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Our Lady and All Saints
Catholic Multi Academy Company

Strong in Faith

St Anthony's Catholic Primary Sch

Fordbridge Road,

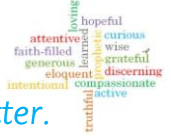
Kingshurst,

Birmingham

B37 6LW

Friday 6th September 2024

This half term, we are growing to be curious, about everything;
and active in our engagement with the world, changing what we can for the better.



Listening and being curious in the world
is what allows us to move forward and
become more self-aware

Andrew Zuckerman – American filmmaker

Welcome back!

We hope that you have had an excellent Summer break.

The children have returned wonderfully. It has been a pleasure to walk around happy classrooms with confident, cheerful pupils who look so smart in their uniforms. I honestly believe the pupil's presentation is the best I have seen here over the years and we thank the parents and carers for their efforts.

We welcome many new families in Reception, Nursery and Tiny Ants, and look forward to working with you for many years to come.



Staffing information



Mrs Goater has left us over the Summer holidays and we thank her for her great efforts over the past three years. We wish her well in her next role where she can continue to share her wide range of skills.

We welcome Mrs O'Grady to the school office



Miss Hermon joins us in the Tiny Ants team



Mrs Gorgol joins us in Year 4.

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all of our pupils who successfully completed the Summer Reading Challenge by visiting their local library and reading six books in six weeks. Here are a few of our children who completed the challenge.



Mighty Ants Price Increase

Over recent years we have ensured that our Mighty Ants before and after school child care has remained the same price. We think it is over ten years since the prices have changed.

However, with the large increases in the cost of overheads, we now need to increase the prices to ensure that it doesn't cost school. We have looked at other schools locally and across the MAC to ensure that our prices are reasonable.

	Current Price	September 2024 Price
Breakfast Club	£6.00	£6.00 - NO CHANGE
After School 3.15pm-4.15pm	£6.00	£7.00
After School 3.15pm-5.15pm	£7.00	£8.00
After School 3.15pm- 6pm	£8.00	£10.00





Solihull Family Hubs



A Family Hub is a place where children, young people and families can go for services, advice and to meet other families. Raising a family, being a parent or carer, or navigating life as a young person can be a challenge so

staff in the hubs can put you in touch with different services in the area.

There are four Family Hubs in Solihull:

- Elmwood- Burton's Way, Smiths Wood – Now Open
- Riverside- Bosworth Drive, Chelmsley Wood – Now Open
- Evergreen- Kingshurst – Re-opening very soon
- Hatchford Brook- Elmdon



Scan here for more
information on the
Family Hubs website

Family Hubs are open to everyone and there will always be a safe space available for you if you need it. You can get help with many things from:

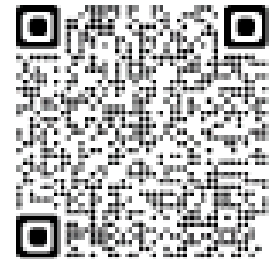


- parenting support and social activities
- seeing a midwife or a health visitor
- activities for young people
- support for children and young people with additional needs



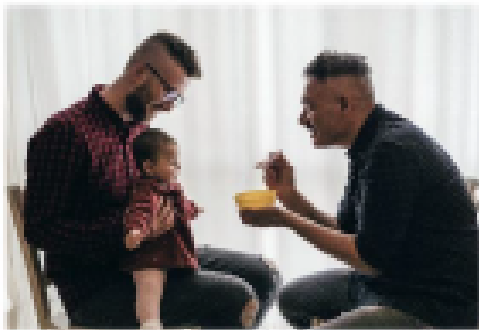
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The Solihull Start for Life Offer is a guide for everyone involved in a child's life from pregnancy to 2 years old. It includes information and advice on services and places to go to keep healthy, happy and safe in the first 1,001 days of someone's life.



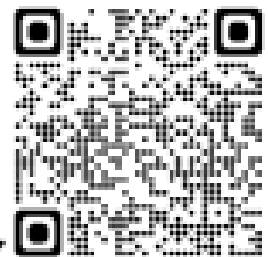
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Start for Life Offer

The Solihull Family Hubs app is available to download from the Apple Store and Google Play Store. It includes information on sessions at each of our hubs, online resources and much more. Take a look today!



We're keen to find out your thoughts on the benefits of the Hubs, as well as any concerns you may have about them. Visit Solihull Council's engagement platform Your Voice Solihull to find out more about each Hub. A short survey is also

available to complete. We would really appreciate it if you could take 5 minutes to fill in the survey.



Scan here for Your
Voice Solihull

If you have any other comments or questions about the Family Hubs, please contact us.

Email us: familyhubs@solihull.gov.uk or Call: 0121 704 6017.



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App Store





AUTUMN TERM 2024
 Open to all Solihull parents and carers



EMPOWERING PARENTS
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

BEING A PARENT GROUPS

Led by trained parent volunteers, the groups provide you with the tools to help manage challenging behaviour, improve communication, and build a positive relationship with your child.

The Being a Parent groups will be delivered both face-to-face and virtually, starting with a welcome session & then running weekly for a further 8 sessions:

TUESDAY	Virtual via Microsoft Teams	6pm – 7.30pm	1/10/24 – 3/12/24
WEDNESDAY	Dickens Heath School (B90 1NA)	9.30am – 11.30am	2/10/24 – 4/12/24
WEDNESDAY	Marston Green Infants (B37 7AA)	12.30pm – 2.30pm	2/10/24 – 4/12/24

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD

Led by Solihull professionals, the group aims to help you to manage challenging behaviour and improve communication, as well as building and understanding your relationship with your child. The group target age is 4-11 years unless specified, delivered face-to-face for 10 sessions:



TUESDAY	TEEN Grace Academy (B37 5JS)	10.50am – 12.50am	24/9/24 – 10/12/24
THURSDAY	Widney Junior School (B91 3LQ)	9.30am – 11.30am	3/10/24 – 12/12/24
THURSDAY	Evergreen Family Hub (B37 6DX)	9.30am – 11.30am	3/10/24 – 12/12/24

FIVE TO THRIVE

For parents with children aged up to 2 years, the FIVE TO THRIVE building blocks explore practical things you can do to enhance your child's brain development, increase confidence in parenting and meet local parents.



<p>MONDAY Riverside Family Hub (B37 5DP)</p> <p>12.30pm – 2.30pm</p> <p>16/9/24 – 21/10/24 4/11/24 – 9/12/24</p>	<p>TUESDAY The Bridge, Shirley (B90 3AG)</p> <p>12.30pm – 2.30pm</p> <p>17/9/24 – 22/10/24 5/11/24 – 10/12/24</p>
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Book your place now, or find out more by contacting Solihull Parenting Team at: bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net or book via the Eventbrite QR code below:



This week's menu ...

FOOD FESTIVAL
by Aspens

LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL
Week 2

Autumn Winter
2024-25:
19/



THE MAIN EVENT



MEAT-FREE MAGIC
Veggie Dish



RAINBOW ALLEY
Vegetables and Salads



BIG TOPPING
Filled Jackets



DESSERT TROLLEY



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

	THE MAIN EVENT	MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish	RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads	BIG TOPPING Filled Jackets	DESSERT TROLLEY
MONDAY	Cheesy Tomato Pizza Muffins	BBQ and Sweetcorn Pizza Slice	Wholegrain Pasta Salad and Green salad	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Toffee Apple Sponge and Custard
TUESDAY	Chicken and Sweetcorn Cobbler	Winter Vegetable Crumble	Herby Diced Potato and Carrots	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Chocolate Sprinkle Iced Cake
WEDNESDAY	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cauliflower Cheese, Crispy Onion Topping & Roast Potatoes (You don't have to have the onions)!	Mixed Greens	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Raspberry Coconut Jelly
THURSDAY	Classic Cottage Pie	Roasted Sweet Potato Pastry Roll and Mash	Peas	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Fresh Fruit Salad
FRIDAY	Battered Fish and Chips	Cheese and Tomato Toasted Wrap with Chips	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Anzac Biscuits



PASTA TWIRLER
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta
topped with
Homemade
Tomato Sauce &
Cheese

From September our new catering providers are not offering sandwiches or cold lunches as an option. The main menu will be available, alongside jacket potatoes and pasta offered every day. Please remember to book your child's menu in advance.

Attendance Information



Solihull
METROPOLITAN
BOROUGH COUNCIL

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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Manor Square
Solihull West Midlands B91 3QB
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Email: tim.browne@solihull.gov.uk

15th July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Changes to the National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence

I am taking this opportunity to write to inform you of some important changes the Government are introducing regarding school attendance and the issuing of penalty notices when children are absent from school.

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices is being introduced. The regulations will come into effect from the 19th August 2024. The aim is to improve school attendance and consistency in the use of penalty notices across England.

The national framework includes:

- A single consistent national level for when a penalty notice must be considered of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) for any unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. The 10-week period may span different terms or school years. For example, 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the summer term and a further 8 within the autumn term.
- An increase to the rate of a penalty notice from £120 to £160 if paid within 28 days and £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days. If a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3 year period, the notice will be charged at the higher rate of £160 with no option for this second offence to be discharged at the lower rate of £80.
- A national limit of 2 penalty notices that can be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3 year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another tool must be considered (such as prosecution or another attendance legal interventions).

As you know, good attendance is essential in supporting children to get the most out of their education and we would like to thank you for your continued support. However, if you have any questions, please speak to your school in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Tim Browne

Assistant Director Education, Inclusion & Additional Needs

Nursery Spaces 2024



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SEPTEMBER 2024

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE

15 AND 30 HOURS PLACES

Ofsted "Children in Nursery listen intently and have fun practicing sounds.

They are ready to start learning to read as soon as they enter Reception"

"Children get off to a strong start in early years"

One parent echoed the view of many by saying, 'I can't thank them enough for supporting my children with a great start in life.'

Teachers provide children with a carefully planned curriculum, adapted to meet the needs of all.



Did you know that Asda have a cash pot for St Anthony's school?

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

[Cashpot for Schools Terms & Conditions](#) [Asda Rewards terms & Conditions](#)

1

Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

2

Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

3

Asda does the rest

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.



Break time snacks

“Sugary foods can give a quick boost of energy, but this is short lived, so sweets, chocolate and yoghurt-coated fruit and biscuits will not keep your child going for long.”

Most children require a snack at morning break to keep them going through the day.

We encourage children to bring in healthy snacks.

Many of these will help contribute to their 5 daily portions of fruit and vegetables, keep them alert and help them concentrate.

Children in EYFS and KS1 have a daily snack of fruit or veg provided by the government FREE OF CHARGE, so additional snacks for these ages may not be required.

The NHS guidance from ‘Change 4 Life’ advises that snacks are kept under 100 calories. We hope that the guide below will help you to choose what to send in to school and what to leave as a treat for at home:

Suitable	Not suitable
<p>Fruit (fresh or dried)</p> <p>Vegetables (e.g. celery, peas cucumber, peppers, carrot))</p> 	<p>Fruit winders</p> 
<p>Crackers</p> <p>Low-fat cheese portions</p> 	<p>Crisps</p> 
<p>Yoghurt (e.g. low fat / fromage frais)</p>	<p>Chocolate cereal bars</p> 
<p>Bread sticks / pretzels</p> <p>/ pitta bread</p> <p>Rice cakes or plain popcorn</p> 	<p>Pastries or cakes</p> 
<p>A slice of malt loaf</p>  	<p>Chocolate bars</p> 
	<p>Biscuits</p> 

Children must not bring snacks that contain nuts into school. We have a child and staff member in school for whom eating, and even coming into contact with, nuts would induce an anaphylactic shock.

PE days

Please read carefully as the PE days can change from week to week.

Reception –Friday

Year 1 – Monday and Tuesday

Year 2 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 3 –Tuesday and Friday

Year 4 – Monday and Tuesday

Year 5 – Wednesday and Thursday

Year 6 – Tuesday (swimming) and Thursday

Please remember that pupils need to come into school in their PE kits on these days, and they should be plain white t shirts (or those with the school badge on) and PLAIN black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings.





Autumn Term dates 2024-25



Monday 2 nd September	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 rd September	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 4 th September	Pupils return to school
Friday 25 th October	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November	Half term
Monday 4 th November	Pupils return to school
Friday 20 th December	End of Autumn term

Online courses for parents & parents-to-be

The courses, worth up to £88, have been prepaid for **ALL Solihull families!**

From bump to 19 years
Lifetime access



Register on: 
www.inourplace.co.uk
and enter the 'Access Code':
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To return to the course(s) go to
www.inourplace.co.uk and sign in!



For technical support contact:
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or 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Solihull Parenting Team
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