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

Headteacher: Mr C. Flaherty

Friday 2nd October 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.



Compassion is an action word with no boundaries.

Prince, American musician

We are a National Nurturing School!

Hot off the press! We are delighted to announce that St Anthony's has today achieved the Nurture UK National Nurturing Schools Award!

This award recognises our whole-school commitment to ensuring that every child feels safe, valued, listened to and ready to learn. Our assessor celebrated the nurturing culture that runs throughout St Anthony's and the way this works hand-in-hand with our Catholic mission to "Live, love and learn together, joyfully following Christ."

A huge thank you and well done to our wonderful children, staff and families who all contribute to making St Anthony's such a caring and nurturing community. A special thank you also goes to Miss Meek and Mrs Potter, who have led our Nurture UK journey over the past two years. We are incredibly proud of this achievement!

National Nurturing School Award 2026

Stewards of Creation

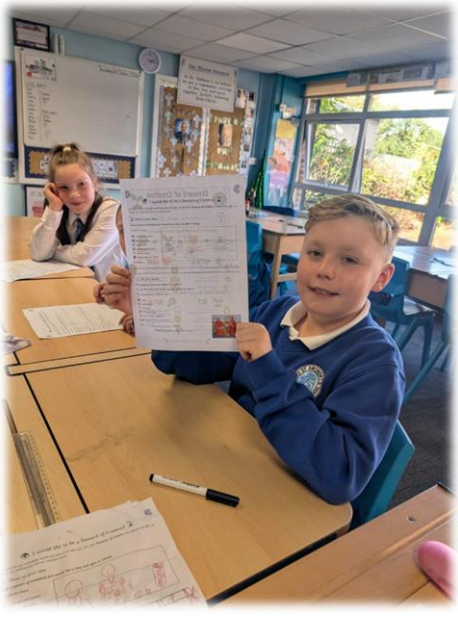
"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." — Genesis 2:15





We were delighted to present our first **Stewards of Creation** *with their certificates in assembly today! These children will begin helping our school to notice, care, act and reflect as we work together to care for God's creation and our common home. We were absolutely thrilled that 31 children applied for this special role. The quality of their applications, posters, pictures, poems and ideas was wonderful, and we would like to thank every child who took the time to apply. Although we could not appoint everyone at once, every one of our 31 applicants will have the opportunity to serve as a Steward of Creation at some point during this academic year. A big thank you also goes to Miss Otis and our GIFT Team, who had the very difficult job of shortlisting the applications and helping to choose our first group of Stewards. We can't wait to see the difference our children make as they put their faith into action. Actions speak louder than words!*







Slip into Slippers Day

THANK YOU to all who donated to Slip into Slippers yesterday. We raised a fantastic £133.70 which will be donated to Age UK ☺.












Slip into Slippers Day









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Tiny Ants Places, September 2026



ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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

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

EVERY DAY IS AN OPEN DAY!
Please contact us to organise a visit.

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Tiny Ants, September 2026

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 eligable 2-year-olds
- 30 hour funding for eligiable 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 eligable 2-year-olds
- Universal 15 hours funding for all 3 and 4-year-olds
- 30 hour funding for eligiable working families
- Full wraparound care available

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Things to talk about..

TAKEHOME

28th September – 4th October



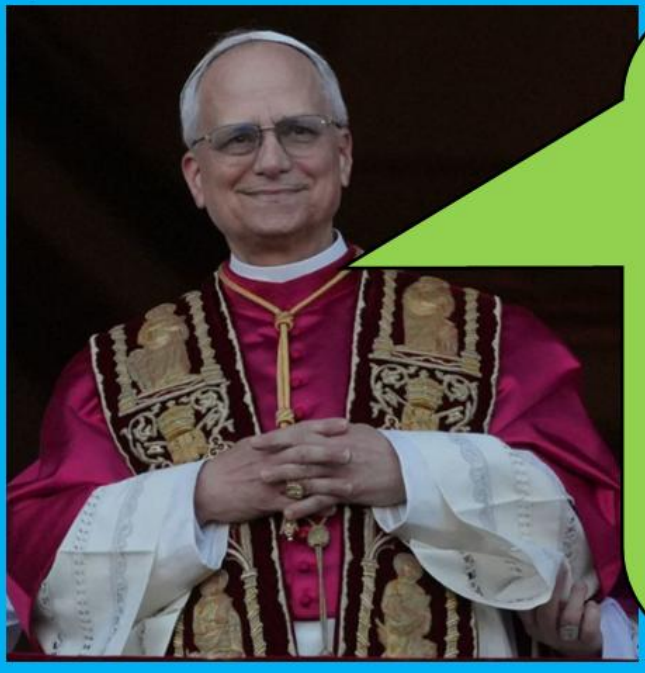
'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

This week we learnt all about the The Bayeux Tapestry, a nearly 1,000-year-old very long piece of cloth covered with pictures sewn in colourful thread that tells the story of a very famous event called the Norman Conquest of England. *The almost 70-metre-long piece of art has travelled from its usual home in France, to go on display at the British Museum in London. It shows the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066, and depicts soldiers, horses and ships.*

Things you could talk about at home:

- *Which stories are important to your family and how have these stories been passed from one person to another?*
- *Do we have any photographs or objects that tell part of our family's story?*

Pope Leo XIV says...



The month of October calls us to pray the Holy Rosary more fervently, asking in particular for an end to wars and the attainment of peace.

Events and Reminders



Inspired by our work on St. Francis and Care for Creation, ***Year 6*** *have asked if we can raise money for those in Nepal who are still suffering after the devastating floods there.*

They have decided on having a **non-school uniform day** *on* ***Friday 16th October,*** *which they are nicknaming 'Nickels for Nepal' and they would like children to come to school wearing the colours of the Nepal flag* **(blue, red and white).**

They would be so grateful if children could bring in £1 or a small donation that we can sent directly to the people of Nepal through CAFOD's emergency fund.



Energy and sports drinks are not permitted in school. Please provide water, squash or juice for your child.



NO glass lunchboxes or bottles to be brought to school please.

Year 6 *- Please make a £10 payment via ParentPay towards your child's swimming lessons. Thanks to those who have already made payment.*





Earrings should be removed on PE days. If your child is unable to do this themselves, then earrings must be removed at home.

School Nurse Drop In

SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN



In school on
Thursday 15th October

9am till 10am

No appointment needed!

Come and chat to the school nurse for advice and support around:



Toileting



Sleeping



Diet



Emotional wellbeing

Ask questions

Get advice

Friendly and confidential support

We're here to help!



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 learning all about dinosaurs and have read a variety of dinosaur books. We have been exploring the dinosaurs in a variety of sensory materials including soil, play dough, gloop and paint. We have made dinosaur footprints on large paper and even painted our very own rainbow dinosaurs. In R.E we have been continuing to learn how to do the sign of the cross and we have been drawing pictures of people we are thankful for.

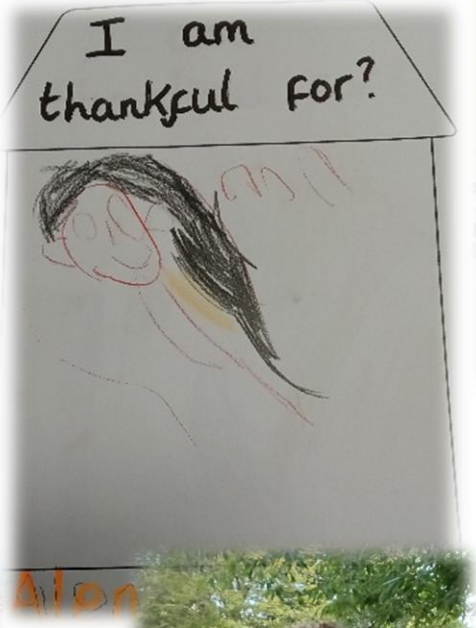


















Year 1

This week in Year 1 we were inspired by the visit we had from St. Francis' relic and went on an awe walk around school. We chose one area around school which brings us awe and wonder and drew some wonderful pictures of our chosen place. In maths, we have been learning how to calculate one more and one less than a number. We have been using our counting cubes to support us with our counting, and the children have worked so hard. We have also been testing different materials in science to see whether they are waterproof, transparent and absorbent. We had great fun testing these out and using our new vocabulary to describe properties of the materials.













Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been investigating absorbent materials in science! We worked in teams to test different materials and find out how much water each one could soak up. We had lots of fun making predictions, carrying out our investigations and discussing our results.

We have also been learning about stewardship and how we can care for God's creation. Miss Caffrey brought in a selection of bulbs and seeds, and as a class we planted them together. We are so excited to watch our plants grow as we care for and nurture them!









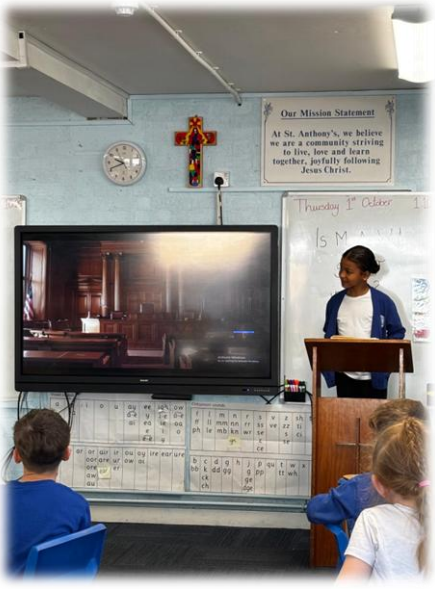




Year 3

Year 3 had great fun yesterday when the classroom turned into a courtroom! The children took turns to read aloud the speeches that they had written in order to convince the jury of why Mr A. Wolf should or shouldn't have gone to jail.











We enjoyed a beautiful celebration of the word in which children opened God's greatest gift – a mirror in which the children all saw their own reflection staring back at them!
The children have also studied St. Francis' Canticle of Creation this week and even wrote their own canticles as a legacy to him!







Year 4

This week, Year 4 created amazing nature-inspired collages in our art lesson and acted out advertisements for their own gyms in English! We even invented our own space and planets dances in PE too and were led in a beautiful celebration of the word.















Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have been looking at creating our own playscripts in English for the Purple Lady. As a part of this, we put ourselves into the shoes of the Purple Lady and other characters from the story by acting out our created scenes!

Patryk, Vivienne, Tommy and Lucas led us in a thoughtful and reverent celebration of the word on Thursday. They decided to focus on Noah's ark and asked their friends to reflect on why they were grateful that God created Noah.

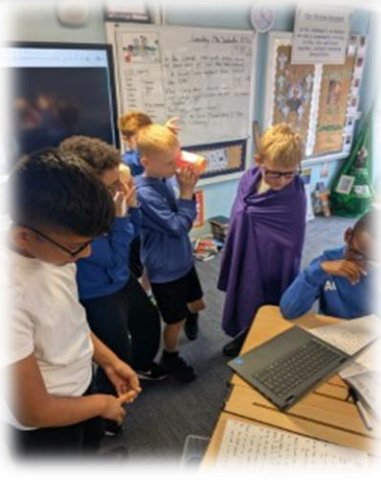
















Year 6

Year 6 have been working extremely hard in English; we produced some funny ironic sentences inspired by Alan Peat and then began to explore the poem 'The Slaves Dream'. We had a lovely trip to St Chad's; it was very interesting to learn about and exciting to take part in a Mass there.















ST CHAD'S
BIRMINGHAM

‘WOW’ September results

Walking Together as Stewards of Creation



As part of our commitment to being good stewards of God’s creation, we are continuing to encourage every pupil to walk to school at least once a week.

Choosing to walk, even for part of the journey, is a small action that helps us care for our common home by reducing the number of cars around school.

If you live too far away to walk the whole journey, you can still ‘park and stride’ – just remember to park a little further away and aim to walk for around 10 minutes.

Every journey counts! By making small changes together, we can live out our mission to “Live, love and learn together, joyfully following Christ” and show that we are responsible Stewards of Creation.

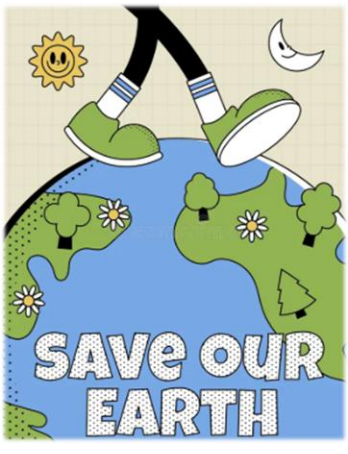


The results this month were:

4th place	Year 3 and Year 5	13 badges
3rd place	Year 1 and Year 6	15 badges
2nd place	Year 4	16 badges
1st place	Year 2	19 badges

Thank you to our new ‘WOW’ ambassadors for counting out the badges and reading out the winners in assembly today.





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


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Whatsapp Community
St.Anthony's Catholic Primary School Kingshurst


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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.

NEW Uniform Supplier

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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We are

PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE

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: StAnthonys1234

Thank you for your continued support.

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

Social Supermarket

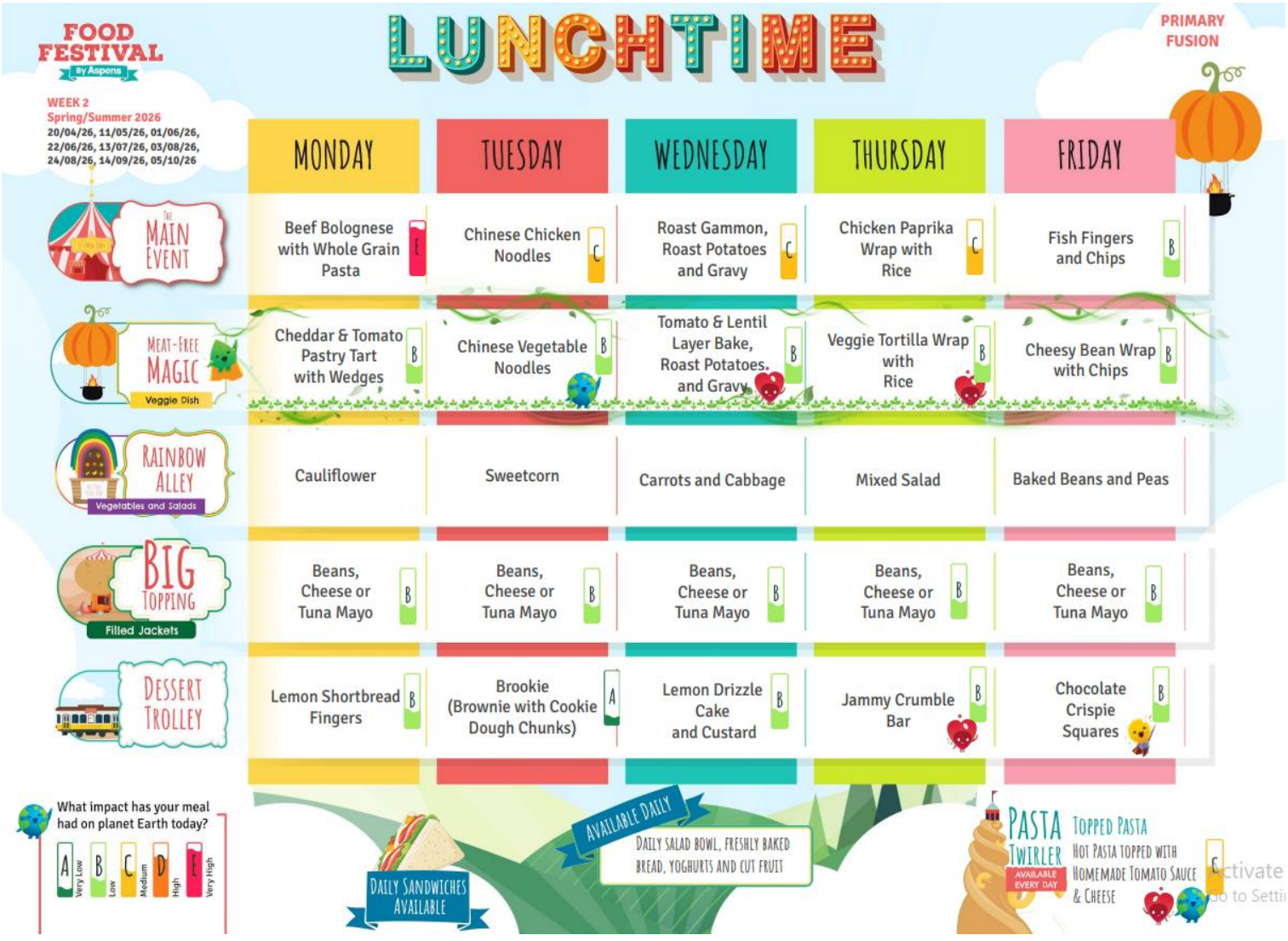


There is a 'Social Supermarket' based in Chelmsley Wood, open to those residents struggling with the cost of living.

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. 5th October 2026



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



Evergreen Kingshurst

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BEST START IN LIFE | FAMILY HUBS

Timetable

October 2026

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Solihull Family Hubs

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Wherever you live in Solihull, we're here to support you

Family Hubs are local centres where children, young people, and families can access support and take part in fun activities! Our friendly staff and service providers work in partnership with you and your community to access the information and support you need. Some services offer drop-in sessions, whilst others require booked appointments. The Hubs are a safe space for you and your loved ones.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Employment, training and digital skills support – 09:00-16:00 Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. To book, drop in or call 0121 779 1724. **Stay and play – 10:00-11:00** Come and play and meet new friends. Suitable for ages 0-4 and their parents or carers. Sensory and garden play is also available. No booking required. **Sensory room available – 11:30-12:30** To book, call 0121 779 1724 **Self-weigh baby clinic – 12:00-15:00** Do you want to get your baby weighed but don't need to see a health visitor? Just pop in and use our weighing facilities. **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 is also available. Suitable for ages 0-18 months. No booking required. **Family fun – 15:15-16:30** Play board games, do quizzes, art, crafts, table tennis, outdoor play and other fun activities. Parents must stay and supervise their children. Suitable for ages 4-12 years. Sensory play is also available. No booking required.	**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. **Family Support Team are available on the Family Helpline – 09:00-16:00** By calling 0121 788 4327 for parenting, family guidance, and signposting to local services, as well as advice regarding behaviour and social development. **Gel nails course – 09:30-12:00** Term time only By Solihull College. To book or for more info, email community.projects@solihull.ac.uk **Sensory room available – 13:30-15:00** To book, call 0121 779 1724 **Family fun – 15:15-16:30** Play board games, do quizzes, art, crafts, table tennis, outdoor play and other fun activities. Parents must stay and supervise their children. Suitable for ages 4-12 years. Sensory play is also available. No booking required.	**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. **Chit and chat group – 14:00-16:00** A friendly, local community group, always looking for new members. Make new friends over a cuppa. No booking required. **Family fun – 15:15-16:30** Play board games, do quizzes, art, crafts, table tennis, outdoor play and other fun activities. Parents must stay and supervise their children. Suitable for ages 4-12 years. Sensory play is also available. No booking required. **Sensory room – available 09:00-15:00** To book, call 0121 779 1724	**Uplift Initiative community wardrobe** 22 October Clothing and toys, all items are free, please bring a bag. Drop-in community event, no booking required. Donations are also welcome. **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. **Creatives arts and journaling course – 09:00-14:00** Term time only By Solihull College. To book or for more info, email community.projects@solihull.ac.uk **Adult craft and chat – 09:30-11:00** 1, 8, 15 and 29 October 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. **Kingshurst striders and strollers – 10:00-12:00** Fortnightly – 1, 15 and 29 October A great way to meet new people whilst keeping active. Refreshments available at the Hub after the walk. **Women's well-being group – 13:30-15:00** Fortnightly – 1, 15, and 29 October A safe supportive and empowering place for women of all different ages living in the North of Solihull. **Sensory room – available after 14:00** To book, call 0121 779 1724	**Midwifery team – 09:30-15:30** Community midwives that provide maternity care outside of a hospital setting. Booked appointments only. **Stay and play – 10:00-11:00** Come and play and meet new friends. Suitable for ages 0-4 years and their parents or carers. No booking required, just come along and join in the fun. Sensory and garden play is also available. **Sensory room – available 11:30-12:30** To book, call 0121 779 1724 **Baby explorers – 13:00-14:30** Bring your baby along and join in with gentle sensory play, music, arts and crafts, perfect to spark early curiosity. Suitable for ages 0-18 months. No booking required. **LGBTQ+ family social club – 15:00-16:00** A welcoming space where families from the LGBTQ+ community can connect, build friendships, and seek support in a safe environment. Sessions offer the opportunity to connect with others, share experiences, enjoy activities, and socialise.

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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 between 09:00-16:00, Monday-Friday

Women's Aid
If you or someone you know needs support, call 0808 800 0028 between 09:15-17:15

Mental health support
Call the BSOL Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust on 0800 915 9292 or 0121 262 3555

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

Computers and private work pods
Internet and phone access

Community wardrobe
Free clothing

Parent Courses



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.

Attendance


Celebrating Attendance!
Our attendance raffle winners were: Hanna, Christian, Isabelle, Riley, Jayden and Willow. We hope you enjoy your sweet treat!
GREAT JOB!
GREAT JOB!


Celebrating Class and House Attendance!
Winining House: St. George
Winning Classes: Year 2 and Year 4
SCHOOL
St David's
St George's
St Patrick's
GREAT JOB!
HOUSE

Attendance Support

EDUCATION PARTICIPATION ADVISORY SERVICE

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?



NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED – JUST DROP IN!

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

We're here to help

Head Teacher's Awards



Reception – **Anabelle** – *for being a ray of sunshine and always a caring and kind friend.*

Year 1 – **Eli** – *for always contributing brilliantly in class and showing such a kind and caring nature. You are a wonderful friend and a fantastic member of Year 1.*

Year 2 – **Bella-Rose** – *for always being kind, caring and helpful. You consistently make good choices, put others first and shine like Jesus each day!*

Year 3 – **Fabian** – *for explaining how St Francis inspires him to look after water so there's enough for everyone!*

Year 4 – **Anna** – *for showing kindness and empathy as well as working hard in all subjects – keep it up!*

Year 5 – **Julia** – *for always being there for others and always bringing an enthusiastic attitude to the classroom everyday!*

Year 6 – **Lacie** – *for being a wonderful role model. Your kind nature and positive attitude make you 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 5th October



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		
Mon 5th – Fri 8th Oct	Year 5	Bikeability
Weds 14th October	Year 1 and 2	No after-school dance club for Y1 and 2
Thurs 15th Oct	Whole school	School nurse drop in for parents
Fri 16th Oct	Whole school	'Nickels for Nepal' non school uniform day (red, white and blue) £1 donation.
Weds 21st and Thurs 22nd Oct	Whole school	Parents' Evening
Friday 23rd Oct	Whole school	Break up for half term
Mon 2nd Nov	Whole school	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Tues 3rd 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			