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Headteacher: Mr C. Flaherty

Friday 25th September 2026

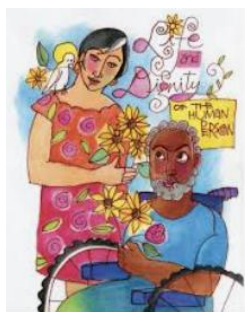
This half term we are growing to be **compassionate**
towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and
loving by their just actions and forgiving words.



We need things like compassion... the
ability to understand that there are
multiple points of view in the world.

Trevor Noah - South African comedian and author

Slip into Slippers – 1st October



Pupils are invited to bring their slippers into school to wear indoors on Thursday 1st October.

We would be grateful for a £1 donation, if you are able to contribute. By taking part, pupils will be putting our Catholic Social Teaching into action, particularly Dignity of the Human Person and Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, as we think of and support those in need.

Thank you for your support!

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.

SCAN ME



EVERY DAY IS AN OPEN DAY!

Please contact us to organise a visit.

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, September 2026

WHY CHOOSE ST ANTHONY'S NURSERY?



- 🌟 **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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Things to talk about..

TAKEHOME

21st - 27th
September



Do wild animals have as much right to the land as we do?

'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

This week we learnt Nepal has announced that its wild tiger population has more than tripled, rising from 121 tigers in 2010, to 429 today. Officials say the turnaround is the result of years of local communities working with conservationists to protect the big cats. With tiger numbers now increasing, more encounters between tigers and nearby villages are leaving experts asking how people and wildlife can safely share the same land going forward.

Things you could talk about at home:

- Do you think it's fair that wild animals need the same land that people want to use? Why?
- If you lived near tigers, how would you feel?

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Pope Leo XIV says...

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The climate crisis is fundamentally a question of justice, human dignity and solidarity between peoples and generations.

Stewards of Creation

This year, we are excited to invite children to apply again to be **Stewards of Creation** – children who will help our school community to notice, care, act and reflect as we work together to care for our common home.

We would love children from across the school to put themselves forward for this special role. We aren't looking for the best writers or artists; we are looking for children who care about God's creation, have ideas and want to make a difference.

Children can apply in a way that suits them – they might write a short letter, create a picture or poster, prepare a short speech, or write a poem or prayer. For our younger children, a simple drawing and a conversation about how they would like to help is absolutely perfect.

Please talk to your child about the role and encourage them to apply if they feel inspired to get involved. Small actions can make a big difference!



Steward of Creation

A special role at St Anthony's

Our world is a gift from God. Together we can look after it!



Our Mission



Live, love and learn together, joyfully following Christ.

Stewards of Creation help our school community to:



NOTICE



CARE



ACT



REFLECT



NOTICE

 I look carefully at our school and the world.

 I think about what we could make better.

 I listen to the ideas of other children.



CARE

 I understand that our world is special.

 I remember that we care for people, animals and plants.

 I help others understand that caring for our world is part of our faith.



ACT

 I help to look after our school and use less waste.

 I help care for nature in and around our school.

 I join in with projects and encourage others to take action.



REFLECT

 I think about what difference our actions have made.

 I celebrate what has worked.

 I help decide what we could do next.

—  Together for a brighter tomorrow  — 

Please ensure all applications are received in school by
Monday 28th September (Y1,2,4,5,6)
or **Tuesday 29th September (Y3)**

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”
— Genesis 2:15

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*

Tiny Ants and Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been focusing on how we talk to God through prayer and we have created our own 'thank you prayers', praying them by talking through the phone. Penelope said, "Thank you for Mommy and Daddy". Maria said, "Thank you for our doggies and cats". Nursery are also working hard on learning how to start our daily prayers by making the sign of the cross.

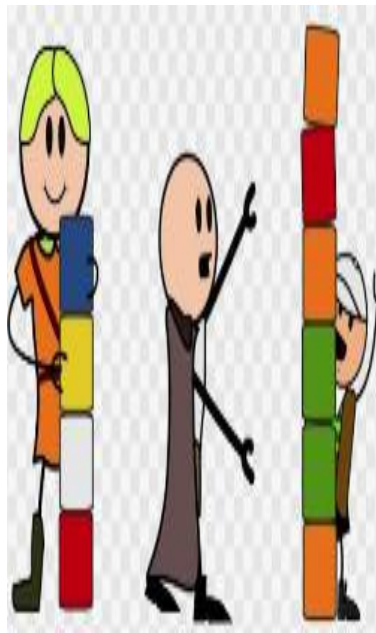


Tiny Ants and Nursery
Parent workshop in
the classroom on
Monday 19th October
at 9-10am



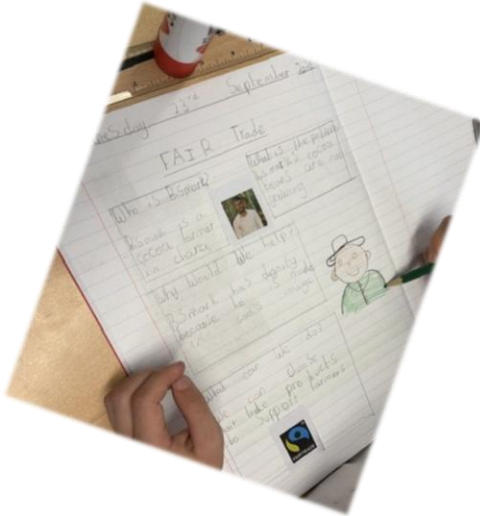
Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy week! We have been using our equipment to help us find one more than a number in Maths and to count backwards. In PE, we were learning how to control a ball to ensure that it goes to the intended target. In History this week, we have been discussing our favourite toys, and we described these toys to each other and even named the materials our toys were made from. We have also learnt about technology in our classroom and what different technology helps us to do. In Art, we looked at pictures of ourselves and decided which shapes would be similar to parts of our face and used these to trace over the top.



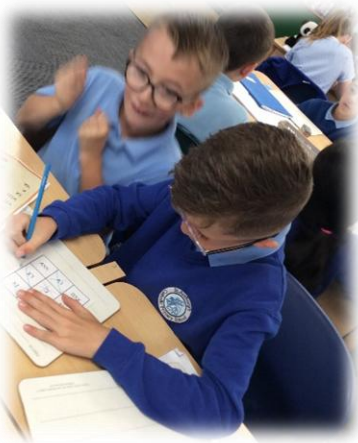
Year 3

Year 3 had a great afternoon on Monday – making fairy cakes to help them with writing instructions. We then learnt about Fairtrade in RE and the children created wonderful posters to raise awareness of why we should support cocoa farmers, as we all have the same God-given dignity. There was even time to try some fairtrade chocolate!



Year 4

What a busy week! In maths we've learnt Roman numerals up to 100 through a Roman numerals bingo and making clocks, as well as showing them through actions. We moved on to rounding to the nearest 10 through a fun connect-4 style game, and went outside in science to look at the local habitat. In PE, we created our own pairs games using a beanbag and ball – such creative ideas! We even created a wool web in RHE to show interdependence in our community.



Year 6



This week Year 6 had an exciting visit from Father Sean; he helped us to understand sin and how it can weaken our bond with God. We spoke about the importance of forgiveness and kindness and always having faith in Jesus to restore our bond with God.



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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Healthy Schools



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OUR NEW UNIFORM SUPPLIER

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We have negotiated
fantastic prices
for you to enjoy when
purchasing your
St Anthony's uniform.



TO ORDER PLEASE USE
THE LINK AND PASSWORD



<https://islclubwear.atelier.sale/stanthonys>



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. 28th September 2026

LUNCHTIME					
FOOD FESTIVAL by Aspens WEEK 1 Spring/Summer 2026 13/04/26, 04/05/26, 25/05/26, 15/06/26, 06/07/26, 27/07/26, 17/08/26, 07/09/26, 28/09/26, 19/10/26 PRIMARY FUSION					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Macaroni Cheese 	Butter Chicken Curry with Rice 	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy 	Chilli Con Carne with Rice 	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips 	
BBQ Veggie Wrap with Rice 	Vegetable Curry with Rice 	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake, Roast Potatoes and Gravy 	Vegetable Bean Chilli with Rice 	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips 	
Broccoli	Sweetcorn	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Greens	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 	
Maple Oaty Cookie 	Chocolate Concrete Cake 	Carrot Cake and Custard 	Chocolate Cinnamon Cake 	Vanilla Shortbread 	

THE MAIN EVENT


MEAT-FREE MAGIC


RAINBOW ALLEY


BIG TOPPING


DESSERT TROLLEY


What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?

A	B	C	D	E
Very Low	Low	Medium	High	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/>



FOOD
FESTIVAL

LUCKY PLATE

**Census Day
1st October**

**Beef Burger in a Bun served
with Jacket potato Wedges**

Or

**Cheese & Tomato Pizza served
with Jacket Potato Wedges**

Ice Cream

Pasta, Jacket Potatoes &
Sandwiches also available

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Solihull School Nursing

PRIMARY SCHOOLS AUTUMN 2026, D&HP15

SOLIHULL SCHOOL NURSING NEWSLETTER



NHS
South Warwickshire
University
NHS Foundation Trust

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A big welcome to the autumn 2026 term! We hope you had a lovely summer and have settled into the back-to-school routine.

The school nursing service operates Monday to Friday, 9 am – 5 pm, excluding public and bank holidays. You can reach us using the contact details provided at the bottom of the page.

Here's a reminder of what the School Nursing team can support you with:

- Toileting
- Sleep
- Challenges with eating and diet
- Delivering the NCMP for Reception and Year 6 pupils
- Puberty
- Emotional/Mental health
- Managing behaviour
- Hygiene



IT'S TIME TO CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT!

As the weather becomes cooler, we can expect an increase in seasonal illnesses such as colds, flu, and other infections, including Norovirus. With this in mind, we'd like to remind everyone of the importance of practising good hand hygiene and following the "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it" guidance.

Remember to wash your hands thoroughly after blowing your nose, sneezing, or coughing to help prevent the spread of germs and protect those around you.

To refresh your knowledge of effective handwashing techniques, please watch the short video using the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>



OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!

Our brand new 0-19 website is now live! We're excited to launch our brand-new website, bringing together information, advice and support for children, young people, and families.

Find the information you need when you need it.

Visit our new website today:

www.solihull0-19services.nhs.uk



Immunisation

Ensuring your child is up to date with their vaccinations is one of the most effective ways to protect them against a range of serious illnesses. The Immunisation Team will shortly be contacting your child's school with details of their upcoming flu vaccination visit, during which the nasal spray vaccine will be offered.

In the meantime, you can check your child's vaccination status by following the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

Firework, Bonfire & Sparkler Safety

- Adults should always supervise fireworks and bonfire displays. Never leave children or young people unattended around fireworks or bonfires.
- Ensure children always remain at a safe distance from bonfires and firework displays.
- Never carry fireworks in your pockets or set them off in streets or on roads.
- Do not approach or attempt to relight a firework that has already been lit.
- Before leaving, make sure bonfires are completely extinguished and safe.
- Always wear gloves when handling sparklers, as they can become hot enough to cause serious burns.
- Avoid waving sparklers near other people, and once finished, place them in a bucket of water to cool safely.

There is a wealth of information available on staying safe around fireworks, sparklers, and bonfires. Please take a moment to review the helpful resources linked below.

<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/fireworks-safety>

<https://capr.org.uk/lessons-for-little-ones/>



Road safety

During the winter months, shorter days and reduced daylight can make it more difficult for drivers and other road users to see pedestrians. This is particularly important during busy school and nursery drop-off and pick-up times, when traffic levels are higher and visibility is often poorer.

To help keep your child safe, it is essential that they are clearly visible when walking near roads, especially in low-light conditions.

Wearing bright or fluorescent clothing during the day can significantly improve visibility. This could be as simple as a fluorescent strip on a coat, a high-visibility vest, or a bright patch attached to a school bag. These small measures can make a big difference in helping drivers spot children sooner and reducing the risk of accidents.

[Road Safety For Children | Child Accident Prevention Trust](#)



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Parent line: 07480 635496

Parent Courses



**HEALTHY
PARENT CARER
COURSE**

The Course:

- ✓ Free for Parent Carers
- ✓ once a week for 6 weeks, 2.5 hrs per week
- ✓ Delivered by Parent Carers
- ✓ Designed by Exeter University and Parent Carers
- ✓ Every Monday 12th October - 9th November 9:30 - 12
- ✓ Whar Hall community centre Whar Hall Road Solihull B920PG
- ✓ to sign up please fill out the form <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/cV79Jb9Pzb>

You need to look after yourself too!

Solihull Parent Carer Voice C.I.C are delivering a course for parent carers around their own well-being. This parent-led programme is helping to improve the well-being of parent carers of children and young people with SEND.

enquiries@spcv.org.uk
www.spcv.org.uk

Registered in England: 13348753

Kingshurst Village Centre Regeneration

Want to find out more about phase 2 of the Kingshurst Village Centre regeneration scheme?

Come along to our next community drop-in information session:

Tuesday 6 October, 1pm - 5:30pm
Kingshurst Library



Members of the project team from Solihull Council and Solihull Community Housing will be on hand to discuss next steps and answer your questions.

Back to School

The back-to-school reset guide

- The start of the school year can bring mixed emotions for children and parents. Dr Martha Deiros Collado, a psychologist with over 20 years' experience who specialises in family support, shares her tips to help parents prepare for their child's return to school.

These tips are designed to help you support your child's return to school in a way that feels manageable for your family, whether you try one, a few, or all of them.

□ Build excitement together

As you prepare for your child going back to school, help them find things to look forward to. Chat about seeing friends, a favourite lesson, or feeling more grown-up as they move into a new year. If they're starting somewhere new, look at photos of the school together and talk about what will feel familiar and what will be different. This can make the unknown feel less daunting and a little more exciting.

□ Focus on facts rather than predictions

When you talk about school, stick to facts, such as what time school starts or what the first day will look like, instead of guessing how your child will feel. When your child responds, listen first before you rush to reassure them or solve the problem. Often, children simply need you to listen. An open conversation can help you understand what they need and how best to support them.

□ Build independence through simple choices

School is a space for children to build their confidence and grow. Try to nurture this by giving them small choices about their school kit for the new term. This might mean picking out something new if that works for your family, or it could be choosing which bag or shoes to wear from what you already have or deciding what to put in their pencil case. Even small choices like these give children a sense of control and can help them feel more excited about returning to school, while also building their confidence and independence.

□ Ease back into school-time routine early

Children often need a little time to adjust after the summer holidays. Around a week before school starts, gradually reintroduce school-time bedtimes and wake-up times. You can also bring back familiar routines like preparing school bags or choosing clothes the night before. Starting early can make those first mornings much easier and help reduce tiredness after school.

Starting School with Small Steps

Walking to school has many benefits and can help parents to make this change a happier and less stressful experience. Parents and carers who walk to school with their children often see this as some of the most precious time they have with them. It's an opportunity to spend quality time, without the distraction of driving. This is the time when they can discover how their day has been: what they have learned, how they have felt, and whether they have any concerns.

For more information visit 'Starting school with Small Steps' [Starting school with Small Steps](#)
[Road safety advice for road users](#) Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

Attendance



Attendance Support



EPAS
Education Participation
Advisory Service

Supporting
children, young people
and families



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

Year 1 – Reggie – for having such a positive attitude towards his learning and filling others with joy.

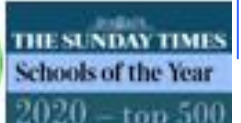
Year 2 – Adesewa – for shining brightly in Year 2, always trying your very best and being such an amazing role model. Well done!

Year 3 – Maja – for showing kindness, positivity and wonderful enthusiasm everyday. You are a ray of sunshine!

Year 4 – Alice – for impeccable behaviour, always! Making all the right choices without having to be reminded.

Year 5 – Bethany – for always coming into school with a smile on her face and always being ready to help her peers!

Year 6 – Rayne – for being a calm, conscientious and reliable member of Year 6. Your hard work never goes unnoticed! 😊



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 28th 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 t-shirt (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 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
Weds 21 st and Thurs 22 nd Oct	Whole school	Parents' Evening
Friday 23 rd Oct	Whole school	Break up for half term
Mon 2 nd Nov	Whole school	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Tues 3 rd Nov	Whole school	Individual and sibling photographs

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