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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025



This half term, we are growing to be **learned**, finding God in all things and **wise** in the ways we use our learning for the common good.



A wise person should have money  
in their head but not in their heart.

Jonathan Swift – Irish writer

## THE SIX PRINCIPLES OF NURTURE

*Design Your Own Nurture Layout*  
Each of the six nurture principles helps us feel safe, supported, and ready to learn.  
Your challenge is to design a simple logo or symbol for each one. You can use colours, shapes, and pictures to show what each principle means to you.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's learning is understood developmentally.       | <input type="checkbox"/> The classroom offers a safe base.              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wellbeing is important for the development of wellbeing. | <input type="checkbox"/> Language is a vital means of communication.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All behaviour is communication.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitions are important in children's lives. |

This week in assembly we thought about how we are a nurturing school because we remember that:

- We all learn at different rates
- Our classrooms are safe spaces
- We think about our wellbeing
- We use our words to communicate
- We understand that our behaviours show how we are feeling
- Change can be scary but also exciting!

Don't forget to  
create your own  
symbols for the  
principles this  
weekend!

# Time to talk...

## TAKEHOME

10th - 16th November

What would you tell the world leaders if you were at COP30?



## 'TUESDAY NEWS DAY'

This week we learnt that The 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as COP30, will be held in Belém, Brazil, from 10th to 21st November. At the meeting, country leaders and experts will discuss how to protect the planet by reducing pollution, saving forests and working together. After the meeting, countries will need to share how they will keep the climate promises they made and stay on target to meet their goals.

### Things you could talk about at home:

- What do you know about climate change?
- If you could speak to the leaders at the COP30 summit, what would you say?

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## Pope Leo XIV says...

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Catholic Social Teaching offers a path to transform the lives of people and institutions by placing Christ at the centre of every human activity.

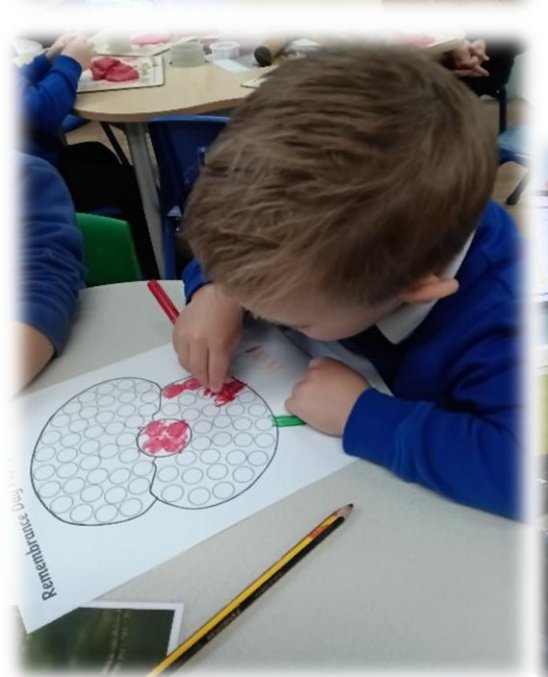
# Tiny Ants

This week we have been learning songs for our nativity with Mrs Wedge and adding some actions. We are trying really hard to put on our own wellies and coats so we can explore the rainy puddles. We have been taking turns to post nouns and verbs and choosing our favourite nursery rhyme to sing. Independently, some of the children used their own ideas to build a house around the slide.



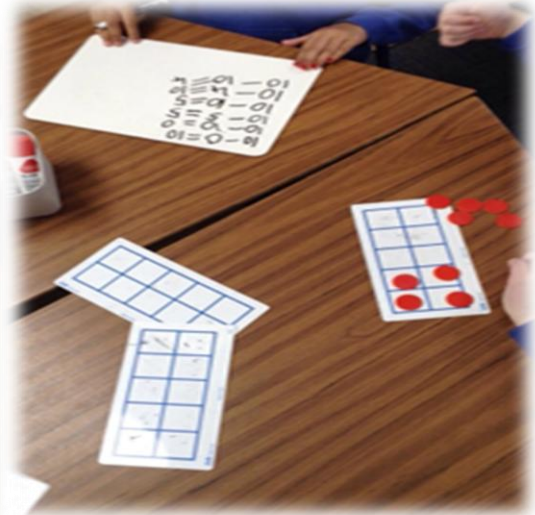
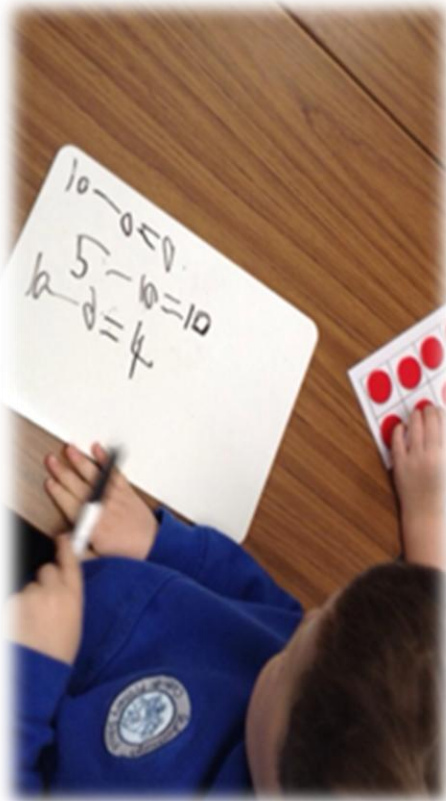
# Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning about Remembrance Day. We have focused on learning the key words 'Remembrance', 'Soldiers' and 'Poppy'. To help our learning we have made red playdough poppies, coloured in poppies as well as cut out our own poppy. This week we have also explored red gloop and focused on our slow-touch counting of poppies from 0-5 and number recognition. Nursery also visited church and were very respectful and had beautiful listening ears.



# Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have continued our Remembrance Day celebrations and had a 'celebration of the word' based upon this. We talked about how we can be brave and help others like the soldiers. We also made an ocean of kindness with ways that we can help our families and friends. We have continued learning about subtractions through different practice activities. We also learnt how to drag and drop items and type our name on the laptops during our computing lesson.



# Year 2

We have had a busy week in Year 2. We were learning about the Great Fire of London last half-term and found it very interesting. The children have become very close to experts on the subject! We used the amazing models they had made at home to recreate London in 1666; and Mr Dickenson helped us to set them on fire. Houses were made of very combustible materials in those days, and the houses were tightly packed together. When Thomas Farriner and his bakery began to burn, it wouldn't be long until huge areas of London were on fire. The children found out today, how quickly that fire spread...Well done for a brilliant week, Year 2. 😊



# Year 3

Year 3 have been practicing their multiplication and division in maths this week, with a particular focus on the 2s, 3s, 5s and 10 times tables. We learnt the days of the week in Spanish, with a fun song to go with it, and explored our emotions with the help of 'Inside Out' in aid of anti-bullying week. The highlight of our week was the wonderful trip to the cinema 😊



# Year 4

What a glorious week in Year 4! We moved onto our new maths unit of 'area'. We used lots of different objects to try to find the perimeter and area of the table, and came to the conclusion that squares are the best way. We also experimented with the software 'Audacity' in Computing as we build up to making our very own podcasts!



# Year 6

As part of their photography unit in Art, Year 6 were tasked with recreating the work of famous artists.



The children were then given a brief: they had to plan, capture and edit a photograph that could be used for an album cover for their chosen band. Check out these incredible examples:



# Winter Uniform

*Children in Reception to Year 6  
are now to wear Winter Uniform  
(apart from PE days)*

*Girls' winter uniform:  
Grey skirt/ school  
trousers, white blouse &  
tie, school  
cardigan/jumper, grey,  
white or black tights or  
socks, black shoes*

*Boys' winter uniform:  
Grey school trousers,  
white shirt with tie,  
school jumper, black or  
grey socks, black shoes*



## PE KIT EXPECTATIONS

*Please be reminded that PE kit is; white round neck  
t-shirt, black bottoms (not baggy or flared), school  
hoody and trainers*

***\*\*If you are unsure, please contact the School Office\*\****

# School Absence Requests

We would like to remind all families that **Leave of Absence requests must be submitted to the school office at least four weeks in advance** of the proposed absence date.

Please note that, in line with government guidance, **holidays during term time cannot be authorised**. However, if your child will be absent from school for any reason, you are still required to complete a Leave of Absence request form so that we can record the absence appropriately.

If the reason for absence is due to illness, **medical evidence may be requested** to support the absence.

We kindly ask all families to be honest about the reason for any absence. It is not fair to put children in the difficult position of feeling they must hide the truth about where they have been. Transparency helps us to maintain trust and ensures accurate school records.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



# Medication

*REMINDER: Please remember to bring in any medication your child may need including inhalers.*



## 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.

# Solihull Sports Event Expectations

Across the school year, several pupils are invited to represent St. Anthony's by taking part in competitions.

Here is a reminder of the event expectations for anyone attending.



The poster features a central title 'SOLIHULL EVENT EXPECTATIONS' in white on a green background. It is divided into four colored boxes: green for Competitors, yellow for Leaders, green for Teachers & Officials, and green for Spectators. To the right, a vertical column of six circular icons represents values: Self-Belief, Determination, Honesty, Respect, Passion, and Teamwork. Logos for South Solihull School Sport Partnerships, North Solihull Sport, School Games, Youth Sport Trust, Think Active, and Girls' Football School Partnerships are at the bottom.

## COMPETITORS

- Respect your teammates, competitors, officials and event organisers
- Respect the rules of the game & theme of competition
- Be organised - arrive on time for your event, have the correct kit / equipment
- Be the best you possibly can be – always give 100% effort
- Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat - Have Fun!
- Help to make the School Games an enjoyable experience for ALL!

## LEADERS

- Show respect for all competitors and participants
- Remain impartial - encourage, support and praise all participants equally
- Be organised and prepared - have a good knowledge and understanding of your event
- Be a positive role model - enthuse, motivate, inspire! Have Fun!

## TEACHERS & OFFICIALS

- Prepare your team, make sure participants understand the intent of competition
- Make sure you understand the rules of the competition & be able to support your team
- Show respect for all participants, officials, leaders and event organisers, encouraging fair play
- Be organised – make sure your team arrives on time with the correct kit and equipment
- Be a positive role model – promote positive sporting values

## SPECTATORS

- Show respect for all participants, officials, leaders and event organisers
- Respect the intent of the competition you are watching & the rules applied, remember they may be different to competitive sports outside school.
- Stay within all designated spectator areas and respect the environment you are in
- Be a positive, supportive and encouraging role model
- Do not video or take photographs of any young people at events including their own children.

VALUES: SELF BELIEF, DETERMINATION, HONESTY, RESPECT, PASSION, TEAMWORK

LOGOS: South Solihull School Sport Partnerships, NORTH SOLIHULL SPORT, SCHOOL GAMES, YOUTH SPORT TRUST, THINK Active, GIRLS' FOOTBALL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

## Swimming

Year 5 will start their swimming lessons every Tuesday from 25<sup>th</sup> November. Please pay your £10 contribution via ParentPay. Thank you



# Support for Parents

Evergreen  
Family Hub



**Timetable**  
September 2025



Wherever you live in Solihull, we're here to support you

Family Hubs are local centres where children, young people, and families can access support and take part in fun activities! Our friendly staff and service providers work in partnership with you and your community to access the information and support you need. Some services offer drop-in sessions, whilst others require booked appointments. The Hubs are a safe space for you and your loved ones.

| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <p><b>Employment, training, and digital skills support – 09:00-16:00</b><br/>Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. Drop in or call <a href="tel:01217791724">0121 779 1724</a> to book an appointment.</p> <p><b>Buggy walk – 13:00-13:45</b><br/><i>Weather dependant</i><br/>Times may change for the stay and play workshop dependant on the weather. Families to be notified through the <a href="#">Evergreen Facebook page</a> or changes to app.</p> <p><b>Stay and play – 13:30-15:00</b><br/>Come and play and meet new friends. Suitable for ages 0-4 and their parents/carers. No booking required, just come along and join in with the fun!</p> <p><b>After-school club – 15:30-16:30</b><br/>Play board games, do quizzes, art, table tennis and other fun activities. Suitable for ages 4-12, parents/carers must stay and supervise their children.</p> | <p><b>Health Visitor clinic – 09:00-14:00</b><br/>Booked appointments for parents and their babies and children with the Health Visiting team. Book by speaking to your Health Visitor.</p> <p><b>Midwifery team – 09:30-15:30</b><br/>Community midwives that provide maternity care outside of a hospital setting. Parent consultation workshops with midwifery team.</p> <p><b>Community coffee morning – 10:30-12:00</b><br/>Come in for a cuppa and tell us what you would like to see happening at Evergreen or find out more about volunteering and other services in your local area.</p> <p><b>Sensory room – 14:30-onwards</b><br/>Slots available for the sensory room. To book, call Evergreen on <a href="tel:01217791724">0121 779 1724</a>.</p> | <p><b>Employment, training, and digital skills support – 09:00-16:00</b><br/>Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. Drop in or call <a href="tel:01217791724">0121 779 1724</a> to book an appointment.</p> <p><b>Health in the hearts of our community social group – 10:30-12:00</b><br/>Social group including fun, games and a cuppa! Learn more about heart health through one-to-one consultations.</p> <p><b>Health visitors' sensory play – 13:00-15:00</b><br/><i>Weather dependant Every second and last week of the month – 10 and 24 September</i><br/>To book, call the Health Visiting Team on <a href="tel:07507332563">0750 733 2563</a>.</p> <p><b>Family support worker drop-in – 13:00-16:00</b><br/>Drop-in service, advice, support and signposting to other services. Helpline is provided at Evergreen on Wednesday afternoon on <a href="tel:01217884327">0121 788 4327</a></p> <p><b>Sensory room – 14:30-onwards</b><br/>Slots available for the sensory room. To book, call Evergreen on <a href="tel:01217791724">0121 779 1724</a>.</p> <p><b>Seasonal crafts – 15:30-16:30</b><br/>Autumn-themed craft workshop.</p> | <p><b>Health Visitor clinic – 09:00-14:00</b><br/>Booked appointments for parents and their babies and children with the Health Visiting team. Book by speaking to your Health Visitor.</p> <p><b>Family support worker workshop – 10:00-13:00</b><br/>Solution focused workshop</p> <p><b>Sensory room – 15:00-onwards</b><br/>Slots available for the sensory room. To book, call Evergreen on <a href="tel:01217791724">0121 779 1724</a>.</p> | <p><b>Employment, training, and digital skills support – 09:00-15:30</b><br/>Support with job searching, creating, emailing and sending your CV. Drop in or call <a href="tel:01217791724">0121 779 1724</a> to book an appointment.</p> <p><b>Midwifery team – 09:30-15:30</b><br/>Community midwives that provide maternity care outside of a hospital setting. Parent consultation workshops with midwifery team.</p> <p><b>Stay and play – 10:00-11:30</b><br/>Come and play and meet new friends. Suitable for ages 0-4 and their parents/carers. No booking required, just come along and join in with the fun!</p> <p><b>Family activities – 13:30-15:30</b><br/>Bring your homework, play board games, do quizzes, art, table tennis and other fun activities. Suitable for 4-12 years, parents/carers must stay and supervise their children.</p> |

**Wellbeing and advice**

**Here2Help**

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

**Health visiting**

To speak to a health visitor, text Chat Health on [0750 733 2563](tel:07507332563) between 09:00-16:00, Monday-Friday.

**Women's Aid**

If you or someone you know needs support, call Women's Aid at [0800 800 0028](tel:08008000028). Available seven days a week, 09:15-17:15.

**Mental health support**

The Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust provide guidance and reassurance to people of all ages. Call [0800 915 9292](tel:08009159292) or [0121 262 3555](tel:01212623555).

**Midwives**

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

**What else can the Family Hubs offer?**

**Help and support**

Speak to our friendly staff

**Stay and play area**

Toys, books, and soft play

**Sensory room**

To book, call [0121 779 6943](tel:01217796943)

**Computers and private work pods**

Internet and phone access

**Community wardrobe**

Free clothing

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

Family Hubs | [solihull.gov.uk](http://solihull.gov.uk) Solihull Family Hubs [evergreen@colebridge.org](mailto:evergreen@colebridge.org) 0121 779 1724

*Family support worker drop-ins at the Family Hubs  
Parents can go to the Family Hubs to talk to a Family Support Worker if needed. No need to book, just turn up.*

*Evergreen Hub is next to Yorkswood School.*

| Family Hub | Day       | Time    |
|------------|-----------|---------|
| Evergreen  | Wednesday | 1pm-4pm |

# 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 w.b. 17<sup>th</sup> November

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
by Aspens

WEEK 3  
Autumn Winter 2025/26  
15/09/25, 06/10/25, 27/10/25,  
17/11/25, 08/12/25, 29/12/25,  
19/01/26, 09/02/26, 02/03/26

## LUNCHTIME

PRIMARY  
TRADITIONAL

| MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  |
|--|--|---|--|---|
| Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Wedges <span style="float: right;">B</span> | Lasagne <span style="float: right;">C</span>                           | Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy <span style="float: right;">C</span>              | Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Mash <span style="float: right;">B</span> | Golden Fish Fingers & Chips <span style="float: right;">B</span>  |
| Vegetable Lasagne <span style="float: right;">C</span>                         | Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Rice <span style="float: right;">B</span> | Carrot & Stuffing Puff Pastry Plait, Skin on Roasties with Gravy <span style="float: right;">B</span> | Super Veggie Pie with Mash <span style="float: right;">A</span>        | Vegetable Fingers with Chips <span style="float: right;">A</span> |
| Peas and Carrots   | Mixed Greens   | Carrots   | Sweetcorn  | Baked Beans or Peas   |
| Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo <span style="float: right;">B</span>                | Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo <span style="float: right;">B</span>        | Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo <span style="float: right;">B</span>                                       | Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo <span style="float: right;">B</span>        | Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo <span style="float: right;">B</span>   |
| Sweet Potato Chocolate Brownie <span style="float: right;">C</span>            | Maple Cookie <span style="float: right;">C</span>                      | Eve's Apple Pudding & Custard <span style="float: right;">B</span>                                    | Muesli Bars <span style="float: right;">B</span>                       | Vanilla Cookie <span style="float: right;">B</span>               |

What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?

**AVAILABLE DAILY**

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

**PASTA TWIRLER**  
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

**TOPPED PASTA**  
HOT PASTA TOPPED WITH HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE & CHEESE C

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

## Changes to ordering school lunches...

We have now moved to our new simplified lunch ordering system, a single login system via ParentPay

<https://www.parentpay.com/>





# Diary Dates



**Y6 SATs**

Year 6 weekly booster starting from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November for all pupils from 3:15 till 4:15pm

## 2025

|                            |                    |   |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | Year 6             | Confirmation Blessing Mass @ 5pm  |
| Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Whole School       | Whole school Mass @ 9:15am - Year 4 leading. Parents and family members welcome |
| Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Year 5             | Y5 Cinema trip to Cineworld NEC   |
| Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Year 3             | Trip to the Alpaca Farm   |
| Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Whole school       | Christmas dinner and jumper day   |
| Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | EYFS               | Nativity and Workshop (more info on next slide)                                 |
| Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Year 2             | Trip to 'Journey to the Stable'   |
| Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Year 1 and Year 2  | KS1 Nativity 2:15pm   |
| Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Whole school       | Whole school Mass @ 9:15am - Year 3 leading. Parents and family members welcome |
| Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 | KS2 Carol Concert 2pm   |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | Whole school       | Non-uniform day and end of term   |

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2026

### Term dates 2025 - 2026

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

Inset days: 1<sup>st</sup> September, 24<sup>th</sup> October, **5<sup>th</sup> January**, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, **13<sup>th</sup> April**, 20<sup>th</sup> July

# P.E Days

*Week beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November*

*Reception – Friday*

*Year 1 – Monday & Wednesday*

*Year 2 – Monday & Friday*

*Year 3 – Tuesday & Friday*

*Year 4 – Wednesday & Thursday*

*Year 5 – Tuesday & Thursday*

*Year 6 – Tuesday (swimming) & Thursday*



## EYFS Nativity and Workshop

*Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - EYFS Nativity and Workshop*

*Group 1:*

*9:15-10:00am - Nativity*

*10:00-11:00am - Workshop*

*Group 2:*

*1:10-1:40pm - Nativity*

*1:40-2:40pm – Workshop*



*Letters will be coming home with your child today to confirm which group they are in.*

# Head Teacher's Awards



# Congratulations!

**Reception – Aston** – for always working hard with a big smile and positive attitude.

**Year 1 – Hunter M-O** – for always having a beautiful smile and caring for others.

**Year 2 – Jacob** – for a brilliant first week in our Year 2 class family. You have settled really well and we are so pleased to have you in Year 2 😊.

**Year 3 – Nancy C** - for being amazing in all aspects of school life and shining like Jesus everyday 😊.

**Year 4 – Kaydie-Faye** – for a fantastically focused week where you have worked hard in all subjects! Keep it up! Also for being a great Kagan partner.

**Year 5 – Aleena** – for consistently producing high-quality work and always striving to improve.

**Year 6 – Kaya** – for her consistently high standards of work across the curriculum.

