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St Anthony's Catholic Primary Sch

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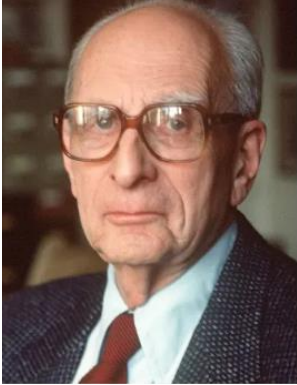
Kingshurst,

Birmingham

B37 6LW

Friday 21st June 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.



The wise person doesn't give the right answers, but poses the right questions

Claude-Lévi Strauss - a French anthropologist

Arts Week 2024!

Visit our school gallery:

Friday 28th June (15:00-15:30)

Monday 1st July (08:30-9:00)

Tiny Ants

The children helped each other to make a car, Roman collected the wheels from the construction area "It can drive now". Tommy fetched the chunky chinks to make marks and patterns to decorate it.



To encourage mark making we asked the children to draw around hands, feet and bodies and then to draw around their friends.



We have had lots of messy creative play this week, using our fingers to squelch and make swirly patterns with shaving foam and green and blue paint and glitter to create our planet Earth.

Nursery

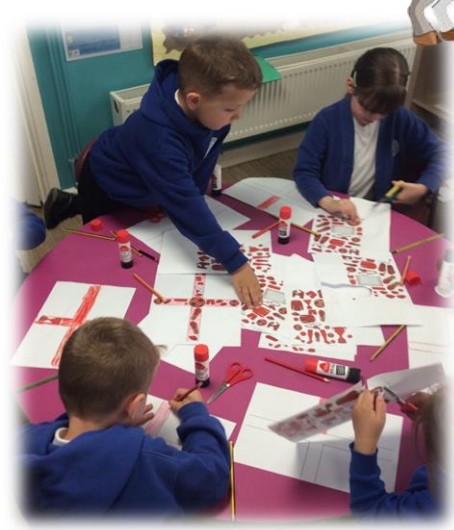
Nursery have been busy this week celebrating National sports week. We have discussed our favorite sports and had a go playing them. We have also been learning all about Space and discussing what we would find in Space. The nursery children were amazed to watch an Astronaut walk on the moon.



Reception



Reception have had a wonderful week this week. We had a lovely trip to Hatton Country World and all the children loved being able to feed the goats, hold the guinea pigs and see all the different snakes! The giant bouncy castle slide was also very popular!



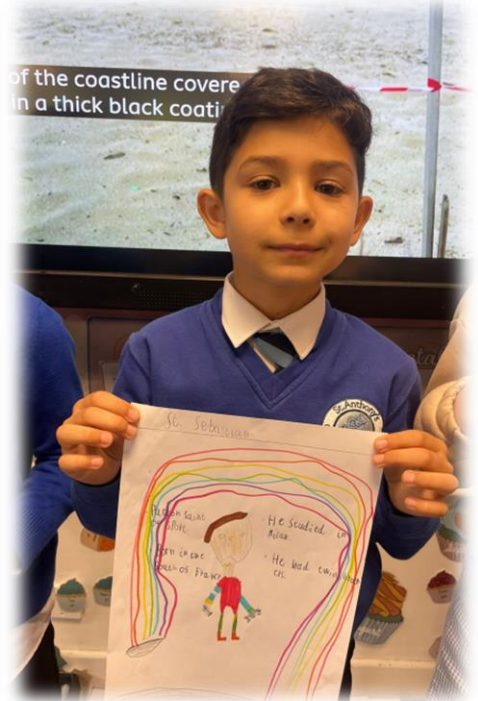
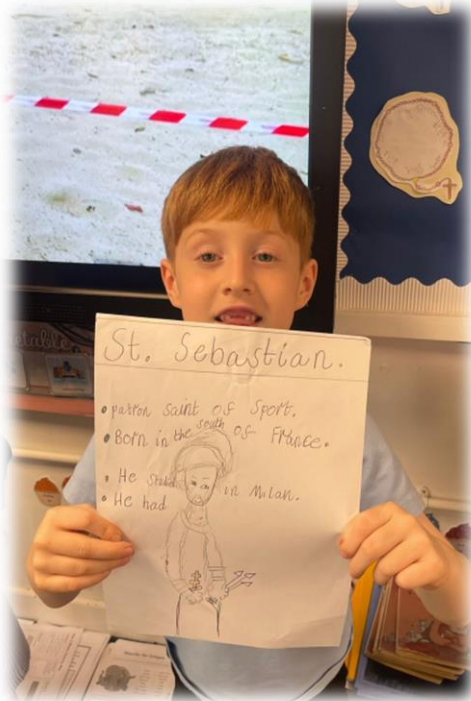
Year 1

As this week was National School Sports Week, the children in Year 1 took part in a live dance with Darcy lesson. The children had lots of fun and enjoyed copying and putting the dance moves together. Can we also say a massive "well done" to Year 1 for their participation in Mass this week. The children were amazing and so reverent. All the staff are extremely proud of them! It was lovely to see so many family members in attendance too, thank you for your continued support.



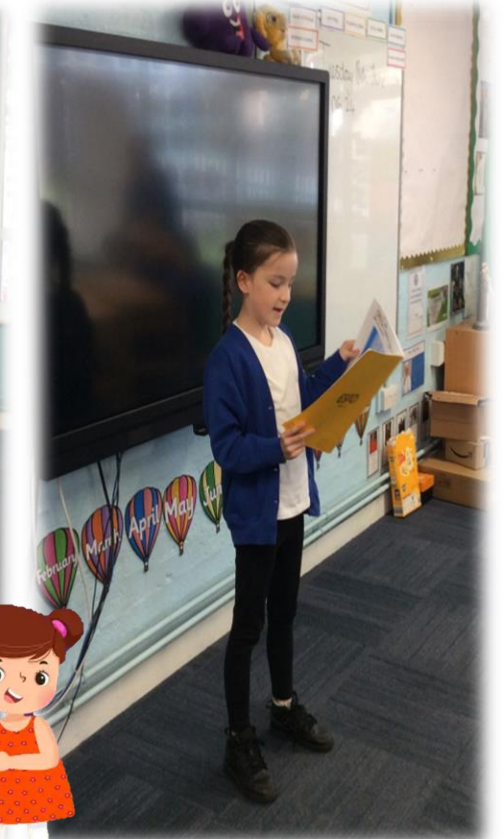
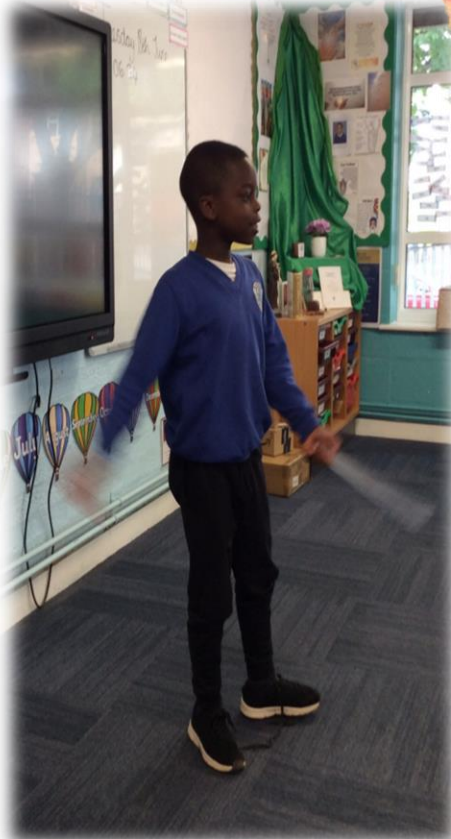
Year 2

Year 2 have had a lovely week celebrating National Sports Week. We started by researching our sweepstake teams and learning all about St. Sebastian patron saint of sports. On Wednesday, we joined the DDMIX dance live stream which the children really enjoyed. We have also been searching for mini beats for our local habitat's topic in Science too! Well done for a fabulous week Year 2!



Year 3

Year 3 have had another fantastic week! We have been doing some tricky multiplication in Maths, we wrote some gorgeous prayers in RE and learnt how to say different picnic foods in Spanish. We have really enjoyed National Sports Week and particularly enjoyed performing our persuasive speeches in English! Miss Bolter is so proud of how much Year 3 have progressed throughout the year, their confidence has grown so much and they all did amazing! Well done Year 3!



Year 4



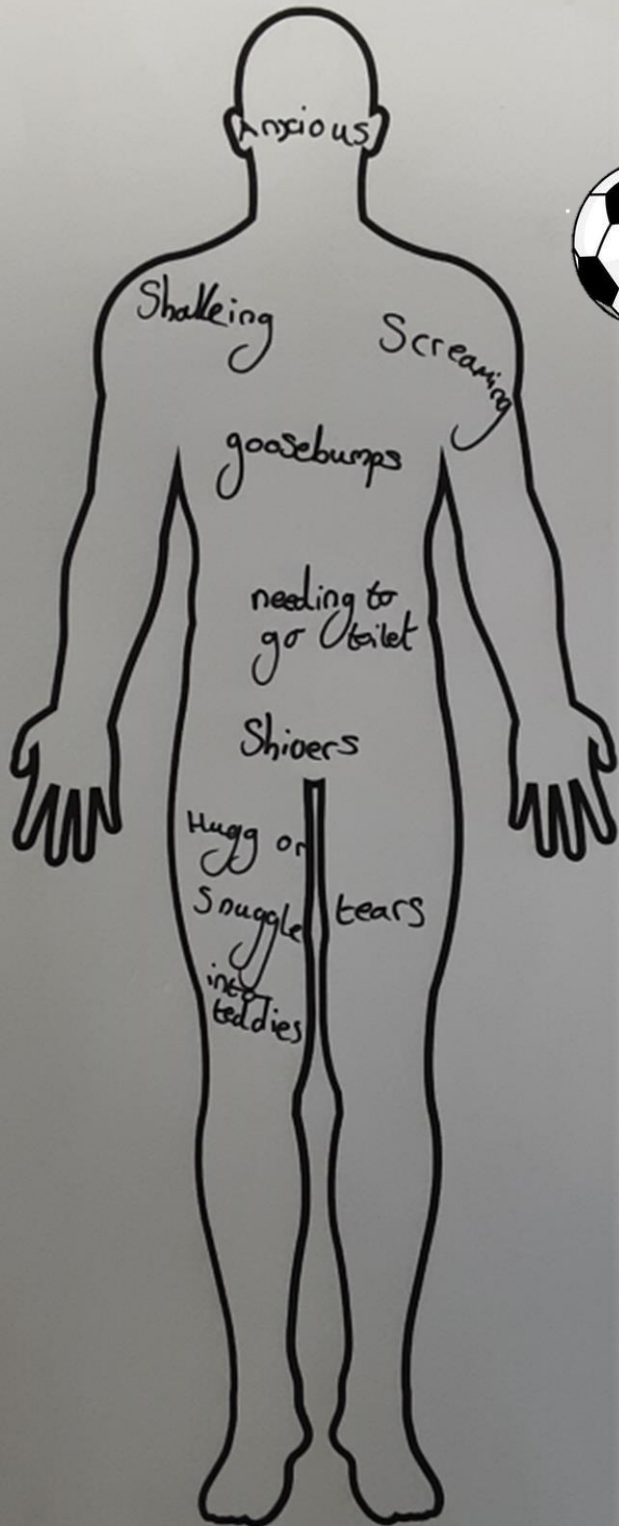
This week Year 4 have been busy! In English, we started our new novel 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. The children explored what life was like for a child living on the streets in the Victorian era and created some freeze frames of scenes taken from the first two chapters. In Science we have been learning about animals and their environments. The children made some animal-friendly invertebrate traps and planted them around school in different habitats.



Year 5

PSHE this week in year 5 has been all about bullying and discrimination, we discussed the differences between the two of them and how they make us feel.

Lots of football being played this week in year 5 Various different skills of how to handle the ball. We have also been taking part in different football based activities which we have loved.



Year 6

Year 6 had an amazing day at St. Mary's Catholic Seminary, Oscott College



Year 6

What a fantastic day Y6 pupils had travelling from Birmingham International to London Euston for their Feel Good Field Trip to the Tower of London for a tour and a workshop on crime and punishment



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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators PROMOTING PHYSICAL WELLBEING

Physical activity isn't only beneficial for our bodies; it also plays a role in promoting mental wellbeing. With both the Euros and the Olympics this summer, it's an opportunity to engage young people in regular exercise which can reduce stress, improve mood and boost self-esteem. Despite these benefits, many children face barriers to participating in physical activity.

1 MAKE IT FUN

Incorporate activities that children enjoy, such as playing games or dancing. Encourage participation in team sports or group activities to foster social connections and a sense of belonging.

2 MIX MOVEMENT WITH LEARNING

Educational settings can incorporate movement breaks and physical activities to enhance focus, concentration and cognitive function. Embedding exercise into the curriculum can also reinforce learning and stimulate creativity. 'Revision walks' with podcasts and flashcards can benefit older learners.

3 CREATE OPPORTUNITIES

Provide clear chances for physical activity throughout the day, both indoors and outdoors. Schools can encourage active play during breaks and at lunchtimes, while limiting screen time at home can help keep children up and about.

4 PROVIDE POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

Praise and encourage children for their efforts and achievements in physical activity. Recognise their progress and celebrate their successes to reinforce positive behaviours. Educators could do this in several ways, such as applauding their efforts at assemblies or celebrating their accomplishments in newsletters.

5 VARIETY IS KEY

Introduce a selection of physical activities to keep children engaged and prevent boredom. From swimming and cycling to yoga and martial arts, trying different types of exercise can help children to discover what they enjoy most.

6 ENJOYMENT OVER COMPETITION

Encourage children to focus on the enjoyment of physical activity rather than winning or achieving perfection. Emphasise effort, improvement and having fun rather than outcomes, to minimise the amount of stress that children can sometimes associate with sports and other competitions.

7 SET REALISTIC GOALS

Help children set achievable physical activity targets based on their interests, abilities and preferences. Celebrate their progress and successes to maintain motivation and enthusiasm.

8 MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE

Ensure that children have access to safe, suitable spaces for exercise at home, at school and in the community. Advocate for inclusive environments which accommodate diverse needs and abilities, so it changes never in your community if facilities aren't already available.

9 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Parents and carers can be positive role models by prioritising their own exercise and involving children in their fitness routines. Gentle walks, bike rides or sports activities can be wonderful opportunities for bonding and staying active together.

10 ENCOURAGE PERSISTENCE

Help children develop resilience and perseverance by encouraging them to overcome challenges and setbacks in physical activity. Teach them the importance of perseverance and the value of effort in achieving their goals.

Meet Our Expert

Adam Gillett is a learning and development specialist who, as well as working for Minds Ahead, is associate vice principal for personal development at a large secondary school in Bannisey. He was asked to be part of an expert research group for the Department for Education, one of only three school leaders to be asked to do so.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Catholic Life

We enjoyed a wonderful whole school mass on Wednesday, led by Year 1 and the Faith Ambassadors. We are so proud of how confidently they read and signed our hymns. We were also blessed to be able to celebrate our First Holy Communion children who received their certificates and sang their post-communion reflection - 'Make Us Holy' by CJM music - with the whole school community. It was absolutely incredible to see a packed-out church, so a huge thank you to all of the parents/ carers, family members and parishioners who were able to attend.



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.



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	Yr4/5	Legoland/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.

Exciting opportunities in the Summer term...



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 Two



Spring Summer Menu 2 Running w/c - 15/04, 06/05, 03/06, 24/06, 15/07, 16/09, 07/10

Monday

Chicken Bites Potato Slices Baked Beans

Kentucky Burger in a bun

Sweetcorn
Potato Slices

Apple Flapjack

Fresh Fruit Platter

Yogurt

Tuesday

Lasagne Garlic Slice
Main Mixed Salad
Roasted Vege Parcel
Potato Wedges
Baked Beans

Fresh Fruit Salad &
Yogurt Topping

Fresh Fruit Platter

Yogurts

Wednesday

Roast Chicken New Potatoes
Broccoli

Spanish Omelette
New Potatoes
Broccoli

Rice Crispy Cake

Fresh Fruit Platter

Yogurts

Thursday

Beef Grills in a Bun
Sweetcorn
Home Made Potato Wedges

Tomato Pasta Main
Mixed Salad

Chocolate Vanilla
Shortbread

Fresh Fruit

Yogurts

Friday

Cod or Salmon Fish Stars
Chips & Peas

Cheese & Tomato
Pizza
Chips & Peas

Berry Fruit Ice Lolly

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 visit: www.solihullcateringservices.co.uk

*Seafood with this mark comes from a MSC certified sustainable fishery. www.msc.org



Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Certificates will be coming home on Monday.

Reception – All of Reception – For a wonderful school trip to Hatton Country World. Miss Carson, Miss Sullivan and Mrs Wedge are so proud of how you represented St Anthony's! Well done 😊

Year 1 – All of Year 1 - For leading our school mass beautifully, confidentially and reverently.

Year 2 – Carey - For approaching everything that you do with a smile and never giving

Year 3 – Malakai - For always being positive and trying his best and consistently shining like Jesus.

Year 4 – Ruebee - For making great progress in all subjects, and having a cheerful disposition.

Year 5 – Louise – For coming in with such a smile on her face, ready to learn.

Year 6 – Frankie – For his mature and positive attitude.





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
Weds 26 th June	All parents	Social, Emotional, Mental Health drop in session for parents 2pm – 3pm
Weds 26 th June	Nursery parents for 2024-25	Transition meeting for parents
Fri 5 th July	Tiny Ants, Nursery and Reception parents	EYFS Summer Picnic 1:30pm
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

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Date and Time	Year Group	Event
Tues 16 th July	Year 6	Leavers' Production
Thurs 18 th July	Reception – Year 6	Year 6 Leavers' Mass
Fri 19 th July	Whole school	End of school year for pupils
Mon 22 nd July	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	



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 – Open
- 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



Solihull Family Hubs

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.



Scan here for the Solihull
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.

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

Week beginning Monday 21st June:

Reception – *Thursday*

Year 1 – *Monday and Tuesday*

Year 2 – *Wednesday and Friday*

Year 3 – *Monday and Tuesday*

Year 4 – *Wednesday and Friday*

Year 5 – *Tuesday (Swimming) and Thursday*

Year 6 – *Wednesday and Friday*

PE days



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