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St Anthony's Catholic Primary Sch

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B37 6LW

Friday 5th July 2024

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.



We are not what we know
but what we are willing to
learn.



Mary Catherine Bateson – American author

Rainbow Raffle



20p per ticket

From Monday we will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win one of 7 rainbow hampers. Please send money into school with your child any day next week if you wish to enter.



St. Anthony's PTA would like to invite you to your

SUMMER FAYRE 2024

Friday 12th July
3:15pm – 5pm

Come along for a fun afternoon with: games, inflatables, raffle, ice cream van and free entry!

Please contact the committee if you would like to help: s84pta@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk

Parentkind Member Association

Next Friday – 12th July
3:15pm – 5pm

Staffing Information

As you can imagine this term is one of the busiest as we finish off the year as strongly as we can, whilst also preparing for the new year ahead. We are all aware of the summer transfer window in football...and it is similar in the education world in terms of staff moving on.

Sadly we will say goodbye to a few of our wonderful members of staff this summer:



Miss Nash – We thank Miss Nash for all her work with us this year in Y6 as a student teacher – she has been fantastic and even gave up her time to join Y6 on residential at Alton Castle. . We wish her the very best of luck as she begins her career as a teacher and hope she uses all the skills she has learnt with us in her new school.

Mrs Walker – On Monday we welcome back Mrs Walker from her Maternity leave. However, her return will be short and she will be leaving us at the end of the term as she has relocated. We thank Mrs Walker for all of her very important contributions to our community. Since joining us she has helped us to improve our Early Years provision and supported the MAC schools with their development of EYFS. Alongside her team she oversaw a transformation recognised by Ofsted in 2022 as being ‘outstanding’.



Mrs Gallagher – Mrs Gallagher leaves her role as Y1 teacher this summer. She has been a great addition to our team in Y1 over the last couple of years and a real friend to our school. We all wish her the very best as she awaits the birth of her second child; she will be even busier than she has been here at St Anthony’s!

Miss Costello – Miss Costello joined us a newly qualified teacher five years ago and has played such an important role in many aspects of our school improvement over her time with us. Leading on so many areas, she has made a significant contribution to our school community - not least around the well-being of pupils and staff during a much needed time of difficulty in our community. She leaves us to join another Catholic school as Assistant Headteacher and we congratulate her on her promotion.



We keep all our staff leavers in our prayers as they embark on their next chapter in their vocation. We give thanks for all of the wonderful skills and talents they have shared with us.

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> 

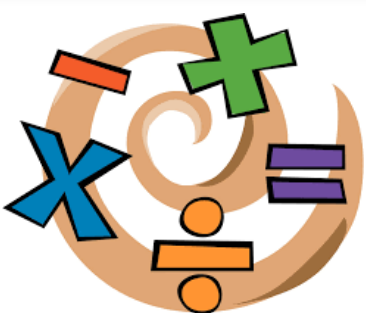
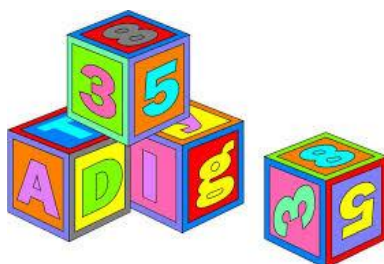
Children must not bring snacks that contain nuts into school. We have a child and staff member in school for whom eating, and even coming into contact with, nuts would induce an anaphylactic shock.

Tiny Ants

Continuing with our theme for this term 'What's in the World', the children chose wildlife pictures to design using their own ideas. They then learnt the skill of smudging with pastels.



Developing our maths skills this week, the children helped Mrs Cleary to sort the large blocks into coloured towers in order to work out which was the tallest (most) and shortest (least), encouraging them to use these mathematical words. Isabella independently lined up the speckled frogs on the log and put the numerals 1-5 in the correct order - pretty good for 2 and 3 year olds! This proves how much work the children have done over the past 12 months.



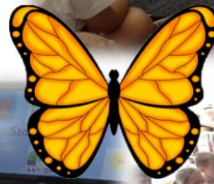
Nursery

Nursery have loved watching the caterpillars turn into butterflies this week. We have carefully observed any changes and discussed the patterns on the wings. This week in R.E, we have been learning all about the celebrations that take place in church. We role-played different occasions and described how they made us feel. We had a special visit from Jonah's little brother Luca this week and the children were thrilled to see Miss Blair.



Reception

Our butterflies in Reception have finally emerged! The children have been so excited to watch the butterflies eating their food and gaining lots of energy, ready to be released. We have also been wonderful storytellers this week! The children have such lovely imaginations and really enjoy crating their own stories that included a problem and solution. Well done, Reception!

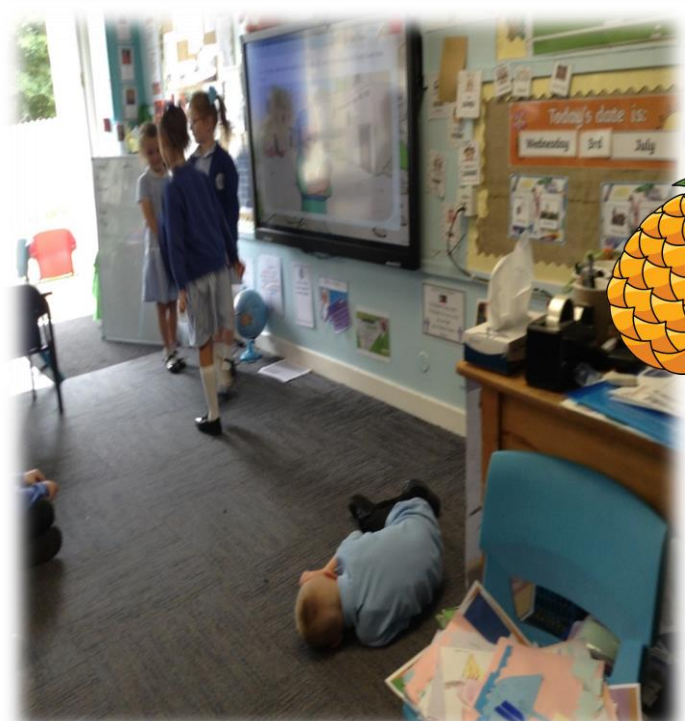


Year 1

The children in Year 1 have had a great week. In RE they have been exploring the story 'The Good Samaritan' and spent time acting this out.

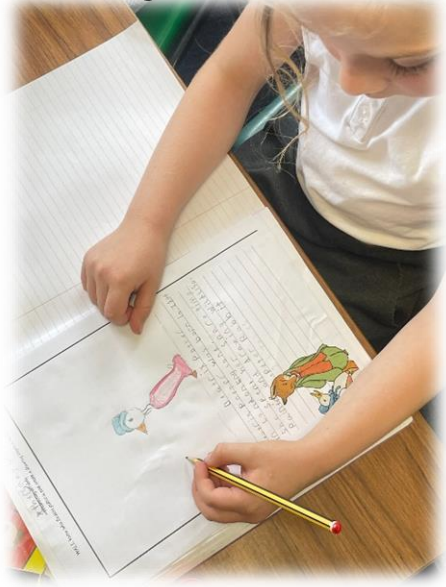
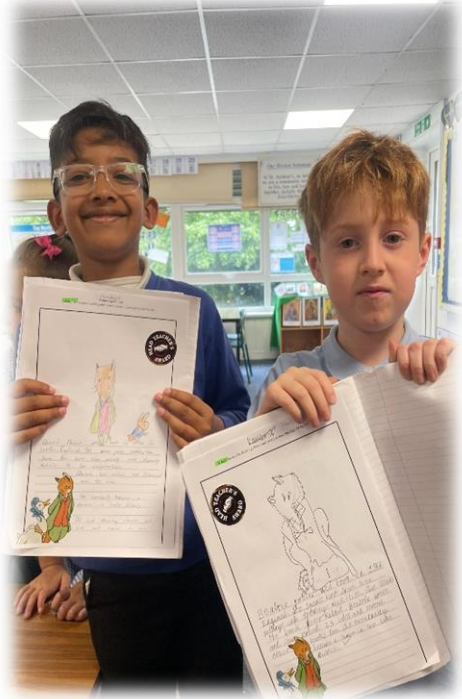
They then performed their role-play to the rest of the class!

In DT the children had the opportunity to taste lots of different fruit, to help them decide which ones they would like to add to their fruit salads next week. They enjoyed apples, pears, bananas, strawberries, mango and pineapple!



Year 2

It may be coming to the end of the school year but Year 2 haven't slowed down yet! In PE, we have been practising for sports day next Tuesday. In Global Learning, we have been learning about Beatrix Potter and have completed some art inspired by her illustrations. In Computing, we can be making music on the tablets in our Kagan partners.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful week and continuing on with our learning from the Pied Piper, we re-enacted some of the scenes and created freeze frames!



Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we have been outside refining our athletic skills. In Kagan teams we practised: the shot put, the standing long jump, hurdles, running and we finished with relays. The children all showed brilliant sportsmanship, skills and speed on the track - ready for our school sports day on Tuesday!



Gardening Club

Gardening club have been super busy this year! Everyone has been hard at work watering and weeding. The children planted some chillies, peas in the pods and pumpkins earlier in the year; they are looking incredible! Well done to all of our gardeners for their hard work.





The results are in from this weeks boys v. girls battles!

Year group	Winners	MVPs	2 nd MVPs	3 rd MVPs
2	Boys	Patryk Ngoc-Anh	Ezra Ivy	Joseph Lillie
3	Girls	Harvey Harlow	Alfie Lily-Mai	Jonah Sophia
4	Boys	Noah Kaya	Karson Ruebee	Joaquin Chaney
5	Boys	Ciaran Gracie	Kalen Esther	Rosie
6	Boys	Jake	Brody	

The new battle is the final house battle of the year:
St Andrew's v St. David's v. St. George's v. St. Patrick's



Well done to the following Year 1 children who have experienced successes on Numbots this week. Congratulations to **Nancy P** who completed the next stage of her story maps this week; and **Nancy P, Otis and Maja** who demonstrated the greatest improvement in accuracy.



Sports Day

On **Tuesday 9th July**, St Anthony's hope to hold our annual sports day. This year, our school sports day will be linked to the Olympics. It will be running a little differently to previous years so we wanted to inform you of these changes.

Sports Day Agenda	Timings
St Anthony's opening ceremony (including singing and dance performances)	9.15am
Events (year groups will rotate around events)	9.30am- 10.30am
Closing ceremony	10.45am

Each year group will be staying with their class to complete events.

For health and safety purposes, ALL parents will be asked to stay in the designated areas of the field and playground. These will be marked off with cones and sign-posted.

NO parents will be allowed to enter the school MUGA as this is the children's break station.

Below is a list of where each year group will be starting their races, so you can position yourself ready to watch your children.

Reception	Obstacle Race (field)
Year 1	Javelin (field)
Year 2	100m sprint (field)
Year 3	Cup stacking (middle playground)
Year 4	Egg and spoon race (upper playground)
Year 5	Basketball (lower playground)
Year 6	Break Station (MUGA)



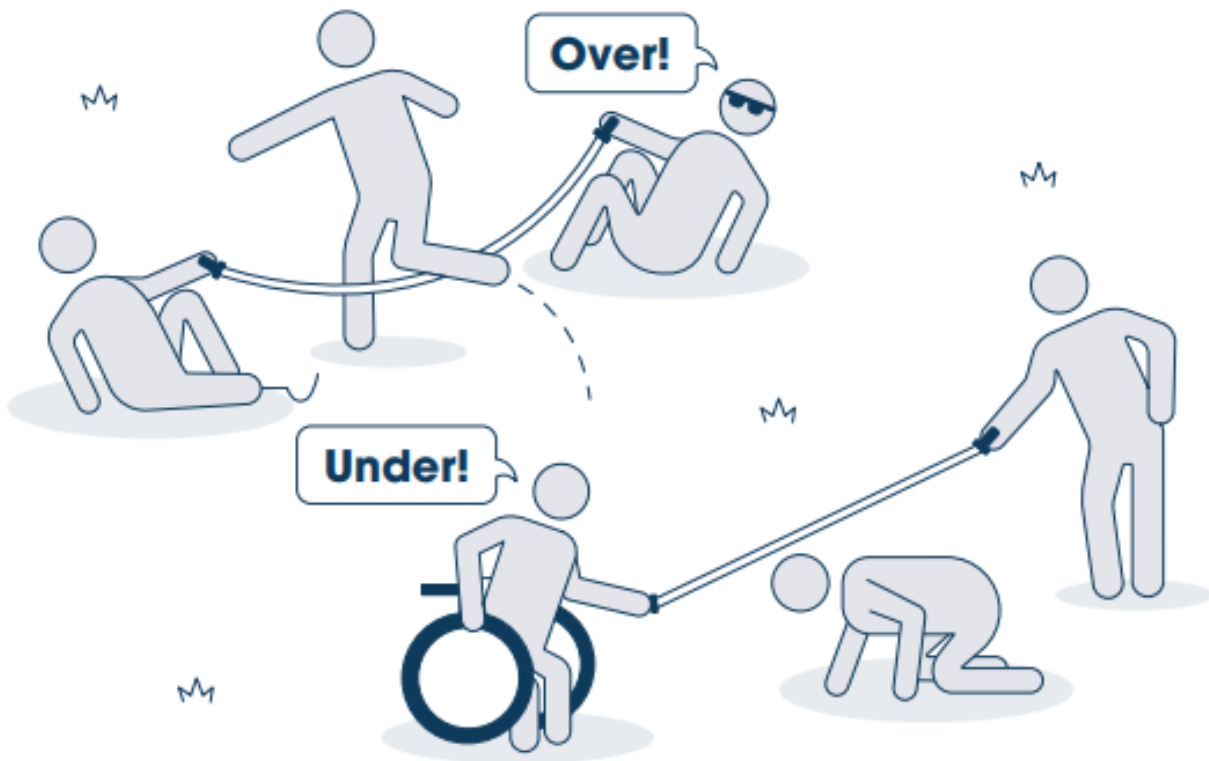
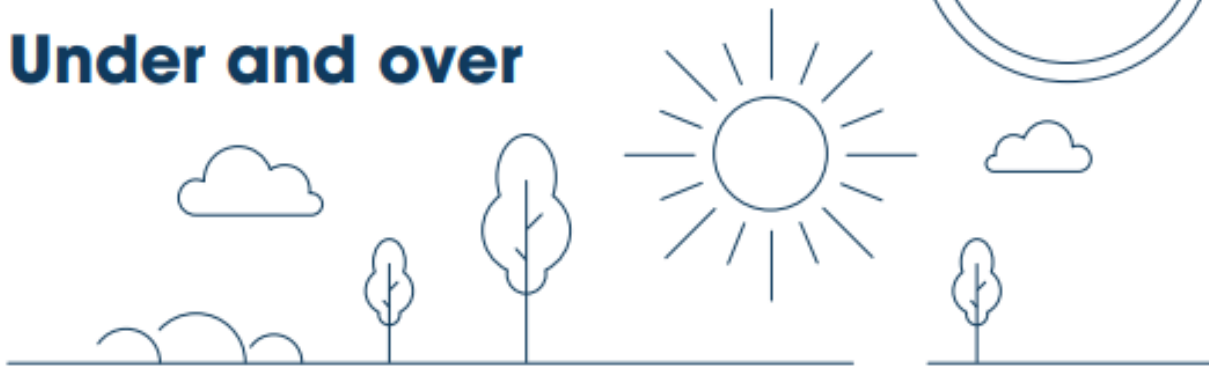
Sports day is weather dependent. We will confirm if Sports day will still be going ahead on **Monday**.

This week's 'Path to Paris' Power-Up

PATH TO PARIS



Under and over



Au-dessus et en dessous

Did you know?

The Paris RER is a fast train system that connects the city centre to the suburbs. It runs underground and overground.

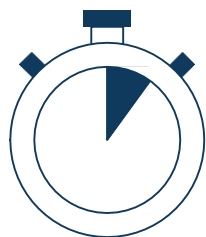
Path to Paris... This week's activity:



Prépare-toi !

Get ready!

- Skipping rope.
- 2 rope holders – one at each end.



Joue !

Play!

1. Hold the rope at different heights.
2. Rope holders shout "under" or "over" as you travel towards the rope.
3. Go under or over the rope in any way you can.
4. Change the rope height and play again.



Change le jeu !

Change the game

- Walk, run, push, roll, crawl, slide, jump.
- Change the rope height for each player.
- Hold hands and travel as a group.

#PathToParis

For more activities: getset.co.uk/pathtoparis



Online Safety

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

ONLINE TROLLING

The term "Trolling" refers to sending hurtful or provocative comments – often done anonymously online – to provoke a reaction or cause emotional distress. Anonymity can embolden people into saying things they wouldn't dare say in person. Euro 2024 and other tournaments tend to put an emphasis on this, with the abuse of both players and fans often increasing during such events.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ESCALATION

Many trolls begin with silly, banal comments before moving on to a broader pattern of offensive messages and posts. They can also turn their attention very quickly to a new target if they grow bored with an existing one, which makes engaging with one fruitless at best – and potentially dangerous at worst.

HIDING BEHIND A SCREEN

Because trolls tend to use anonymous profiles, they enjoy a lack of accountability. This also means they'll often have multiple profiles, potentially switching between them regularly or posting across several of them at the same time, making a target feel as though there's no escape. After all, once you block one account, what's to stop them reappearing elsewhere?

24/7 CONTACT

The internet has given us the ability to remain in contact at any time, from almost anywhere in the world. A troll having the ability to reach you whenever they want can leave you feeling like their abuse is unavoidable. While they don't see you in real life, they can message you at any time, reach out to your peers online and even try to discover your personal information to scare you.

HATE SPEECH

Sadly, many trolls resort to spewing racial slurs, homophobic attacks and awful stereotypes, as these often stand the best chance of causing emotional harm. This can add a hefty degree of weight to their attacks, moving from what might charitably be described as "teasing" into a genuine hate crime. After Euro 2020, three England footballers were racially abused, resulting in several prison sentences.

IMPACT ON VICTIMS

It's not uncommon for the victims of trolls to shut down their accounts, disappear from public life, and try to stay out of the crosshairs for a time – with some even leaving social media forever. This can have a severe impact on children and young people's connections to friends and the world at large, and may not even actually stop the troll. The victims' families, for example, may have online profiles that trolls can still access.

NORMALISATION OF TROLLING

It is, regrettably, inevitable that some people will go too far in their criticisms or comments, both online and in the real world. This can lead to many people seeing trolls and their abuse as part and parcel of social media – an inherent risk of interacting with others online. This doesn't mean, however, that it should be considered "normal" or even tolerated.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

While social media platforms (where most trolling tends to happen) aren't always helpful when responding to abusive behaviour, parents can set up screen time limits, so children only get to use certain apps at certain times. There's always the potential for trolling to occur anyway – such as friends showing screenshots to one another – but this would minimise the likelihood of children seeing it.

DON'T ENGAGE WITH ABUSE

A well-known adage on social media is "don't feed the trolls". Fundamentally, if a child identifies a potential troll online, it's best not to engage with that individual directly. Instead, consider setting up a log to gather evidence for reporting them later on, including screenshots and quotes where possible.

ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

While every professional athlete aspires to maintain high standards, it's important to separate the player from the person. A player's performance doesn't make them worthy of abuse, and that can often be forgotten by younger children who simply see the colour of the shirt without considering the person wearing it. For all the rivalries between teams, it's essential children understand that players are still human beings, with families and lives outside of sport.

BLOCK AND REPORT

While anonymous accounts make it difficult to block trolls permanently – or even for very long – it's still good practice to help children learn to control who can engage with them online. It's not worth "feeding the trolls", and it's more helpful to block them, report them, and try to move on. Blocking and reporting is an anonymous process, too, so there'll be no indication of who specifically blew the whistle.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRcon, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A long-time fan of Arsenal, he's a parent who understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer whose work has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and many more.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/online-trolling

Upcoming events

Our final mass of the school year will be our **Year 6 Leavers' Mass**, taking place on **Thursday 18th July at 9:30am**.

All parents, family members and parishioners are most welcome to attend.



Upcoming School Trips

Date	Class	Location	Price
Friday 12 th July 2024	Yr. 6	Drayton Manor	£22.00
Monday 15 th July 2024	Yr. 1/2/3	Twycross Zoo	£17.00
Tuesday 16 th July 2024	Yr. 4/5	Legoland Discovery / SeaLife Centre	£17.00

Please be aware of the confirmed school trip dates for your child's class, some of the trips are not yet on Parentpay so please keep a look out for this information to follow.

SUMMER

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FUN IN THE SUN

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

- 30TH JULY - 02ND AUGUST
- 06TH AUGUST - 09TH AUGUST
- 13TH AUGUST - 16TH AUGUST
- 20TH AUGUST - 23RD AUGUST

TIMINGS

- **START** 09:30
- **BREAKFAST** 09:30
- **LUNCH** 12:30
- **AGES 5 - 6 FINISH** 13:30
- **AGES 7- 12 FINISH** 14:30

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SUMMER 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	30/4/24 – 2/7/24
WEDNESDAY	Dickens Heath School (B90 1NA)	9.30am – 11.30am	1/5/24 – 3/7/24
WEDNESDAY	Marston Green Infants (B37 7AA)	9.30am – 11.30am	1/5/24 – 3/7/24
FRIDAY	Kingshurst Primary School (B37 6BN)	9am – 11am	3/5/24 – 5/7/24

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, delivered face-to-face for 10 sessions:



TUESDAY	Renewal Family Centre (B91 2JY)	9.30am – 11.30am	30/4/24 – 9/7/24
THURSDAY	Evergreen Family Hub (B37 6DX)	9.30am – 11.30am	2/5/24 – 11/7/24

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>TUESDAY The Bridge, Shirley (B90 3AG)</p> <p>10am – 12pm or 1pm – 3pm</p> <p>16/4/24 – 21/5/24 4/6/24 – 9/7/24</p>	<p>THURSDAY Saxon Court, Chelmsley Wood (B37 7RF)</p> <p>12.30pm – 2.30pm</p> <p>18/4/24 – 23/5/24 6/6/24 – 11/7/24</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:





PINKY PROMISE DEMENTIA GROUP - SMA

MEETS	<p style="text-align: center;">Every 1st & 3rd SUNDAY in the month</p> <p style="text-align: center;">02/06/24 16/6/24 07/07/24 21/07/24 04/08/24 18/8/24</p>
VENUE	<p>Seeds of Hope, St Barnabas Community Hub Over Green Drive, Kingshurst, B37 6EY</p>
TIME	2pm – 4pm
CONTACT	Sue Powell
PHONE	07523374679
EMAIL	PinkyPromiseSMA@outlook.com
COST:	£2.00 each & 1 carer goes free.

Pinky Promise Dementia Group – SMA will be a safe place for those living with Dementia & Alzheimer's, their carers, family or friends to come together in the knowledge that they can just be themselves and not worry what others think.

There's singing, crafts, reminiscing, bingo, raffle and many other activities. fun & laughter, and chat to other fellow members also occasional support from the Alzheimer's Society to give advice.

But most importantly it's a time where those who are doing the caring of this cruel disease, can talk to others over a brew or soft drink, about their experiences and hopefully get ideas and advice and just for them to know they are not alone.

This week's menu ...



Menu One

Spring Summer Menu 1 Running w/c - 08/04, 20/04, 20/05, 17/06, 08/07, 09/09, 30/09, 21/10

Monday

Beef Bolognese with
Pasta

Cheese Whirls
Potato Wedges Peas

Ginger Cake with
Custard

Fresh Fruit Platter

Yogurts

Tuesday

Chicken Tikka Wrap
Vegetable Medley

Quorn Burrito
Vegetable Medley

Apple Oat Cookie

Fresh Fruit Platter

Yogurts

Wednesday

Roast Gammon
Carrots & Peas Roast
Potatoes

Quorn Roast Carrots
& Peas Roast Potatoes

Strawberry Bakewell
With Custard

Fresh Fruit Platter

Yogurts

Thursday

All Day Breakfast

Vege All Day
Breakfast

Lemon Topped
Sponge

Fresh Fruit
platter

Yogurts

Friday

Fish Fingers Chips
Baked Beans

Cheese & Tomato
Pizza Chips Baked
Beans

Chocolate Ice Cream
Sponge Roll

Fresh Fruit Platter

Yogurts

Available Daily:

Home Baked
Bread,

Seasonal Salads:

Alternate Offer
Baked Potato
Bar
or
Packed Lunch

For more information on Menus please
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Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Amaia - For developing a positive attitude toward her learning and trying her best!

Year 1 – Marley - For growing in confidence and for always having a smile on your face 😊

Year 2 – Jayden – For always shining like Jesus and trying your best in everything you do!

Year 3 – Lily-Mai – For being an asset to Year 3 and flourishing in all aspects of school life 😊

Year 4 – Chaney – For her beautiful manners and setting an outstanding example across school.

Year 5 – Esther - For having such a positive attitude towards her learning and always giving 100%.

Year 6 – Dylan - For facing new challenges with confidence and resilience.



Attendance Information

From September, if a pupil misses 10 sessions (half days) of unauthorised absence this is the threshold for parents being charged **Absence fines**. **The fine will rise from £60 to £80, per parent per child, or £160 if not paid within 21 days.**

The threshold can be met with “any combination of unauthorised absence”. For example, four sessions in term time plus six instances of arriving late after the register has closed.

Councils “retain the discretion to issue one before the threshold is met”. This could include where parents “are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below threshold, or for repeated absence for birthdays or other family events”.

For example: 3 days unauthorised leave of absence, then a few weeks later another 2 days unauthorised leave of absence.

Parents need to complete a leave of absence form. Please be honest when taking your child out of school in term time as absence is a safeguarding matter.



Family Hub's Grand Opening's

Join us at our opening days, we have three upcoming open days across our family hubs:

Elmwood Family Hub: Tuesday 9th July - 14:00 - 16:00

Evergreen Family Hub: Wednesday 10th July - 14:00 - 16:00

Riverside Family Hub: Thursday 11th July - 14:00 - 16:00

All events will have refreshments, cakes, live performances, family activities and the option to look around the hub including the sensory rooms!



Elmwood Family Hub:
37 Burtons Way, Smith's
Wood, Solihull, B36 0UG
elmwoodfhesolihull.gov.uk



Evergreen Family Hub:
42 Kingshurst Way, Kingshurst,
Solihull, B37 6DX
evergreencolebridge.org



Riverside Family Hub:
289 Bosworth Drive, Fordbridge,
B37 5DP
riversidefhesolihull.gov.uk

Please come and join us!

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.



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

Week beginning Monday 8th July 2024:

PE days

PE kit for all pupils on Tuesday

Reception – **Tuesday and Thursday**

Year 1 – **Monday and Tuesday**

Year 2 – **Tuesday and Thursday**

Year 3 – **Tuesday and Thursday**

Year 4 – **Tuesday and Wednesday**

Year 5 – **Tuesday (Sports day then swimming)**

Year 6 – **Tuesday**



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.



Diary Dates



These dates will updated each week and newly added events / any changes will be highlighted in yellow.

Date and Time	Year Group	Event
Tues 9 th July	Reception – Year 6	Sports Day 9am
Friday 12 th July	Year 6	Trip to Drayton Manor
Friday 12 th July	Whole School	PTA Summer Fayre after school
Mon 15 th July	Year 1, Year 2, Year 3	Trip to Twycross Zoo
Tues 16 th July	Year 4 and Year 5	Trip to Lego Discovery and Sea Life Centre
Tues 16 th July	Year 6	Leavers' Production 6pm
Thurs 18 th July	Reception – Year 6	Year 6 Leavers' Mass 9:30am
Fri 19 th July	Whole school	End of school year for pupils
Mon 22 nd July	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	



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

Mr K Scanlon, Head of School