

Rainbow Raffle

THANK YOU!



20p per ticket

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Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the rainbow hampers.

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase from your child's teacher from **Monday 7th July – Friday 11th July** priced at 20p each (£1 a strip).



Uniform Swap



ST. ANTHONY'S GREAT BIG UNIFORM SWAP!

If you have items of uniform that are in a **GOOD** condition that your child will have outgrown by September, please send them into school between **Monday 7th July and Friday 11th July.**

We will then display this pre-loved uniform before and after school in the last week of term so that people can take what they need rather than buying new uniform unnecessarily - especially if your child has lost numerous items of uniform this year!

Besides exchanging things we no longer want or need being great for our purses; it also helps us to think about nature and the environment.



Time to talk...

TAKEHOME

30th June
- 6th July



'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

This week we learnt that the taxi company, Uber, wants to test cars in London that can drive by themselves, without a person at the wheel. The UK government has changed the rules to let this happen sooner. Many believe the service could bring new jobs, but others are worried about human drivers losing work. The cars have performed well in tests, though checks are still needed to make sure they are safe. Some people have already tried riding in these cars to see how well they work.

Things you could talk about at home:

- How do you feel about using a driverless
- taxi? Would you use one? Why?

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Pope Leo XIV says...

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*Believing
does not mean having all the
answers,
but trusting that God is with us.*

Tiny Ants



Our Tiny Ants 'star of the week' is
Amber Harvey for being a Great Helper

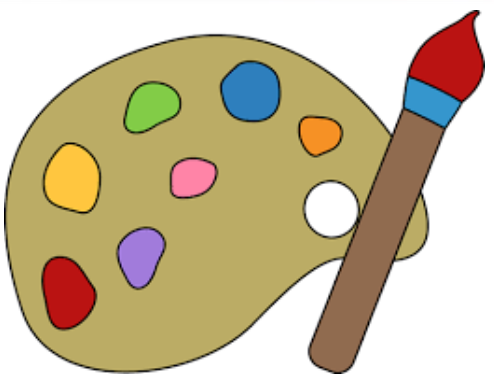
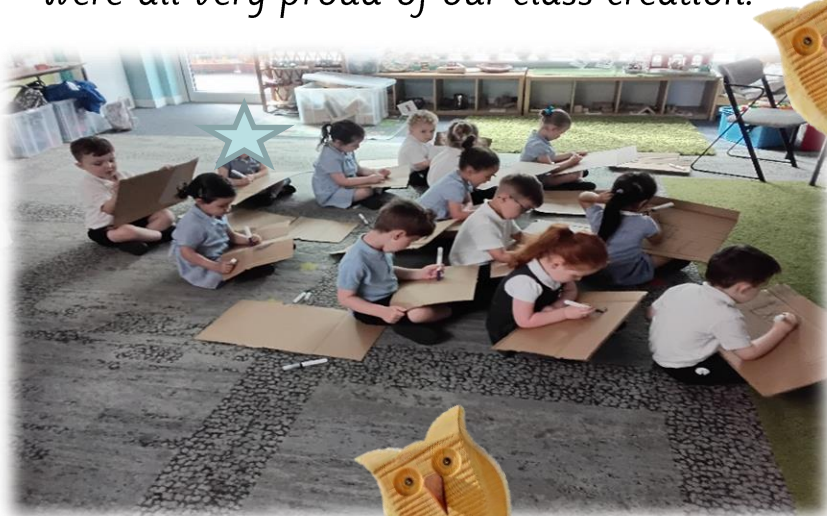


For Arts Week Tiny Ants have been learning about an artist called Iris Scott who only uses her hands and fingers to create amazing paintings, the children have used their hands and feet to design their own masterpiece being inspired by this artist. Great news we have 1 butterfly that has hatched from its cocoon and thankyou to Enzo and Maddison for sharing with us their growing sunflowers.



Nursery

As part of Arts week Nursery's chosen artist was Louise Nevelson. We learnt that she makes wooden sculptures made of box-like structures and paints them in only one colour. Nursery therefore created our own versions using cardboard boxes, cardboard tubes and lolly sticks. We painted, glued and taped our structures and we were all very proud of our class creation.



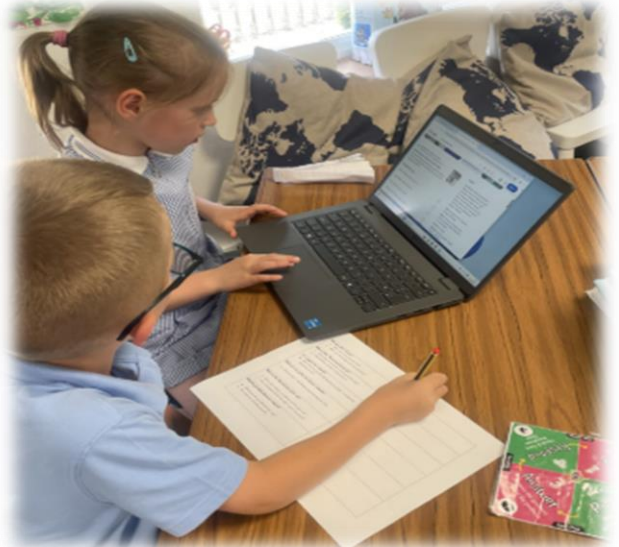
Year 1

It was arts week this week! Year 1 learnt about famous artist Henri Matisse. The children learnt about abstract art, experimented with media, recreated 'The Snail', made a collage and drew their own portraits in the style of Matisse. In RHE, we explored jobs in the community and different types of work. The children explored the skills, strengths and qualities needed for different jobs before reflecting on their own strengths and interests. We played a Kagan game to explore the talents in our class. We reflected on God's love for his and all the wonderful talents we have been given.



Year 2

This week has been a busy and exciting one! As part of Art Week, we explored the vibrant work of Alma Thomas and created our own artwork inspired by her unique style. We also had a fantastic Sports Day filled with energy, fun, and great team spirit. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a memorable week!



Year 3

Year 3 have had another amazing week! We finished the Pied Piper and were absolutely shocked by the ending. We did a hot seat to explore how the friends and family members feel and then wrote a diary entry from the perspective of the child who escaped. Sports day was fantastic, well done to every single one of you, you all did me and Miss Sullivan so proud! We have also been enjoying our arts week, focusing on the artist Faith Ringgold and how her art inspires people to be hopeful. In Science, we are absolutely delighted with the progress of our sunflowers, look how much they have grown!



Year 4

This week in **Year 4** has been extremely busy! For Arts Week we have explored the work of Andrew Gormley who created many famous sculptures. We looked into how the sculptures made us feel and even began to create our very own sculpture and message of hope.



Summer HAF Club – Y1-Y6

Please notice a slight change to times and dates. If you have a FSM code and you are not sure what it is, please email edfreesm@solihull.gov.uk. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals and you would like to apply, please see the following link <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals-and-universal-infant-free-school-meals>

BOOK NOW - WWW.WINNRSPOORT.COM

HAF SUMMER CAMP

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

WINNER

**FUN GAMES
WORKSHOPS
FOOD ACTIVITIES**

**29TH - 01ST AUGUST
05TH - 08TH AUGUST
12TH - 15TH AUGUST
19TH - 21ST AUGUST**

**6 - 11 YEARS OLD
FREE WITH A HAF
CODE (FSM)**

**£15 PER DAY (NO
CODE)**

**FREE BREAKFAST
FREE LUNCH**



Wellbeing Walk...

MENTAL HEALTH MATES

WALK FOR WELLBEING
AT...

BABBS MILL PARK.

FORDBRIDGE ROAD CAR PARK
OPPOSITE SOLIHULL HOUSING

13/07/2025.

11:00 MEET TIME

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE
EMAIL TERESA ON
MHRUDKIN@GMAIL.COM



Lansdown Dental Practise...

We are thrilled to share that Lansdown Dental Practice is currently accepting NHS patients for dental treatment! We are excited to welcome you to our practice and provide you with the best dental care.

Our Details:

- Practice Name: Lansdown Dental Practice
- Address:711 Chester Road, Castle Bromwich, B36 0LN
- Contact Number:0121 770 8090



Special Announcement:

We understand how busy life can get, especially for families. That's why they offer child-friendly practice appointments during the school holidays, providing a convenient solution for managing your family's dental care. Don't delay—act today! Give us a call to secure your spot and avoid disappointment.

New Patient Registration is Available: They are currently accepting new patient registrations for a limited period at Lansdown Dental Practice. This is a great opportunity to start your journey towards a healthier smile. We look forward to helping you and your family maintain healthy smiles!

REMEMBER CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS OLD ARE ENTITLED TO FREE DENTAL TREATMENT

Additionally, if you or your partner receive certain benefits, you can also get free NHS dental treatment, including:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Pension Credit Guarantee Credit
- Pension Credit Guarantee Credit with Savings Credit
- Universal Credit (only if your income is below a certain amount)

Just call one of our friendly reception team who will only be more than happy to assist you. They are excited to announce that Lansdown Dental Practice is currently accepting

Are you a young carer...

ARE YOU A YOUNG CARER? DOES YOUR CHILD COMPLETE ANY OF THESE TASKS FOR AN ADULT AT HOME?

You may be a young carer if you support someone at home by helping them do any of the following because they can't do it themselves due to needing care and support.

Here are some examples of the type of tasks you may do as a young carer:

- Get washed.
- Get dressed.
- Help with reading, writing and hearing.
- Shopping.
- Paying bills or managing money.
- Medication.
- Organising family life.

Come and speak with Miss Watkins who can help make a referral to The Carers Trust.



Lost Property

We still have a huge pile of school jumpers and cardigans in our lost property. None of these have names in. If your child is missing a jumper or cardigan, please come and take a look.

LOST



Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly marked with their name.

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*

Bulls in the City 2025

**COME
AND JOIN
THE TRAIL!**

WestMids_CA / TransportForWM 
westmids_ca / TransportForWM 
WestMidlandsCA 
westmidlandca / TransportForWM 

**88
Calves**

**40
Bulls**

16 July - 14 September 2025

For 8 weeks from July, you can find all the bulls around Birmingham city centre and local surrounding neighbourhoods. The trail will be made up of 40 bulls and 88 calves, each with a unique design to admire.

bullsinthecity.co.uk



Birmingham Hospice

brought to you by: 

sponsored by:  UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM  Mayor of the West Midlands  West Midlands Combined Authority

This summer, Birmingham will welcome an exciting new art trail to the city. The iconic **Birmingham Bullring Bull** will be joined by 40 large bull sculptures, as well as around 85 calves. We're keeping their exact locations secret for the moment, but the trail promises to be a fun family activity. It will take families around the city to find one decorated bull after another, with each design created by a local artist or sponsored by a local business.

This art trail will celebrate our city and raise awareness of Birmingham Hospice and the care it provides for the people of Birmingham and their loved ones. The trail is a great way to get outside, get active, and give back to Birmingham Hospice, offering a fun, free summer holiday activity for families. The trail will be in **Birmingham from July 16 to September 14, 2025.**

You can find out more about the trail here: <https://bullsinthecity.co.uk>

Parents/Carers starting Reception or Secondary School...

Is your child SCHOOL ready?

Not sure if your child is fully prepared to start reception or secondary school?

The Family Support Service are holding **coffee mornings** to offer support to parents and carers whose children are:

Starting reception

- 8 July, 10-12, Riverside Family Hub
- 10 July, 12-2, Evergreen Family Hub
- 11 July, 9-12, Elmwood Family Hub
- 15 July, 9-12:30, Hatchford Brook Family Hub

Starting secondary

- 2 July, 9-12, Elmwood Family Hub
- 11 July, 11-1, Riverside Family Hub
- 16 July, 9-12:30, Hatchford Brook Family Hub
- 17 July, 12-2:, Evergreen Family Hub



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<https://bit.ly/4n47fWgt>



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Local Brownies spaces



Do you have a daughter aged between 7 and 10 years old who loves fun and games?

Shard End Brownies currently have spaces for their Monday night meetings from 6pm – 7:30pm.

They meet at the Methodist Church on the corner of Cat Lane.



Please contact Pat on 0121 354 3617 for more information or pop in for a chat.



Online Safety for Parents and Carers

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://www.thenationalcollege.com).

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience, formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch. Carly now writes for publications including WREB, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



#WakeUpWednesday

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Support for Parents and Carers

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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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 3

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

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

THE
MAIN
EVENT

BBQ Sweetcorn
Pizza Slice
with Wedges

Sausage Roll
with New
Potatoes

Roast Chicken,
Stuffing, Skin on
Roasties and Gravy

Lasagne

Golden Fish
Fingers
and Chips

MEAT-FREE
MAGIC

Veggie Dish

Macaroni
Cheese

Veggie Sausage
Roll with New
Potatoes

Cheese and
Onion Slice
with Skin on
Roasties

Shepherdless
Pie

Vegetable Fingers
and Chips

RAINBOW
ALLEY

Vegetables and Salads

Green Salad

Sweetcorn

Carrots
and Peas

Sweetcorn

Baked
Beans

BIG
TOPPING

Filled Jackets

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

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DESSERT
TROLLEY

Strawberry
Frozen
Yoghurt

Marble
Cookie

Sweet Potato
Brownie

Toffee Apple
Crumble
and Custard

Brookie
(Brownie &
Cookie Mix)

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!

Special Wimbledon Menu...

**FOOD
FESTIVAL**
By Aspens

Celebrate Wimbledon

Thursday 17th July

**Norrie's Hamberger & Chips
Raducanu's Veggie Sausage
& Chips**

**Tennis Ball Baked Beans
Or
Green Grass Peas**

**Strawberry Ice Cream with
Strawberry Sauce**

**Jacket Potato
Topped Pasta
&
Sandwiches also available**



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 7th July

Reception – Thursday

Year 1 – **Tuesday** and Thursday

Year 2 – **Tuesday** and Wednesday

Year 3 – **Monday** and Thursday

Year 4 – Monday

Year 5 – **Wednesday** and Thursday

Year 6 – **Monday and Wednesday**



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>
Tues 8 th Jul	Year 4	Year 4 Trip to ThinkTank
Tues 8 th Jul	Whole school	Art gallery in the hall after school 3:15pm – 3:45pm
Tues 9 th July	Whole school	Art gallery in the hall before school 8:30am – 8:50am
Thurs 10 th Jul	Year 1	Year 1 Trip to Twycross Zoo
Fri 11th Jul	Whole school	PTA Summer Fayre
Weds 16 th Jul	Year 6	Year 6 leavers' Mass
Weds 16 th Jul	Year 6	Year 6 leavers' production 6pm
Thurs 17 th Jul	Year 6	PTA leavers event after school
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, **5th January**, 23rd February, **13th April**, 20th July

Attendance Raffle



Attendance Matters



Congratulations this week's raffle winner:

Arlo from Year 1



Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Bella-Rose – for being a wonderful and kind member of our Reception class!

Year 1 – Kiro – for bringing joy and enthusiasm to every lesson – keep shining!

Year 2 – Maja – for being a compassionate and caring member of Year 2. You are a delight to teach! 😊

demonstrating outstanding work, and being a joy to teach!

Year 3 – Tommy – for always being a superstar! You showed amazing sportsmanship on sports day by sharing your medals! Well done 😊

Year 4 – Indie – for being the perfect example of a St Anthony's pupil and always shining like Jesus 😊

Year 5 – Year 5 – for being an absolute pleasure to teach throughout the year and making each day enjoyable.

