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Our Lady and All Saints

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Strong in Faith

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

Fordbridge Road,

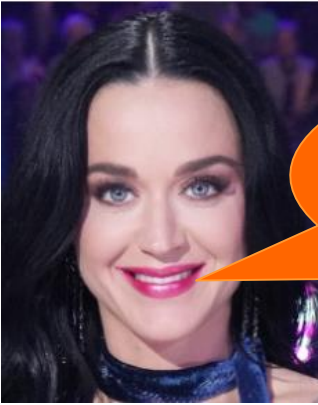
Kingshurst,

Birmingham

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Friday 26th April 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.



I feel like my secret magic trick that separates me from a lot of my peers is the bravery to truthful and honest.

Katy Perry (American singer / songwriter)

In assembly this week, the children learned that on 'Good Shepherd Sunday' we are called to pray for all those who have made it their vocation to spread the good news about God.

There are currently only 3 men training to become a priest in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. As a school community we will be continuing to pray for them this year and would ask you to do the same



Tenny Antony



Jithin Titto



Gerard Bowen

Heavenly Father,

we ask you to send labourers into your harvest.

Inspire, in the hearts of your people, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Your local churches need you!

Be part of shaping the future of our local Church.

Did you know that within the next five years almost half of Roman Catholic priests will have reached retirement age...yet there are currently only three trainee priests in the whole of England and Wales?

Everyone in our St. Anthony's community invited and urged to come together with parishioners from St. John the Baptist, Guardian Angels, Sacred Heart and St. Teresa and St. Anne's in order to discuss how we can begin to work together as churches in our local area, in order to serve our communities and share God's love - securing the future of our local churches.

*The meeting will take place at **Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School, Hurst Lane, Shard End, B34 7NH** on **Thursday 23rd May** at **7pm**.*

Please come along and share your ideas.



BE PART OF SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH

Mission Planning Meeting

23

May
2024

7.00pm

WE ARE ALL INVITED TO A MEETING AT GUARDIAN ANGELS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, HURST LANE, SHARD END, B34 7NH.

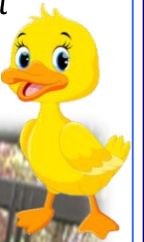
WE WILL LOOK AT WHAT WE ARE DOING WELL IN OUR FIVE CATHOLIC PARISH CLUSTER, TO THE EAST OF BIRMINGHAM AND HOW WE COULD WORK TOGETHER IN THE FUTURE, TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE.

PLEASE COME ALONG AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS.

Tiny Ants



The children this week have been celebrating Earth Day. We have talked about caring for animals in the jungle and also how we can keep the ocean clean by not dropping rubbish into it. We used paint and coloured paper to make our own Earth planet and named the ocean creatures in the water tray.



We have been using our fingers to count up to 5 singing the 'Five Little Ducks' and 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' rhymes: we are getting very good at it!

Nursery

Nursery have loved reading the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We took turns to retell the story using our faces to express the emotions of the characters. Throughout the story, we stopped to predict what might happen next and everyone shared their ideas. Children worked together to think of the best material to create a bridge and tested it with the characters.



Reception



This week, Reception have been amazing artists. We recapped our learning on our class artist, Andy Goldsworthy, and began exploring how different artists have different styles of art. The children loved creating their own artwork, inspired by Vincent Van Gogh. Three children even had a visit to see Mr Flaherty for a Head Teacher's sticker! In Maths, we have been deepening our understanding of numbers to 20 with addition and being able to recognise those numbers and using the correct name.



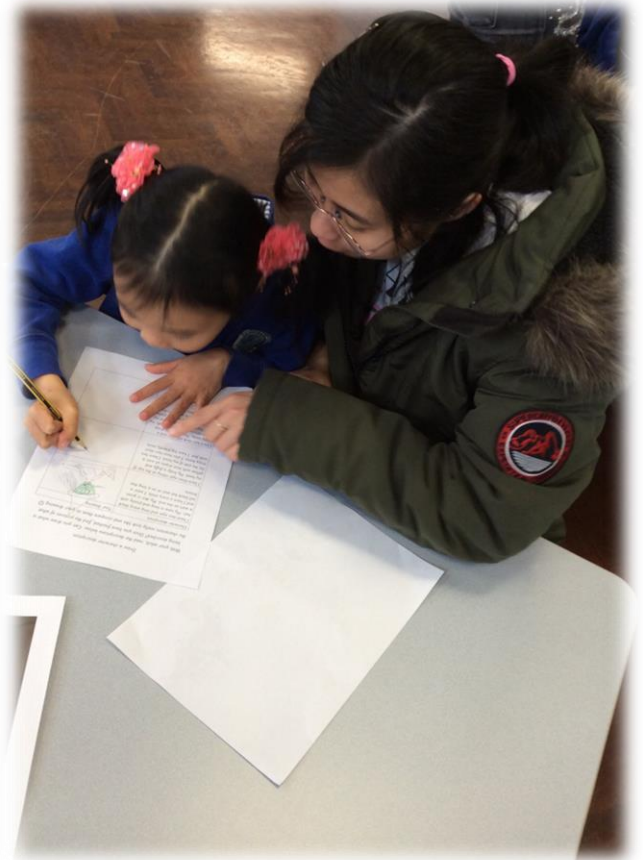
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Year 1

In Year 1 the children finished their 'templates and joining' DT unit, by making their very own puppets! The children thought carefully about the best way to join the material, the resources they would need and had a fabulous time decorating and adding the finishing touches to their puppets.



Year 2



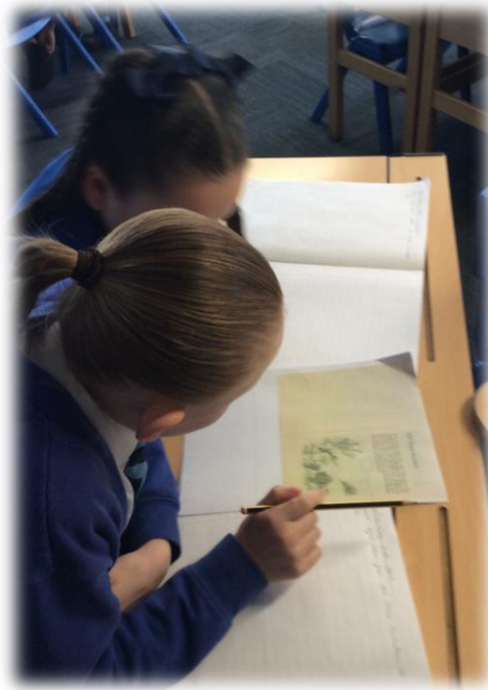
This week in Year 2 we started our new music topic 'Musical Me'. We have been choosing the appropriate dynamics and timbres for a piece of music. We have been learning different rhythms and clapping them back at the right dynamic.

I will only believe if I can put my fingers in the holes where the nails were.

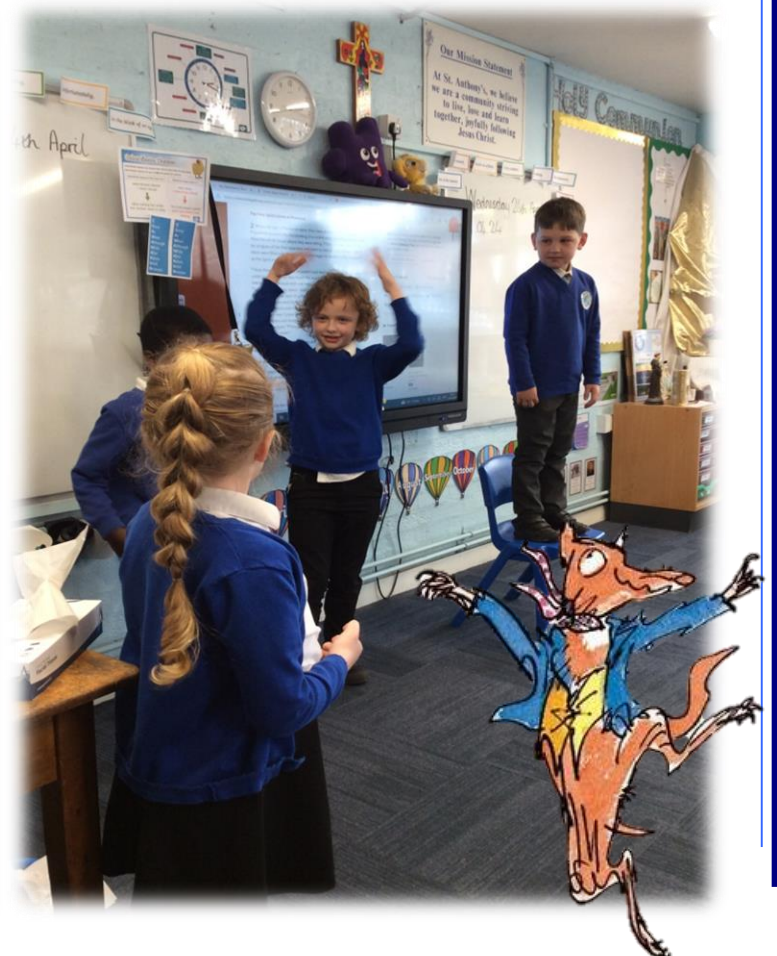
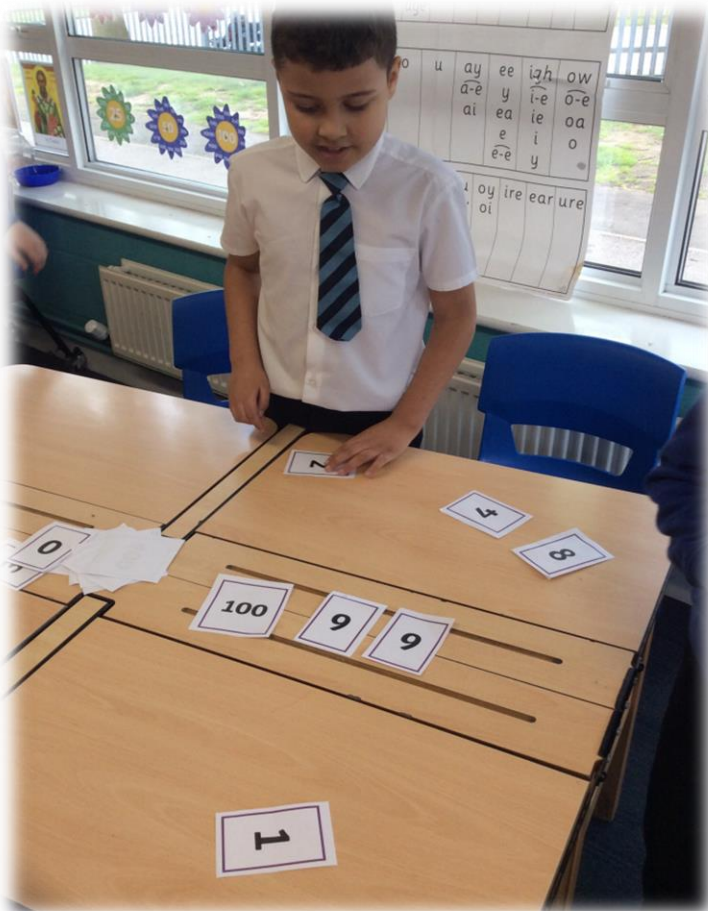


In RE, we have been looking at the road to Emmaus and role playing the story to our peers whilst thinking about the feelings of the disciples and the doubts of Thomas. Thank you to all of the parents who came to our reading workshop - I know Year 2 really enjoyed it 😊

Year 3



Year 3 have been busy in Maths this week, learning all about place value. We have also enjoyed studying Roald Dahl and hot-seating Fantastic Mr Fox to find out how he felt when he stole from the farmers Boggis and Bunce and Bean. We learned a little song about these crafty farmers too! We also enjoyed acting out the story of Pentecost and using freeze frames to demonstrate the thoughts and feelings of the disciples at this special event.

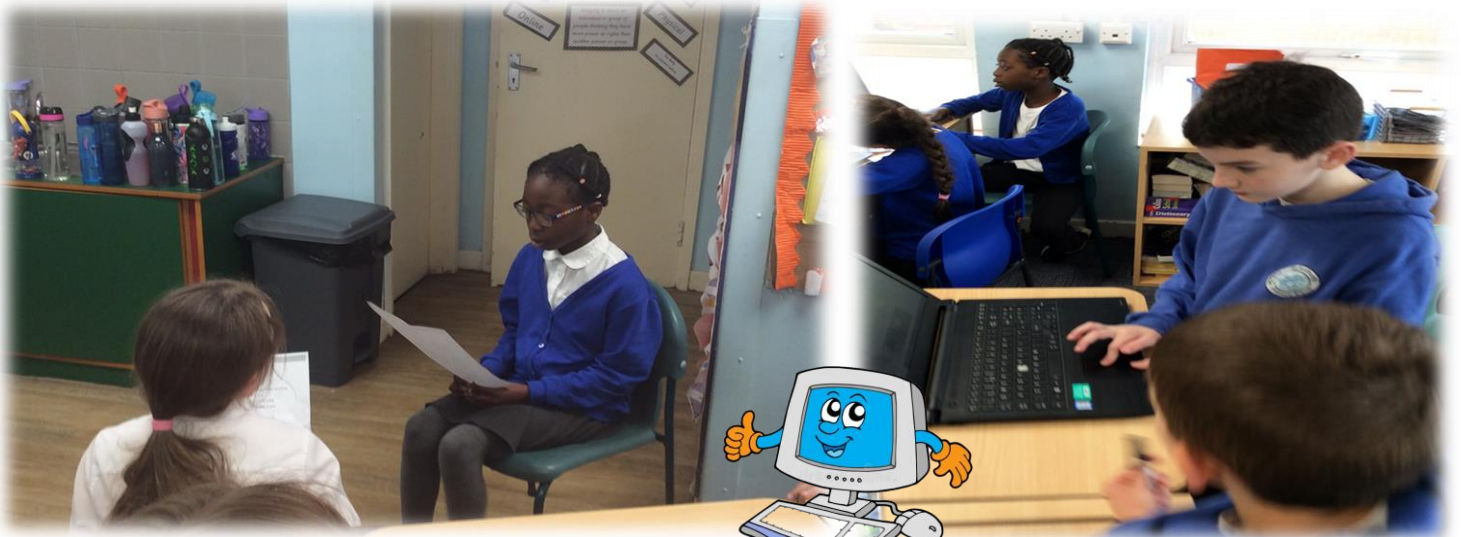


Year 4

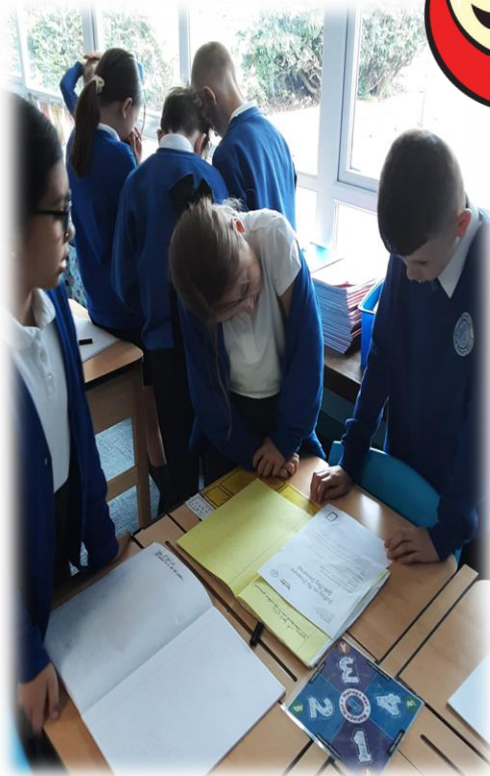
In Year 4, we have been editing and improving photos in our computing lessons. The children learnt how to rotate, crop, focus and change the features of pictures using different software.

In Spanish, we took a trip to the doctors! The children were super at role playing scenarios at the doctors, describing their injuries and giving treatments.

In math's, we have been working really hard on our times tables. Miss Clayton and Ms Riley were so impressed by all the children's performance in the TTRS summer test! Well done everyone, keep up the hard work!



Year 5



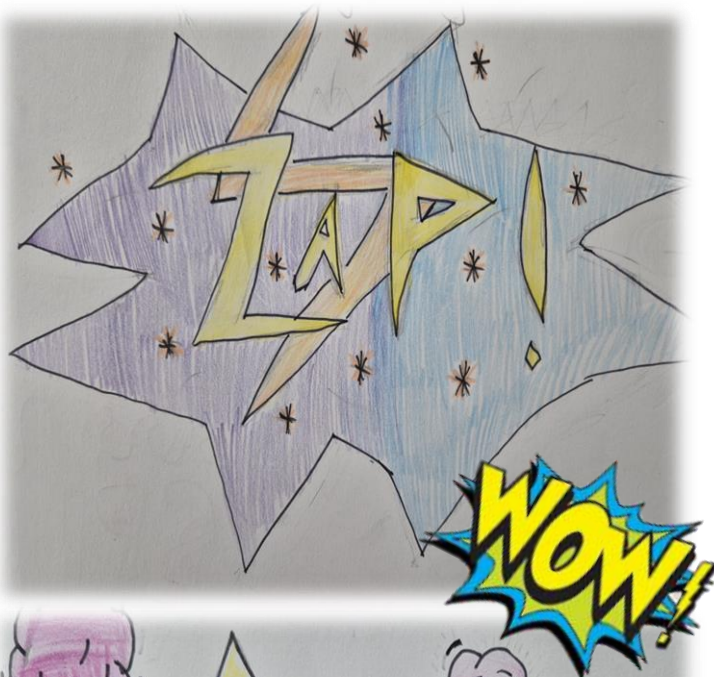
This week we have been doing lots of acting and drama performances. In PSHE we were learning about pressure and how it affects our mind and body.

In English this week we have been acting out a scene from our book "Beowulf", where the monster Grendel finds the king and all his people. We definitely have some good actors in Year 5!!



Year 6

This week, Year 6 were inspired by Roy Lichtenstein in their Art lesson. They created Pop Art style words which would usually be seen in a comic strip.



Monday 22nd April 2024

Alt: Produce a piece of art in the style of Roy Lichtenstein



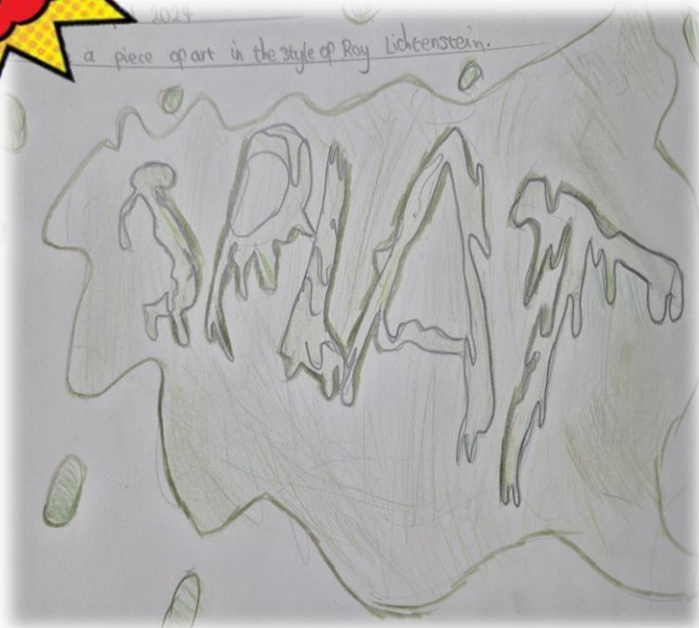
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This week's online safety support...

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outshine any suspicions they may have.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

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There will be a meeting for parents of all children making their First Holy Communion this year on **Monday 29th April** at **2:45pm** in the school hall.

Our next school mass will be led by **Year 2** and **Year 5** and will take place on **Monday 20th May** at **9:30am**.



Your new PTA

The new PTA committee has now been formed:

Chair: Mrs Halligan (Y1 parent)

Secretary: Mr Nirmal (Y2 parent)

Treasurer: Mrs Gorgol (Y1 and 2 parent)

The first event organised by the PTA will be a **Summer Fayre** taking place after school on **Friday 12th July 2024**.

So far only 3 other parents have attended the PTA meetings and the PTA are keen to work with as many parents / carers as possible.

If you are unable to attend the daytime meetings but feel that you are able to support the PTA in other ways (e.g. fundraising, donations of prizes, sharing useful contacts) please contact the PTA at s84pta@st-anthonys.solihull.sch.uk



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.



The winner of this week's attendance raffle will be announced next week.



Attendance Matters



**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.*

If you have already signed up, you only need to turn up on the day.

*If you have not yet signed up but would like to attend, please contact the school
office and we can add your name to the list.*

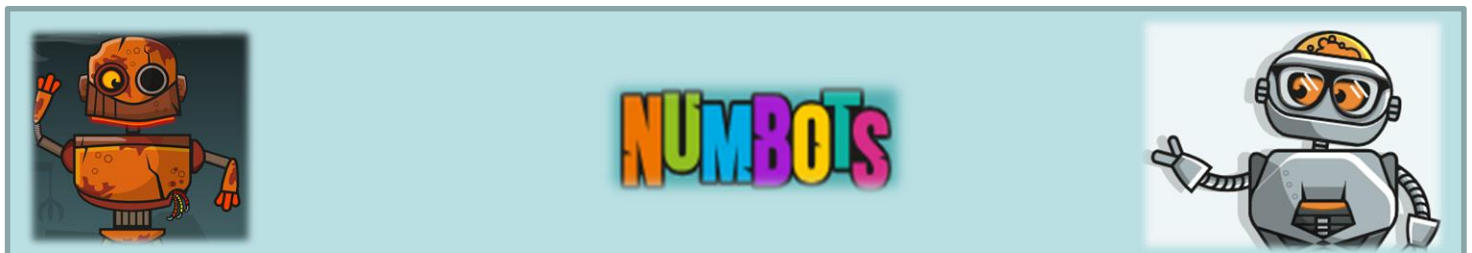


It's all even again in the whole school boys v girls. Girls were victorious in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 meaning that they were the overall winners and it's now 2-2! Next week's battle will involve all of the houses – it's all to play for!

Well done to the most valuable players in each year group



	Most Valuable players	2 nd MVPs	3 rd MVPs
Year 2	Ezra Ngoc-Anh	Patryk Ivy	Yoan Oak
Year 3	Ciaran Harlow	Jonah Lily-Mai	Harvey Lacie
Year 4	Karson Everleigh	Joaquin Robyn	Oliver Poppie S
Year 5	Leo Gracie	Nyle Esther	Noah Meghan
Year 6	Freddie Victoria	Jakub Ana	Frankie Grace



Congratulations to **Nancy C and Milia** in Year 1 who completed the next stage of their story maps this week. Certificates for the most minutes played were also given out today to: **Elsie, Anna and Jiyaa**.

This is the second week where there have been no certificates for **Year 1 boys** – we can't wait to see a comeback from them next week! 😊



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:



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
visit: www.solihullcateringservices.co.uk

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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 29 th April	First Holy Communion parents	Parent meeting for First Holy Communion at 2:45pm in the school hall
Weds 1 st May	Reception	Vision screening
Mon 6 th 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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Date and Time	Year Group	Event
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 Monday 29th April:

Reception – **Thursday**

Y1 – **Monday and Tuesday**

Y2 – **Wednesday and Friday**

Y3 – **Monday and 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 – **Lukas** for shining like Jesus everyday and being a positive member of Reception.

Year 1 – **Anna** for being an amazing role model and a pleasure to teach.

Year 2 – **Bethany** for showing a huge improvement in her attitude towards learning.

Year 3 – **Ryan** for a fabulous first week at St Anthony's and settling in so well!

Year 4 – **Robyn** for being a loving and compassionate friend to everyone!

Year 5 – **Nyle** for showing kindness and compassion towards his peers.

Year 6 – **Grace** for having an excellent attitude and applying herself 100%.

