
and families



Solihull
METROPOLITAN
BOROUGH COUNCIL

ATTENDANCE SUPPORT

Drop-in
Sessions

Education Participation Advisory Service (EPAS) will be offering weekly drop-in sessions during term time, offering **advice, support and guidance**.



WEEKLY DROP-IN SESSIONS (TERM TIME)



**EVERY
MONDAY**



1 - 3pm
during
term time



Monkspath Family Hub

5 Farmhouse Way,
Shirley, B90 4EH



Starting from
Monday 14th September



**EVERY
TUESDAY**



11:30 - 1:30
during
term time



Elmwood Place Family Hub

37 Burtons Way,
B36 0UG



Starting from
Tuesday 15th September

Do you need support with your child's school attendance?

- ✓ Is your child feeling worried about attending school?
- ✓ Have you tried everything, but attendance hasn't improved?
- ✓ Are you experiencing challenges in communication with school?
- ✓ Would you like advice or support around general attendance?



If you have any questions, please contact us via
attendanceenquiries@solihull.gov.uk



**We're here
to help**

Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Aurelia – for being a kind and loving friend to everyone.

Year 1 – Nova – for being a kind and caring member of our Year 1 class.

Year 2 – Hunter – for showing compassion and generosity by kindly offering his own reward to a friend who lost hers. An amazing role model!

Year 3 – Jenson – for a great start to Year 3 – you have a super attitude to your learning and bring joy to our classroom.

Year 4 – Leo – for standing out for all the right reasons – working hard, putting his hand up, being a great Kagan partner and being a beautiful prayer leader!

Year 5 – Oak – for giving 100% in every lesson and consistently setting an outstanding example through your dedication and positive attitude.

Year 6 – Jaedal – for always contributing wonderful answers and being a kind and compassionate member of Year 6 😊 You are a joy to teach!



P.E Days

Wherever possible we will try to keep the days for PE consistent. The PE days for next week are:

Week beginning Monday 14th September

Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 2 – Monday and Wednesday

Year 3 – Monday and Thursday

Year 4 – Thursday and Friday

Year 5 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 – Tuesday (swimming) and Friday



A reminder that children are expected to wear St. Anthony's PE kit in order to take part in their PE lesson on a specified day.

PE kit should consist of:

- A white tshirt (with or without the school logo)
- PLAIN black jogging bottoms or leggings. **Please note that flared trousers are not appropriate for PE.**
- Children may also wish to wear a St. Anthony's school hoodie (royal blue) or their school jumper / cardigan.
- If the weather is warm and pupils are in shorts, please make sure that these are of an appropriate length.
- Please also ensure long hair is tied back.



For health and safety reasons, all earrings and other jewellery must be removed for PE lessons. Children should come to school without earrings on PE days or be able to remove them independently before the lesson. School staff will not remove or replace earrings. If a child is unable to remove their earrings, they will not be able to participate in the practical elements of the PE lesson and will instead be given an appropriate alternative role to support them in their learning.



Diary Dates



Autumn Term 2026

Weds 16 th Sept	Whole school	Whole school Mass – staff led at 9:15am in church
Fri 18 th Sept	Whole school	Jeans for Genes day - £1 donation
Weds 23 rd Sept	Reception	Phonics workshop 2:30pm
Thurs 24 th Sept	Rec – Y6	Flu vaccinations
Weds 30 th Sept	Year 6	Visit to St. Chad's cathedral
Weds 30 th Sept	Year 3	GIFT team meeting for Roman Catholic children hoping to receive First Holy Communion 3:30pm
Thurs 1 st Oct	Whole school	Slip into Slippers Day – pupils invited to wear slippers to school for a £1 donation.
Mon 5 th – Fri 8 th Oct	Year 5	Bikeability
Friday 23 rd Oct	Whole school	Break up for half term
Mon 2 nd Nov	Whole school	INSET day – school closed to pupils

Term dates 2026 - 2027

	Term starts	Half term	Term ends
Autumn	Tuesday 1 September 2026	Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Spring	Monday 4 January 2027	Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Summer	Monday 12 April 2027	Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027	Wednesday 21 July 2027

Inset days: 1st September, 2nd November, 4th January, 12th February, 7th June, 21st July

Open Evenings



John Henry Newman Catholic College
2026 Open Evening
THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
4pm to 7pm
Talks from Principal Mrs. Kate Clarke will take place at
4.15pm, 5pm and 6pm
generaloffice@jhnc.org | 0121 770 5331
Heart Speaks to Heart



YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING 2026



Join us on Year 6 Open Evening to meet our staff and pupils, view our facilities and find out about the fantastic opportunities we have to offer.

With consistently excellent exam results, Hodge Hill Girls' School is 'Educating Tomorrow's Women Today'.

Come and join our success!

Please scan the QR code to register your interest!

MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2026
3:45PM - 6:15PM

