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Our Lady and All Saints
Catholic Multi Academy Company

Strong in Faith

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

Fordbridge Road,

Kingshurst,

Birmingham

B37 6LW

Friday 22nd March 2024

*This half term, we are growing to be more faith-filled in our beliefs;
and hopeful for the future.*



Steve Furtick (Pastor)

*Faith is believing BEFORE,
what will only make sense
AFTER.*

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord
and may perpetual light shine upon
him. May his soul and all the souls
of the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



*Please continue to pray for the family of Mr.
Gloster at this difficult time.*

*I know there isn't a community better placed to
support each other during times of grief than
ours, due to our love and compassion.*






*Wieczny odpoczynek racz
im dać Panie, a światłość
wiekuista niechaj im
świeci. Niech
odpoczywają w pokoju.
Amen.*



Easter Mass times



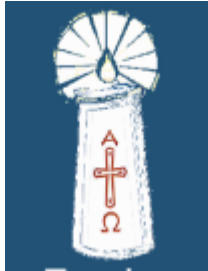

Holy Week – 23rd March to 31st March

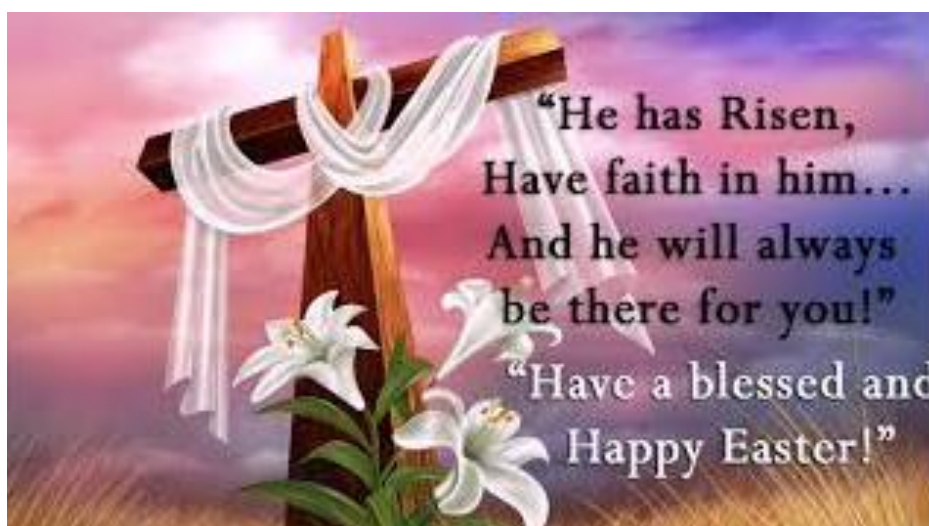
Date	Feast	Church	Time	Focus
Saturday 23 rd March	 Palm Sunday	St. Anthony's	4:30pm	Palm Sunday blessing of palms
		St. Anne's	6:30pm	
Sunday 24 th March		St. Anne's	11am	
Tuesday 26 th March	Holy Tuesday	St. Anne's	9:15am	Weekday mass
Thursday 28 th March	 Maundy Thursday	St. Anne's	7pm	Mass of the Last Supper
		St. Anne's	7pm - 9pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 29 th March	 Good Friday	St. Anne's	3pm	-The Passion -Veneration of the Cross -Holy Communion
		St. Anthony's	7pm	-Stations of the Cross -Veneration of the Cross

Easter Mass times



Holy Week – 23rd March to 31st March

Date	Feast	Church	Time	Focus
Saturday 30 th March	 Holy Saturday	St. Anne's	11am	Blessing of food
		St. Anne's	11:30am - 12:30pm	Confessions
		St. Anne's	6:30pm	Mass of the Resurrection (Easter Vigil)
Sunday 31 st March	 Easter Sunday	St. Anne's	11am	Easter Sunday Mass



Collective Worship



I feel we need to commend the children for the incredible reverence that they have demonstrated this week.

Mass this morning was absolutely beautiful and we have also gathered for Stations of the Cross in both Key Stage One and Key Stage Two this week. The children have thought deeply and reflected on Jesus' final journey; and are truly prepared to celebrate his resurrection on Easter Sunday.



Goodbye and Thankyou!



Everyone at St Anthony's would like to say a big thankyou to the PFA for all their hard work and fundraising over the years. With the funds that they have raised, we have been able to purchase an Easter egg for every child this year.

Thank You!



Today we say 'goodbye' to **Mr. Butler** (for the fourth time if my calculations are correct!) Mr. Butler has always been a great friend to us all at St. Anthony's and has always had the children at the heart of what he does. We thank him for sharing all his skills and talents with us. We will all miss him but no doubt we will see him from time to time! We wish him all the best for his new role at Solihull Moors as community officer.

GOODBYE



Many thanks to **MV Kelly** for their generosity of repainting the lines in our car park for free. We had received quotations and it was going to cost over £1300 to repaint them. As much as we needed the bays repainted, we didn't want to use the money in the budget to get this sorted; but MV Kelly said they would do this for free as a goodwill gesture for our school. Acts of kindness like this are always welcome and bring so much joy, so many thanks to Conar and the team at MV Kelly. This means we can spend the money that we would have had to spend directly on things for our pupils instead.

GUESTS!

FIZZ POP
SCIENCE

the animal man

EASTER HAF CAMP

TUESDAY 02ND
FRIDAY 05TH
09:30 - 14:30

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

FREE WITH FSM CODE
£15 PER DAY
6-12 YEARS OLD

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED

For more information visit
WWW.WINNRSPORT.COM

Help with childcare

There are still some spaces available for the HAF club taking place at St. Anthony's during the second week of the Easter holidays.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals there is no cost; and if not, it still costs only £15 per day for 5 hours of childcare as well as breakfast and lunch for your child. As usual, some of our very own staff will be supervising the club so children will see lots of familiar faces.



Tiny Ants have had a busy last week of term. The children have been doing lots of Easter crafts such as making cards, painting Easter pictures and baking their own Easter nests.

The children loved seeing the animal man on Thursday and were all so brave - we even had some children stroking and holding the animals. The animal man Stef even commented and said "these are one of the best groups of children I've ever taught!" We got to see animals such as, cockroaches, bearded dragons, owls, snakes and even a skunk.

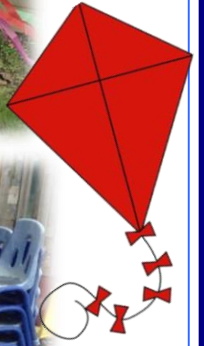
We hope you have a lovely Easter and will see you all in two weeks, love Tiny Ants.





EYFS had a fabulous visit from the Animal Man! All the children were in awe of the different textures and movement of the animals. Please ask your children about the visit, I'm sure they will have lot's to share!

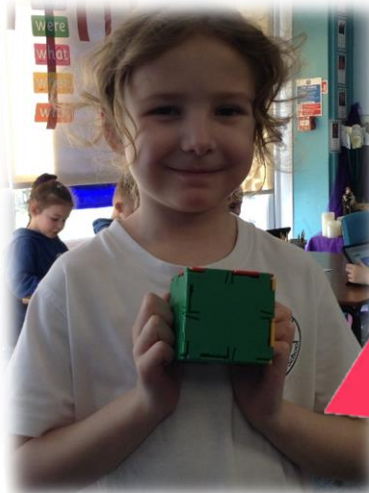


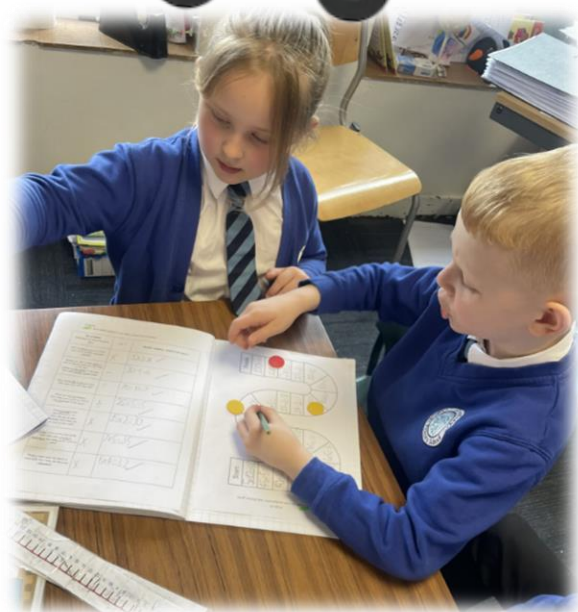
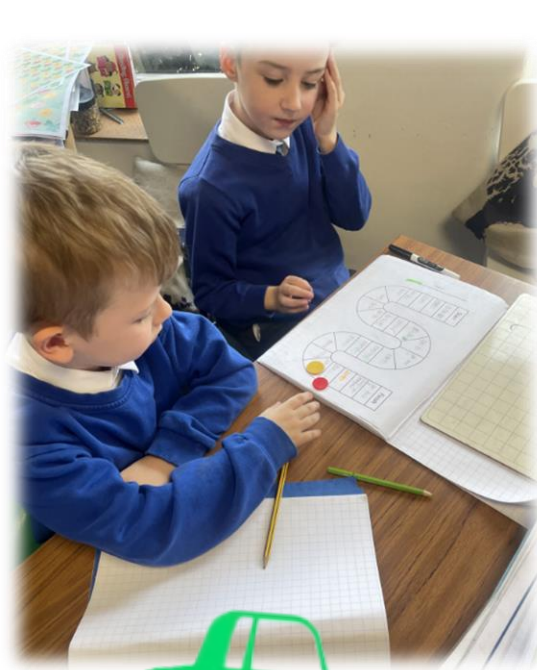


In science, **Year 1** has started investigating the weather. This week we looked at instruments that are used to measure the weather. The children designed and then made their own windsocks after first making a prediction as to what they thought would happen when they took it outside. The children had great fun testing their windsocks.



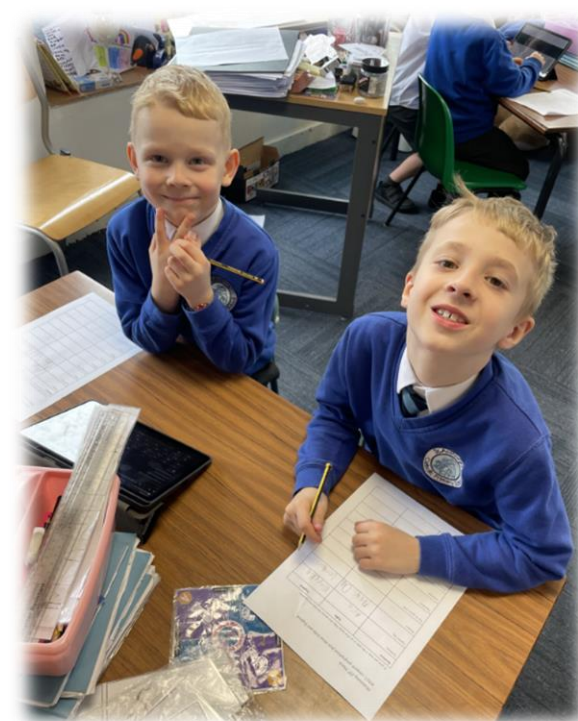
In math's, we have been looking at the properties of 3D shapes, using the vocabulary vertices, edges and faces. The children created their own 3D shapes using a range of resources.





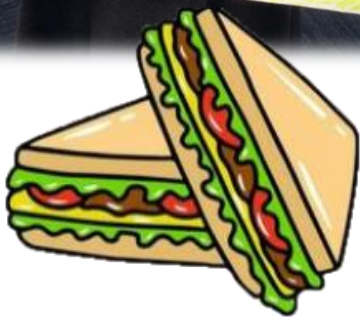
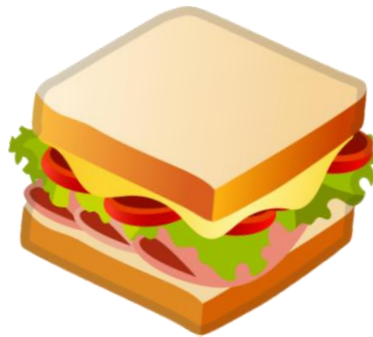
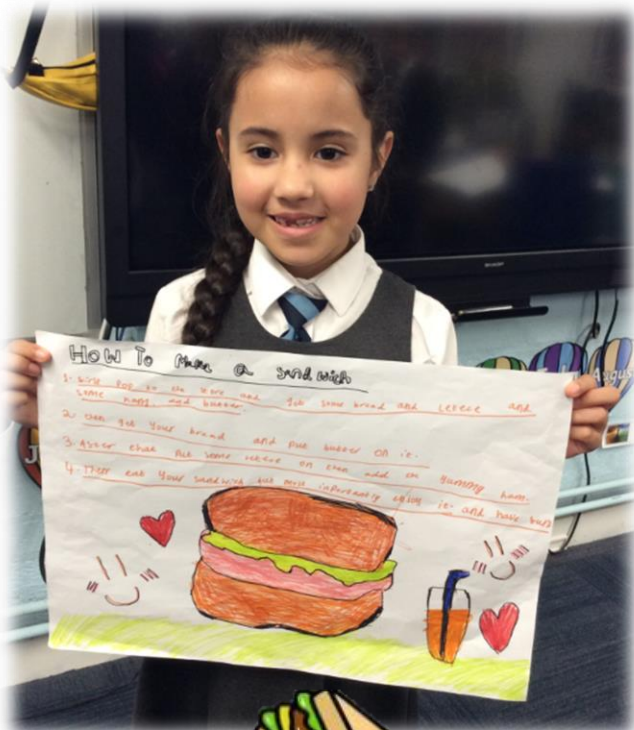
Year 2 have had a brilliant term. This week we have enjoyed creating moving vehicles in DT, exploring India with our Kagan partners on the iPads and creating fun Maths games!

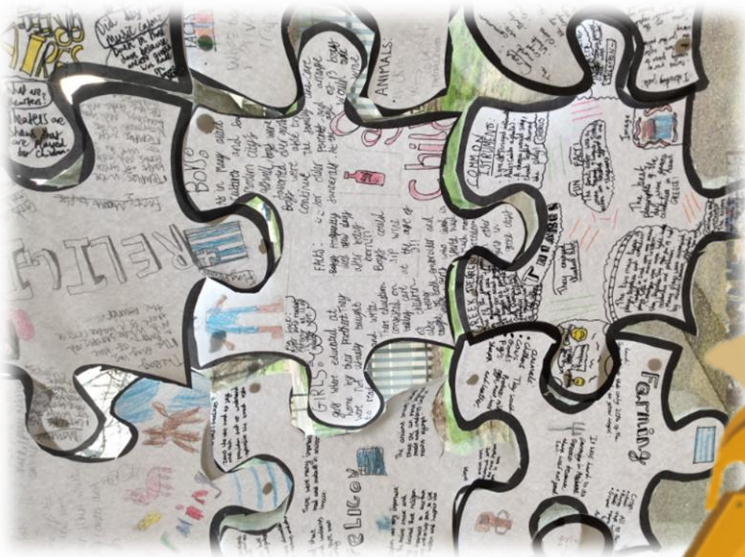
Well done Year 2 - have a lovely Easter break!





Year 3 have had a fabulous end to the term! We have been having lots of fun recapping our learning on time in Maths, making bird cakes and writing instructions in English, finishing our learning about plants in Science and checking our plants one last time before the Easter break! But the highlight of our week was our DT lesson where we learned to make our very own sandwiches! We had a go at spreading butter, cutting tomatoes, lettuce and ham, chopping cucumber and grating cheese before constructing our delicious sandwiches and gobbling them up! So, no need to worry about making dinner during the holidays, Year 3 are on it! 😊





Year 4 have worked so hard this term! In Global Learning we have been focusing on Ancient Greece. This week we looked at the famous city states Athens and Sparta. The children researched what life was like for children living in Greece and made a giant puzzle filled with facts! In Computing, we continued working with data loggers. The children came up with their own experiment to collect and compare data around the school. We finished the week with some fun experiments in science to explore pitch.



Important Information

Solihull College

Free Family Learning Course

Parent/grandparents and carers of children Y2 to Y6

Helping Your Child with English and Maths

The course will start on Friday 3rd May and run till 28th June 24.

2 Hours per week

9:15am start.

In the outside classroom on site.

If you have already signed up, you just need to come on the day. If you have not signed up but would like to attend contact school and we can add your name to the list.



Swimming for Year 4 starts on Tuesday 9th April for 7 weeks.

Please ensure your child wears their P.E Kit and brings a swimming kit with them. A contribution of £1 a week or £7 for the term is payable via Parent Pay.



Can we please just once again remind everyone that we do not allow children of any age to ride scooters and bikes on the school premises. We have hundreds of pupils and adults accessing the school grounds at drop off and pick up times so for health and safety reasons we ask everyone to comply with this.

If we are regularly having the same conversations with individual pupils, they will not be allowed to bring their bikes / scooters. We have these rules in place for a reason and the expectation is everyone supports our rules because they are set for everyone's benefit.

After Easter half term the children are to wear their **summer uniform. Please see images below. School caps and ties can be purchased from the school office.**



New 2 year old funding from April 2024! Working parents must apply for a code from HMRC by 31st March 2024!

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds>



The pupils were victorious in the students v teachers battles this week. A special mention has to go to Miss Clayton and Miss Cartwright for their valiant efforts for the staff!

For the pupils, the most valuable players were:

	MVP	2 nd Most Valuable Player	3 rd Most Valuable Player
Year 6	Freddie	Frankie	Kyle
Year 5	Karson	Oliver	Joaquin
Year 4	Aara-Jasmine	Gracie	Esther
Year 3	Harlow	Harley	Ciaran
Year 2	Ivy	Ngoc Anh	Patryk

The most improved players this week are:

	Most improved	2 nd most improved	3 rd most improved
Year 6	Harley	Darcy	Christian
Year 5	Cooper	Sathvika	Meghan
Year 4	Maya	Amber-Rose	Farhan
Year 3	Nevaeh-Leigh	Rayne	Nelleigh
Year 2	Quinn	Reggie	Kadie-Faye



NUMBOTS



Congratulations to Kai, Jiyaa, Kai and Kallum who all earned certificates for completing the next stage of their story map this week. In Year 1, week in Year 1.



This week's online safety support...

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 ENCOURAGING OPEN CONVERSATIONS AT HOME

With tricky topics and occasional clashes of opinion, it can be challenging to maintain an environment where children feel able to talk candidly and honestly. However, encouraging such conversations helps to develop trust – making it easier to unpack even sensitive subjects as children get older. Here are our top tips for promoting open conversations at home.

1 CREATE A SAFE SPACE

Criticism, blaming or shaming can all prevent children from feeling emotionally safe – while showing affection, positive attention and an interest in what a child has to say builds their sense of security. These formative years are when children's opinions and values begin to take shape, so it's important to provide a non-judgmental environment in which to discuss them – especially if their opinions differ from your own.

2 CONSIDER OTHER OUTLETS

Some children may find it easier to talk while they're participating in another activity such as drawing, writing, walking or sport. If it's possible, taking part in these activities together presents you with an opportunity to communicate while doing something side by side. A child may feel less pressure that way and can be more inclined to open up of their own accord.

3 NORMALISE CHATS ABOUT FEELINGS

Incorporate mental health and emotional wellbeing into everyday conversations, using age-appropriate language and examples to help children understand their emotions. Ask questions like "How are you feeling today?", "What was the best and worst part of your day?", "If you could start today again, what would you do differently?" and "Is there anything you want to talk about?"

4 LISTEN ACTIVELY

When children express themselves, make it obvious that you're listening closely and giving them your full attention. Maintain eye contact and validate their feelings without immediately trying to solve the problem. It's not helpful to dismiss their issues as childish or "teenage angst" – or to assume that they'll simply "get over" whatever they're feeling. Children don't have your life experience; their resilience is still developing as they learn to push through difficulties and handle problems.

5 ASK OPEN QUESTIONS

Encourage children to share their thoughts by asking open questions about their feelings and experiences. Closed questions (such as "Did you enjoy school today?") are more likely to elicit a simple "yes" or "no" response. Instead, you could ask things like "Who did you spend time with at break?" or "Who did you sit with at lunchtime?"

6 RESPECT THEIR BOUNDARIES

If a child isn't ready to talk to about something yet, respect their boundaries: this reinforces that their feelings are important and worthy of consideration. Ideally, you're aiming to let them know you care without smothering them, so just make it clear that you're there for them whenever they're ready to chat. Gentle, regular check-ins can sometimes be the best form of progress.

7 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Model open, honest and healthy communication in front of children and young people. Try to demonstrate kindness when talking about others and yourself, because if children hear adults being overly harsh, critical or judgmental, or see them having unrealistic expectations of themselves, it makes them more likely to adopt and repeat this behaviour themselves as they grow.

8 HAVE REGULAR CHECK-INS

Check in with children periodically to discuss how they're feeling and what's going on in their lives. This could be a weekly or monthly conversation, where the child has an opportunity to share whatever's on their mind. For parents and carers, getting away from the house and other distractions might be productive here: you could consider regular trips to a coffee shop or a cafe, or just a weekly walk.

9 PROVIDE RESOURCES

It's often beneficial to let children know about other support that's available to them if they're struggling to talk to you specifically. Encourage them to talk to school counsellors, trusted adults or even a therapist, if necessary – while normalising this route and dispelling the harmful stigma around asking for help. Older children could engage with resources such as *Koah* or *YoungMinds*.

10 CELEBRATE EMOTIONAL EXPRESSION

It's beneficial to praise children for expressing their feelings honestly – emphasising how important it is to talk about their emotions and how proud you are of them for doing so. This can be especially pivotal for boys, who often experience more of a stigma around talking frankly about their feelings and their mental health – a barrier that can be overcome, with enough love and support.

Meet Our Expert

With 30 years' experience as a teacher, trainer, consultant and interim executive board member, Anna Bateman has a superb understanding of what works in pedagogy, school improvement and leadership. She has also advised the Department for Education on their mental health green paper.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Sustainability competition



British Gas and 'Get Set' for Paris 2024 have launched an exciting competition for primary school children.

Enter our Design a Sustainable School Competition

Calling all children aged 5-11! We want to see how the next generation of learners would design a sustainable school that would fit into a cleaner, greener, healthier future.

The winning pupils will secure funding through the **British Gas Positive Energy Grants** to help their school become more sustainable and accessible!

In addition to **1 x school receiving £15,000 and 4 x schools receiving £2,500**, they will also receive expert advice from British Gas on how to make their school more energy efficient, as well as advice from ParalympicsGB on how to make it more accessible to everyone.

Submit your entries by March 28th to be in with a chance of winning!

If your child is interested in entering this competition, you can download an entry pack from <https://www.getset.co.uk/positiveenergy/competition> or speak to your child's teacher who will happily print this off for you.



A reminder that **Reading** workshops for an adult to work with their child will take place on the following days:

Year 3	Thursday 11 th April 9am
Reception	Thursday 18 th April 9am
Year 2	Thursday 25 th April 9am

On **Saturday 13th April at 4:30pm**

at St. Anthony's church, there will be a

commitment mass for children in **Year 3**

who are due to make their First Holy

Communion. All children are expected

to attend. The piety stall will be open to purchase cards and sacramentals if you

wish – **but please be advised payments can only be made by cash (no cards / electronic payments).**

Please ensure you have completed the Microsoft Form to confirm your attendance.



It was really wonderful to see so many parents, family members , friends and

parishioners at mass this morning. Our next school mass will be led by **Year 4**

and will take place on **Monday 15th April at 9:30am.**

Menu W.C 8th April ...



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 Bolognaise 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

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

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Diary Dates



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

Easter holidays
Mon 25th Mar – Fri 5th Apr

Mon 8 th Apr	Whole school	Return to school
Thurs 11 th Apr	Year 3 parents	Reading parent workshop – 9am in the school hall
Sat 13 th Apr	Year 3	Commitment Mass for First Holy Communion 4:30pm at St. Anthony's church
Mon 15 th Apr 9:30am	R – Y6	Whole school Mass – Year 4 leading
Thurs 18 th April	Reception parents	Reading parent workshop – 9am in the school hall

Thurs 25 th April	Year 2 parents	Reading parent workshop – 9am in the school hall
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Mon 6th May MAY BANK HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Fri 24 th May	Whole school	Break up for half term
Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th May	Year 6	SATs week

Half Term
Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May

Mon 3 rd June	Whole school	Return to school
Weds 5 th – Fri 7 th June	Year 6	Alton Castle residential retreat
Mon 17 th June	Year 6	Visit to Oscott College
Thurs 20 th June am	Year 6	Visit NEC for Big Bang show
Sat 8 th June	Year 3	First Holy Communion Mass 11am
Fri 19 th July	Whole school	End of school year for pupils
Mon 22 nd July	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	



Are you entitled?

Could you be entitled to Free School Meals?

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- *Income Support*
- *Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance*
- *income-related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
- *the guaranteed element of Pension Credit*
- *Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)*
- *Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit*
- *Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)*

School receives extra funding for every pupil who registers for Free School Meals, but it also allows the pupils free access to HAF holiday groups and Household support vouchers during the holidays.

To apply, you need your National Insurance number and an active email and to go to :

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/Free-school-meals>

If you need any help, please pop into the school office.



Castle Bromwich
Historic Gardens

We're OPEN EVERY DAY

EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

- Egg trails, drop in crafts, bookable sessions
Saturday 23rd March - Sunday 7th April.

- 10.30 - 4.30pm

- Egg trails every day: entry +£1 per child

- (No need to book. Normal Entry Fees apply)
free drop in crafts 26th & 29th

- ALSO Bookable sessions:

- Mini Beast Safari
- Hapa Zome art workshop Den building
- Ceramic egg decoration



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& Play

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Castle Bromwich Historic Gardens

Bookable Family Sessions

2 hour sessions for families
ideal for 3 to 9 year olds with their
adults.

- *Mini Beast Safari,
- *Den Building,
- *Hapa Zome arts workshop
- *Porcelain egg decoration

Check our website for dates, prices and booking



Easter Saturday 30th/ Sunday 31st



normal entry prices,
no need to book

Living History encampment
Colonel Pickering's Regiment of Foote
Join in with the 17th century soldiers, try on armour,
march along and learn about their lives

Website



PRICES

Adults: Normal entry £6/£5.50concs
Children (3 and over) £3
(Egg/Bunny prize £1 extra)

Book Tickets

Booked sessions prices vary - £6.50 -£12
(Entry to the Gardens all day is included
in the price when you book)



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Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Miley – For always being a happy and positive member of Reception!

Year 1 – Lainey – For being a kind and caring friend and a valued member of Year 1!

Year 2 – Julia – For being a loving and compassionate member of Year 2! You always make us smile 😊.

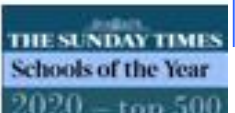
Year 3 – Harry – For always trying so hard and being so resilient this week 😊.

Year 4 – Karson – For always giving 100% and being a brilliant leader.

Year 5 – Oliver – For always having a smile on your face and brightening our day.

& All of Year 5 – For being a wonderful class and a joy to teach!

Year 6 – Freddie – For being such a kind and helpful member of Year 6.





Diary Dates



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

Week beginning Monday 8th April:

Reception – **Thursday**

Y1 – **Monday and Tuesday**

Y2 – **Wednesday and Friday**

Y3 – **Monday**

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

Y5 – **Tuesday 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

