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This half term, we are growing to be more **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by our actions and forgiving words.



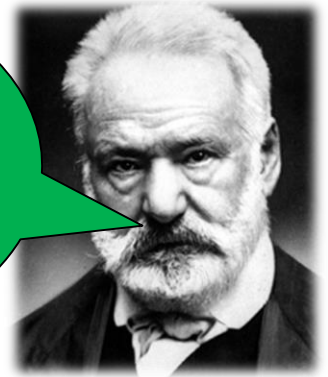
Happy New Year!

It was great to welcome back all members of the school community this week, but most importantly the children. They have had a great first week back - it has been a pleasure walking from class to class. However, two things have stood out for me this week:

1) Year 3 went swimming for the very first time with school, and when they returned the staff spoke with such pride of how well behaved and how independent they were.

2) I joined Year 6 on their trip to Coventry Cathedral on Wednesday and had a great day! The guides commented on the pupils' wonderful behaviour, their knowledge and how well they listened. As lovely as this was, it wasn't surprising - our children are fantastic and we should all be very proud of them!

To love another person is to see the face of God.



Victor Hugo (author)



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## Nursery Places September 2024

Whilst the date for applying for Nursery places has passed we do still have a limited number of places available. IF YOUR CHILD WILL TURN 3 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 2024 AND YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR A PLACE PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

This week in **Tiny Ants** we have been listening to the story 'The gingerbread man'. On Monday we introduced the story by using puppets and the children enjoyed shouting "Run Run as fast as you can". On Tuesday we looked at all the ingredients we need to make a gingerbread man and loved mixing, stirring and pouring them together to make our own. Elsie said "I need two eyes" Sydney said "I want some buttons" and Billy asked to do a "Smiley face" on his. This week has also been very exciting as we got to welcome some new friends into Tiny Ants, we have loved getting to know the children and are so proud of how well they have all settled in. The topic for the rest of the term will be based around "People who help us" therefore will be looking at, Doctors, Dentists, Vets and Police.

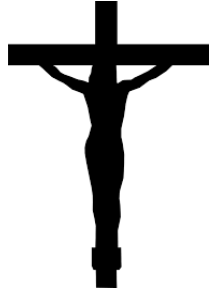


Happy new year from everyone if **Year 5**, we have loved being back in school and we've had a great start to the term!

We kick started our week with our new topic of Gymnastics in PE.



**Nursery** have had a wonderful first week back. We have celebrated Jesus's birthday once more and remembered key parts of the Christmas story. In maths we were learning how to play number tennis and fast finger numbers. These games make us laugh a lot and helps us to order and recognise numbers quickly.

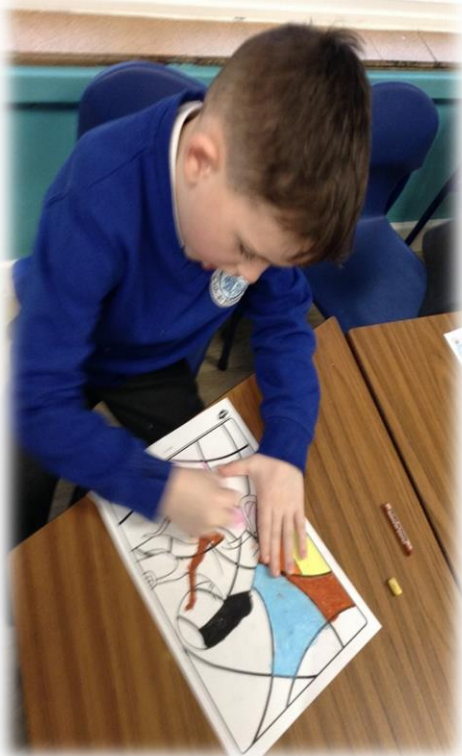


**Reception** have had a lovely first week back at school. On our first day back, we had a mindfulness activity after play time and pretended to feel snowflakes landing on us. We practiced our predicting skills with a science experiment using bath bombs and shared why the bath bomb wasn't melting with the plastic on and what made it melt when the plastic came off. The children have also loved being vets this week and have been using their imagination wonderfully to make all of our teddy animals better. Our focus in Maths this week has been to identify different representations of numbers 0-5 and we have been so excited to play our Maths game of finding different representations of the same number. We hope all the children have had a lovely Christmas break and first week back. 😊



The children in **Year 1** have had a fabulous week and have settled in well, after the Christmas break. It's lovely to see them so enthusiastic and happy to be back.

In art this week, we have introduced our new topic all about colour! The children explored the artist, Pablo Picasso and created their own piece of art work inspired by him. The children had great fun, thought carefully about the colours they used and produced some amazing pieces. Well done 😊



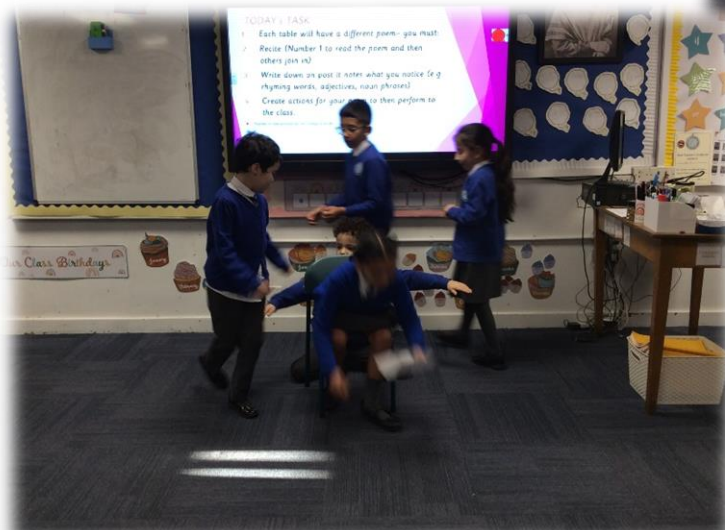
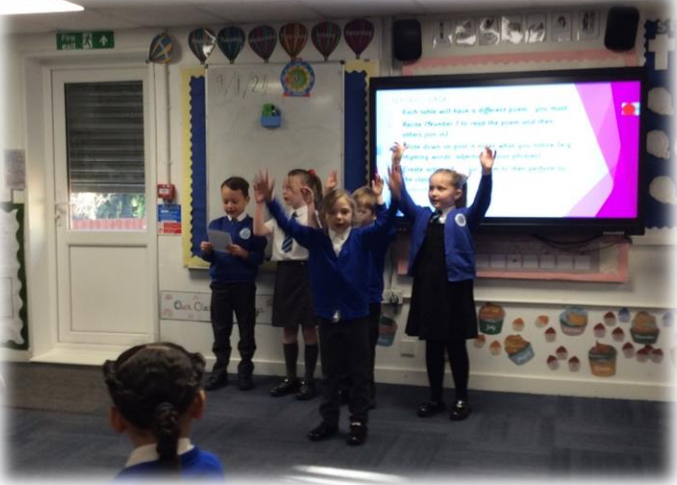
**Year 4** have had a brilliant first week back! In Spanish, we learned about traditional Epiphany celebrations in Spain and worked in Kagan groups to make links between sounds and spelling. In PE, we have started our new unit on Gymnastics, there were some amazing routines including different shapes and rolls. Across the week we have been playing some Kagan games, the children had to use brilliant communication and teamwork skills to solve tricky puzzles and keep the balloon in the air. We finished the week, making dream clouds in PSHE exploring our dreams and goals for the future.



I am extremely proud of how well **Year 3** have come back from the Christmas break! We have had such a busy week, and everyone has worked so hard. Well done year 3, we are going to have an amazing term!



We have had a lovely start to the term in **Year 2!** We have begun our new topics, and we are really enjoying learning about Poetry. This week we thought of our own actions to poems and performed them to the class.



The week **Year 6** visited Coventry Cathedral to learn more about the events of the Blitz which took place there.





The new battles will begin today and will be between boys and girls in every year group. Who will be victorious?



We have slightly adapted the Numbots settings in Reception. This may mean that your child cannot progress onto the next story level yet. Your child can always go back to levels that they have already completed in order to consolidate their learning and improve their speed.

Well done to: Andrew, Maja and Milia in **Year 1** who were awarded stage completion certificates in assembly today.



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

This term we will be hosting some parent workshops on the theme of Reading. The sessions provide a great opportunity for parents to work with their child and also gain more insight into what the children learn at school. They also provide parents with strategies and resources to support your child in their learning at home.



The first workshop will take place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024** at **9am** and will be for **Year 4** parents.

# Attendance: the top facts to know & share

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, just **40%** of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.
- And **36%** of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.<sup>1</sup>

## And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:

- More than half (**54%**) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least **5 GCSEs**, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.<sup>2</sup>

## But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

- Regular school attendance can facilitate **positive peer relationships**, which is a **protective factor for mental health and wellbeing**.<sup>3</sup>

1: [The link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4. Academic year 2018/19 - Explore education statistics - GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](#)

2: [Missing Children, Missing Grades | Children's Commissioner for England \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](#)

3: [Mental Health and Attendance at School \(Chapter 1\) - Mental Health and Attendance at School \(cambridge.org\)](#)

**"THIS MORNING,  
HE WAS WORRIED  
ABOUT SCHOOL...  
BUT LOOK AT HIM  
NOW!"**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
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HM Government

Search the Education Hub to find out more



# Tiny Ants

You could be eligible for free childcare. Please see below to find out more.....

We currently have a limited amount of spaces available in Tiny Ants.

Please see the below information regarding funding;

- Some 2 year old children are eligible for 15 hours funded childcare dependent on meeting certain criteria.
- ALL 3 year old children are eligible for 15 hours funded childcare.
- Some 3 year olds maybe eligible for 30 hours funded childcare dependent on meeting criteria.
- If you would like your child to join Tiny Ants at 2 years old and you are not eligible for funding or if you would like 30 hours and not just the standard 15 hours childcare, there is the option to pay school direct for this (subject to availability).

For more information or to apply for funding, please visit: (2 year olds) <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds>. (3 & 4 year olds) <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>.

Please contact the school office to apply for a Tiny Ants space.



# School Ties



School ties are not optional, they must be worn by Reception – Year 6 pupils as part of the winter uniform. Ties are available from the school office and can be paid for on Parent Pay. Ties are also available from PB Sports <https://www.pbsports.co.uk/> If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

REMINDER

If you live in Solihull and your child is due to start reception in September 2024 school you should have applied for a school place. The closing date is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. If you have not already applied, you can do so using the following link

<https://eservices.solihull.gov.uk/Synergy/Live/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>



# Primary School Menu

# WEEK THREE

Fresh

Dates: 20<sup>th</sup> November, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup> February  
4<sup>th</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> March

## Monday

Bangers & Mash  
With Gravy  
Sweetcorn

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Vegetable Hamburger  
Sweetcorn  
Potato Wedges

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Dinky Donuts  
With Chocolate Dip

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Fresh Fruit Platter  
Yogurts

## Tuesday

Chicken Curry  
with Rice

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Cheese Panini with Roasted  
Vegetables

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Homebake -  
Manchester Tart

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Fresh Fruit Platter  
Yogurts

## Wednesday

Roast Beef  
Roast Potatoes  
Carrots  
Green Beans

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Tomato Pasta Bake  
Carrots  
Green Beans

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Homebake - Oat  
Cookies

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Fresh Fruit Platter  
Yogurts

## Thursday

All Day Breakfast  
Hash Round

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Veggie All day breakfast  
Hash Round

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Homebake -  
Chocolate Orange  
Brownie & Custard

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Fresh Fruit Platter  
Yogurts

## Friday

Jumbo Fish Finger  
Chips  
Baked Beans

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Cheese & Tomato  
Pizza  
Chips  
Baked Beans

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Raspberry Ripple Ice  
Cream Sponge

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Fresh Fruit Platter  
Yogurts

Available Daily

Home Baked Bread  
Seasonal Salads



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# Head Teacher's Awards



# Congratulations!

**Reception – Rocco** – For always having a positive attitude to his learning.

**Year 1 – Kade** – For always trying your best and for being a pleasure to teach.

**Year 2 – Jayden** – For returning to school with an excellent attitude to learning!

**Year 3 – Jacob** – For being a superb Kagan partner! 😊 his amazing generosity and kindness.

**Year 4 – Kaya** – For being a compassionate and loving friend.

**Year 5 – Harvey** – For being a joy to teach.

**Year 6 – Harley** – For not hiding his light and really showing his full potential this week!

# Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

## Good attendance means...

being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



Good attendance and punctuality are vital for success at school and to establish positive habits that are necessary for future success.

Through regular attendance pupils can:

- Build friendships
- Develop life skills
- Engage in essential learning and achieve their full potential

All parents / carers should promote good attendance and punctuality and work in partnership with the school.

Please note that unless we have a valid reason, we cannot authorise an absence. A specific reason as to why your child is absent is required. If leaving a voicemail or sending an email, please ensure that you give as much detail as possible as this allows us to code the absence correctly. Going forward, we will not accept reasons such as 'feeling under the weather' or 'they are not 100%' etc., we need specifics. Absence is monitored by on a weekly basis by Miss Watkins and an external agency and persistent absences will be addressed.



# Diary Dates



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

Date and Time	Year Group	Event
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Year 6	Visit to St. Chad's Cathedral
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 9:30 am	R – Y6	Whole school Mass – Year 3 leading
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Nursery parents	Communication and Language meeting for parents – 9am in the school hall
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 4 parents	Reading parent workshop – 9am in the school hall
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole school	Break up for half term
<u>Half term</u> Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole school	Return to school
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> and Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	All parents	Parents Evening
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 6	Year 6 Confirmation 6pm
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar 9:30am	R – Y6	Whole school Mass – Year 5 leading
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tiny Ants & Nursery parents	Collective Worship - 11am in the school hall
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Reception parents	Collective Worship - 2:45pm in the school hall
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 9:30 am	R – Y6	Whole school Mass – Faith Ambassadors leading
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Whole school	Break up for Easter holidays
<u>Easter holidays</u> Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr		
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Whole school	Return to school
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr 9:30am	R – Y6	Whole school Mass – Year 4 leading
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	MAY BANK HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)	



# Diary Dates



Date and Time	Year Group	Event
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	SATs week
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole school	Break up for half term
<u>Half Term</u> Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May		
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Whole school	Return to school
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6	Alton Castle residential retreat
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3	First Holy Communion Mass 11am
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school	End of school year for pupils
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	

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

Week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January:

Reception – **Thursday**

Y1 – **Monday and Tuesday**

Y2 – **Wednesday and Friday**

Y3 – **Swimming on Tuesday, PE on Friday**

Y4 – **Tuesday and Wednesday**

Y5 – **Monday and Thursday**

Y6 – **Wednesday and Thursday**

## 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.