

Uniform Swap



ST. ANTHONY'S GREAT BIG UNIFORM SWAP SEPTEMBER

**Thank you to anyone who has donated
pre-loved uniform.**

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

**We realise that you may not yet have thought about
uniform for the next academic year yet, so we will
welcome more donations after the holidays and will lay
all of these clothes out in the first week of SEPTEMBER.**



Time to talk...

TAKEHOME

14th - 20th July



'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'



This week we learnt that after fleeing the war in Ukraine, Yuliia Brykailo has since written a children's book inspired by her daughter Veronika's experience of settling into a new school. The story, Veronika's Treasure Adventures on the Isle of Man, follows a young girl exploring the island and discovering that the real treasure is friendship. Veronika was warmly welcomed by her new school, where pupils even learned Ukrainian words to help her feel included.

Things you could talk about at home:

- Ask someone at home about their favourite book.
- Do you think writing a book is a good way
- to help share an experience?

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Pope Leo XIV says...

X

X

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How we look at others is what counts, because it shows what is in our hearts. We can look and walk by, or we can look and be moved with compassion.

PTA Summer Fayre

Thank you for all of your wonderful support for this year's summer fayre – particularly on such an incredibly warm Friday in July!



All of this money goes straight back into experiences for your children such as the Christmas and Easter gifts as well as experiences such as our discos and Year 6 leavers' events.

If you have any ideas for our PTA for next year, please consider joining our Whatsapp or Facebook group.

Congratulations to our rainbow hamper winners (Isla-Rose, Patryk, Alice, Anna, Olivia and Noah); and thank you for all of your creative and thoughtful donations.



Prize winners



Well done **Lainey-Beau** who was the winner of the 'Guess How Many Balloons Are In Mrs Potter's Car'. Her guess of **104** was the closest to the total of **114** balloons.



The PTA also provided some vouchers and prizes for those children with the highest attendance in school today. Well done to **Patryk, Dylan, Jenson-John, Ivy, Hanna, Olivia and Ngoc Anh** who walked away with a voucher for an experience day in the holidays.

PTA Y6 Leavers' Event

Our PTA were also very busy recently organising a leavers' event for our Year 6 pupils. After completing a survey to find out what they'd like, they funded inflatable games, Dominos pizza, freeze pops and sweet bags for them to enjoy on their penultimate day in school. The children had a great time and I'm sure their parents would like to extend their heart-felt thanks to the PTA.



Summer Reading Challenge



If your child takes part in the summer reading challenge, please encourage them to bring their certificate into school in September so we can celebrate their achievements.

How it works

Welcome to the Summer Reading Challenge! Take part online or at your local library.

Online

At your library



1. Sign up

Visit [your local library](#) and ask to sign up – a librarian will give you a special collector folder when you start your Challenge.



2. Read books

Set a reading goal and read anything you like.



3. Earn rewards

Each time you finish a book, visit the library. You will collect special stickers and rewards for reading books!*

*Please check with your local library service which rewards they will be offering.

How it works

Welcome to the Summer Reading Challenge! Take part online or at your local library.

Online

At your library



1. Sign up

Click 'Join now' to create your account.



2. Read books

Set your own goal and read anything you like. Add your books to your profile, with a review!



3. Earn digital rewards

Unlock special online badges and a certificate when you reach your Challenge goal!*

*Physical rewards like medals are only available when taking part at select libraries.

Medication

Dear Parent/Carers, medication including inhalers will be sent home with your child next Friday. Please check dates and label your child's medication before returning it in September.



Illness and Attendance

Student Illness and School Attendance

To ensure the health and well-being of all students and staff, we kindly ask that you keep your child at home if they are experiencing symptoms of illness. Children should remain home if they have a fever of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher, are vomiting, have diarrhoea or show signs of contagious conditions.

Unacceptable Reasons for School Absence

While we understand that every child may occasionally feel unwell, it is important to distinguish between minor discomfort and genuine illness that warrants absence from school. Vague symptoms such as “feeling unwell,” mild headaches, or general tiredness are not considered valid reasons to keep a child home and absence due to these reasons will not be authorised. In such cases, we encourage parents to use appropriate over-the-counter medication, such as paracetamol, before school. If your child's condition worsens during the day, school staff will monitor them and contact you if it becomes necessary for them to be collected. Regular attendance is essential for your child's academic progress and social development. We appreciate your support in ensuring that absences are limited to genuine illness in line with school guidelines.

School Absence Requests

Parents/Carers please be advised that Solihull Council require parents to give school **4 weeks** notice to put in a leave of absence request which is a change from the current 2 weeks. These changes will be reflected in the school attendance policy when it is updated in November 2025.

National Threshold

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allow their child to be absent from school. There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a Penalty Notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to five school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. Three siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving three separate fines. A five day holiday would meet the national threshold. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised absence, the fine amount will be: • £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days. • Increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28.

Second Offence (within 3 years) The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be: • £160 per parent (who allowed the holiday), per child, payable within 28 days

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and local authorities will need to consider other available measures to address the absence concerns. This may mean that cases are presented before a Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500. Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to secure a child's regular attendance'.

Tiny Ants



Our Tiny Ants 'star of the week' is
Reign CK for her excellent attendance.



Thank you for a fabulous year. We celebrated with a party food, party games and some dancing. Have a safe and happy summer break, take care from Mrs Cleary, Miss Doherty, Miss Hermon and Miss Caffrey. Thank you to Miss Plum for helping us play and learn.



Nursery

This week Nursery have focused on learning about princesses and pirates where we have played with the pirate boats and pirates in the sand and water. We have also been expert finders and collected blue, red and gold treasure beneath the sand. Additionally, we have worked hard on decorating and cutting out crowns and flags as well as painting telescopes for our end of week pirate party. We have had lots of fun!



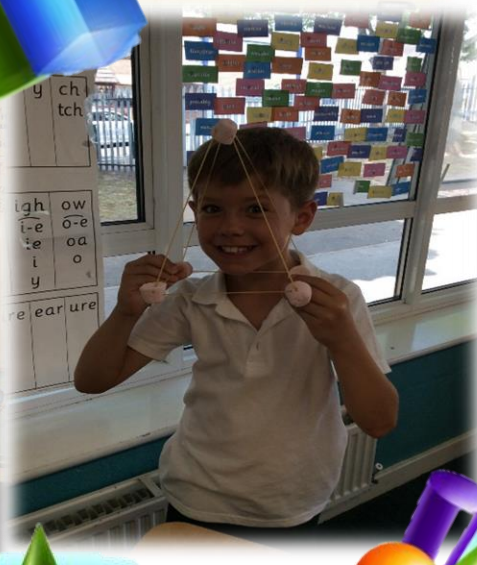
Year 1

Year 1 – what a wonderful year! The children have worked incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum and we are so proud of everything they have achieved. They showed fantastic determination and focus across their lessons and truly smashed their phonics screening – well done, Year 1! We've also had some brilliant adventures this year, including memorable trips to Babbs Mill, the cinema and Twycross Zoo. In our outdoor area, we've been busy growing all sorts of fruit and vegetables – from juicy pears to gigantic onions and garlic! Throughout the year, we've explored a wide range of exciting topics and the children's enthusiasm and curiosity have shone every step of the way. Well done, Year 1 – it's been a joy to see you grow, and we're so proud of you all!



Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful end to the term! We finished off maths with making 3D shapes, created patterns in nature in our science lesson and reminisced on all the good times. We are ready for a long, well deserved break and can't wait to take on Year 4!



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>

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HAF SUMMER CAMP

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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**



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*

You are invited...

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Brightening young futures

Brueton Park Families Meet Up

Tues 26th Aug
10am - 2pm



Come along for some social time with families in similar situations.

Autism West Midlands, specialist autism advisors will be in front of the visitor's centre between 10am - 2pm.

Bring some toys/a picnic/ what ever works best for your family. Come along and meet others in similar situations

You can locate us from either Solihull Town Centre or Warwick road. Free parking available at the Warwick road car park for 3 hours, however this car park is often busy.

Disclaimer: Autism West Midlands take no responsibility for any attendees or property; children must always stay with parent/carers.

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



MENTAL HEALTH MATES

WALK FOR WELLBEING AT...

BABBS MILL PARK

FORDBRIDGE ROAD CAR PARK
OPPOSITE SOLIHULL HOUSING

03/08/2025 @11:00AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL
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Lansdown Dental Practice...

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.



Bulls in the City 2025



**COME
AND JOIN
THE TRAIL!**

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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: **WILD IN ART**

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**BULLS
IN THE
CITY**
BIRMINGHAM 2025

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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Online Safety for Parents and Carers

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



The National College

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](#)

Lunch menu for wb. 2nd September

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

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!



Diary Dates



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

P.E Days

Week beginning Monday 1st September

A text will be sent out by Monday 1st September to inform you of your child's PE day for the first week back in Autumn.





Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Theo – for being a joy to teach all year and having an enthusiastic learning attitude.

Year 1 – for an incredible year – I am so proud of every single one of you.

Year 2 – Arabella – for bringing light, love and positivity to the class all year.

Year 3 – Jack – for making your teachers so proud this year with your hard work and amazing progress! Thank you for always making us smile! 😊

Year 4 – All of Year 4 – for showing resilience and determination this year. Keep working hard and shining!

Year 5 – Year 5 – for being amazing! You have made my last year at St Anthony's so special! Keep being your brilliant, loveable selves – I'm so proud of you all.

Year 6 – Year 6 – for how far you've come this year!

