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

Headteacher: Mr C. Flaherty

Friday 9th 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.





It's the responsibility of each one of us to just do whatever we can for others - it could be just kindness and compassion that can change someone's life.

Priyanka Chopra Jonas — Indian actor and humanitarian

Nickels for Nepal: non-uniform day

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.*

Tiny Ants Places, September 2026



ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

2-YEAR OLD PLACES 2026





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SCAN ME

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EVERY DAY IS AN OPEN DAY!
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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

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Nursery Places, September 2026



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- 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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> "My teacher helps me learn new things every day."

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Things to talk about..

TAKEHOME

5th – 11th October



TUESDAY NEWS DAY!

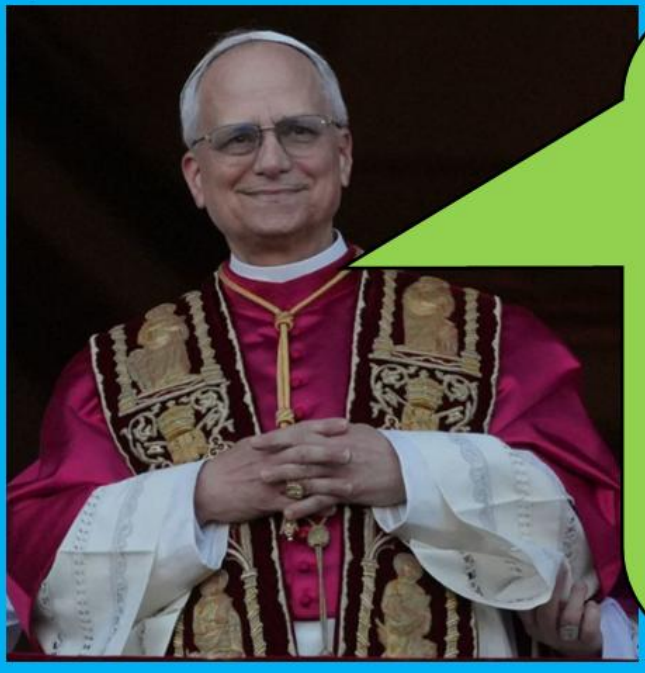
The government has announced plans to make food served in schools across England healthier from September 2027.

Under the proposed rules, schools would serve more fruit, vegetables and fibre-rich foods, while deep-fried foods and foods containing lots of fat, sugar or salt would be restricted. Schools would still offer familiar meals, but they would use healthier ingredients and cooking methods.

Things you could talk about at home:

- *Who usually decides what your family eats at home? Do you take turns? Does everyone help choose meals?*
- *What are some of the things you think are important to consider when choosing what we eat?*
- *If you could suggest one new school meal, what would it be?*

Pope Leo XIV says...



True love is a gift from God: selfless, long-suffering and patient.

Events and Reminders

National Nurturing School Award 2026

Please take some time to red Mr Flaherty's letter which summarises some of the highlights from our Nurture award final report.

Wednesday 21st October & Thursday 22nd October
Remember to book your Parents' Evening appointment.
Appointment sheets are outside of the School Office.





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

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





For the safety of everyone, bicycles and scooters must NOT be ridden on the playground. Please remind your child to walk with these when they arrive or leave the school grounds.

Nut-Free & Orange-Free School Reminder

*A reminder that our school is a **nut-free and orange-free school** due to children and staff with serious allergies.*

*Please **do not send any food containing nuts or oranges into school**.*

*If you are sending treats to share for a birthday or celebration, please **hand them directly to a member of school staff** so we can check they are safe before they are given to children.*

Thank you for helping us keep all our children safe.

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.



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



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 autumn. We have been on an autumn walk and have collected brown, yellow and red leaves as well as pine cones and conkers. We have completed a range of autumn activities such as colour mixing red and yellow to make orange for our autumn leaves and trees. Making orange playdough pumpkins has also proven popular this week. We have also developed our physical skills by using tools to hammer golf tees into our pumpkins. Last week we also planted bulbs with Miss Caffrey and can't wait to watch them grow. Tiny Ants wished Mabel a 'Happy Birthday', shared Dear Zoo stories with each other and posted coins down a tube.









Reception

This week in Reception, we have been learning all about birds! Our book of the week was Cockatoos by Quentin Blake. We learnt about where cockatoos come from and explored the different parts of a bird. The children had a go at describing their own birds and used their imaginations to draw places where they might hide! In art, we made nests for birds, decorated our own birds and created some beautiful pictures of birds in their nests. We also had a very special bird visit our classroom! The children were incredibly gentle and caring and did a fantastic job of looking after our visitor throughout the week.













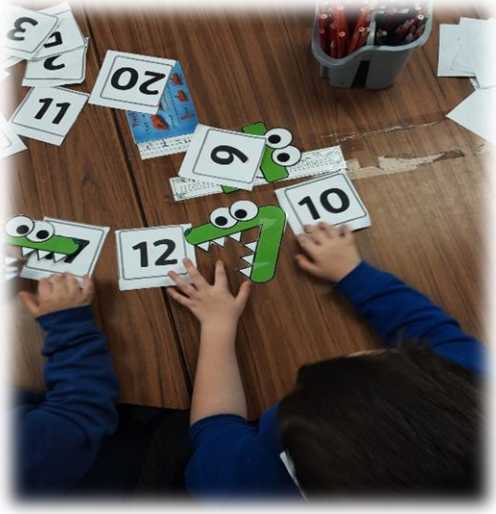

In music, we listened to jazz music and began learning about Black History Month. In RE, we created collages of our faces and talked about the ways we are similar and different, celebrating how unique and special we all are.

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been learning all about greater than, less than and equal to in Maths. We have been using our crocodile mouths to help us to establish which number is greater. In science we discussed which material was the best to make an umbrella after testing properties of materials.

















We enjoyed going on a stewardship walk around our school to find a part of creation which has been cared for well and one that we think we can improve. We also collected litter around school to make sure we were being greats Stewards of God's creation.

Year 2

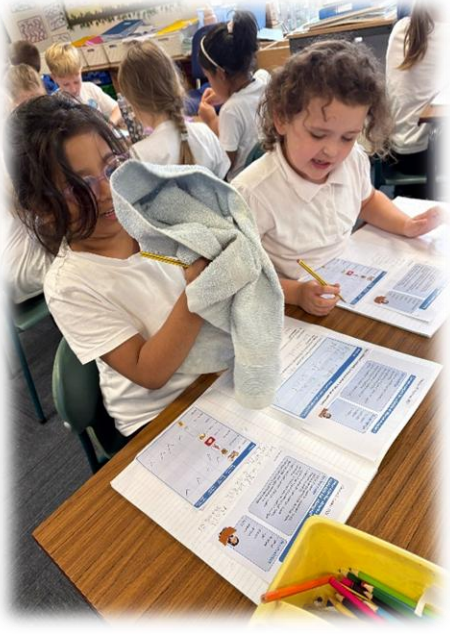
Year 2 have worked incredibly hard this week! We had so much fun in English using macaroni to create inverted commas around our speech and bringing our learning to life by taking on the roles of the characters from The Three Little Pigs.















In Science, we have been experimenting with different materials and investigating how they can change shape.

We also had the very important responsibility of teaching our Year 1 friends our very own 'Peace Games', showing excellent teamwork, kindness and leadership.



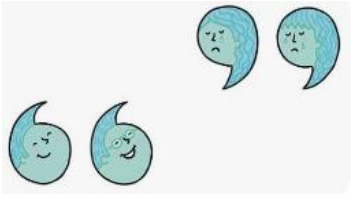


Year 3

Just like Year 2., Year 3 also used macaroni to help them to punctuate a conversation between Baby Bear (aka Sam) and Goldilocks from our fractured fairytale, 'Believe me: Goldilocks Rocks!'.











Millie-Jai, Rocco, Erin and Isabelle planned and ministered a beautiful celebration of the word on how we can still live like St. Francis now that the season of creation is over.



In RE we thought about what St. Francis might say if he came down to earth now; and the children used 'talking chips' to have some really deep discussions about this in their Kagan teams.



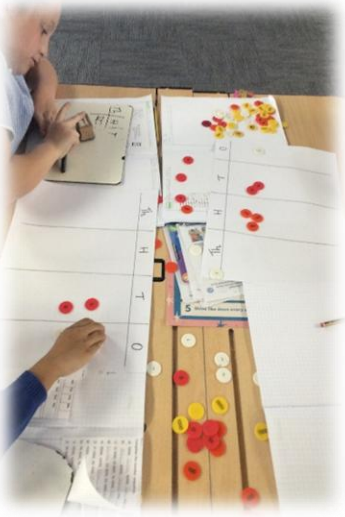






Year 4

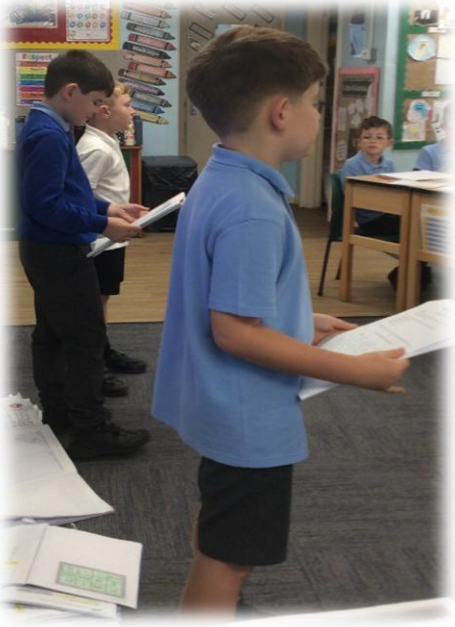
Year 4 have been developing their understanding of addition in Maths this week by using counters and place value charts. In Science, we made food chains, and experienced beautiful pupil-ministered prayer. A big well done to everyone who read a speech for School Council – they were all truly fantastic!









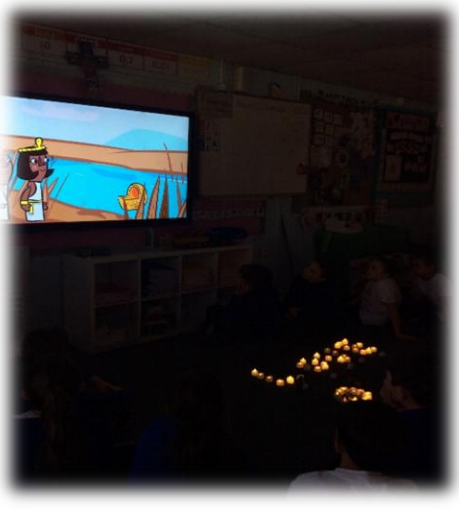














Year 5

In Year 5, we have completed our Level 2 Bikaability training this week.











The children have worked extremely hard over this week to learn new skills when riding bikes and understanding the importance of keeping safe when out on the roads. Great work Year 5!









Year 6

What a fantastic week! Year 6 have really impressed Miss Bolter with their behaviour and attitude. Already they are showing how grown up they are and what good leaders they can be! Our week was mostly spent doing some tricky SATs past popers – well done to everyone for their efforts and resilience!







We also recreated 'The Scream' in art, using our faces and creating our own colourful backgrounds ☺







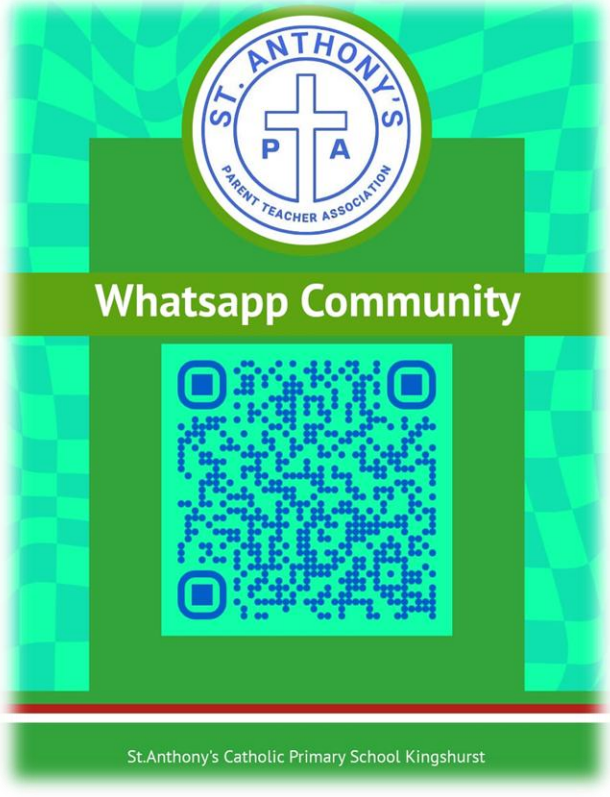


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Stay updated with St. Anthony's
PTA events, news, and
fun moments!


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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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WORKWEAR WITHOUT LIMITS.

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PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE

OUR NEW UNIFORM SUPPLIER

ISL



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. 12th 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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Family Hubs | solihull.gov.uk Solihull Family Hubs evergreen@colebridge.org 0121 779 1724

Evergreen Kingshurst

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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

Solihull Parent Carer Voice



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.

Healthy PARENT CARERS

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enquiries@spcv.org.uk

www.spcv.org.uk

Registered in England: 13348753

Attendance


Celebrating Attendance!
Our attendance raffle winners were: Tommy, Michal, John-Paul, Louie, Joseph and Malakai. We hope you enjoy your sweet treats!
GREAT JOB!
GREAT JOB!


Celebrating Class and House Attendance!
Winining House: St. Andrew
Winning Classes: Reception & Year 5
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 – ***Sebastian*** – *for showing wonderful determination, always trying your best and helping friends in Reception.*

Year 1 – ***Minahill*** – *for bringing confidence and kindness to our Year 1 class in your first week at St Anthony's.*

Year 2 – ***Olivia*** – *for always showing care and respect to everyone around you! You consistently take pride in keeping our classroom clean and tidy. Well done!*

Year 3 – ***Isabelle*** – *for always putting 100% into every lesson and bringing joy to your teachers and friends everyday.*

Year 4 – ***Lewie*** – *for making an effort to concentrate, work hard and model good choices. Keep trying!*

Year 5 – ***Carey*** – *for showing incredible determination and resilience when learning to ride a bike during Bikeability!*

Year 6 – ***Malakai*** – *for always looking out for others and making sure everyone feels valued and supported! You are a true refection of Jesus.*

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 12th October



Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 2 – Monday and Wednesday

Year 3 – Monday and Thursday

Year 4 – **Wednesday** 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.*



Diary Dates



Autumn Term 2026		
Weds 14th Oct	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	Year 1	Phonics workshop 2:45pm
Fri 16th Oct	Whole school	'Nickels for Nepal' non school uniform day (red, white and blue) £1 donation.
Weds 21st & 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			