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

Headteacher: Mr C. Flaherty

Friday 23rd 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.





At the end of the day, love and compassion will win..

Terry Waite — British humanitarian and author



Welcome to the World!

We are absolutely delighted to share the wonderful news that Paddy Thomas Liam Flaherty became the latest addition to join our St. Anthony's family at the weekend. We know that our whole school family will join us in sending Mr. and Mrs. Flaherty lots of love and heartfelt congratulations as they begin this exciting new chapter together.

We wish them many precious moments, happy memories and cuddles as they enjoy this very special time as a family.

May God bless beautiful Paddy and surround the whole Flaherty family with love, joy and happiness.

Toys at Breaktimes and Lunchtimes

We have noticed an increasing number of children bringing small toys into school, particularly desk pets and loom bands. We have also seen a resurgence of squishies - despite us asking for these not to be brought in in a previous newsletter. Unfortunately, these are beginning to cause disagreements between children, with items sometimes becoming lost or damaged.

Whilst we understand that children enjoy collecting and playing with these items, we kindly ask that ***toys from home are not brought into school*** *after half-term.*

Desk pets awarded as classroom rewards will continue to be used in classrooms at the discretion of teachers but should not be taken onto the playground.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us ensure that breaktimes and lunchtimes remain happy and enjoyable for everyone.



Catholic Life

A huge thank you to all who contributed to our Y6 led Nickels for Nepal non-uniform day last Friday. We raised a fantastic **£165.75!**



Yesterday, some of our KS2 pupils attended our OLAAS Mass of Thanksgiving to support Miss Shakespeare, who received an award for 25 years of service! Congratulations Miss Shakespeare and thank you for all of your hard work!





Catholic Life

November - A Month of Remembrance

During November, we remember and pray for all those who have died, especially our loved ones.

As a school family, we would like to remember those who are special to you in our prayers throughout November.

If you would like us to pray for a loved one, please write their name below. Their name will be added to our School Book of Remembrance.

Please return this slip to school by Wednesday 4th November.

People I would like us to remember in our prayers:

_____

_____

_____

Requested by: _____ **Year:** _____

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

November is a special month in the Catholic Church when we remember and pray for those who have died. Children will be bringing home a remembrance slip, inviting families to share the names of loved ones they would like us to remember in our prayers. These names will be added to our school Book of Remembrance, and we will pray for them throughout November. If you would like to, please return your completed slip to school when we return after half term.



Mrs Potter was delighted to be invited into the Year 1 classroom this afternoon to see the beautiful prayer focus that some children had lovingly created.



They were so keen to put up the holy water font they sought out Mr Dickenson to instruct him to put up a hook for it before the end of the day! Luckily he obliged!

Half term homework – Y1, 2 and 3

Saqib Bhatti MP's CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2026



Saqib Bhatti MP invites all children in **Years 1, 2 and 3** in the Meriden and Solihull East area to take part in a special Christmas card competition!

WHAT TO DO

- **Create a picture with a Christmas or religious theme.** This could be the Nativity, a star, an angel or anything that shows the true meaning of Christmas.
- Use **bold, bright colours** so your picture looks **clear when printed.**
- Try to fill as much of the page as possible.
- You can use paints, felt tips, pastels or collage.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Your picture must be on an **A4 sheet of paper** and in **portrait format.**
- Write your **name**, your **age** and the **name** of our school on the back of your picture.
- You can only enter **one** picture.
- The winning picture will be used as Mr Bhatti's official Christmas card this year!

PRIZES

The winning design will be printed on Mr Bhatti's Christmas card and the winner will get a special visit!

Other children's designs may be chosen as runners-up and printed on the back of the card.

DEADLINE

TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2026

We know it's not even Halloween yet… but entries need to be back on **Tuesday 3rd November** so there is time for printing!

We can't wait to see your amazing artwork!

Half term homework – Y4, 5 and 6

Divine Mercy
PARTNERSHIP
St Anne • St Anthony • St John

CHRISTMAS CARD ART COMPETITION 2026

The Divine Mercy Partnership of churches (St. Anne's, St. Anthony's and St. John's) invites primary school children in **Year 4, 5 and 6** to take part in a special Christmas card artwork competition with two fantastic prizes to be won!

1. DIVINE MERCY PARTNERSHIP CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The winning artwork will be printed as the front cover of the Divine Mercy Partnership's 2026 fundraiser Christmas Card. These will be printed and sold through the parish piety stalls.

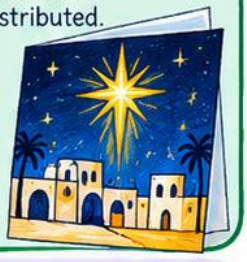
The winner will receive a fantastic art kit worth £50!



2. CLUSTER CHRISTMAS SERVICES CARD COMPETITION

The winning artwork will be printed as the front cover of the joint Christmas Services card for our local cluster of churches:
St Anne's (Chelmsley Wood), St Anthony's (Kingshurst), St John the Baptist (Smith's Wood), Mother of God and Guardian Angels (Shard End), Our Lady's (Kitt's Green), Sacred Heart (Coleshill).
This card will share all the Mass times and Christmas activities across the parishes.
5,000 cards will be printed and distributed.

The winner will receive a fantastic art kit worth £50!



WHAT COULD YOU DRAW?

Your artwork must be of a **religious nature**, such as the Nativity scene.



TOP TIPS

- Use bold, bright colours so it reproduces well when printed.
- Try to fill as much of the page as possible (A4 size).
- You can use paints, felt tips, pastels or collage – pencil colours can look faint when printed.
- Be creative and show the true meaning of Christmas!

HOW TO ENTER

- Do your artwork on an **A4** sheet of paper.
- Write your **first name** and initial of **your surname** on the back. (No class name or school name please, so the judging is anonymous).
- Give your completed artwork to your class **teacher** by

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We can't wait to see your amazing artwork!

Nursery Places 2026



APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

NURSERY PLACES 2026





At St Anthony's Nursery, 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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Nursery Places 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 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

> "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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Winter Uniform

Winter uniform should be worn from W/C 2nd November.

Girls' Uniform - Winter

*Grey/black skirt, white blouse (with tie) royal blue school cardigan or sweatshirt, white socks, white, cream or black tights, and black shoes. Girls can choose if they wish to wear black/grey school trousers (**not fashion trousers or flares**). Leggings are not permitted.*



Boys' Uniform - Winter

Grey/black trousers, white shirt (with tie) and school royal blue V-necked sweatshirt, and black shoes.



All children are expected to wear school uniform.
Please ensure all clothing is marked with your child's name.

- *Dangling earrings, rings or necklaces are not allowed to be worn as they present a health and safety risk.*
- *Stud earrings and a wristwatch are the only jewellery items which may be worn, except when taking part in P.E. lessons. Please keep in mind that should you wish to have your child's ears pierced, the start of the summer holidays is the best time as it give their ears time to heal before the start of term.*
- *Long hair must be tied up on all occasions with discrete bobbles and ribbons.*
- ***Nail varnish, transferable tattoos and makeup are** not permitted.*
- *Excessive haircuts are not permitted i.e. tram lines, designs shaved in to his/her hair.*

Trainers or black trainers are not permitted however children can change into trainers at lunch time.

Tiny Ants/Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been focusing on the story Room on the Broom. We have painted characters from the story, created our own broomsticks, made potions and made marks in glitter. In R.E we have also been learning how to keep God's world looking beautiful and have planted our own bulbs to make our garden colourful.



















Tiny Ants and Nursery also had a parent workshop based on the creation story and St Francis. Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended; the children loved spending time with you in their classroom.











Reception

Reception have had a very busy week! Our story this week was The Leaf Thief by Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater. The children created some brilliant drawings and wrote wonderful descriptions of the squirrel and the woodland setting. We learned all about autumn, exploring the changes that happen to the trees and discovering how animals prepare for winter. The children also learned about nocturnal animals and animals that hibernate. We enjoyed some autumn-themed printing activities and went on an autumn walk around the school in our wellies. The children loved jumping in puddles and collecting leaves for our parachute activities!


















Year 2

Year 2 have had an amazing week!

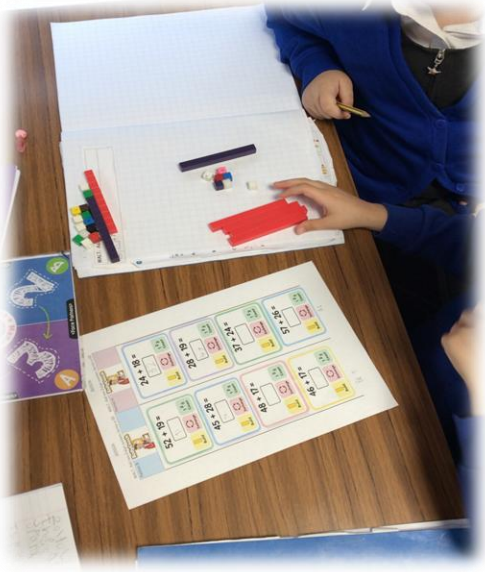
In Maths, we worked brilliantly together to add 2-digit numbers in our rally coach. Everyone did a great job helping and encouraging their partner to work out the answers, and it was lovely to see their incredible teamwork!

In English, we stepped into the shoes of the characters from our traditional tale, The Three Little Pigs. We took turns sitting in the hot seat and answering questions as our characters. We discovered that the wolf wasn't as bad as he seemed after all... he was actually starving, had no breakfast and just wanted some hot stew! According to him, he never meant to blow down the pigs' houses!



Well done year 2!
Have a lovely half term!





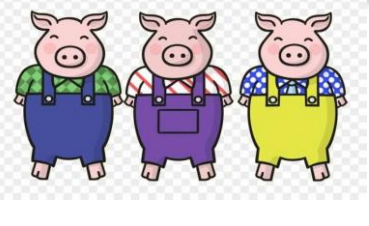












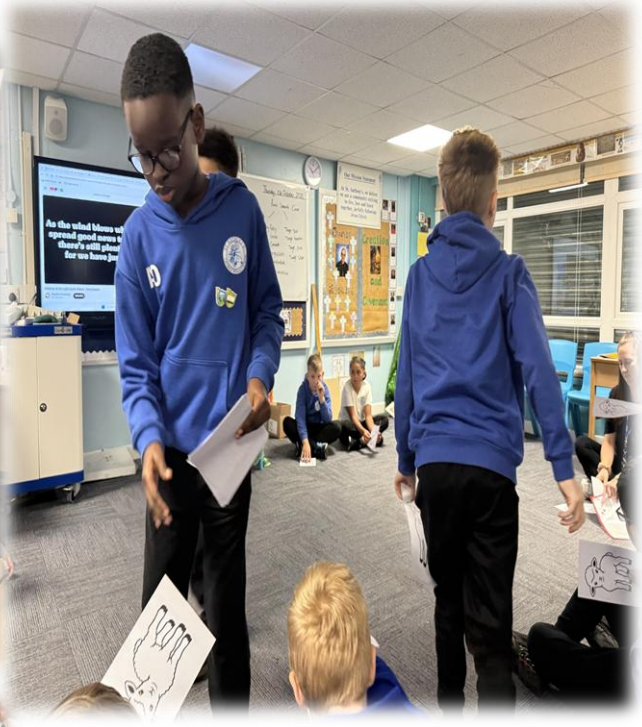
Year 5

In Year 5, we have been building up to our final lesson in D&T, where we have been learning about doodle bots, how to build them, and creating instructions for others to use.

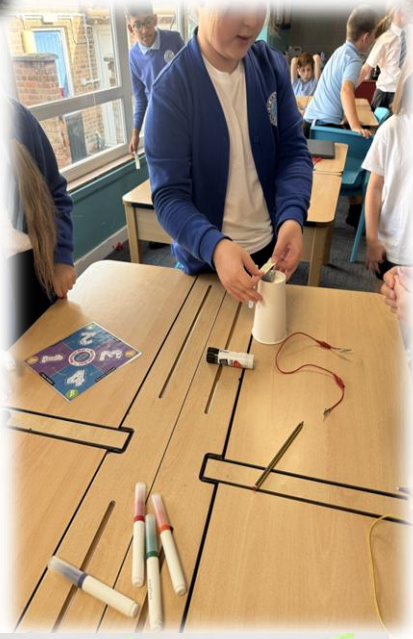
Thank you to Alex, Anh, Quinn and Julia for ministering a reverent celebration of the word this week, focusing on the story of Abraham. Well done!















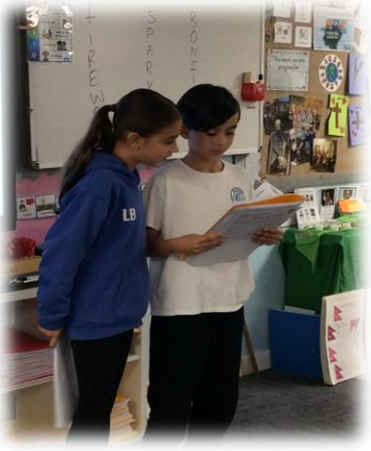
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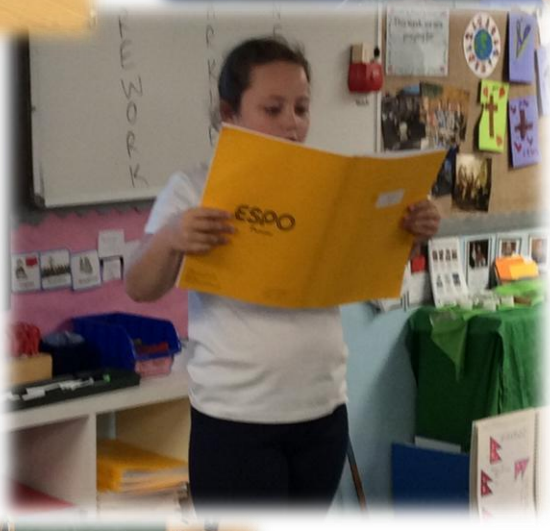
What a beautiful week… We made amazing smoothies to finish off our English topic, and started our new one by performing acrostic poems around the theme of fireworks. They were brilliant, confident performances! We also got creative with posters advising others how to stay safe this Halloween and Bonfire Night, and even had time to read with Nursery as a special treat.

















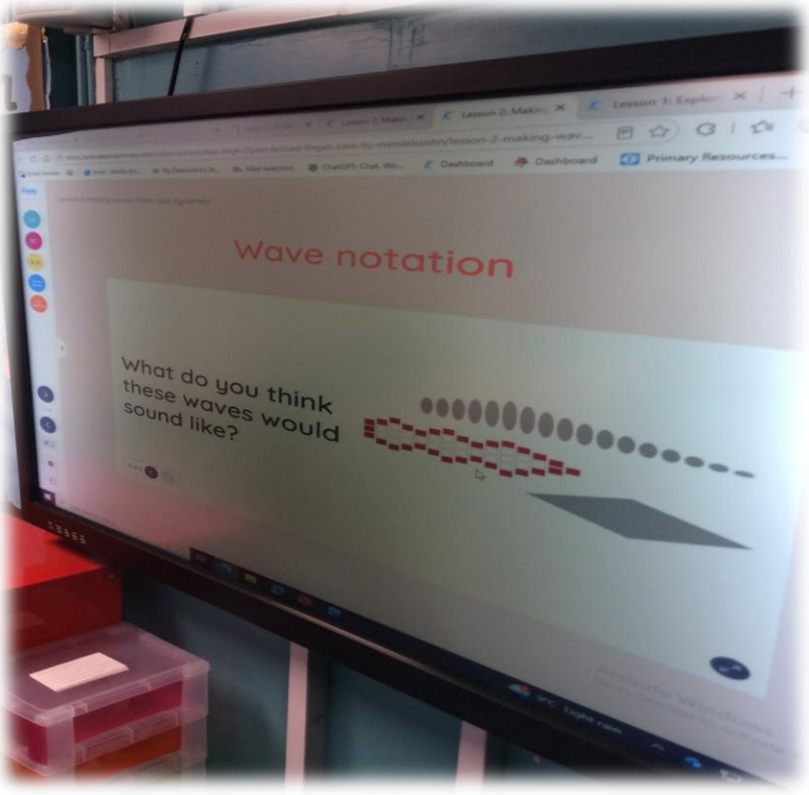




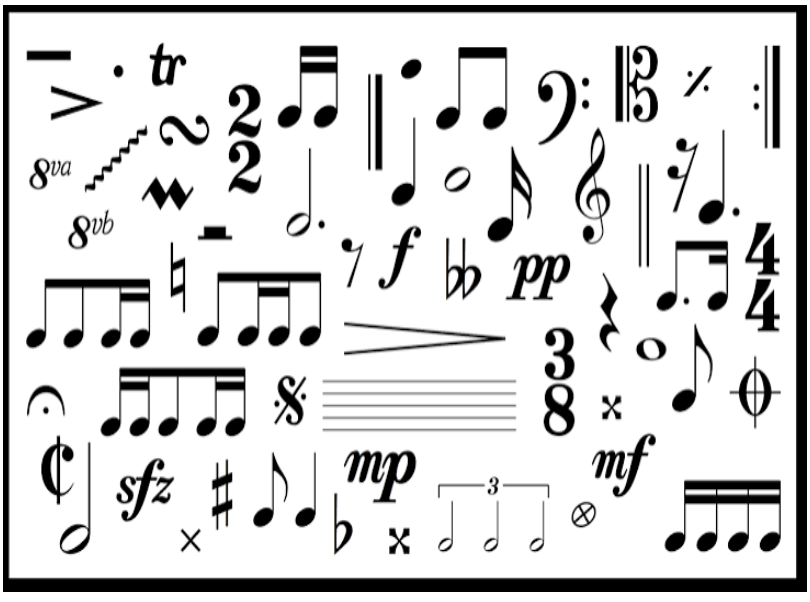


Year 6

Year 6 have had a wonderful final week and are looking forward to a well-deserved rest. We learnt about symbols and metaphors which appear in the Bible in RE, moved onto a new topic in maths about fractions and wrote a diary entry from the perspective of the Lady of Shalott who is trapped in a tower and placed under a curse. We listened to some pieces of music and tried following along using different beats and noises, as well as looking at notation in music.







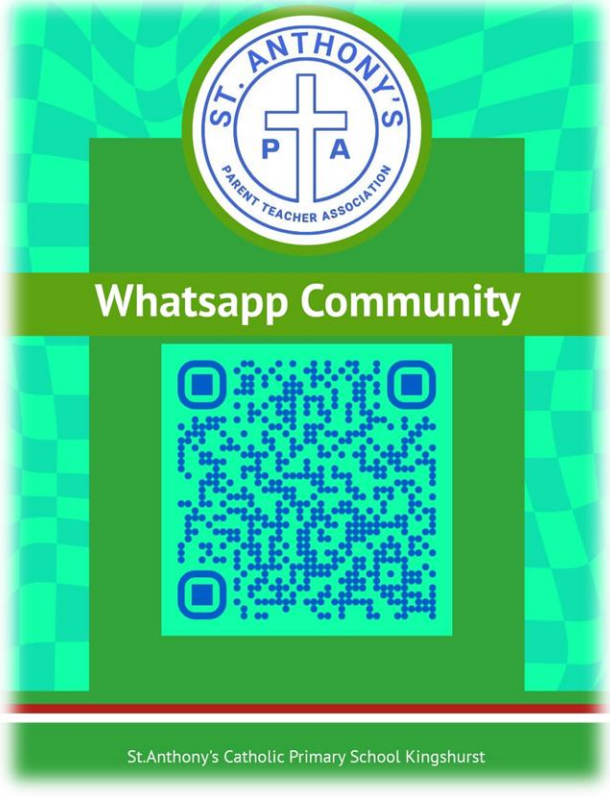


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Price increase September 2026

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.

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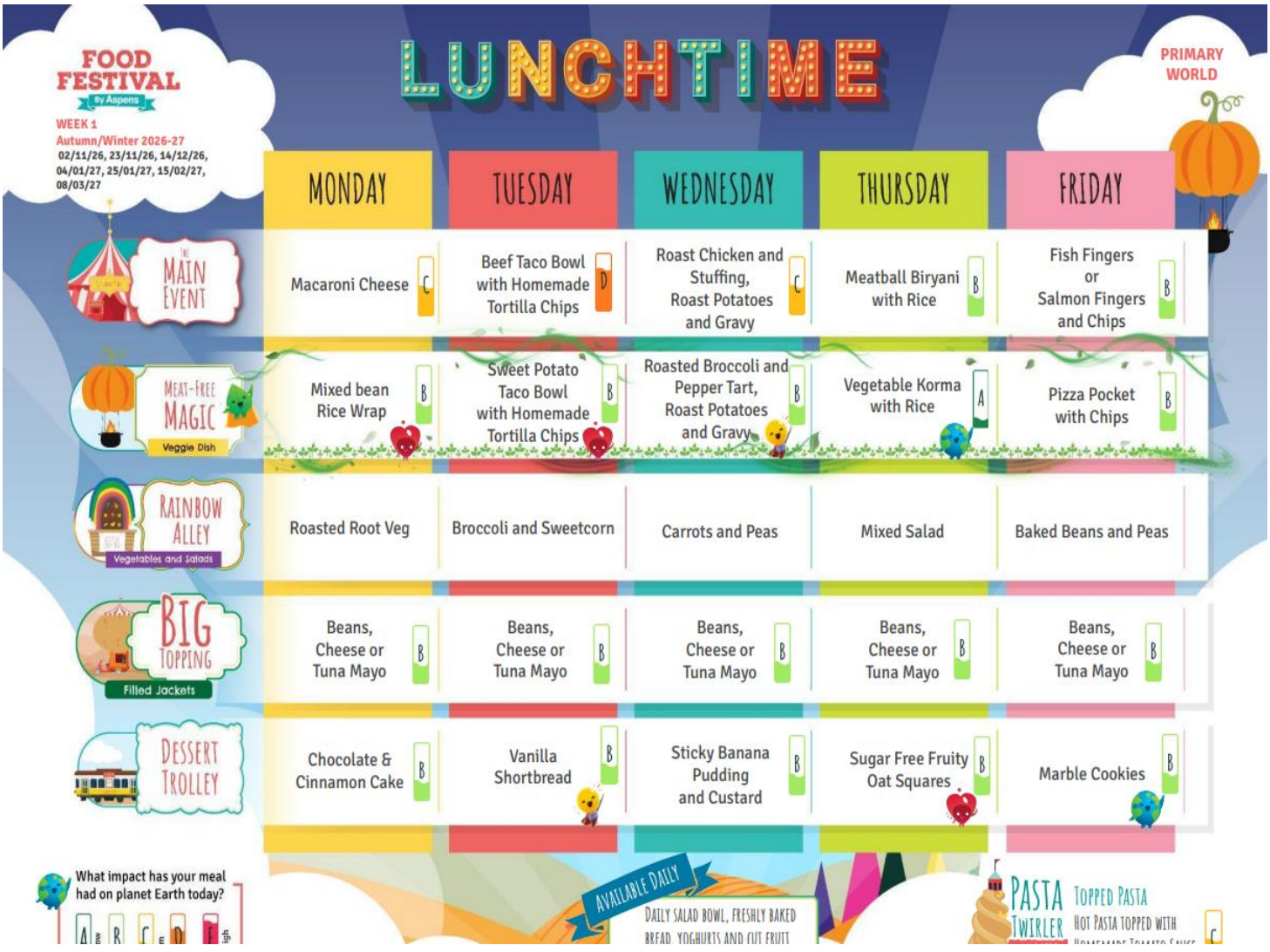
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Thank you for your continued support.

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

Lunch menu for w.b. 2nd November 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



EYFS Dates


Reception
Autumn Term Dates
Monday 9th November
Rememberance project due
EYFS
Tuesday 10th November
2:00 – 3:15pm
Autumn Harvest Parent Workshop
Reception
Friday 11th December
9:15 – 11:00am
EYFS Nativity and Christmas Parent Workshop
EYFS
EYFS
Wednesday 16th December
Polar Express Day
THE POLAR EXPRESS
ALL ABOARD!

Attendance


Celebrating Attendance!
Our attendance raffle winners were: Rayne, Jack, Kai, Maja, Bella-Rose and Nolan. We hope you enjoy your sweet treat! Well done also to Harry G, Ava-Mae, Mia and Hanna who all received certificates for improved attendance today.
GREAT JOB!
GREAT JOB!


Celebrating Class and House Attendance!
Winining House: St. David
Winning Classes: Year 1 and Year 3
SCHOOL
St David's
St George's
St Patrick's
GREAT JOB!
HOUSE

Carers Trust



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North Solihull Sports Centre



MONSTER ZONE SOFT PLAY

Join us for a special birthday celebration!

We're celebrating 1 amazing year of fun, laughter and adventure, and we'd love you to join us! Whether you're a regular visitor or visiting for the first time, this is the perfect opportunity to come along, enjoy a free session, and be part of our special first birthday celebrations.

Contact northsolihullmc@everyoneactive.com to speak to the team.

Monday 26th October

9.30 onwards | Free | Age 5 and under

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everyone ACTIVE

Cricket

After half term Warwickshire cricket will be coming into school to deliver some lessons.

These will take place on Wednesdays for years 3, 4, 5 and 6. So look out for changes to your child's PE days.



Junior Park Run

junior parkrun – where everyone is



welcome

junior parkrun is a free, fun, friendly, weekly, community event organised by volunteers of all ages for children aged 4 to 14.

2k junior parkrun events take place on Sunday mornings and are for the whole community to come together to walk, jog, run and volunteer. Join in on the fun at junior parkrun!

junior parkrun

Head Teacher's Awards



Reception – ***Orla*** – *for her enthusiasm, joy and shining like Jesus.*

Year 1 – ***Emmie*** – *for showing love and compassion towards other children and being a great classmate.*

Year 2 – ***June*** – *for consistently having a respectful attitude, beautiful matters and a kind heart. June, you light up our classroom everyday! Keep shining!*

Year 3 – ***Kiara-Belle*** – *for your wonderful enthusiasm towards all learning this week – you've been shining!*

Year 4 – ***Mia*** – *for giving to God and others with kindness, faith and humour! You are a true friend to everyone.*

Year 5 – ***Lillie*** – *for her fantastic determination throughout the whole term and commitment to her learning!*

Year 6 – ***Sophia*** – *for being a bundle of joy in Year 6! You brighten up the classroom and 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 2nd November



Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Thursday

Year 2 – Thursday

Year 3 – Wednesday

Year 4 – Wednesday

Year 5 – Wednesday

Year 6 – Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday

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		
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			