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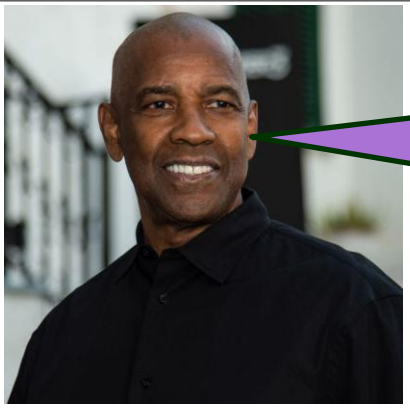
Friday 20th November 2026



This half term er are growing to be ***Faith-filled*** in our beliefs and **hopeful** for the future.





Even in the darkest stories, I'm looking for the light.

Denzel Washington – American actor

We would be very grateful if you could take a few moments to complete out Catholic Life, RE and Collective Worship survey using this link:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/30AP8TniHk



Please ensure your child comes to school wearing a coat and encourage them to wear this at break and lunch too.

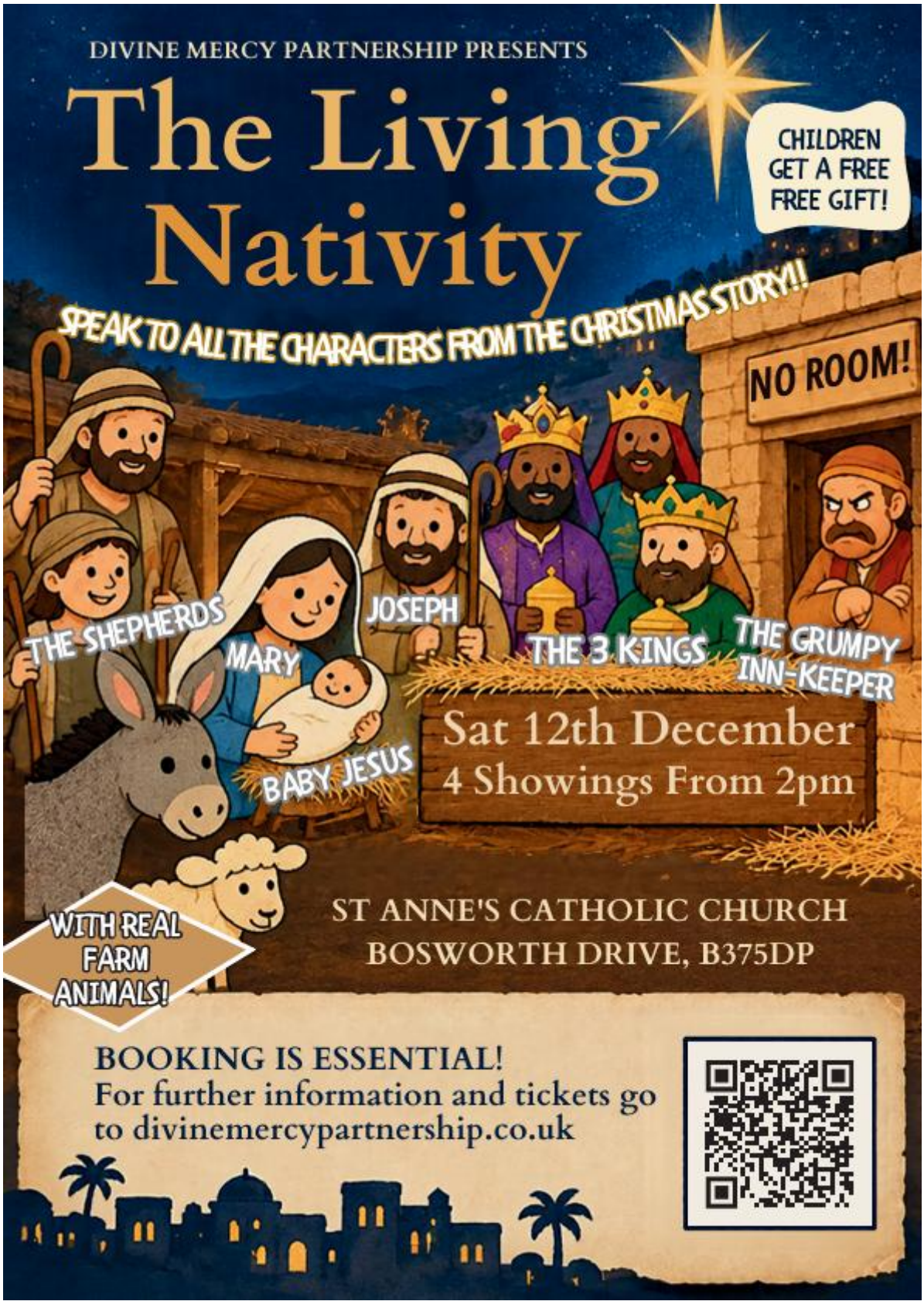


Year 5 Swimming with start on **Tuesday 24th November.** Please remember that children will need a swimming costume or trunks, towel and to wear their PE kit on Tuesdays.



Catholic Life

Fr. Sean and the team at the Divine Mercy Partnership have organised a 'Living Nativity' on Saturday 12th December which all children are invited to attend. Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will bring home a letter today – if you would like for your child to be part of our Christmas Choir, please complete and return the reply slip by Tuesday 24th November.



Things to talk about..

TAKEHOME 16th - 22nd November



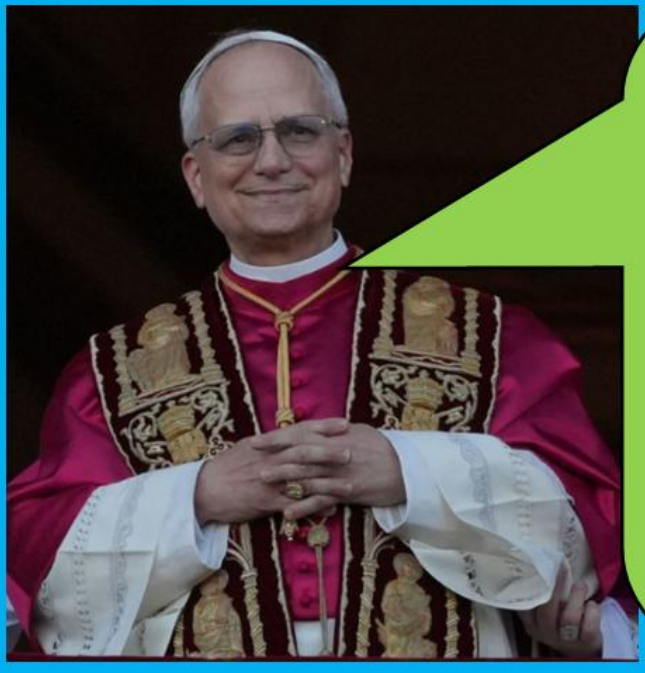
TUESDAY NEWS DAY!

This week we learnt that leaders from around the world are meeting in Türkiye for COP31, to discuss how to protect our planet from climate change. *They will talk about how countries can work together and whether richer countries should help those affected by floods, droughts and rising seas. In our classes we talked about how this links to our Catholic Social Teachings.*

Things you could talk about at home:

- *What do you think is the biggest problem facing our world?*
- *Do you feel it is important for countries to work together to tackle climate change?*
- *Should richer countries help poorer countries? What could families do at home?*

Pope Leo XIV says...



Do not lose the joy of being God's hands and instruments of his peace.

Tiny Ants/Nursery

This week, in Nursery we have been learning about Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have acted out the story with props and have enjoyed exploring porridge oats in the sensory tray. Nursery have also been working hard on size ordering the bears' beds, chairs and bowls of porridge using the language 'small', 'medium' and 'big'. The children have been matching bear counters to their numeral and using tweezers to do so has also been popular! Additionally, Nursery have loved taking on the role of Goldilocks by following instructions to make and taste their own porridge.





















Reception

This week in Reception, we have been busy learning all about penguins! In writing, we used the cartoon Pingu to inspire us to draw and describe our own penguins. We also explored how we can protect sea animals by recycling and reducing plastic waste. As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we enjoyed Kagan team-building games with our friends, learning the importance of kindness and working together. We created helping hands and talked about the trusted adults we can turn to when we need help. In Maths, we explored different arrangements of four, using bricks to create and investigate different formations. We also learnt a new song, The Hokey Cokey! We began by playing Simon Says with hoops to explore the positional language 'inside' and 'outside', before putting our learning into action through singing and dancing!









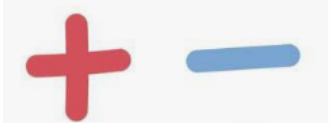




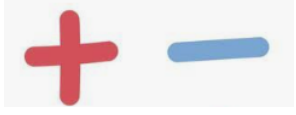
Year 1

This week in Maths, we have been using the part-whole model to help us subtract numbers. We have also been consolidating our addition and subtraction skills through a range of practical activities, as well as comparing numbers using greater than and less than. In computing, we have been developing our mouse control skills by creating pictures, carefully moving the mouse to draw different shapes and bring our ideas to life!



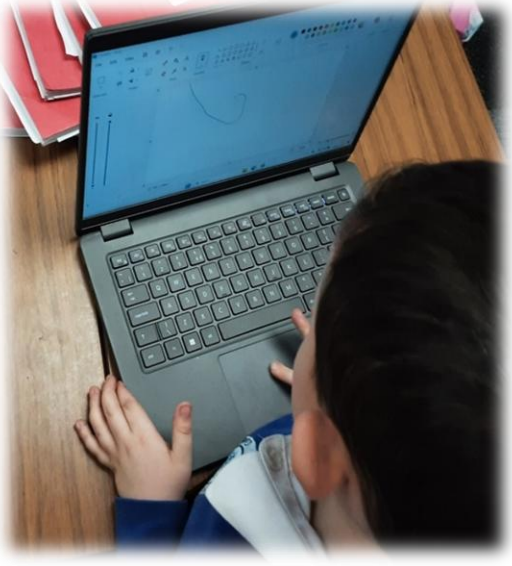
















Year 3 (w.b. 9th Nov)

Last week Year 3 began by sharing their ideas for their fractured Cinderella fairytales in a 'stand up, hand up, pair up' activity. The children certainly have some vivid imaginations! In Maths we were multiplying and dividing by 2 and in our computing lesson we explored Spelling Shed. The children are excited to practise their spellings at home using this free website. Staff were very impressed by some of the shoe designs completed for homework, which we have sent off to Nicholas Lowinger in USA after learning about him in our RHE lesson. The children also created some beautiful pieces of remembrance artwork.



















Year 3

It's been another busy week in Year 3. We began the week using pasta shapes to multiply and divide by 4 in Maths and completing our character descriptions of Paddington in English. We then moved on to sorting facts and opinions ahead of writing non-chronological reports about Peru. The children also produced some fantastic packaging prototypes for some healthy snacks in DT and learnt all about different settlements in Geography.





















Year 4

In Year 4, we've continued our 'Biscuits' topic in D&T by making some plain biscuits, which we will improve upon later.











In Maths, our big times tables focus has begun by learning our 3s, 6s and 9s through many games. Let's keep it up with Times Tables Rockstars at home too!







Year 5

A very busy week in Year 5! We have been building up to a piece of extended writing, where we have created an exciting and persuasive holiday brochure to visit Egypt.









We have also been investigating different types of website browsers in computing to discover their similarities, differences and how they work. Finally, we took part in a celebration of the word this week with a focus on how we can show kindness and forgiveness to others everyday.















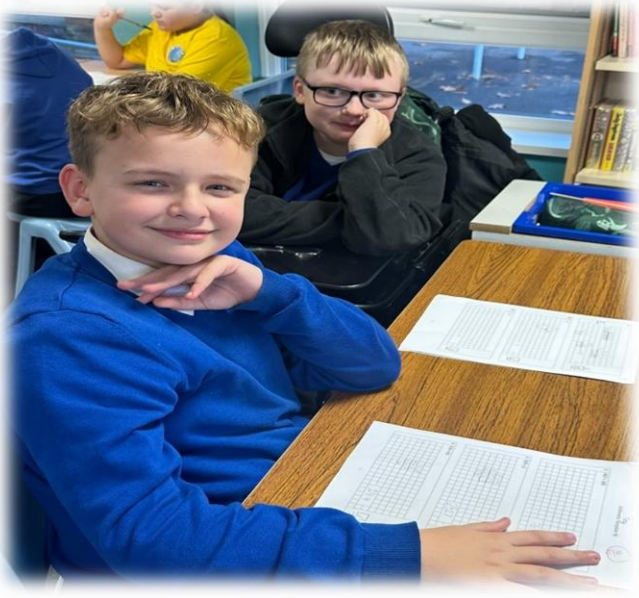
Year 6

Year 6 have started learning about Mary in RE and the important decision she made to become Jesus' mother. In English, we wrote an inner monologue imagining that we were children living through war and explored what that experience might have felt like. Well done to all of you for leading such a beautiful Mass this week. You represented our school wonderfully! As always, well done for your fantastic effort in our booster session too.

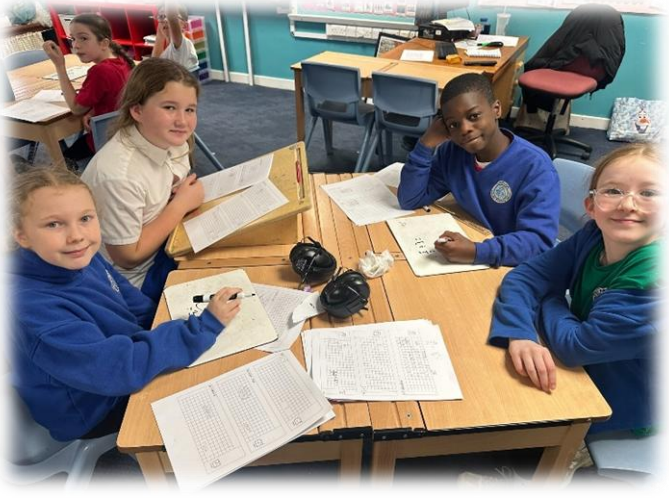












Nursery Places 2026



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 now until the summer term.

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). 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 (not a smart watch) are the only jewellery items which may be worn. These must be removed for 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.***

PTA School Disco



Please make payment via https://login.parentpaygroup.com/

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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.

NEW Uniform Supplier

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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

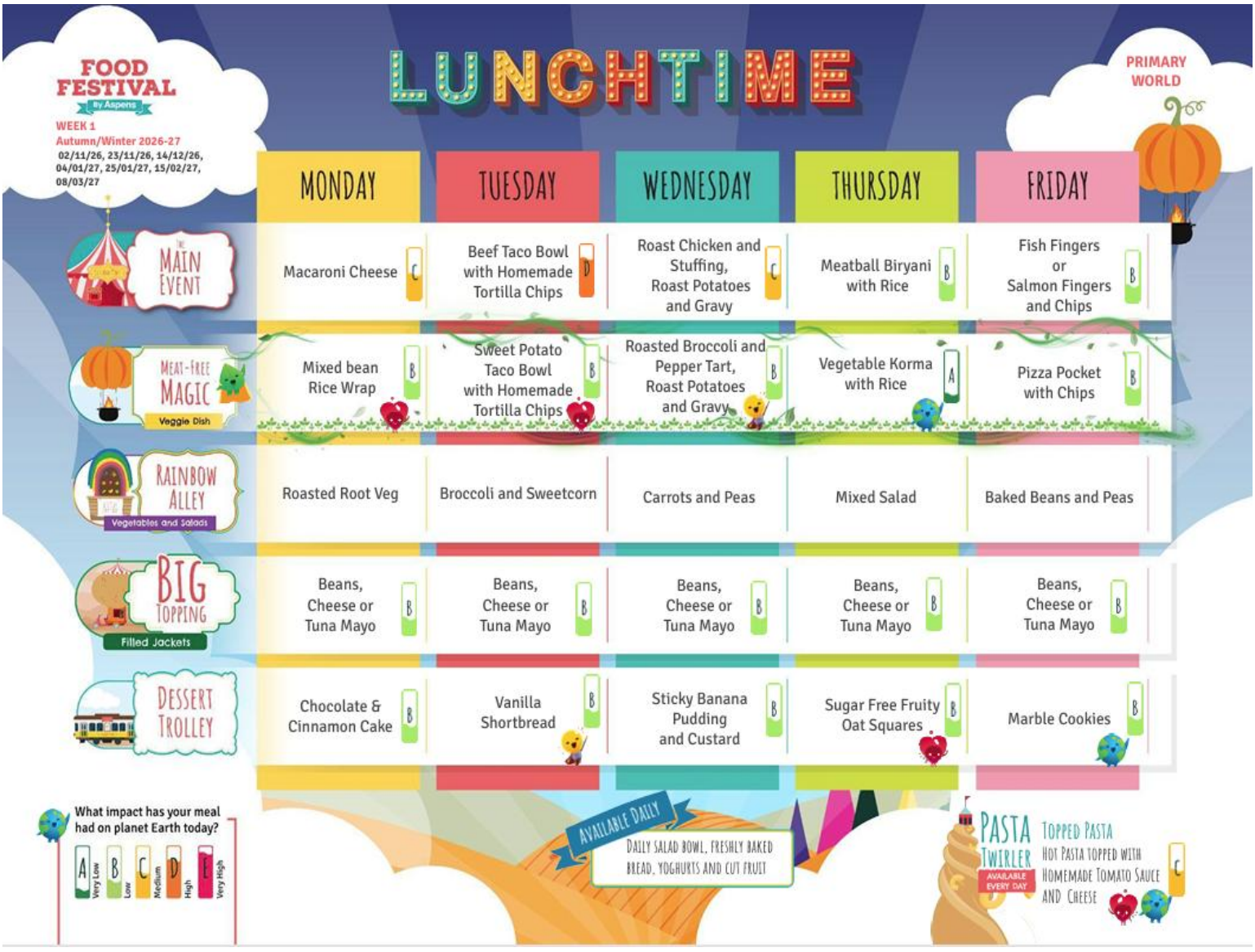
https://islclubwear.atelier.sale/stanthonys

Password: StAnthonys1234

Thank you for your continued support.

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

Lunch menu for w.b. 23rd 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/



Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 8th December 2026

FOOD FESTIVAL

FESTIVE FUN

8th December

Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Chipolata, Roast Potatoes & Gravy

OR

Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Chipolata, Roast Potatoes & Gravy

OR

Butternut Squash & Mushroom Wellington with Yorkshire Pudding

served with

Carrots, Peas & Sprouts

Christmas Cookies

Pasta, Jacket Potatoes & Sandwiches also available





Last orders for Christmas Lunch are Friday 4th December



Attendance


Celebrating Attendance!
Our attendance raffle winners were: Cindy-Lou, Dottie, Tony, Ila, Jiyaa, Alex and Jacob. We hope you enjoy your sweet treat!
Well done also to Niamh and Kiara-Belle who received attendance certificates.
GREAT JOB!
GREAT JOB!


Celebrating Class and House Attendance!
Winining House: St. George
Winning Classes: Year 2 & Year 5
SCHOOL
St David's
St George's
St Patrick's
GREAT JOB!
HOUSE

Barnardo's

BARNARDO'S

FREE online and face-to-face Cygnet sessions available for parents and carers living in Solihull who support children and young people aged 5-25 with a diagnosis of autism, are on the diagnostic pathway, or are suspected of being autistic.

- Weekly sessions, lasting between 2.5 - 3 hours.
- Provides a supportive space for parents and carers to share experiences.
- Deepens autism awareness while offering practical support strategies.

Session 1 – An overview of autism

An introduction and overview of Autism whilst discussing parent and carer's lived experiences of caring for children with autism.

Session 2 – Thinking and sensory

Explore how autistic children think and process information and develop an understanding their sensory needs.

Session 3 - Social interaction and communication

Explore how autistic children navigate social interactions and the importance of understanding how they communicate.

Session 4 - Understanding and supporting behaviour

Develop an understanding of autistic children's behaviour and how to support them through recapping strategies discussed in previous sessions.

Session 5 – Analysing behaviour

How to analyse autistic behaviour to recognise triggers and reduce dysregulation.

BOOK USING THE QR

Please Note Session 1 is mandatory

Additional Specialist Sessions

- Sleep Hygiene
- Sexualised Behaviour
- Demand Avoidance
- Masking

Carers Trust



DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ADDITIONAL NEEDS OR A DISABILITY?



You are not alone

Discuss your needs during a supportive parent carers assessment to receive a plan just for you

We offer services including:
- Information and Advice
- Emotional Support
- Activities
- Training
- Assessments
- Support Planning





To request support get in touch:
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E centre@solihullcarers.org
W www.solihullcarers.org

Family Hubs


Family Hubs
Attendance Drop-Ins
Accessible support for schools and families
Mondays
Monkspath Family Hub
1:00pm – 3:00pm
Tuesdays
Elmwood Family Hub
11:30am – 1:30pm
Why attend?
Explore attendance concerns collaboratively
Identify barriers to attendance
Develop practical solutions
Agree next steps and support plans
Strengthen home-school partnerships

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

New Players Wanted



Kingshurst Village Centre Regeneration

Meet the Builders
Community Drop-In Event: Tuesday 1 December



Admissions



LAST DAY FOR ANY COMMENTS

St Anthony's is consulting on its admission arrangements for 2028-29 from 1st October 2026 to 20th November 2026. ~Please note the revised consultation date. You can find a copy of the proposed admission arrangements on our website. If you have any comments or views you should send them to Laura Grice, OLAAS Governance Lead at gricel@olaas.co.ukor 5pm on 20th November 2026.

After School Clubs



Please ensure that you have spoken with your child before signing them up to after-school clubs to establish: a) that they want to do that club and b) they know the behaviour expectations.

EYFS Dates



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 16th November



Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Monday and Tuesday

Year 2 – Monday and Tuesday

Year 3 – Wednesday and Thursday

Year 4 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 5 – Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday

Year 6 – Wednesday and Thursday

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		
Thursday 28th November	R – Y6	PTA winter disco (see PTA newsletter page)
Wednesday 2nd December	KS2	Y3,4,5,and 6 attending parish Mass 9:15am
Tuesday 8th December	Whole School	Christmas dinner and jumper day
Wednesday 9th December	KS1	Y1 and 2 Nativity for parents in church 2:15pm
Saturday 12th December	2pm – 4pm	Divine Mercy Partnership Live Nativity (St. Anthony's Christmas Choir singing)
Wednesday 16th December	EYFS	Polar Express Day
Wednesday 16th December	Whole school	Whole School Mass – Y5 leading
Wednesday 16th December	KS2	KS2 Carol concert for parents 1:45pm
Thursday 17th December	KS2	Christmas Choir singing at Silver Birches Care Home
Friday 18th December	Whole School	End of term for all pupils

Term dates 2026 - 2027			
	Term starts	**Half term**	**Term ends**
Autumn	Tuesday 1 September 2026	Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Spring	Monday 4 January 2027	Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Summer	Monday 12 April 2027	Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027	Wednesday 21 July 2027
Inset days: 1st September, 2nd November, 4th January, 12th February, 7th June, 21st July			

Head Teacher's Awards



Reception – Reign – *for being a ray of sunshine and always shining like Jesus.*

Year 1 – David – *for always setting a wonderful example for Year 1 in everything you do. Keep up the good work!*

Year 2 – Annie – *for shining in the classroom and bringing a smile to everyone's face! Your kindness and politeness make you an inspiring role model and a joy to teach!*

Year 3 – Teddie – *for a fantastic first week in Year 3. We are so happy that you have joined our class family* ☺

Year 4 – Albie – *for being a curious and faith-filled learner in every subject and also working hard to improve your presentation. Keep it up!*

Year 5 – Gabija – *for always being a considerate and supportive member of the class, whilst demonstrating a positive and enthusiastic attitude to learning!*

Year 6 – Harry L – *for always smiling, your cheerful personality is infectious, and you are a true pleasure to teach!* ☺