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Friday 11th April 2025



This half term, we are growing to be attentive to our experience and to our vocation; and discerning about the choices we make and the effects of those choices.



Judgment is discernment having a 'bad hair day'.

Mary Anne Radmacher - American Author and Artist

CAFOD Big Lent Walk

What a wonderful afternoon we had yesterday for our Big Lent Walk fundraiser. It was amazing to see how many family members were able to come and support us; and the pupils were so enthusiastic! We have currently raised an amazing £282 – we never fail to be amazed by your generosity!



THE BIG LENT WALK





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Childcare support @ St. Anthony's – Easter break

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KIDS FEST



April

22– 25

09:30 – 14:30



St Anthony's

Catholic Primary School



Free (HAF Code)

£15 (non HAF)

FUN ACTIVITIES

Sports

Crafts

Games

Breakfast & Lunch

Included

AGES 7–12

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Time to talk...

TAKEHOME



What qualities should a positive role model have?

'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

This week we learnt that Ex-England football manager, Sir Gareth Southgate, has shared his thoughts on young people, and his fears that many are spending too much time online, gaming and using social media. He stated how important it is for young people to have positive role models beyond social media influencers. He said the UK needs to do more to encourage young people – particularly young men – to make the right choices in life and not be afraid of failure.

Things you could talk about at home:

- Who are your role models? What qualities do they have? Ask someone about their role models.
- Do you think anyone can be a role model?

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Pope Francis says...

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When Jesus gazes within us and loves us, what does He see despite our distractions and sins? Jesus sees our fragility, as well as our desire to be loved just as we are.

Summer Uniform

Summer uniform can be worn after Easter until Autumn Term in October.

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 white polo shirt*

**Black school shoes*

**Blue school jumper*

Girls

**Grey skirt, trousers, pinafore or blue gingham dress*

**White blouse with tie or white polo shirt*

**Black school shoes (no heels, no sandals)*

**Blue school cardigan or jumper*

Tiny Ants



Our Tiny Ants 'star of the week' is Cory
for his excellent jigsaw skills and confidence in completing them.



We have been very busy in Tiny Ants this week.

We have been enjoying lots of Easter crafts, counting how many eggs in baskets and we even got to make our own chocolate rice crispy cakes - yum!

We would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all the parents/carers who joined us for our Easter workshop and we wish you all a Happy Easter!



Nursery

Thank You to all the parent and carers who attended our Easter craft workshop. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break.



Reception

This week we have been learning all about Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week. We have enjoyed role playing the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, as he rode in on a donkey. We made special palm leaves which we waved around shouting "Hosanna, Hosanna!"

Thank you Reception for another wonderful week and we hope you have a happy and Holy Easter.



Year 1

In RE this week, we continued our work on Holy Week. We recreated a scene from the upper room during The Last Supper. We discussed the importance of the bread and wine, the washing of feet and the betrayal of the disciple, Judas. In Science, we have been learning about plants. The children wrote instructions explaining how to plant a seed before growing their own! At the end of the week, we went on our Lenten walk. We joined in prayer at the start of our walk and at the lake, before heading back to school to enjoy an ice lolly.

Well done Year 1, you have worked so hard this term! Keep shining! 😊



Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic term filled with creativity and fun. One of the highlights was our clay day, where the children designed and made house tiles using a variety of cutting and rolling techniques. They also showcased their confidence and passion for dance during a wonderful performance on Monday. A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the Big Lent Walk—we had a great time and celebrated with a well-deserved ice lolly afterwards!

Well done, Year 2, for an amazing term—have a restful and enjoyable break!



Year 3

Year 3 have had a fabulous end to the term! We used up our final golden tickets and played some bingo outside in the sun, as well as kicking back, relaxing and watching a film and doing the big Lent walk!

Well done to all of you for absolutely smashing your dance routine on Monday and all being so fantastic this term 😊



Year 4

Year 4 have had a busy week! We have followed the steps that the ancient Egyptians would have followed for mummification. Our 'mummy' was a lemon: we bathed it, removed the internal organs, filled it with our natron mix and wrapped it in bandages!



This week in DT the children have been working towards making a slingshot car. So far they have used their incredible teamwork to create their chassis!



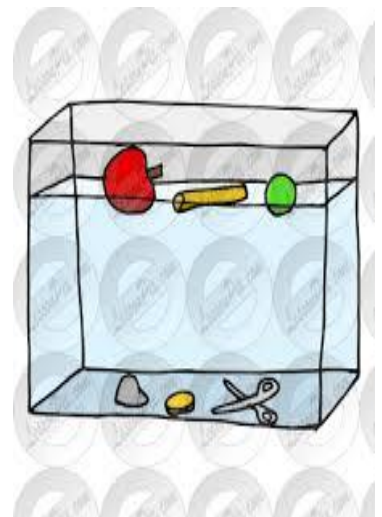
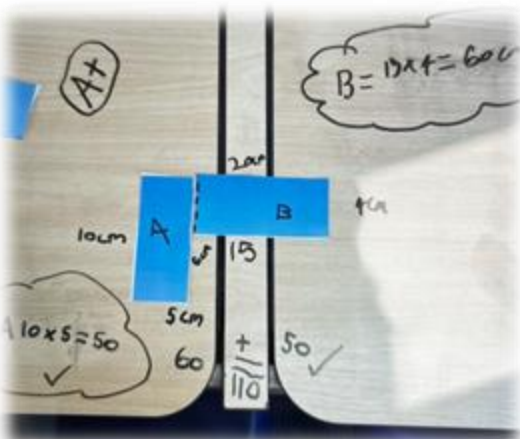
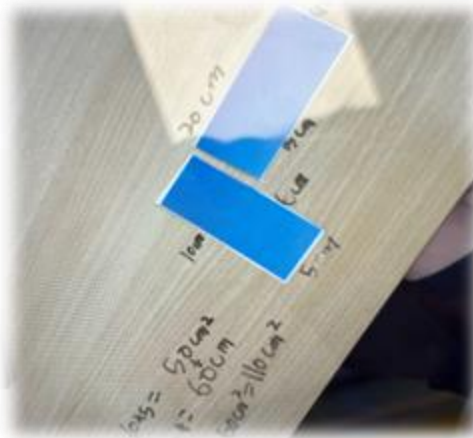
Year 5

What a fabulous (and very busy!) week it's been in Year 5!

We started the week with our dance production at JHNCC—a truly memorable performance that even brought a few happy tears to the eyes of those in the audience. In Science, we had lots of fun exploring how different objects respond in water. We carried out an exciting experiment comparing the weight of objects in and out of water, and investigated why some float while others sink. In Maths, we've been hard at work getting to grips with area of compound shapes.

All in all, a wonderful week full of creativity, curiosity, and challenge.

Well done, Year 5!



Actions Speak Louder than Words

Here are some photos from our dance performance and some comments from audience members.

"I'm very proud my kids could take a part in this beautiful performance."



"Thank you- it gave us all as parents a great feeling confirming what we already know...that our boy attends such a beautiful, caring and 'family like community' school! We are proud to say our boy goes to St Anthony's in Kingshurst!"



"I loved seeing the boys group even though I don't have a son myself, I believe dance is for everyone 😊"

"The boys performance was outstanding, I could feel the story they were telling was so emotional. Well done to them all. Beautiful from everyone. Need to do more of these. They all did St Anthony's proud!!!!"

"We really enjoyed this dance production. Everything was really well organised and the dance show was fantastic. The messages attached to each dance came across really well and we could tell that the staff and pupils put a lot of thought, effort and hard work into the whole thing. Well done to all involved."



"It was all brilliant. I really enjoyed the whole show. The children were amazing, showed great team work and support to each other."

"The absolute joy on the faces of the children. A core memory they will remember forever."



"Thank you for supporting my child to step outside of his comfort zone, build resilience to confidently perform in front of an audience."

Attendance



Our contact details are:

School email address: office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk

Telephone number: 0121 770 3168

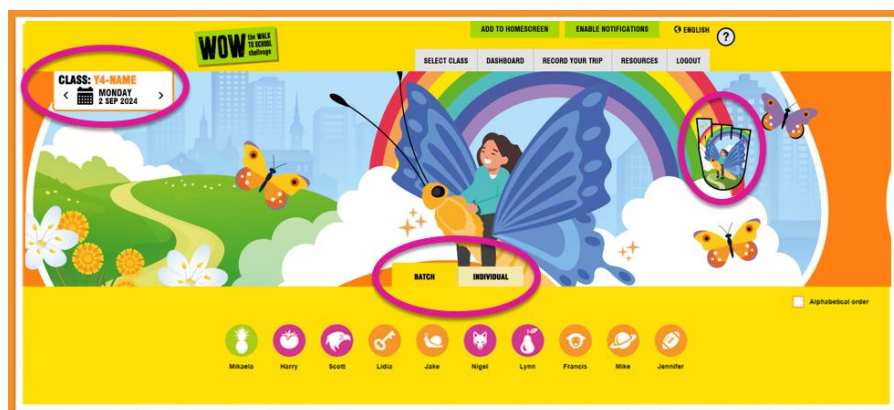
If your child is going to be absent from school **please let the office know**. You can do this by emailing, calling or leaving a voicemail. If we do not hear from you, your child's absence will be marked as unauthorised.

Thank you to everyone that has made contact, it really saves a lot of time!



Congratulations to today's attendance raffle winner:

Hugo in Year 1



Each day we are asking our pupils how they have travelled to school each day. If pupils can walk/wheel, cycle, scooter or 'park and stride'* to school ONE DAY each week, they will earn a badge at the end of the month.

*Park and stride means parking / getting off public transport at least 10 mins away from school and then walking the rest of the way.

Online Safety for Parents and Carers

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SEARCH ENGINES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Search engines are an integral part of everyday life – with Google alone processing around 100,000 searches every second. Search engines use algorithms to predict which results will be useful to us, though this can expose children to inappropriate content, misinformation and even scams. This guide explains the risks associated with search engines and offers practical advice to help safeguard young users online.

MANIPULATED SEARCH RESULTS

Although search engines take site reputation into account, trustworthiness isn't the main factor. Instead, they use algorithms that can be gamed via tactics like search engine optimisation (SEO), which is big business. As a result, users may encounter misleading content and low-quality commercial products that appear more credible than they actually are.

MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION

Search engines index billions of web pages – and not all of them are factual or safe. Children might stumble across false information or even deliberate disinformation, especially when searching for trending topics or controversial issues.

ENGINES BEYOND GOOGLE

Even if Google's SafeSearch is enabled, children may use lesser-known search engines that don't have similar protections. Some of these alternatives are less effective at blocking unsavoury content – sometimes by design – making it easier for children to encounter harmful or explicit material. Parental controls may also struggle to detect and block these sites.

FUNNY JOKES

ILLEGAL CONTENT CAN SURFACE

Search engines are designed to retrieve content based on keywords – not to judge whether that content is lawful. As a result, even illegal or harmful material can appear in search results. Children might assume that anything found through search engines must be safe, just because they're so widely used. This misunderstanding can lead to accidental exposure to seriously inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT EXPOSURE

Although parental controls like Google's SafeSearch exist, they aren't foolproof, and search engines may bypass them. Young users may still see inappropriate images or content, especially in image searches, even though they may not be able to click on the results. Some niche search engines lack even basic filtering, posing further risks.

UNRELIABLE AI SUMMARIES

Some search engines now offer AI-generated answers at the top of results. While these can be helpful as webpage summaries, they're not always accurate. There have been instances where AI summaries have presented false or even dangerous information, reinforcing the need for critical thinking.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

While no parental controls tool is perfect, this software can help reduce the likelihood of inappropriate content appearing in search results. Use tools like Google Family Link to set search restrictions and monitor your child's browsing activity.

QUESTION AI-GENERATED CONTENT

While AI content is generated quickly and often appears legitimate, teach children that, just because an AI summary is well presented, it doesn't mean it's accurate. Encourage them to review the sources behind AI summaries and check the information with reputable sites or fact-checkers.

IDENTIFY AND AVOID ADVERTS

One of the ways search engines generate revenue is by showing adverts to their users. Sponsored search results are labelled, but they're not always easy to spot and can sometimes be malicious. Show your child how to distinguish between paid ads and organic search results – explain why some ads might be misleading or unsafe.

PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Encourage children to question the motivation behind online content and develop critical thinking, as not all sites can be trusted. Some deliberately misinform users in order to sell products or promote misinformation. Developing a critical mindset is one of the best defences against these tactics.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.



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Support for Parents and Carers

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Rising to the challenge

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A 6 week programme for parents and carers of autistic children

The course will help attendees gain a more in depth knowledge of autism and how it impacts the person that you care for.

We will be looking at autism as a spectrum, communication, anxiety, sensory differences and much more.

Dates and times to be confirmed

Our Autism Specialist Advisers will deliver the training and support attendees to identify strategies to help support the autistic young person they are caring for.



To attend: Must live in Birmingham or Solihull. Course is for parents/Carers. Full address to be released when we have everyone registered

Family Helpline

Early Help support for families
and professionals in Solihull

0121 788 4327

Live from 3 March 2025

Available Monday-Thursday 09:00-16:30,
Friday 09:00-16:00

Our dedicated team of duty workers support
with topics such as:

- Parenting and family guidance
- School attendance and support in coordinating Early Help assessments and plans
- Signposting to local services such as Solihull Family Hubs
- Child behavioural issues and social development
- Health and emotional wellbeing
- Referrals to Family Support Workers

For safeguarding concerns, such as if a child is at risk of being harmed, call the Solihull Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0121 788 4300



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SAFETY!

An important message from the School Parking Enforcement Team...

In October 2024 I sent an email and information regarding school parking and the laws around it for you to disseminate to parents/careers. The team have seen little improvement and continue to get complaints from the local residents and the wider community. We have decided to take robust action and will no longer take a lenient approach by words of advice. All drivers committing a road traffic offence will receive a ticket through the post. Please pass this message onto parents/careers via the appropriate channels to avoid these fines.



School Tie



We now have a new clip tie priced at £4.90 each available to purchase from the office. If you would like one, please make a payment on ParentPay and collect from the school office.

Support for Parents and Carers

As part of Solihull's Early Help offer there is a helpline for Parents and Carers to get help and support. Here is the timetable for the Evergreen Hub (next to Kingshurst School).



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
<p>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.</p> <p>Solihull College - 09:30-11:30 Contact Evergreen to book a place. What the Children do at school. Supporting your children with Maths and English (KS1). Term time only.</p> <p>Stay and play - 13:00-15:00 Come and play and meet new friends. Suitable for ages 0-4 and their parents/carers. No booking required, just come along and join in the fun!</p> <p>SOLAR - 14:00-16:00 NHS mental health service. Contact SOLAR to book an appointment.</p> <p>After-school activities - 15:30-16:30 Bring your homework, play board games, do quizzes, art, table tennis and other fun activities. Suitable for ages 4-12, parents/carers must stay and supervise their children.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Community coffee morning - 10:30-12:00 Come in for a cuppa and tell us what you'd like to see happening at Evergreen, find out more about volunteering and other services in your local area.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Health in the hearts of our community social group - 10:30-12:00 Social group including fun, games and a cuppa! Learn more about heart health.</p> <p>Midwife clinic - 12:30-16:00 By appointment, only with community midwives. Book by speaking to your GP or midwife.</p> <p>Family support worker drop-in - 13:00-16:00 Drop-in service, advice, support and signposting to other services.</p> <p>After-school activities - 15:30-16:30 Bring your homework, play board games, do quizzes, art, table tennis and other fun activities. Suitable for ages 4-12, parents and carers must stay and supervise their children.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Midwife clinic - 12:30-16:00 By appointment only with community midwives. Book by speaking to your GP or midwife.</p>	<p>Midwife clinic - 09:00-14:00 By appointment only with community midwives. Book by speaking to your GP or midwife.</p> <p>Stay and play - 10:00-12:00 Come and play and meet new friends. Suitable for ages 0-4 and their parents/carers. No booking required, just come along and join in the fun!</p> <p>After-school activities - 12:30-14:30 Bring your homework, play board games, do quizzes, art, table tennis and other fun activities. Suitable for 4-12 years, parents/carers must stay and supervise their children.</p> <p>Community walk and litter pick - 14:30-16:00 Explore the local area.</p>

Wellbeing and advice

Here2Help

Family Hubs can help with food, toiletries, fuel, money, staying well, and keeping safe. To find out more, visit www.solihull.gov.uk/here2help.

Health visiting

To speak to a health visitor, 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 Women's Aid at [0800 100 0000](tel:08001000000). Available seven days a week, 09:15-17:15.

Mental health support

The Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust provide guidance and reassurance to people of all ages. Call [0800 015 9292](tel:08000159292) or [0121 262 3555](tel:01212623555).

Midwives

Please call your midwife using the phone number in your red book.

What else can the Family Hubs offer?

Help and support

Speak to our friendly staff

Stay and play area

Toys, books, and soft play

Sensory room

To book, call [0121 779 4943](tel:01217794943)

Computers and private work pods

Internet and phone access

Community wardrobe

Free warm winter clothing

[42 Kingshurst Way, Kingshurst, Solihull, B37 6DX](https://www.solihull.gov.uk)

Get Pedalling

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Solihull



FREE Easter Get Pedalling Sessions

FUN cycle training available for children aged 5+

The perfect opportunity for children to learn to ride
gain basic cycle skills and grow in confidence.

Outdoor at Tudor Grange Cycle Track – 14th, 15th & 25th April

Indoor at North Solihull Sport Centre – 23rd & 24th April

Various morning or afternoon sessions are available.

You can bring your own bike/helmet or borrow one. Please let us know upon booking. Please note, there are a limited number of children's bikes and frame sizes.

Book via: <https://solihull.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

These sessions are part of the West Midlands Cycle & Walk programme



If you would like further information please email bikeability@solihull.gov.uk

Support for Parents and Carers

Did you know Solihull now has a new Family Help Line?



This has launched to support families and the people around them. You can now call 0121 788 4327 for advice, information, strategies & support on things like:

- Parenting support
- Family conflict particularly because of difficulties managing children's behaviours
- Parents/carers needing support if they are struggling to get their child/ren into school and getting in trouble because of this
- Parents/carers struggling to manage their child's health, developmental or social needs (including mental health)

The team can offer:

- Signposting to services and what's on offer at the Family Hubs
- Referral to a Family Support Worker
- Advice and Support on the wider Early Help offer & how this works

**** This is not a safeguarding or social work service, so if you are worried about a child being unsafe – please call the MASH on 0121 788 4300.**

According to Ofcom, 90% of children are watching online videos and browsing the internet regularly. Children may love to stream videos and look up information, it's a fun way to learn and relax after all but they must be guided. The e-space is filled with inappropriate content and dangerous material. It is important that parents and even teachers, are able to steer their pupils and youngsters, towards the right places when online. Internet Matters has published a guide dedicated to supporting adults in setting digital boundaries for children, so that they can make smart choices and build healthy online habits. In the Internet Matters guide you'll find practical tips on managing content access, the use of safety controls, advice on setting boundaries and ways to educate children on how to stay secure online. If interested please follow the link below:

[Browsing and watching online safely guide Internet Matters](#)

Next week's menu ...

FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens

LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL
Week 2

Spring Summer 2025
28/04/25, 19/05/25,
09/06/25, 30/06/25,
21/07/25, 11/08/25,
01/09/25, 22/09/25,
13/10/25

Day	The Main Event	Meat-Free Magic	Rainbow Alley	Big Topping	Dessert Trolley
Monday	Beef Bolognese Pasta	Cheese and Potato Pie	Sweetcorn and Peas	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Jam Sponge and Custard
Tuesday	BBQ Chicken Wraps and Paprika Wedges	BBQ Veggie Wrap and Paprika Wedges	Peas	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Banana Muffin
Wednesday	Roast Gammon, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Maple Roasted Sweet Potato Filo Pie with Skin on Roasties	Mixed Greens	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Oaty Cornflake Crunch Bar
Thursday	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Veggie Sausage and Mash	Carrots and Green Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Apple Sponge Pudding with Custard
Friday	Battered Fish and Chips	Cheese and Onion Burger with Chips	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Vanilla Cookie

DAILY SANDWICHES AVAILABLE

DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY

PASTA TWIRLER AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese

W1

Due to school dinners being cooked fresh, please ensure that you pre order meals that your child will eat. Unfortunately, we cannot offer alternatives

Blue Runner

It is essential that all parents/carers have registered for a Blue Runner, even if your child does not order a school meal. You can register using the following link is <https://olaas.myschoolmealorders.com/login>. If you need any support in signing up, please let the school office know.

Thanks to the majority of parents who have signed up and who are pre ordering meals. We have had some brilliant Blue Runner feedback!

Lunchtime MUGA activities

Years 2-6 will have a designated MUGA day, allowing students to participate in competitive sports alongside their classmates.

If your child would like to take part in MUGA activities on their allocated day, please ensure they bring trainers to change into at lunchtime.

Monday - Year 6

Tuesday - Year 4

Wednesday - Year 3

Thursday - Year 2

Friday - Year 5



P.E Days

Week beginning Monday 28th April

Reception – Thursday

Year 1 – Monday and Thursday

Year 2 – **Wednesday and Friday**

Year 3 – Tuesday (swimming) **and Friday**

Year 4 - Monday and **Tuesday**

Year 5 – **Tuesday and Wednesday**

Year 6 – **Tuesday** and Thursday



Please remember that pupils need to come into school in their PE kits on these days:

- plain white t shirts (or those with the school badge on)
- **PLAIN BLACK** shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings.
- Hair must be tied back
- No jewellery should be worn.
- Please remove your child's earrings before school. If your child's ears have been recently pierced, please cover the earrings with plasters to enable your child to participate in PE.



Diary Dates



2025

EASTER HOLIDAYS:

Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April 2025

Mon 28 th Apr	Whole school	Pupils return to school – start of Summer Term
Friday 2 nd May	Year 3	First Holy Communion meeting 2:40pm in church
Mon 5 th May	Whole school	May Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 12 th – Thurs 15 th May	Year 6	SATs week
Fri 23 rd May	Whole school	Last day of half term for pupils

HALF TERM HOLIDAY:

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Mon 2 nd Jun	Whole school	INSET DAY FOR STAFF – no pupils in school
Tues 3 rd Jun	Whole school	Return to school
Fri 11 th Jul	Whole school	PTA Summer Fayre
Fri 18 th Jul	Whole school	Last day of the school year for pupils
Mon 21 st Jul	Whole school	INSET DAY FOR STAFF – no pupils in school

DATES OF SACRAMENTS 2025

Sat 7 th Jun 11am	Year 3	Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Holy Communion)
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Term dates 2025 - 2026

	Term starts	Half term	Term ends
Autumn	1 st September 2025	27 th Oct – 31 st Oct	19 th December 2025
Spring	5 th January 2026	16 th Feb – 20 th Feb	27 th March 2026
Summer	13 th April 2026	25 th May - 29 th May	20 th July 2026

Inset days: 1st September, 24th October, 23rd February, 20th July plus two more dates TBC

Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Annie - for being a joy to teach, and for wonderful, reverent ideas in our RE lessons.

Year 1 – Mikey – for being a kind friend to everyone, and being a joy to teach!

Year 2 – Kai – for absolutely smashing this term! Your teachers are so proud of you!

Year 3 – Carey – for unapologetically being yourself- kind, funny and always trying your best. Your teachers are so proud of you!

Year 4 – Jacob – for having an inspiring work ethic; always trying his best, and shining like Jesus! 😊

Year 5 – Huey – for being a shining example of what it means to be an outstanding pupil!

Year 6 – Jaliah – for being a positive ray of sunshine with a fantastic attitude, and sense of humour.

