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Friday 2nd May 2025



This half term we are growing to be **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by our actions and forgiving words.



If we live a life of compassion and unconditional love, then the world will indeed become a garden where all kinds of flowers can bloom and grow.

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross (Swiss Psychiatrist)

Pope Francis I - RIP

The children have offered up some heartfelt and beautiful prayers this week, as we continue our nine days of mourning for our beloved leader Pope Francis.



God in Heaven

We thank you for the gift of Pope Francis and for all the wonderful ways he inspired us to build a better world.

Help us to continue his work by being Pilgrims of Hope, like he was.

May he rest in your peace.
Amen.

CAFOD
A better world needs all of us

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 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*

PTA SUMMER DISCO

Kick off the summer term in style!
As it's VE Day, children are invited to wear the colours red, white and blue

WHEN: Thursday 8th May 2025

WHERE: School Hall

TIMES: Reception – Year 2: 3:20–4.35pm
Year 3 – Year 6: 4:45–6:00pm

ENTRY: £3 per child
£7 for 3 or more children

WHAT'S INCLUDED A hot dog for every child!
Unlimited squash to keep you dancing.

Please ensure children bring their own water bottles.



Payments can be made via ParentPay

EYFS and Y1 Bunny Hop!



We are so proud of our youngest pupils, who worked very hard to complete their sponsored bunny hop on Thursday. Thanks to your generous donations, we smashed our £100 target; and at the time of writing the children have raised an **INCREDIBLE £306!**

We know Birmingham Hospice will be incredibly grateful, as are we.

Bunny Hop for Birmingham Hospice 2025 🐰 🐇 ❤️

Tiny Ants



Our Tiny Ants 'star of the week' is **Avanna** for being a great role model at prayer time!



This week in Tiny Ants we have had so much fun enjoying the sunshine! We explored the field looking for beautiful flowers in all different colours - we found lots of daisies! We did some 'magic colour mixing' and Daisy-May was so excited when she made the colour orange! We had a lovely picnic outside too.



Nursery

This week Nursery have learnt about the Easter Story. The children have acted out each stage of the story and we have focused on learning key vocabulary such as 'Jesus', 'Jerusalem', 'Last Supper' and 'palm leaves'. Creating artwork based on the Easter story has also proved popular and the children have amazed us with how much they can remember.

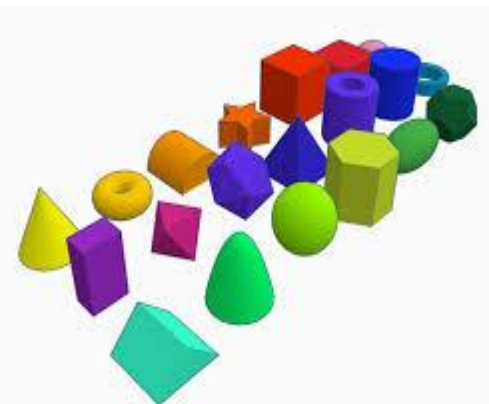


Reception

This week we have taken full advantage of the beautiful weather and have taken some of our learning outside. We have been learning about 3D shapes in Maths and enjoyed an outdoor 3D shape hunt, looking for cones, spheres, cylinders, cubes and cuboids.

We really enjoyed shining like Jesus and helping to raise money for Birmingham Hospice in the sponsored 'bunny hop'. It was so much fun wearing our bunny ears, hopping around and singing our song, all whilst raising money for such a good cause.

Thank you Reception for another wonderful week!



Year 1

Year 1 have been enjoying the beautiful sunshine this week!

In Science, we have been learning about plants. This week, we were learning about the different parts of a tree. The children went outside and did leaf and tree trunk rubbings, before drawing diagrams of deciduous and evergreen trees around school. In Maths we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We went outside and were sharing pebbles, flowers and sticks into equal groups. In RE we have been celebrating Easter! We celebrated Jesus' resurrection in prayer and created news reports retelling the Easter Sunday story.



Year 2

We've had a fantastic first week back in Year 2!

In Music, the children enjoyed learning to play our class song, *Once a Man Fell in a Well*, on the glockenspiel.

In PE, we kicked off our new topic of cricket, with our first lesson focusing on rolling and catching a ball accurately with a partner.

In English, we explored storytelling in the style of Colin McNaughton's *Suddenly*, and the children had great fun writing their own imaginative versions.



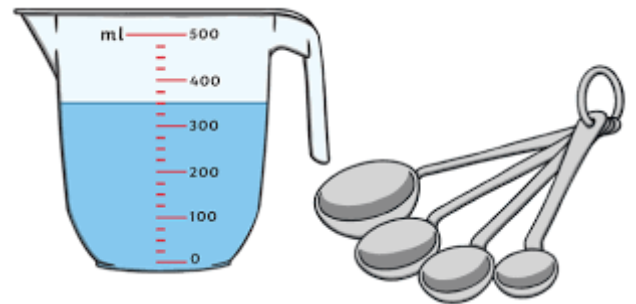
Well done to Anna who made this World Earth Day poster independently in the Easter holidays 😊



Year 3

Year 3 have had a fabulous first week back!

We have been learning some Bible skills and have began our new RE topic on Easter. In English, we wrote a letter of complaint to Anthony Browne as we do not agree with the behaviour of the suburban gorilla gang in his story 'Willy the Wimp'. In Maths, we have been measuring in litres and millilitres and we established the difference between capacity and volume. We explored what the Egyptians believe about the afterlife in History and started our new topic on light in Science. We also enjoyed another fun trip to the swimming baths 😊



Year 4

In Year 4 this week Ms Fox, from our catering company Aspens came to speak to us about how we use our senses to choose which food we are going to eat. We discussed each taste receptor and then were given different foods to test out.

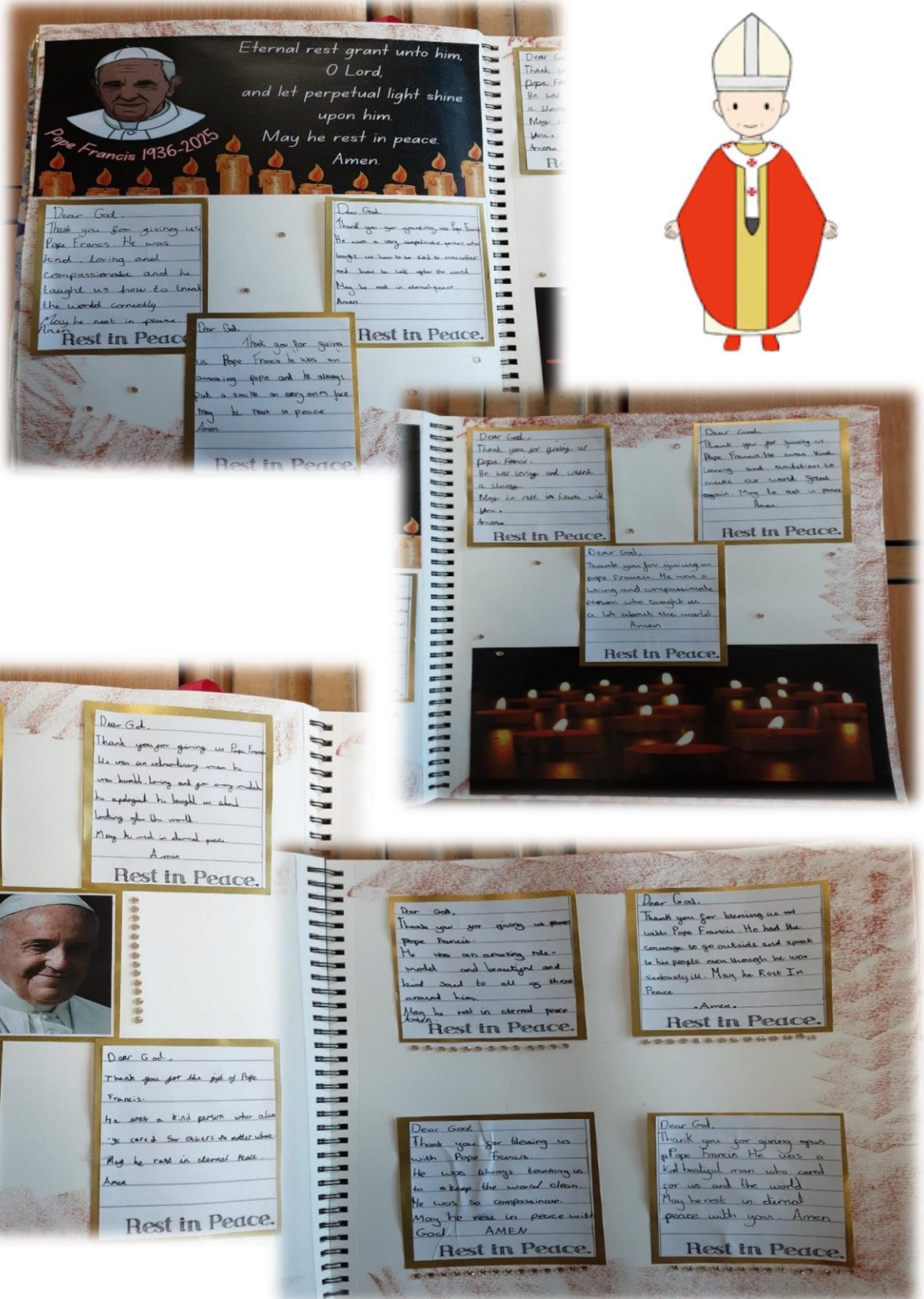


We tasted some dark chocolate that was 95% cocoa! It was very bitter (but yummy!). We also tasted some lemon, bread, popcorn, honey and jelly.



Year 6

Although Year 6 have been extremely busy preparing for their SATs this week, the children felt it was really important to stop and reflect on Pope Francis' passing. They spoke so beautifully about the legacy that he has left behind and thanked God for the gift of Pope Francis. We also learnt more about how a new pope will be chosen.



FREE Tae Kwon-do session



TAE KWON-DO FREE TRIAL, 6PM WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY 2025

John Henry Newman College, Chelmsley Road, B37 5GA

5th Dan instructor Sean Rodgers, call or text to book: 07875 659672

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**TaeKwonDo Association
of Great Britain**



Mondays & Wednesdays. ALL WELCOME – 6 YRS TO ADULT

6pm – beginners / children and families

7pm – intermediate and advanced

Chelmsley TAGB Tae Kwon-Do club was established in 2004 by Sean Rodgers. Master Rodgers is now a 5th Degree Black Belt with a wealth of competing knowledge after many years as a member of our national England team. Sean is an ex-European middleweight champion and has 20 years coaching experience.

Book a free trial class with Sean now:

07875 659672 FB: Chelmsley TAGB Taekwondo

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:

William in Year 5

The children were very excited at the prospect of winning one of the new prizes today, which were all from the wish-lists that they made last half term!



Well done to all of the pupils who today received their first badges for walking to school once a week.

Year 2 were our winning class with 17 badges.

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

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view. Instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



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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

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 ...

	THE MAIN EVENT	MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish	RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads	BIG TOPPING Plant Based	DESSERT TROLLEY
MONDAY	BBQ Sweetcorn Pizza Slice with Wedges	Macaroni Cheese	Green Salad	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Strawberry Frozen Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Sausage Roll with New Potatoes	Veggie Sausage Roll with New Potatoes	Sweetcorn	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Marble Cookie
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Cheese and Onion Slice with Skin on Roasties	Carrots and Peas	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Sweet Potato Brownie
THURSDAY	Lasagne	Shepherdless Pie	Sweetcorn	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Toffee Apple Crumble and Custard
FRIDAY	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips	Vegetable Fingers and Chips	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Brookie (Brownie & Cookie Mix)

TRADITIONAL
Week 3

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

Spring Summer
2025
05/05/25, 26/05/25,
16/06/25, 07/07/25,
28/07/25, 18/08/25,
08/09/25, 29/09/25,
20/10/25

FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens

LUNCHTIME

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 5th May

Reception – Thursday

Year 1 – Thursday

Year 2 – (Tuesday PE kit for trip) and Friday

Year 3 – Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday

Year 5 – Wednesday

Year 6 – 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



Summer Term 2025

<u>When</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>What?</u>
Mon 5 th May	Whole school	May Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 6 th May	Year 2	Trip to Mary Arden's Farm
Thurs 8 th May	Whole School	Non uniform day (red, white and blue for VE day) PTA discos after school
Mon 12 th – Thurs 15 th May	Year 6	SATs week
Weds 14 th May	Year 3	School trip
Fri 16 th May	Whole school	Whole school Mass led by Year 1 @ 9:30am
Fri 23 rd May	Whole school	Last day of half term for pupils
HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May		
Mon 2 nd Jun	Whole school	INSET DAY FOR STAFF – no pupils in school
Tues 3 rd Jun	Whole school	Return to school
Thurs 5 th Jun	Reception	Trip to Hatton
Sat 7 th Jun	Year 3	First Holy Communion Mass 11am
Tues 10 th Jun	Whole school	Class photographs
Weds 18 th – Fri 20 th Jun	Year 6	Alton Castle residential
Fri 27 th Jun	Whole school	Whole school Mass led by Year 2 @ 9:30am
Fri 4 th Jul	Year 6	Trip to Drayton Manor
Fri 11 th Jul	Whole school	PTA Summer Fayre
Weds 16 th Jul	Year 6	Year 6 leavers Mass
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

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 – Hunter M – for being resilient and trying his best with any challenges he faces! Well done Hunter 😊

Year 1 – Keira – for hard work and brilliant answers in all lessons.

Year 2 – Jiyaa – for being a compassionate and caring member of Year 2.

Year 3 – Ava-Mae – for having a fantastic first week back and producing some incredible work!

Year 4 – Alfie – for his kind, caring nature, and being a good friend to everyone 😊

Year 5 – Noah – for always giving 100% and having a great attitude in every lesson.

Year 6 – Harvey – for a fantastic, focused week and mature attitude whilst preparing for SATs.

