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Friday 6th June 2025



This half term, we are growing to be **faith-filled** in our beliefs;
and **hopeful** for the future.



Faith is being sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see.

Christopher Reeve (American actor and activist)

September places for 2 and 3 year olds - act now!

We have a limited number of afternoon spaces in our Tiny Ants class and morning spaces in our Nursery class for September 2025.

To join Tiny Ants your child will need to turn 2-years-old on or before 1st September 2025. For Nursery they need to turn 3-years-old on or before 1st September 2025.

Please email, telephone or pop into the school office to enquire about one of these places: 84office@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk 0121 770 3168; but be quick – we expect there to be a high demand and for these places to fill very quickly!



Time to talk...

TAKEHOME 2nd - 8th June



'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

How does it feel to be the first to do something?



This week we learnt that the UK has a new astronaut, who is currently training with NASA for six months. Dr Rosemary Coogan, who has a degree in astronomy, is expected to take part in a space mission within the next five years. It is possible that Dr Coogan could become the first British person to walk on the Moon, and there has also been discussions about future missions to Mars!

Things you could talk about at home:

- Is this something you think you would like to do? Why? / Why not?
- Share a time when you were the first to do something. Talk about how you felt before and after.

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Pope Leo XIV says...

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Jesus does not establish rankings;

He gives all of Himself to all those who open their hearts to Him.

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.



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*

Tiny Ants



Our Tiny Ants 'star of the week' is **Sebastian** for amazing progress in potty training!



This week we have been getting ourselves ready to go splashing in the big puddles on the playground, we put on our own waterproofs and wellies with a little bit of help from our teachers.



Nursery

This week in nursery we have been focusing on the story *The Little Red Hen*. We have acted out the story using masks and the children have repeated all the common phrases with lots of expression. Ms Riley also taught us how to bake bread and we all worked together to help bake the bread to eat at snack time, which we loved. Additionally, the children have continued to develop their cutting skills through cutting out simple shapes to create their own version of the little red hen.



Reception

Reception had an absolutely wonderful time on their trip to Hatton Country World! The children were fascinated by the goats, guinea pigs, and the beautiful farm. They even got to meet and hold some friendly farm animals, which was a highlight for many of our children.

The children had a wonderful time learning about the past and present of farming, and we were impressed by their curiosity and enthusiasm. A big thank you to the staff at Hatton Country World for making it such a special day for our children. We're already looking forward to our next adventure!



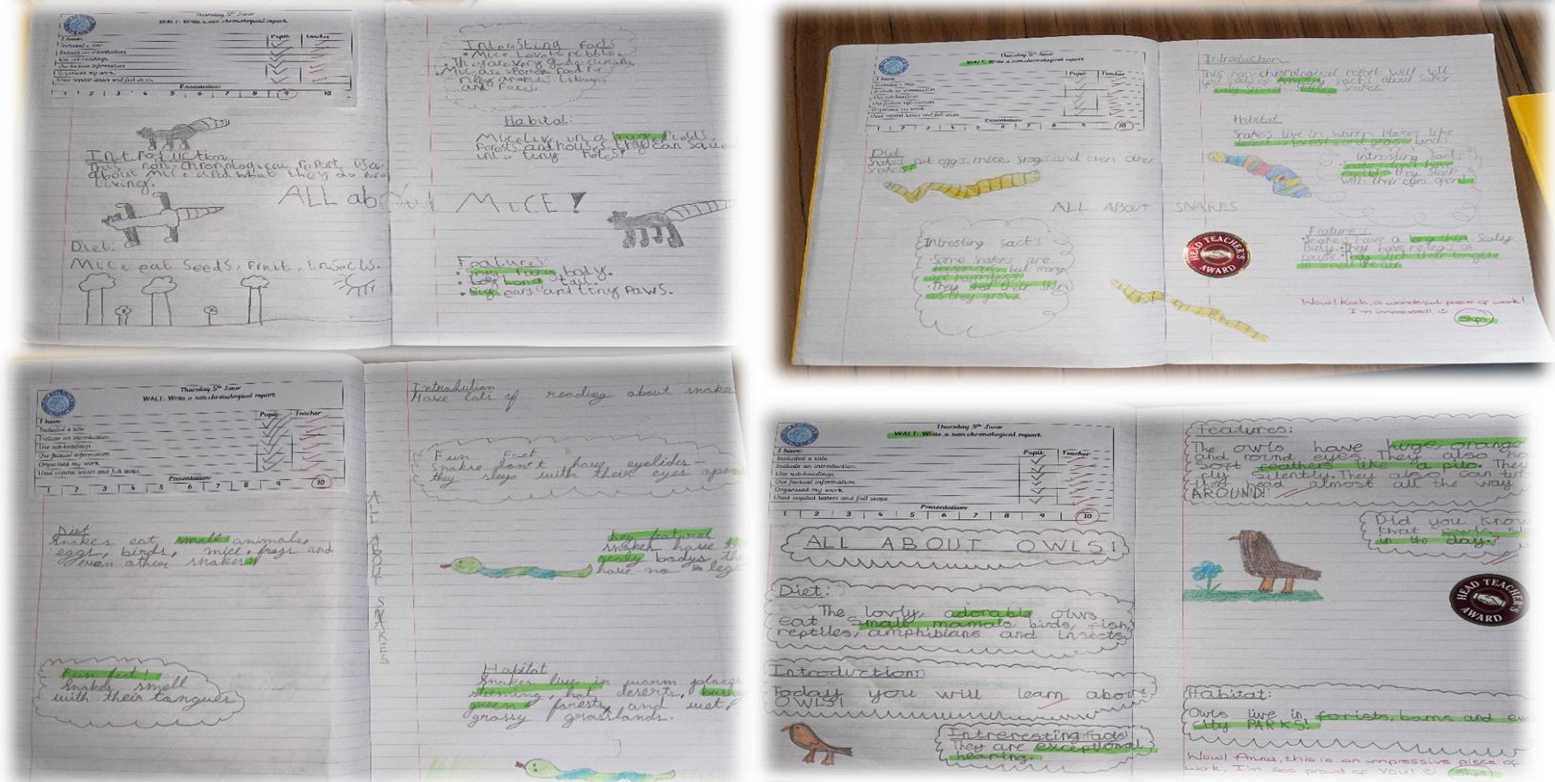
Year 1

In Science we have been learning about the environment. The children went on a nature walk searching for different types of plants. Back in the Year 1 garden, we harvested our garlic that we planted in October before planting cucumber and tomato plants. In computing we have been learning how to log on to the computer and use a word processor. The children were brilliant at navigating the keyboard and using the tool bar to edit their text using the bold, italics and the underline features.



Year 2

We've had an amazing first week back in Year 2! In Maths, the children have begun learning how to tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past, and quarter to. In English, we have been researching animals and writing fabulous non-chronological reports inspired by *The Gruffalo*.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful first week back! We moved onto a new topic in English all about 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' and we created freeze frames imagining what it would be like to be surrounded by rats. We also moved onto looking at money in Maths, we have been converting pounds and pence, adding and subtracting, as well as finding change. We are looking forward to receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist this weekend at our First Holy Communion!



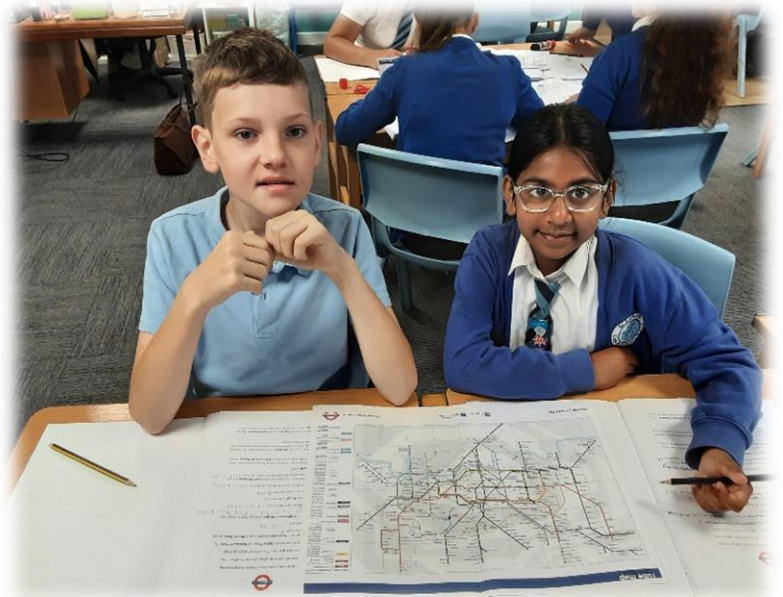
Year 4

In RE this week, we started our Pentecost unit. We learnt about how Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and tasked with passing on the message of God. Since the time of the Apostles, people have been spreading the Good News throughout the world. Our task was to present our findings about different saints from around the world. Here are some fantastic examples:



Year 6

Year 6 have been studying the London tube map and using it for our Maths lessons this week. We used the maps to work out travel expenses, journey times and zone prices!





Well done to the 112 who earned a badge for walking to school once a week during the month of May.

Our leader board this month looks like this:

1 st place	Year 6 (23 badges)	4 th place	Year 2 (15 badges)
2 nd place	Reception (21 badges)	5 th place	Year 3 (14 badges)
3 rd place	Year 1 and Year 4 (17 badges)	6 th place	Year 5 (5 badges)



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:

Joaquin 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!

PTA

At the moment we only have 5 parents as members and we are very keen to welcome more 😊 If you are able to help our PTA in any way, please contact s84pta@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk, or use the QR codes.

SAVE THE DATE!
Our summer fayre will be taking place on Friday 11th July



Parents of St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School

We always try to make your children's school life very exciting, but now we need your help! Please come and join our PTA facebook group and Whatsapp group to start engaging.

scan the codes to join the group

Facebook Whatsapp

Join in & support us through fundraising events, open meetings, coffee dates + much much more

By signing up you are consenting to participate and receive communications from PTA

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School
Kingshurst, Solihull

The poster features a colorful border of school supplies including books, pens, pencils, and glue sticks. It contains two QR codes for joining the PTA groups and a central text area with a call to action.

EYFS Picnic

Parents of EYFS, you are invited to our picnic for Tiny Ants, Nursery and Reception children Friday 4th July 1:30-3pm. More information will be provided nearer the time.



Ward End Fire Station's Open Day

Ward End Fire Station
OPEN DAY
22nd June 2025 11 am – 3 pm
Come and join in the fun!

Cakes, Friends, GROUPS, Fun, Face Painting & DJ, Games & Demo's, Rides, VR headsets

Refreshments, Stalls, Fun activities, Safety advice, Community stands

Come and meet your local firefighters and see our fire engines!

WMFS West Midlands Fire Service
Unity Hubb
Ward End Fire Station, Washwood Heath Road, B8 2HF
www.wmfs.nf @WestMidsFire

We are excited to let you know that **Ward End Fire Station** will be holding a **Station Open Day** on **Sunday 22nd June 2025** between **11:00am to 3:00pm** and we would love for your school community to be part of it! With only a few stations hosting open days this year, we wouldn't want your pupils and their families to miss out on what promises to be a fun and engaging day for all ages.

The event will include a range of interactive demonstrations, opportunities to meet firefighters, explore the fire engines, and take part in activities designed to both entertain and educate.

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions – they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mkd' or 'delux' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍃 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌸 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🍷🍷🍷 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emoji) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.



CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.



ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🧃 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.



PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to – not just someone who's watching them.



EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

- 🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around
- 🧑 (Person) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
- 😎 (Cool face) Cool, stylish or ruffless
- 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
- 🔥 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement
- 🏆 (Trophy) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
- 😐 (Mac) Stone-faced, unbothered
- 👉 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
- 👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great
- 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag: a warning sign about someone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

- 🍷 (Cup of wine) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)
- 🍷🍷🍷 (Fire + 'woozy' face + pill emoji) Can symbolise cocaine
- 🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use
- 🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis
- 💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse
- 🌸 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
- 🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
- 🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
- ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
- 🍝 (Sizzling bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

Meet Our Expert

Keith Eroni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



Support for Parents and Carers

Nurturing ADHD kids

This online 6 week course is free for Birmingham parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD or suspected ADHD

LED BY ADULTS WITH ADHD

Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?

Are you trying to support them but find that everyone gives you different advice?

In this 6 week course, you will

- learn about ADHD
- Understand the effect on our mental health
- Understand the reasons behind behaviours
- Gain confidence in advocating for our children
- Learn new strategies
- Help our kids be confident, resilient and be their best selves

Phone: 0731 116 7485

Email: contactus@brewseducation.org

Birmingham Resilience Education and Wellbeing Services CIC

What parents have said about this course

This course is literally game-changing for parents, caregivers, teachers and anyone living with a child (or adult) with ADHD. So much misunderstanding, frustration and worry could be prevented if everyone had access to this amazing resource.

Essential course for any parent of a child with ADHD. It changed the way I see my son and my ability to respond to his needs effectively.

Very informative, friendly, no pressure, enjoyable sessions



CIC Business Registration: 13240865

Nurturing ADHD kids

NEW GROUPS STARTING SOON!

Free online 6 week course for parents and carers
Each session is 90 minutes

Next half term's courses

Tuesdays 10- 11.30am
starting Tuesday 10th June
Register [HERE](#) or use QR code



Wednesdays 7 - 8.30pm
starting Wednesday 11th June
Register [HERE](#) or use QR code



**Registration closes at
5 pm on Monday 28th April**

If you miss the deadline, email us at
contactus@brewseducation.org and you can
join the next one starting in June



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TRANSITIONS (MANAGING CHANGE) WEBINAR

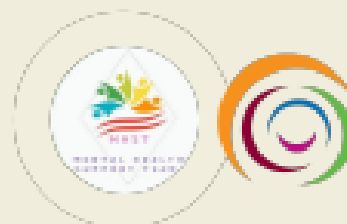
11TH JUNE 10-12PM
OR
12TH JUNE 6-8PM

COME AND MEET WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS TEAM ONLINE (VIA MS TEAMS). WE WILL BE LOOKING AT HOW YOU, AS PARENTS/CARERS, CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH MANAGING CHANGE AND PERIODS OF TRANSITIONS. THIS WILL BE A GENERALISED WORKSHOP, PROVIDING PSYCHOEDUCATION AND PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR YOU TO GO AWAY WITH.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, PLEASE SIGNUP VIA THE QR CODE BELOW OR ALTERNATIVELY, LET US KNOW VIA EMAIL.



EMAIL: bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net





ONLINE SAFETY WEBINAR

9TH JULY 10-12PM

OR

9TH JULY 6-8PM

COME AND MEET WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS TEAM ONLINE (VIA MS TEAMS). WE WILL BE LOOKING AT HOW YOU, AS PARENTS/CARERS, CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH STAYING SAFE ONLINE. THIS WORKSHOP WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH PSYCHOEDUCATION AND PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR YOU TO GO AWAY WITH.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, PLEASE SIGNUP VIA THE QR CODE BELOW OR ALTERNATIVELY, LET US KNOW VIA EMAIL.



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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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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,
15/10/25

Day	The Main Event	Meat-Free Magic Veggie Dish	Rainbow Alley Vegetables and Salads	Big Topping Filled Joints	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 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 9th June

Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Monday and Thursday

Year 2 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 3 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 – Monday and Tuesday (swimming)

Year 5 – Wednesday and Thursday

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



Summer Term 2025

<u>When</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>What?</u>
Sat 7 th Jun	Year 3	First Holy Communion Mass 11am
Tues 10 th Jun	Whole school	Class photographs
Fri 13 th Jun	Year 5	Trip to Safeside
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 @ 1:30pm
Thurs 3 rd Jul	Rec – Year 6	Sports Day
Fri 4 th Jul	Year 6	Trip to Drayton Manor
Fri 4 th Jul	Tiny Ants, Nursery and Reception	EYFS Summer picnic 1:15 – 3:00
Tues 8 th Jul	Year 4	Trip to Think Tank Museum
Thurs 10 th Jul	Year 1	Trip to Twycross Zoo
Fri 11 th 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
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

**CHANGE OF MASS TIME ON 27th JUNE –
THIS WILL NOW BE AT 1:30PM**

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 – Reception – for representing St Anthony's so well during our school trip to Hatton. Miss Carson and Mrs Houston were so proud of you all!

Year 1 – Mikey – for always trying his best and making excellent contributions.

Year 2 – Riley – for demonstrating our school virtues of being faith-filled and hopeful.

Year 3 – Ivy – for being a joy to teach and always lifting the spirit of the class 😊.

Year 4 – Harry – for making a conscious effort to engage in every lesson with a smile 😊.

Year 5 – Mason – for showing great curiosity and being an active learner.

Year 6 – Nyle – for always being confident in the face of a challenge and giving everything a go.

