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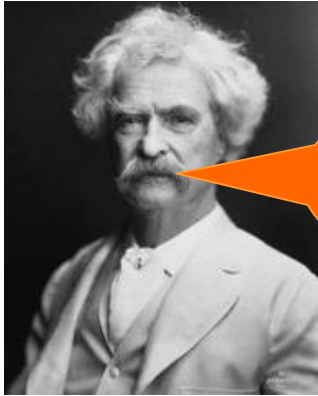
Kingshurst,

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Friday 3rd May 2024

This half term, we are growing to be eloquent and truthful in what we say of ourselves, the relations between people, and the world.



If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

Mark Twain (Author)



Attendance Matters



The winner this week's attendance raffle was:
Nevaeh-Leigh in Year 3

- We have received a number of requests for term-time holidays this week, therefore wanted to remind families that we are **unable** to authorise holidays during school time.
- This term children in a number of year groups will be completing statutory tests and assessments therefore good attendance leading up to these is vital.
- Year 6 will undertake their SATs tests from **Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May** and it is essential that pupils are in school for these government assessments.

Tiny Ants

This week the children noticed the blossoms have now fallen from the trees and decided to throw them up in the air so that they were falling like snowflakes.



The children enjoyed spending time on the field collecting daisies, dandelions and buttercups; and later we made our own pictures using the natural resources we had collected.



We took the children into the prayer garden where we said a prayer to thank God for all the daisies buttercups and dandelions.



Nursery

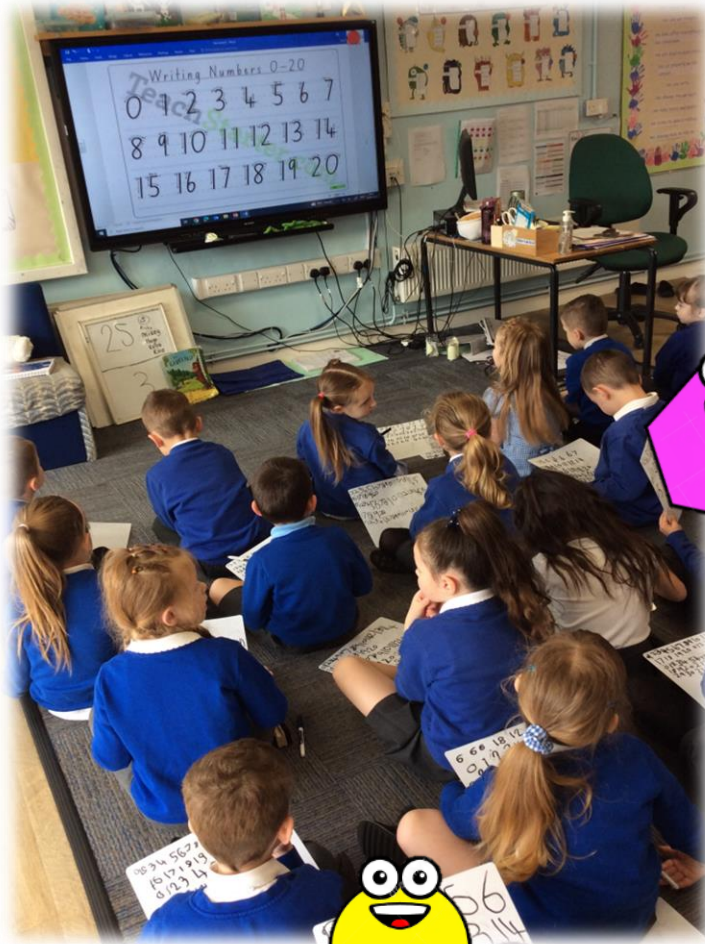


Nursery have been busy this week. We have been reading 'The Gingerbread Man' and predicting what will happen next. We went on a minibeast hunt around school and were so excited to tick off the minibeasts that we could find. We have also been practising reading and writing our names. We played 'Travel-Pair-Share' to help us to remember.



Reception

This week in Reception, we have been exploring the work of a new artist: Wassily Kandinsky. The children have enjoyed creating artwork inspired by him as he specialises in using 2D shapes to create his work. This also supports our Maths learning, as we have been focusing on shapes this week and will begin to explore explaining shape arrangements.



Year 2

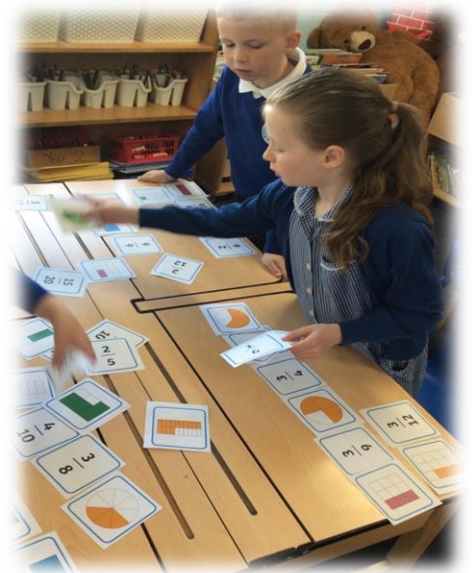


Year 2 have had a lovely week. We have been measuring in ml using practical resources and working with our Kagan partners to complete some tricky questions. In English, we have been making some magic potions inspired by the book 'Room On The Broom' by our class author, Julia Donaldson. We will be writing instructions for our magic potion on Tuesday 😊. Well done for working so hard this week!



Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy week. We've been: learning all about Roman baths in global learning, understanding 'consecration' in RE, playing rounders in PE, exploring different fractions in maths, reading 'The Twits' in English and in science we learned that light travels in straight lines!



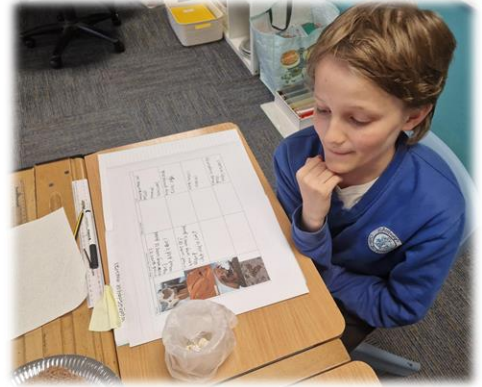
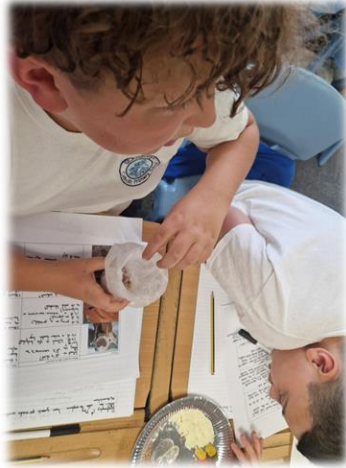
Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant week! In DT we have been learning about pneumatic systems, using air pressure to lift heavy objects. The children designed and created their own moving animal pneumatic systems. In PE we have been playing cricket. We practiced our bowling skills, long barrier fielding position and hitting before playing a match. Ms Riley and Miss Clayton were so impressed by everyone's cricket skills. There were high-speed hits, rapid runs, clever catches and some terrific teamwork!



Year 6

This week in Science Year 6 have been exploring the formation of fossils and very much enjoyed creating their own! They have also still been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs tests in 10 days time and Miss Cartwright is very proud of their progress.



This week's online safety support...

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TOWNSHIP



(on the App Store; 'Everyone' on Google Play)

Despite launching in 2011, Township remains popular with children and adults alike. A city-building game with farming elements, it tasks players with developing their settlement and unlocking new features along the way. Aimed at the more casual gamer, it's mostly child friendly – but there are still some related risks to be mindful of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISLEADING PUBLICITY

Township's developers have previously faced criticism for advertising the game on social media by using clips of gameplay which can't actually be found in the final product. This may well lead to a child or young person downloading the game with severely misplaced expectations of what they'll be playing.

IN-GAME ADVERTS

While it's common for mobile games to feature in-game advertisements for other products and services, Township employs a particularly egregious strategy seen in several similar products. It offers users in-game currency in exchange for watching such adverts, which can obviously encourage young people to willingly expose themselves to marketing material.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game's core concept of building up a settlement to increase its population and income can feel slow paced at first – and players are incentivised to spend real-world money to move things along more quickly. That can mean handing over anything from £1.99 to £19.99 for these in-game boosts; amounts that can rapidly add up to a considerable sum if left unchecked.

TIME-CONSUMING GAMEPLAY

Township's gameplay loop of acquiring resources and reinvesting them into your little community is a fun one – but this rewarding sense of making progress can lead to players spending far more hours staring at the screen than they realise. There are also special in-game events which run for a limited time, designed to entice players into even longer gaming sessions.

ONLINE MULTIPLAYER MODE

After reaching level 19, players in Township can form a 'co-op' and unlock the option to exchange goods with up to 30 other users. Online multiplayer modes are nothing new, of course – but neither are the potential risks they pose to children and young people. Chances are, youngsters will be interacting with complete (and possibly much older) strangers within the game environment.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS THE GAME IN ADVANCE

While older children may notice and understand that Township might be marketed in a potentially misleading way, it could be worth explaining to prospective younger players how and why the game differs from what's been advertised. This will help them to manage their expectations and avoid any possible disappointment if they do decide to download and play it.

MONITOR SPENDING AND SCREEN TIME

More modestly priced in-app bundles can be a welcome treat for a child wanting to speed up their progress in Township, but it's wise not to leave a linked payment method active in case a youngster gets carried away. Likewise, to prevent Township from causing an increase in screen time, parental controls on most devices allow limits to be placed on how long a game can be played each day.

BE WARY OF EXTERNAL SITES

Township's makers state that all in-game ads are age-appropriate: children won't be shown adverts recommending more violent titles, for instance. Even so, clicking on these adverts can take players out of the game and onto external sites that have nothing to do with Township or its developers: this raises the risk of children encountering inappropriate content or being tempted by online purchases.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE STRANGERS

Township's online multiplayer mode (as with any game which includes that functionality), is an avenue through which a child could be contacted by people who they don't actually know. It's worth reminding young Township fans, therefore, not to give out any personal information to strangers online – whether that's within the game itself or in the social networks associated with it.

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new games and tools, he's also a parent who prioritises online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



The National College

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Reminder...

In regards to friendship groups and issues, please report to your child's class teacher in the first instance, rather than Miss Watkins.

The staff in class spend the most time with your child so are the best people for this initial intervention.



Our next school mass will be on **Monday 20th May** and it will be led by pupils from **Year 2** and **Year 5**. All members of our school community are very welcome to attend.

Throughout the month of May the children will be praying the 'Hail Mary' each day. It would be lovely if you could pray this prayer as a family too.



**Solihull College
& University Centre**



Free family learning course!

Available to parents / grandparents and carers of children in Year 2 – Year 6. Aimed at supporting you to help your child with their English and Maths work.

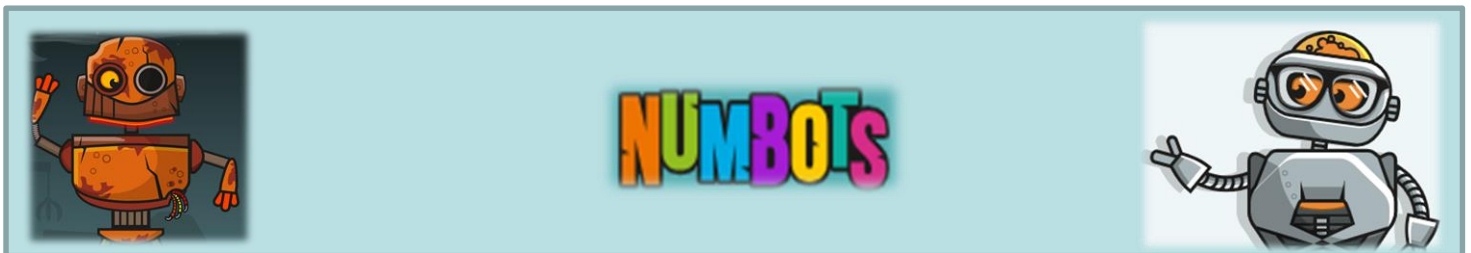
The course will run from **Friday 3rd May – Friday 28th June 2024** from 9:15 – 11:15am each Friday in our outdoor classroom here at St. Anthony's. This course is now running in school and its not to late to come long and join us !



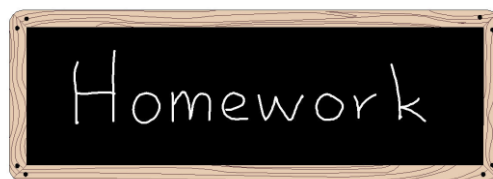
St. Andrew's were the winners this week. Well done to the most valuable players in each year group. The next battle is Y6 v Y5 v Y4 v Y3 v Y2. Good luck everyone!



	Most Valuable player	2 nd MVP	3 rd MVP
St. Andrew	Everleigh in Y4	Ngoc-Anh in Y2	Gracie in Y5
St. Patrick	Karson in Y4	Patryk in Y2	James in Y6
St. David	Harlow in Y3	Ezra in Y2	Leo in Y5
St. George	Freddie in Y6	Joaquin in Y4	Nyle in Y5



Congratulations to **Lincoln, Marley, Anna and Jiyaa** in Year 1 who completed the next stage of their story maps this week.



A reminder that children are expected to be completing daily practice on Times Tables Rock Stars and accessing Numbots at least three times a week. This is in place of written Maths homework because we understand the huge importance that needs to be placed on learning basic number and multiplication facts.

Please support your child by allowing and encouraging them to complete this compulsory homework.

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:



Pathway to Paris...

This week we have excitedly begun logging the activity that we do in school in order to complete a virtual journey towards the Paris Olympics. On the way children will be learning about a variety of different athletes, cities and Olympic sports and are very enthusiastic! Each week we will also be providing you with an activity that you could try together as a family at home. Remember to 'tweet' any photos that you would like to share on 'X' and tag us!

PATH TO PARIS



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Pétanque in Paris



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La pétanque en Paris

Did you know?

Pétanque is also called boules. It is a traditional French game. People play it in parks and squares across Paris.



How to play pétanque...



Prépare-toi!

Get ready!

- 2 balls per person + 1 extra (the jack).
- Marker (cone, plastic cup, stone).
- Optional: chute for rolling.



Joue!

Play!

1. Know which balls are yours.
2. Stand by the marker and throw the jack.
3. Take turns to throw your balls towards the jack.
4. The ball nearest to the jack wins!



Change le jeu!

Change the game

- Roll, throw or kick the balls.
- Stand closer to or further from the jack.
- Stand, kneel or sit on a chair to throw.

Build your skills
for this activity by
exploring Get Set
for... Control

#PathToParis

For more activities: getset.co.uk/path-to-paris



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





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
Mon 6th May	MAY BANK HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)	
Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th May	Year 6	SATs week
Fri 17 th May	Whole school	'Wear it Green Day' for Mental Health – pupils to wear something green to school. £1 donations in aid of Fr. Hudson's.
Mon 20 th May	R – Y6	Whole school Mass – Year 2 and Year 5 leading
Tues 21 st May	Y6 parents	Alton Castle parent meeting 3:15pm
Fri 24 th May	Whole school	Break up for half term
<u>Half Term</u> Mon 27 th May – Fri 31 st May		
Mon 3 rd June	Whole school	Return to school
Weds 5 th – Fri 7 th June	Year 6	Alton Castle residential retreat
Sat 8 th June	Year 3	First Holy Communion Mass 11am
Tues 11 th June	Year 6	London trip
Mon 17 th June	Year 6	Visit to Oscott College
Weds 19 th June	R – Y6	Whole school Mass – Year 1 and Faith Ambassadors leading
Thurs 20 th June am	Year 6	Visit NEC for Big Bang show



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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	Whole School	PTA Summer Fayre after school
Thurs 18 th July	Reception – Year 6	Year 6 Leaver's Mass
Fri 19 th July	Whole school	End of school year for pupils
Mon 22 nd July	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	

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

Week beginning Tuesday 7th May:

Reception – **Thursday**

Y1 – **Tuesday**

Y2 – **Wednesday and Friday**

Y3 – **Tuesday**

Y4 – **Tuesday (Swimming) and Thursday**

Y5 – **Wednesday and Thursday**

Y6 – **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.

Mr K Scanlon, Head of School

Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – **Cali** for being a happy and positive member of Reception and always providing a 'helping hand' to her friends and teachers.

Year 1 – **Lewie** for having a positive week and for trying your best in all areas.

Year 2 – **Quinn** for really impressing me with his effort in writing this week.

Year 3 – **Kenny** for working incredibly hard this week and contributing lots of fantastic ideas throughout all of the subjects.

Year 4 – **Huey** for his passion for learning and never shying away from a challenge!

Year 5 – **Harry** for demonstrating determination and focus: keep it up!

Year 6 – **Harley** for a fantastic, focused week, giving everything your all.

